



PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Matt Janisin)

Academic Operations

Academic Operations and Course Scheduling have been collaborating closely with Academic Schools, Deans, and Chairs to ensure course offerings and schedules align more effectively with actual enrollment trends. To support this process, Academic Operations provided Schools and programs with various data resources to identify areas with excess sections and opportunities for more efficient scheduling. Final adjustments are being made to the Spring 2026 course offerings in preparation for registration, which opens on November 3, 2025. The Scheduling Office has been providing training and individual program scheduling meetings with chairs to assist with reviewing course offerings for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The transition to Digital Access textbook delivery is underway and will roll out with Spring 2026 class section offerings. Communication, training, and workshops will be provided for faculty and staff. Communication, "how to" documentation, and videos will be shared with students in the upcoming months.

Kenosha Campus

Construction projects on the Kenosha campus are progressing nicely. Kenosha Parking Lot D is almost completed, with some lot striping and lighting updates being finished up. Work on the Horizon parking lot will begin this week in an effort to complete before the ground gets too cold. HVAC work in the Inspire building is wrapped up and closed out. Improvements to the Kenosha Technical wing are making great progress and should be completed by the end of November.

The Kenosha campus has been busy hosting a variety of meetings and events. Including a variety of events for Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, the Trunk or Treat event coordinated by the Law Enforcement Academy, The FAFSA summit, Hospice Alliance Senior Expo, to mention a few.

Racine Campus

Bill Anderson and Courtney Greve collaborated to enhance the Racine Campus grounds through a perennial pollinator project in partnership with the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network. Supported by a grant from the Pollinator Patch Program, Gateway's Horticulture students contributed hands-on expertise in planting pollinator-friendly perennials. This initiative aims to support local bee populations while adding vibrant, sustainable landscaping to the Racine Campus.



iMET Center

Throughout the month of October, the SC Johnson iMET Center hosted a variety of events and activities that highlighted our continued commitment to education, collaboration, and community engagement. The center welcomed several industry partners for meetings focused on potential partnerships and collaborative opportunities. Additionally, campus tours were held for middle and high school students and their parents, offering them an inside look at the programs, services, and hands-on learning experiences available through the School of Manufacturing, Engineering, and Information Technology.

Industry-based training sessions and professional development services continued throughout the month, supporting our mission to connect education with real-world industry needs. The iMET Center also served as a hub for various student clubs and organizations, fostering student engagement and leadership. To close out the month, the Fab Lab hosted Halloween-themed activities and services, bringing creativity and festive spirit to the campus community.

Horizon Center

The Horizon center hosted a transportation career expo in October and several program advisory meetings.

Work in the Dyno room at the Horizon center is being reviewed for budgeting and approval.

School of Pre-College and Momentum Programs

The International Education Program completed the Study Abroad email campaign on September 26, 2025, successfully distributing a total of 4,039 emails over a three-week period. The program will next upload the corresponding mailing list spreadsheets, generated from Colleague reports, to Google Drive and will begin preparations for the upcoming high school presentation email campaign. Study Abroad interviews are scheduled throughout November, with 2026 program destinations including the Philippines, Australia, and China.

STEM Scholars Cohort Participants

Cohort Year	Number of Participants
Fall 2021	14
Fall 2022	12
Fall 2023	9
Fall 2024	7
Fall 2025	16
Spring 2026	1

High School Promise Data					
Cohort Year	Number of Students	Initial Fall to Spring Retention Rate	Initial Fall to Fall Retention Rate	Number of Graduates (TD/AAS)	3 Year Graduation Rate (TD/AAS)
2017	165	87%	72%	68	40%
2018	150	89%	77%	71	45%
2019	232	76%	61%	85	37%
2020	140	77%	44%	50	34%
2021	101	84%	58%	51	50%
2022	101	93%	63%	53	52%
2023	120	85%	50%	46 (to date)	In progress
2024	163	90%	60%	34 (to date)	In progress
2025	170				In progress

High School Partnerships

In October, the team completed Fall 2025 IPEDS registration through classroom visits to Transcribed Credit sites and began planning for 2026–27 High School Academies. Gateway hosted the annual High School Administrator Breakfast, featuring Microsoft, AI and autonomous vehicle updates, and distribution of Transcribed Credit Cost Savings Certificates. The team also joined the Build Our Future & Higher Expectations Dual Credit Workgroup with RUSD, KUSD, Carthage College, and UW-Parkside to improve dual credit transitions. Additionally, Gateway staff and high school partners attended the National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) National Conference to learn about national trends, and Katie Graf, Director of High School Partnerships, was selected for the 2025–26 NACEP Leadership Academy.

Program Effectiveness

Jaime Spaciel, Director of Academic Excellence, represented the college on a panel at UW-Whitewater's Curriculum Innovation workshop, which was focused on creating multiple pathways to college through the use of dual enrollment and articulation agreements. The discussion sparked new ideas regarding partnerships between WTCS, the UW System, and K-12 schools to increase postsecondary enrollment.

The college's Student Assessment Committee held its first meeting of the year, which included setting goals for program and co-curricular assessment for the 2025-26 academic year. During the 2024-25 state of assessment review, Dr. Nancy Chapko, Instructional Design Strategist, shared the following:

- 100% of academic programs (78/78) participated in the assessment process and reported results
- 99% of academic programs (77/78) met or exceeded 60% of their assessment measures
- 100% of co-curricular areas (5/5) participated in the assessment process and reported results

College Excellence

Institutional Research recently published two new research briefs that provide data and analysis to support student success. The first brief, [Evaluating the Impact of One-Stop Enrollment Events](#), analyzes the impact of the Open House and Fast Track events on student enrollment. The second brief, the [Impact of Gateway to Success Course Sequencing on General Education Course Outcomes](#), focuses on the Gateway to Success first-year experience course and the powerful impact it has on students' subsequent success in math and English courses.

Sean Riordan, Manager of Business Intelligence, presented at the EAB Connected 2025 conference. The presentation entitled “Using Edify to Understand and Act on Student Needs” featured Gateway Technical College and Heidelberg University as case studies in making data more accessible through systems integration and custom dashboards in the Edify data platform.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES (Sharon Johnson)

Community Connectedness

- Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
- Joint Review Board Meetings: Village of Fontana; City of Kenosha; Village of Union Grove; Village of Darien; Village of Mount Pleasant; Village of Bristol; Village of Yorkville
- Emergency Management for Senior Leaders
- DMI Quarterly Risk Managers Meeting
- Kenosha NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner

Student Accounts

- Student Accounts & Accounts Receivable teams attended several learning and networking events during the month of October that included:
 - KABA’s Inspire 2025 event
 - National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA) annual conference
 - Professional Development Group’s Student Loans & Accounts Receivables Collections Conference
 - ECSI & Williams & Fudge Conference

Facilities

- Occupancy issued for Burlington Barber/Cos suite
- Kenosha Tech Corridor hit 80% completion milestones.
- Working to finalize designs for upcoming improvement projects at Racine Campus.

Safety and Security

- Preparations for upcoming tabletop exercise in motion
- Participated in 2025 Trunk or Treat event in Kenosha
- Have received DMI Risk Mitigation grant for lockdown buttons in the security offices and a gas container storage cart for Elkhorn welding

Budget and purchasing – Jason

- Planning for the FY26-27 budget season has begun and the Budget Office is completing the preparation of the annual planning documents.
- The Budget Office will meet with Budget Officers starting early January.

LEARNING INNOVATION DIVISION (Jeff Robshaw)

Information Systems

- The implementation / integration of BbliU as our bookstore provider is substantially complete. All that remains is to troubleshoot and fix any issues that crop up.
- The implementation of OCR transcript processing using ProcessMaker is in progress. It will use API integrations with both Perceptive Content and Colleague.

Information Technology

- We are currently conducting a comprehensive review of Google Drive file and folder permissions to ensure alignment with institutional data governance standards
- Phasing out a large portion of cell phones that have reached end of support and no longer receive security related updates from the provider. We are working through provisioning and distribution of the phones, which will now be iPhones. Since all plans were upgrade eligible, the college is able to receive the phones at no additional cost.

End User Computing and Distance Learning

- The Distance Learning and Help Desk Teams are in the testing phase of the Chat Bot solution that Derrick Domes has created. Things are going well and our hope is that we can implement the solution to supplement our tech support operations prior to the end of the year.
- The Multimedia team is working on adding technology to rooms in Racine (T219), Kenosha (T118), and Lakeview (2 rooms). We are also going to be upgrading the TV's in the quad rooms to a larger model. All four of the 87" displays will be replaced with 98" displays. The 87" display will then be used as replacement in classrooms as needed.

STUDENT AFFAIRS (Tammi Summers)

Student Support Programs (Jomarie Coloriano)

Non Traditional Occupations (Laura Voynovich):

- Developed and hosted a three-part "Tailor Made for Success" series focused on career readiness.
- Engaged with over 1,200 middle and high school students during the Build My Future Southeast Wisconsin trade exposure event.
- Met with more than 300 area high school students to share resources and information during a Fire & EMS career exposure event.

Office of Equal Opportunity & Civil Rights (Josh Vollendorf)

- Gateway has hired a web accessibility and compliance specialist to help manage the college's compliance with new regulations on web accessibility.
- Gateway's ADA Coordinator, Josh Vollendorf, received national certification as an ADA Coordinator in September 2025 through the University of Missouri and Great Plains ADA Center.

Libraries

- Kenosha librarian Paige Barreto attended the Open Education 2025 conference in Denver, CO at the end of October. She attended several sessions there that provided ideas for the second round of the WTCS OER grant across campus, including course material creation and marketing to faculty.

Learning Success Coaches

- The Human Services Learning Success Coach will be partnering with Tom Crawford's Human Services class to facilitate a session focused on developing soft skills and professionalism. Mr. Crawford identified that several justice-involved students in the class could benefit from additional support in these areas, which are essential for success in the human services field.
- The session will be designed to address these needs while remaining inclusive and valuable for all human service students. Emphasis will be placed on communication, workplace readiness, self-awareness, and professional conduct in the Human Service field.
- The Business Learning Success Coach will be joining the Business Communication faculty, Career Employment Services, and industry partners to provide career readiness support to business management students. This partnership will include assistance with resume writing, one-on-one reviews of students' cover letters and resumes, and professional mock interviews. The Learning Success Coach will join the faculty and industry partners in reviewing business management student materials and providing guidance. These activities are designed to enhance business management students' employability skills and prepare them for success in the business field.
- The Nursing Learning Success Coach has developed additional facilitated study groups for students. Groups meet weekly for CHA 1, Health Alterations, and Health Promotions. Facilitated study groups have shown increases in exam scores.
- The Nursing Learning Success Coach has also been meeting individually with at-risk students to provide tutoring on course content. Students in Complex Health Alterations II, who have been meeting 2-3 times a week with the Learning Success Coach, have passed the course and are now eligible for graduation.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (Interim)

Foundation (Jennifer Charpentier)

- **Direct Aid to Students:** The Continuing Student Scholarship application was completed by 537 students. Students will be notified by mid-December about the outcome of their applications.
- The Foundation's **Ignite the Future** event was held with more than 65 guests on Thursday, October 30, 2025, with keynote speaker Dr. Ajay Sahjapal, Transplant Surgeon at Ascension Health Care.
- **Total dollars contributed** in support of Gateway students, the college, and the foundation as of October 31, 2025: \$461,653 from 269 donors.

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

Talent & Culture -

- Jacqueline Morris, Magan Perez and Selina Bohn attended the 2025 WCTC Biennial Legal Issues Conference. The sessions were presented by local attorneys to apprise everyone on AI, compliance/laws and current hot topics.
- Magan Perez attended the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting: including updates on the Kenosha Innovation Neighborhood from KIN President Kelly Armstrong, along with a special welcome for the Chamber's newest assistant— be among the first to find out who it is! The Annual Meeting also includes the election of new Board Members, the presentation of scholarships, and the recognition of our members with the annual Best Place to Work, Chairman's, Beautification, and Ambassador of the Year Awards.
- Magan Perez attended the DMI (Districts Mutual Insurance) Quarterly Board Meeting
- Gateway Technical College participated in the NISOD Fall Virtual Conference, which featured three keynote speakers and 50+ workshops focused on key areas of community college practice. Conference tracks included Community and Workforce Partnerships, Equitable Opportunity and Outcomes, Student Services, Support, and Well-Being, Student Success and Retention, and Teaching and Learning. Approximately 60 Gateway employees registered to attend under an institutional registration sponsored by the Training and Development department, engaging in sessions designed to enhance instructional quality, student success, and institutional effectiveness.

WGTD -

- WGTD has tentatively set Friday, Dec. 12th as the date for a coffee-and-kringle open house in the studios as we mark the 50th anniversary of the radio station. WGTD went on the air for the first time Dec. 23, 1975.
- Greg Berg spoke last week with Gary Vaillancourt, the station's first general manager. The Morning Show program is archived. Additional details on the Dec. 12th event will be forthcoming."