

## Foundation serves up opportunity to ensure culinary arts career



Two years of medical bills were piling up. Graduation from high school loomed. It seemed like the possibility to attend Gateway Technical College to earn a Culinary Arts degree and fulfill his career dream was fading for Mark Kleisner.

But staff members at Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. had different thoughts. They saw a way for Mark to fulfill his dream of a career in the food service industry. Through a scholarship provided by the Foundation, Mark was able to enroll at Gateway – and has gained enough skills to secure a catering job while he continues to earn his degree.

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“The staff at the Foundation said they would help me, and they did,” says Mark. “Without the Foundation, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

Mark will soon graduate from Gateway’s Culinary Arts program. He is already a confident technician of his future career, expertly preparing meals at the Racine Campus for lunch and breakfast diners