



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
MARCH 2026**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Matt Janisin)

Academic Operations

Academic Operations is responsible for building and producing the course section offerings for the district for each academic term. Course offerings for the 26/27 academic year have been completed. This supports student advising, which begins 3/9/26 and student registration which begins on 3/23/26. In continued efforts to better align the number of sections needed with our student enrollment trends, sections that have been canceled in previous semesters have been removed from course offerings for 26/27. This should help reduce the number of sections canceled and reduce the number of empty seats in sections. Pending sections will be made active if enrollment warrants. And sections will be added when sections fill and data supports the course and/or program fill rates.

Kenosha Campus

The Kenosha Campus hosted several great Gateway and external events during the month of February, including the State of the College, African American Youth Empowerment Conference, Primary Polling location for Kenosha residents, and the Gateway Foundation Scholarship Awards.

Roofing repair projects for the Kenosha campus are in the submittal phase and Camosy is moving ahead with paperwork for permitting. Upgrades for the Kenosha Administration building space, consisting mostly of lighting and HVAC improvements are in the budgeting phase. More details will be shared in the coming months.

Racine Campus

On February 6, the Racine Campus welcomed 500 students from nine district schools for an engaging and informative visit. Students explored our healthcare programs, connected with Gateway's healthcare employer partners, learned about available student support services, and received guidance on the application process.

Horizon Center

Remodel of the Dyno room in the Horizon Center is in the Board review phase. Partners In Design stated the Project letter of recommendation will go to the Gateway Board on 3/5/26.

Program Effectiveness

In preparation for the 2026-27 academic year, the program effectiveness team produced 164 curriculum sheets documenting requirements for the college's academic degree, diploma, apprenticeship, and certificate programs. Due to new federal accessibility requirements, program effectiveness staff were required to reconfigure all sheets over a four week span to ensure compliance with regulations. In addition to designing the outward-facing curriculum documentation, the team updated all necessary elements within the WTCS Portal to ensure program requirements and courses received approval from education directors before being offered to students. All curriculum sheets will be released to the college in early March.

College Excellence

Institutional Research published a new [research brief](#) highlighting data analysis pertaining to the impact of academic support services provided by Learning Success Coaches. These services are provided to students in three of the college's largest associate degree programs—Human Services Associate, Business Management, and Nursing through funding from a Federal Perkins grant. The analysis shows that the services have a significant impact on first-year course completion and second-year retention.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES (Sharon Johnson)

Community Connectedness

- Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony
- 2026 Annual Higher Education Virtual Conference-Sponsored by CliftonLarsonAllen
- WTCS - Business Officers virtual Meeting
- Tempo Racine
- RAC Board Meeting
- United Way Racine County CIFT Meeting

Student Accounts

- Tanya Doherty represented NAVPA (National Association of Veterans' Program Administration) Board in Washington DC to advocate for veteran-military students! NAVPA champions legislative advocacy, empowers administrators, and supports military-connected education nationwide.

Facilities

- Racine Dental Lab project in final stages of completion.
- Trane HVAC Controls project started at Racine and Kenosha Campuses
- Working to finalize FY 26-27 Capital Project Plan

Safety and Security

- Clery Act compliance activities continuing
- Finalizing new access for employees to Material Safety Data Sheets
- New training program being implemented for Horticulture front end loader
- In the process of adding the ability to put emergency messaging on the 57 video displays across the district. Also adding the ability to send automatic emergency messages when a tornado warning is issued in the area of our campuses.

Budget and purchasing

- The FY26-27 budget process continues to focus on strategic planning and forecasting.
- Considerations are being given to the new efficiencies and processes, our strategic initiatives, and the general cost of operations.
- We continue to incorporate revised planning assumptions as we can finalize or receive updated information.
- A preliminary draft of the FY26-27 budget will be presented in April.

LEARNING INNOVATION DIVISION (Jeff Robshaw)

Information Systems

- The implementation of OCR transcript processing using ProcessMaker is nearing completion. It will use API integrations with both Perceptive Content and Colleague. Acceptance testing is in progress.
- The implementation of LightLeap for fraud detection of Applications, Financial Aid, and New Course Taker Students has begun. This should reduce the amount of manual review being performed.

Information Technology

- **College ID/Credentialing System:** The college will be starting a transition from IDMS to VisionDatabase Elite ID to modernize the college's ID and credentialing system through a secure, cloud-based platform. Key benefits include stronger security with vendor-managed updates and easier scalability as the college grows. Overall, this transition positions the college for greater operational efficiency, improved security posture, and long-term sustainability while aligning

technology investments with institutional strategic goals.

- **Emergency Alerting:** The IT staff is collaborating with the Director of Security to integrate the college's Rise Vision digital signage system with the Alertus and Rave emergency notification platforms. This integration will expand the reach of the Emergency Alerting System by enabling real-time alerts to automatically display on campus digital signage in addition to existing notification channels. The result is broader coverage, faster communication during emergencies, and enhanced campus safety for students, faculty, and staff.

End User Computing and Distance Learning

- In the coming weeks the Multimedia team, along with the Elkhorn Computer Support Techs, will begin removing all technology from the Vet Tech Building in Elkhorn in preparation for the upcoming construction project.
- Work is being completed in the new Dental Lab Space. IT work is scheduled to be completed by 3/16, which includes multimedia installation, workstation placement, and monitor placement and connection to dental apparatuses.
- Windows 11 migration work continues. We are identifying spaces where we can replace desktops with laptop carts and then utilize those desktops in spaces that have computers that do not support Windows 11. We are taking this approach due to the increasing costs of PCs, due to RAM shortages.

STUDENT SERVICES (Tammi Summers)

Student Support Programs (Jomarie Coloriano)

Supporting Student Parents – Peer-to-Peer Network

- Continued efforts to strengthen a peer-to-peer support network for student parents, creating space for shared experiences, resource navigation, and mutual encouragement while balancing family responsibilities and academic goals.
- Peer connections help reduce isolation and build social capital, allowing student parents to exchange strategies, referrals, and support that strengthen persistence and belonging.

Ellsworth CNC Operator Certification – Cohort Completion

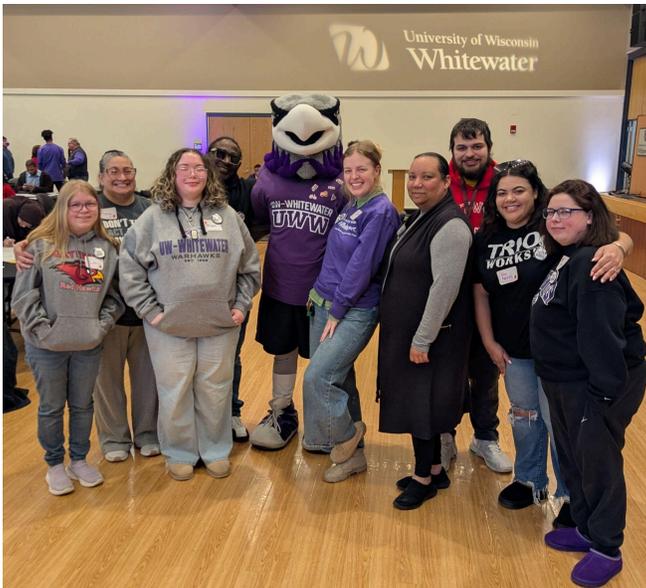
- Congratulations to the 16th cohort of the Ellsworth Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Operator Certification Training, with 10 participants successfully completing the program on February 27, 2026.
- Coordinated student support services helped ensure participant persistence by addressing barriers and connecting students to resources that supported program completion and workforce readiness.

Completion Grant – Student Success Coaching Outcomes

- Gateway hosted a site visit with Completion Grant consultant Jasmin Spaine, providing an opportunity to review coaching strategies, student engagement approaches, and progress toward grant outcomes.
- Student Success Coaching continues to focus on proactive outreach, barrier reduction, and coordinated coaching and case support, strengthening student persistence and completion pathways.
- The visit provided space to reflect on program progress and identify strategic opportunities to scale coaching practices and improve student success outcomes.

TRiO (Stacey Malacara)

- **TRIO Day Celebration at UW-Whitewater:** Gateway students spent Valentine's Day traveling with TAG/TRIO to UW-Whitewater to celebrate National TRIO Day, representing Gateway and engaging in a day focused on education, opportunity, and student success.



- **Building Community Across Institutions:** Students had the opportunity to connect with TRIO participants and professionals from other institutions, expanding their networks and learning about the broader TRIO community.
- **Learning Through Engagement:** Participants actively engaged in program activities, listened to guest speakers, and explored student-led research presentations, gaining exposure to academic pathways and scholarly work.
- **Celebrating Student Success:** Students also had the opportunity to reconnect with one of our own TAG/TRIO alumni who transferred to UW-Whitewater, highlighting the continued success and educational journeys of Gateway TRIO participants.
- **Strengthening College Aspirations:** Experiences like TRIO Day help reinforce college access, belonging, and academic confidence, inspiring students as they continue working toward their educational goals.

Recruitment/New Student Specialist (NSS) (Bao Lee)

- February has been a busy month, filled with recruitment opportunities to connect with prospective students and their families. The month kicked off with the Health Career Expo, hosted in collaboration with other areas, which took place on February 6. Over 550 prospective students attended to explore health careers and learn more about healthcare programs at Gateway. Participating programs included Respiratory Therapy, Dental Assistant, Medical Lab Technician, and Medical Assistant, along with healthcare partners such as Aurora
- The STEM and Manufacturing Expo took place on February 26th and showcased Gateway's STEM and manufacturing programs, as well as the STEM Scholars program. This event welcomed over 300 prospective students who came to explore careers in these industries and meet our faculty and industry partners, including Haribo, Eli Lilly, and more.
- The Youth Empowerment event, co-led by Recruitment along with several other areas at the college, is designed to empower high school students to believe that college is for them, recognize that the power is in their hands, and connect them to community and Gateway resources. This event took place on February 25th and welcomed over 300 prospective students to the Kenosha Campus.
- Recruitment continues to engage prospective students through VIP Direct Admit, high school visits, high school application & FAFSA labs, community events and Get Ready Application Workshops, preparing students for the upcoming summer and fall semesters.

Student Life/D365 (Lindsey Kosman/Shania Montgomery/Jomarie Coloriano)

Black History Month

- **Voices in Higher Education & Leadership Panel:** Gateway hosted a meaningful panel discussion featuring executive leaders who shared insights on leadership, career pathways, and the importance of representation in higher education.

- The panel included Dr. Tammi Summers (Vice President of Student Affairs), Sharon Johnson (CFO and Vice President of Administration), Jacqueline Morris (Vice President of Talent and Culture), and Cyndean Jennings (Dean of Pre-College and Momentum Programs and Racine Campus) who shared their leadership journeys, lessons learned, and encouragement for students



and employees pursuing leadership roles.

- The session welcomed 22 attendees and created space for reflection, dialogue, and inspiration.
- Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and engage directly with leaders, creating a dynamic conversation around leadership, persistence, and professional growth.
- **Achievement Gathering Celebration:** Black History Month at Gateway concluded with the Achievement Gathering, a celebratory luncheon recognizing student success and academic excellence.
 - The Achievement Gathering welcomed 36 attendees, bringing together students, faculty, and staff in a shared celebration of accomplishments and community.
 - The event highlighted outstanding academic achievements while reinforcing Gateway's commitment to recognizing and uplifting student success.



- Both events fostered connection and belonging, providing opportunities for students and employees to gather, reflect on Black history and leadership, and celebrate collective achievements.

Impact Program & Connection Center (Sarah Marbes/Jomarie Coloriano)

TEFAP Impact - Supporting Students' Basic Needs

- Gateway's monthly TEFAP food distributions are supported by a strong partnership with the Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency (RKCAA), helping ensure students have access to food resources.
- **Served:** In the month of February, 198 individuals were served through TEFAP distributions across the Racine and Kenosha campuses, reflecting the continued need for basic needs support among students.
- **Barrier Reduction:** Access to TEFAP resources helps reduce food insecurity as a barrier to academic success, allowing students to focus on their studies while meeting essential nutritional needs.
- **Holistic Student Support:** This collaboration strengthens Gateway's coordinated basic needs support ecosystem, connecting students to food

assistance, and also supports the students' retention and completion.

Career & Employment Services (CES) (Jason Pruitt)

- STEM/Manufacturing Expo - Members of CES participated in the STEM/Manufacturing expo to help educate over 300 students. Employers in attendance included Eli Lilly, Caterpillar, Haribo, John's Disposal, and PPG provided interactive activities.
- Business Blender - Members of CES participated in the Higher Education Business Blender at UW-Parkside connecting with educational professionals and area employers.
- Microsoft Partners Panel Discussion - Member of CES attended the Microsoft Partnership Panel discussion to learn about past initiatives and new opportunities on the horizon for the data center expansion
- Surgical Tech Mock Interviews - Members of CES are meeting with surgical tech students for mock interviews simulating job interviews in the healthcare industry.
- Kenosha Colleges Career Fair - Members of CES participated in the Kenosha Colleges Career Fair at Carthage College. Over 35 Gateway students attended with over 70 employers in attendance
- Case High School Mock Interviews - Members of CES participated in a mock interview event for 10th grade students at Case high school.
- Healthcare Career Expo - Members of CES collaborated with our Recruitment department and faculty welcoming over 400 prospective students. Froedtert South, Advocate/Aurora, Ascension, and Golden years were in attendance.
- State of the College - Members of CES collaborated with the President's office, Marketing and several other departments to host the State of the College Address.
- Additional engagements below:
 - Career Success Toolkit Series for CDL Program
 - Career Transition presentations: Thriving through Transition
 - Flourish Fridays for Nursing Students
 - Career Competency Presentations for working learners
 - WBL Speaker Series for IT Professionals
 - Women in IT - AI in Motion Part 2 at the Kenosha Innovation Center
 - Women in IT Networking Event

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (Interim)

Foundation (Jennifer Charpentier)

- **Direct Aid to Students:** 32 Students have been assisted with \$18,147 in assistance for tuition, food, and transportation through the Foundation's Student Emergency grants.

- **Save the Date:** The Foundation's 32nd Annual Golf Scramble: Golf With a Goal will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Hawks View Golf Course. To register your foursome or learn more about the event, go to gtc.edu/foundationscramble
- **Total dollars contributed** to support Gateway students, the college and the foundation as of February 28, 2026, the Foundation has secured \$569,758 from 349 donors.

TALENT & CULTURE and MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS (Interim) Jacqueline Morris)

Talent & Culture -

- Jacqueline Morris participated in the 2026 Black History Month-Black Voices in Higher Education & Leadership Event panel for staff and students. As a panelist, I answered questions regarding: leadership & representation, impact on students & campus climate and action accountability & the future, this event was a town hall event streamed live for all 3 campuses.
- The Talent and Culture team have begun Process Documentation for the move from Sum Total and NeoEd to Cornerstone. These moves include Recruitment, On Boarding, Learn, and Perform which will all be under the same program with a July 1, 2026 launch date

Marketing -

- **Recruitment Marketing:** The Marketing team continues to work closely with Recruitment team efforts to communicate and market recruitment events. In addition, we're working to support upcoming Summer and Fall Semester registration efforts for continuing students.
- **Program Marketing:** The department's annual Program of Study Marketing review process is wrapping up and we've enjoyed working with program faculty to review and update marketing materials, testimonials, photos and video ensuring we're best marketing our programs utilizing exciting and up-to-date information.
- **Student and Community Event Marketing:** The Marketing team has been involved with planning, marketing and/or supporting a variety of exciting events at the college including the recent Joint RAMAC/Chamber Education Business Blender and student events such as Foundation Scholarship Awards and Campus Ambassadors as well as looking forward to Earth Day and Commencement.