



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

October 24, 2017

GATEWAY AS A LEADER

Welding

In the Welding area, twenty-Two Boy Scouts from six area troops representing the Three Harbors Council came to Gateway Elkhorn campus on Saturday, October 7, to work on the requirements for the welding merit badge. Welding instructor Mike Skender, merit badge counselor/welding instructor Aaron Schreiber, and several Gateway welding program students assisted the scouts in completing the welding requirements for the badge. Part of the badge was learning how the roles of metal fabrication, machining, engineering, automation, and welding all work together in manufacturing, and Elkhorn campus was able to show it all hands on to the scouts. The scouts, their parents, and troop leaders enjoyed seeing the Gateway campus and program offerings. They all also enjoyed being on campus to get a little reprieve from Saturday's wind and rain while on their camp-out at the Walworth county fairgrounds.

ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Academic Operations

We had the annual German visit and tour on 10/3 for the Kenosha Campus. 6 students and 3 others were part of the contingent from KSH. Returning visitors were quite impressed with the facilities updates and commented how it is nice that we pay attention to the educational environment for our students.

Constitution Day activities were held 9/18 - 9/23. Pocket Constitutions, small American flags, pens and other giveaways were distributed at each campus. We held our annual Constitution Day Quiz, with 154 participants.

Our very own Elkhorn Campus librarian, Jason Steagall, writes book reviews for Library Journal. This past month, he had the honor of interviewing Frank Miller for the publication. Frank Miller is the writer for graphic novels and comics, several of which have been turned into movies, including 300, Sin City, Ronin, and some of the recent Batman movies.

Allied Health/Veterinary Sciences

A Shared Program Agreement has been signed between Gateway Technical

College and Milwaukee Area Technical College for the MATC Dental Hygiene program. Graduates of Gateway's Dental Assisting program are eligible to apply for one of two seats being offered to Gateway grads each fall cohort. Several pre-requisite courses may be taken at Gateway prior to starting classes at MATC.

Project ACT for Healthcare staff and divisional representatives met on October 19 to discuss sustainability of grant activities after the funding ceases in March 2018. The PTA program faculty will be sponsoring Clinical Instructor (CI) training in Kenosha for our partners on November 4 which will satisfy the ethics and professionalism component of their Wisconsin license renewal this biennium.

Dean Mike O'Donnell met with all of the health program advisers in Burlington on October 5, along with Dean of Nursing Vicki Hulback. We explored new initiatives and worked through issues with current programs and student concerns. One of the topics we discussed was the plethora of active students in both PTA and Veterinary Sciences. After much discussion, we developed a strategy to narrow the admission window on high demand programs in 2018 until we can accommodate students already accepted into the pipeline.

Mike met with Dr. Bryan Lewis, Associate Dean of Biological and Natural Sciences at UW-Parkside on September 28 to discuss program alignments.

Mike attended the area high school superintendents and principals breakfast held at iMET on October 11.

General Studies

Kathy Nordhaus attended the UW System English Placement Test committee in Madison in late September, where she represents Gateway and all WTCS colleges. The committee analyzes results of test items, revises items as needed, and writes new items for pilot testing and eventual inclusion on the placement test. This is her third year serving on this long-term committee.

Suzanne Sublette's Introduction to Diversity class hosted the Hessen students in class on Monday, October 9. The class has prepared a long list of discussion questions to engage the German students in a cross-cultural exchange of ideas.

The 3rd year of the Teaching Challenges Brown Bag series is about to begin. This interdisciplinary group of supportive and engaged colleagues is devoted to providing one another with professional development through the research, design, and implementation of course materials that challenge students (and Instructors) to think critically about difficult, sometimes controversial issues.

This fall, discussion will center around investigating pedagogical approaches to bringing real-world, engaging material to developmental mathematics curricula. Current participants include Kathryn Nordhaus, Tina Shanahan, Ann Stotts, Colleen Aird, Jason Gerber, Allen Pearson, and Suzanne Sublette.

Manufacturing and Engineering Technology

Arboriculture/Urban Forestry

Arboriculture/Urban Forestry program is underway! Students have climbed trees 70' tall and made it 15-20' out on limbs while secured safely in a harness with climbing lines for security and support.

Students have learned to identify site safety and tree defects to ensure they only climb trees that are safe to climb or learn how to mitigate potential risks. In Landscape Plant Identification, they have already learned to identify over 45 trees and shrubs.

In Urban Tree Maintenance, students started pruning limbs for the first time last week after a month of discussion and learning about tree biology, tree structure, and the differences between trees growing in a forest and trees growing in the woods. Now they can begin pruning while insuring they are not causing significant, long-term damage to the tree, which is generally observed following pruning conducted by home owners or novices.

Gas Utility

Recently when a contractor working on campus was unable to locate a gas line buried where they were working and the gas line was damaged, students in the gas utility class replaced part of the damaged gas line and made a repair in another location. The gas line that was damaged was a private line owned by the college.

CNC - Milwaukee Tool Shop

The Redhawk Racing RC (remote control boats, cars and trucks) club is really taking off in its second semester. Last semester we had 4 and this semester we have 18 students. We are working with Hounds and Hobbies in Burlington and planning a club event for students and their families on the first and third Sunday of every month.

Elkhorn Campus

The campus hosted a luncheon and tour for the German exchange students on October 4.

The campus will host *Explore Gateway* sessions for local high school students on

October 20 and again on November 17.

New employees welcomed to campus this month include Welding Instructor Aaron Schreiber, AOP Instructor Kelly Brand, and Science Technical Assistant Andrew Meyer.

The first all-staff meeting was held on October 10th and it also kicked-off our United Way campaign.

Dean Mike O'Donnell led a campus tour for the incoming class of Gateway to Leadership on October 18.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Gateway continues to support the Women in Leadership initiative and Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership. We have had our kick off meeting on campus for the Women in Leadership group and are always excited to welcome new leaders. Working collaboratively with UW-Parkside and Carthage, we are hosting a series of events between the colleges. The first event was held on October 13th at UW Parkside where individuals gathered to hear from a panel of women leaders on their journey. The next event will be held at Gateway with a spring event at Carthage.

The college continues to be engaged in both Higher Expectations (Racine) and Building our Future initiatives (Kenosha). Gateway is currently assisting Building our Future with the development of a strategic marketing plan.

Jaime Spaciel and Chris Neff (RUSD) presented at the NCLA/ACTE Best Practices conference in Albuquerque, NM. Their session was on the career pathway development partnership that has been formed and the room was packed! Over 70 people came to hear how our career pathways work and they are continuing to receive a number of emails and phone calls for additional information and support.

As part of SEM, the college wants to make sure that everyone is engaged and can see their role in the initiative. A committee was formed this summer to tackle this. A series of fun videos was created to get people engaged, a new intranet site along with an electronic FAQ were developed. We capped off the first round of activities at the Employee Learning Day with another video, a presentation during the opening session and then an informational table on campus during the day. We will continue

our engagement work this semester by visiting with departments and divisions within the college.

Gateway continues to be the host for many events and visits. These range from colleges across the country bringing teams to learn about how we operate and to see our facilities to large statewide/local announcements such as Foxconn. We are proud to share the Gateway Experience.

Sustainability

We are excited to have new exterior recycling receptacles on all of our campuses as the first step to a larger recycling campaign. There will be new signage internally discussing the recycling initiative at the college.

Gateway is a finalist for the 2017 Climate Leadership award through Second Nature.

School groups continue to visit the Center for Sustainable Living (CSL) and we have had a number of Girl Scout troops utilizing the center for their badges. Since July there have been approximately 500 visitors. Also, the next time you visit the center, you will notice a number of new graphics and displays added to the CSL experience.

Marketing and Communications

The media and social media teams have combined to create an electronic newsletter that shares some of the top Gateway stories appearing in media as well as offering stats on the number of mentions and shares.

Staff have been involved in preparations for Employee Learning Day with video development, program scripting, promotional product development and purchases, and informational handouts.

Marketing staff are putting the final touches on several of the projects initiated through the President's Innovation Grants: The Mazemap app, virtual New Student Orientation, and the HS poster project: Life is Big.

ENROLLMENT

Fall enrollment is holding positive +1.8%. To date, current year enrollments are up +1.9% compared to the same time last year. Spring priority registration will begin in November.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION and FACILITIES

S C Johnson iMET Center Expansion

Plans for expansion of iMET pending of the receipt of a \$5 million grant from the state have been completed and approved by our Board. The State Board will be asked for their approval at their November 8 meeting. We are waiting for instructions from the Department of Administration in order to apply for the grant. Bill was interviewed live on WTMJ on the S C Johnson iMET Center expansion project.

Financial Advisory Services

We participated in a joint RFP for financial advisers with 5 other technical colleges that was coordinated by Moraine Park. Three proposals were received and two were interviewed. We have selected Robert W. Baird as our adviser. They work with 12 of the 16 technical colleges and are currently our adviser.

Grants Update

Schenck, SC, is finishing up with the Single Audit and related documentation to be presented to the Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees in November, 2017. Grant Navigator software has been loaded with FY 16-17 grant information and will continue to build with this year's FY 17-18 grant data. Data analysis will be more effective for grant management this next year. Grant accounting staff continue to attend monthly webinars for Federal grants for important announcements. Time and Effort processes for first fiscal quarter have been further updated for efficiency and reconciliation methods. First quarter billings will be sent out to agencies for grant reimbursements this month.

Facilities Update

Work is continuing on the Pike Creek crossing for the Gas/Utility program. Culvert has been placed, gravel poured and concrete completed. All that is really left is for the asphalt.

Gateway Technical College hosted Governor's Bill Signing and the Foxconn location announcement at the S C Johnson iMET Center. Facilities and security coordinated with State, County and local representatives and law enforcement to plan and set-up for the event. Each event had over 250 people attend.

All major summer projects (i.e. Lake 2nd Floor, Kenosha Academic Classrooms, Elkhorn Engineering Wing, and Inspire Center First Floor) have been essentially completed. Some minor updates are still required. Currently the lighting for the Inspire Center and Elkhorn Engineering wing are being reworked to accommodate

the changes in space.

Safety and Security Update

The annual Security Report for the College and the Crime Statistics for 2016 were published on October 1, 2017 in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act. This annual reports requires institutions of higher education to report institutional policies on Crime Prevention, Emergency and Timely Warnings, Sexual Assault and Misconduct, Drug and Alcohol Abuse as well as major crimes that occurred on campus property, property controlled by the college or public property adjacent to the college.

Year-End Close Update

Year-End close is progressing well. The auditors were on site in September and were able to get quite a bit accomplished. The Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) has released the data for the Pension fund to be included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) so we are ahead of last year's schedule with that. However, due to the availability of Gateway's auditors, the CAFR presentation to the Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees will need to be shifted to the December board meeting instead of the presentation usually scheduled for the November meeting.

Concur Update

Two representatives from Concur were on site for their second of three planned visits on 10/04/17-10/15/17. During this time the Gateway team was presented with a complete system walk through discussing how to administer, test, and use the system. A formal timeline for the remainder of the project was reviewed and accepted. A third visit is to be determined at this point but tentatively would be scheduled close to the go live date of the system.

FY 2017-2018 Tax Levy Update

The Tax Levy will be finalized during the October 24, 2017 Gateway Board meeting. Due to an increase in equalized values the total mill rate decreased for FY18 when compared to what was originally approved back on May 11, 2017.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The recruitment team has had one of their busiest months in recent memory filling close to a job a day. Openings have come from retirements and turnover.

John Frost has begun facilitating Strengths classes to staff.

Josh Vollendorf, Compliance Manager, has completed ADA & Bullying training.

Staff have been selected and trained as investigators for Title IX activity. The Compliance Department has designed and implemented training for various audiences and has distributed informational materials to staff.

AFLAC open enrollment as well as informational meetings are available on all campuses during October.

The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has determined that the college web-site is accessible and compliant.

Jacqueline Morris attended the Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) - Women of Color Reception held in the Inspire Center on the Kenosha Campus. She also volunteered at the United Way's Day of Caring.

INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The Program Effectiveness Team has been working with program faculty to prepare curriculum updates for next year, which must be approved by the end of October. The team is also helping faculty prepare their plans for assessing student learning and completing their program reviews.

John presented the new vision and mission statements for the college to all employees at the annual Employee Learning Day program. Employees were asked to think about their personal "why" and to discuss what words from the mission and vision were most meaningful to them. Feedback from employees was overwhelmingly positive.

Career Pathways

The Career Pathways Manager, along with Dr. Christopher Neff, CTE Director with the Racine Unified School District, presented at the ACTE Best Practices and Innovations conference on the partnership work between Gateway and RUSD related to career pathways and how joint initiatives provide high school students with a seamless transition to Gateway after high school graduation. The session was very well-received and CTE administrators from across the country have been connecting with the Career Pathways Manager to learn more about this work and how they can replicate best practices in their district.

Employee Learning

On September 27, Gateway held its annual Employee Learning Day. In order to provide all employees an opportunity for professional development, 65 workshops on 49 different topics were available. The morning began with a program that followed one student's journey at Gateway. We were able to see how Gateway staff supported Zaida Hernandez-Irison's Gateway journey and how she is now influencing our local and national community.

LEARNING INNOVATION

Jeff Robshaw, Dan Madsen, and Eric Doherty attended the Norex workshop in Milwaukee. This is an information sharing event for IT professionals across diverse fields.

Distance Learning

Our team is reviewing and testing our move to Software as a Service (SaaS) with Blackboard. Prior to our next major upgrade, we are required to make the transition to SaaS.

We are also working closely with Information Systems and Ellucian to troubleshoot ongoing issues with our ILP integration between our student information system (Ellucian) and Blackboard. We are exploring alternatives to give us similar functionality.

We are testing some mobile video conferencing technology to enhance classes that use our video conferencing systems. This mobile camera setup will allow us to more fully explore instructional spaces at the college and interactively share these with high school classrooms across our district (or further than that!). We completed more testing of this at Bryan Albrecht's recent Three Harbors Distinguished Citizen Award Luncheon.

We connected our German Exchange delegation with Elkhorn High School's German I class recently using video conferencing. Students in both groups got to exchange information about their educational systems and share some exchanges in German.

Information Systems

The Concur Travel and Expense implementation is progress. I.S. will be providing processes to import and export the necessary data to and from Colleague.

We are investigating alternatives to ILP (Intelligent Learning Platform - Ellucian's interface between Colleague and Blackboard) as it was found to have issues that required too many manual corrections.

Created a Web Advisor screen to view and add student comments to facilitate Faculty Advising.

Upgraded the Ellucian Messaging Service from version 1 to 2. The Ellucian Messaging Service is used to interface Colleague to Advise.

Technology Operations

The next phase of our migration to hyperconverged server technology has moved from planning to procurement. We expect to have new servers installed to create a cluster of computers between Kenosha and iMET. In the future, this cluster will help us recover from hardware failures and outages.

Our infrastructure team is researching and evaluating a number of new technologies for classrooms and meeting rooms. These new technologies include laser light projectors, new interactive whiteboards, automatic tracking cameras, and a new video conferencing bridge solution.

You may be noticing more and more new digital signs replacing the old ones across the district. This is a collaborative effort between Marketing and LID. We intend to have all new digital signs in place by the end of the year with updated and brighter messaging for our students and guests.

Our video wall is up and running in the new Inspire Center! This is Gateway's first implementation of a video wall. This technology allows high-resolution graphics on a much larger scale than any single screen can provide, and it offers advanced layouts and animations. Stay tuned for some exciting new graphics from the Marketing Department.

User Experience

We had a generally successful start to the semester, and areas that needed additional work were addressed in a timely fashion. We have been reacting to issues that come up with any start of the semester. We have also seen a large uptick in calls reaching our off-site help desk partner. This is partly due to illnesses of our own staff, but also because our staff and students are calling extension 3695 more often now.

We have migrated some classrooms to Windows 10 for the semester, ahead of our LANDesk roll out. This is due to new Microsoft not supporting the new Intel Processors in our computers. We have selected classrooms where the curriculum requires Windows 10, such as our IT classrooms and Office Technologies classes.

STUDENT SERVICES

College Access

The College Access department received great news from the state office - 70% of high school students who take our dual credit courses enroll at Gateway post high school graduation. Last year Gateway had 216 transcribed courses, this fall we're already at 219! New Student Specialists are busy enrolling the Fall students into their classes and recruiting the seniors for the Fall 2018 class. We had a successful summer with a Quick Start event that led 97 students from prospect to enroll all in one day.

Student Accounts

The Student Accounts department has been focused on outreach to students with past due balances and outreach to students with a late payment plan installment.

Academic Advising

Advising team provided Express Advising Services leading up to and into the 1st week of classes to maximize opportunities for student to meet as classes were starting. The team has since been providing routine services to all students trying to get started for fall for late starts and last minute courses changes. The advising team is also back up and running with providing services at some of our various centers, classrooms and locations around the district.

Career & Employment Services

Career and Employment team continues to provide services at the Burlington Center to pilot student demand for this location and to help alleviate the wait times for Kenosha campus where students travel from the Burlington area to meet with the Kenosha career counselor. This was started over the summer and will continue through the fall term to measure progress. The team is also preparing to start the Career Fair season and hosted our first career fair on October 3rd.

Express Services

Express Services have been busy helping students with last minute or late additions to their programs and schedules. They have also spent many days preparing student records so that the transcribed credit registration process goes smoothly in

the high schools.

LEARNING SUCCESS

In alignment with life-changing practices, the Learning Success Department continues to provide innovative strategies to providing enriching life experiences and academic success skills.



Student Success Workshops with up to 50 pre-scheduled district-wide to provide flexibility and variety. Additional topics have included: Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts, Tackling College Exams, Transfer-Ready, Strengths: Claim It!, Standout Skills for the Professional Field. Over 130 students have participated in the workshops since July 1st, 2017. Additionally, the workshops have been presented to over 120 Gateway Promise students, providing tools to success at the college.

Student participants of Learning Success programming provided five hours of service work during the Inaugural Kenosha Public Library Foundation Gala, honoring the legacy work of Betsy and the late Howard Brown. Through meaningful interactions and services, students were able to strengthen community connections.



On October 12, 2017, College Success Seminar celebrated its 5th year in providing students with academic success skills and connections to campus resources early in their academic journey. Since its inception, it has blossomed to include advocacy and cultural enrichment. Our keynote speaker & presenters included Representative Brostoff and Representative Bowen in which both shared their professional and personal journey; as well as, the importance of civic engagement.

College Success Seminar continues to provide enrichment to over 90 students each year and anticipates continuing its 6th year at Kenosha Campus to serve our students across the district.

Upcoming events to provide students with the opportunity to connect our support services include:

The Heads Up Mentoring Initiative and Veteran to Veteran (V2V) Mentoring Initiative will collaborate to provide an opportunity for mentors and mentees to connect at the October Autumn-Fest.

The Non-Traditional Occupation & Step Up Program will be coordinating our annual Dress for Success on November 9, 2017 at the Kenosha Campus. This event supports our students in preparing for their careers after college.

The Veteran Support Services has collaborated with various departments to host the Veterans Honors Event on November 7, 2017. We will honor those who have served in the armed forces and continue to do so for our country.

BUSINESS & WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS



Fab Lab Manager, Greg Herker, was given a tour of Midwest Prototyping from its

president, Steve Grundahl. We learned about new techniques in 3D printing for manufacturing as well as small source production in urethane casting. Steve is interested in developing internship and job opportunities for Gateway students who have “Fab Lab” experience to go along with their Engineering or Graphics training from Gateway. Midwest Prototyping is one of the largest exclusively prototyping firms in the midwest. They employ 35 people and have purchased land to build a larger facility for their operations. [Midwest Prototyping](#)

On 9/14 Fab Lab Manager, Greg Herker, hosted the SE WI Chapter of the American Society for Quality at the iMET. 36 members showed up for a presentation on “Additive Manufacturing”, as well as a discussion on 6 Sigma from BWS instructor Rick Lofy. A tour of iMET was included.



The Fab Lab displayed at the Union Grove Career expo for students & parents to learn about unique training opportunities at Gateway, 9/29 we followed up with a breakfast session for Union Grove educators at Union Grove H.S.



REAL school from RUSD has been working in the Fab Lab this semester. They have been doing workshops on some of the Fab Lab equipment to gain experience for a PLTW project they will complete in the Fab Lab.



John Zehren and the Fab Lab student workers created awards for the “Mac & Cheese” Smackdown to be held across various Gateway campuses as part of customer service week. Using a variety of plastic and acrylic they made this recipe completely from scratch!

Gateway continues to support its NC3 partners in a number of ways. On September 8th a group of instructors from around the country attended the FCA CAP Local Train-the-Trainer at the Horizon Center. This national model was piloted at Gateway in 2014 in conjunction with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) and since then has served as the national training site for all other colleges who wish to participate in this program starting in 2015. To date there are almost 60 colleges that have been trained at Gateway and are now FCA CAP Local colleges. The goal is for 100 colleges by the end of 2018.

The week of September 11-15 Gateway supported its partner college out in Oregon, Linn Benton Community College, to host an NC3 TTT event. This include almost 40 instructors from around the country expanding the number of NC3 certifications they offer or looking to certify students for the first time. Also in September NC3 hit a milestone with now over 100,000 students certified.

A CTE promotional organization out of Los Angeles, Working Nation, who started to shoot video this last summer at the July train the trainer is came back on September 6th and 7th to interview students. They looked for both students who have graduated and who are currently enrolled. They did an in-depth interview and even went to the homes of these students as well as visit their employers and get some footage from all aspects of their lives. They want to tell the story of how the Gateway and its NC3 partnerships have helped them reach their career goals. The video is scheduled for release in early October.

Randy Reusser attended the BICSI Fall Conference in Las Vegas. Over 2,000 attendees and vendors. Things went well at the BICSI Conference. During the conference Randy meet with several companies and old friends of the College and discussed ways to work together. The most promising are Corning, BlueWave Security, Bogen, and OCC (Optical Cable Corporation). Neil Wilkin the CEO of OCC is very impressed by what we are doing with Greenlee and may want the same thing

for his company. They are the 4th largest fiber cable company and have some awesome products. This was a great marketing opportunity for our College.



Randy and Dede Starnes from Corning.

Numerous staff and faculty from Business & Workforce Solutions along with the MET Division staffed a booth at the Wisconsin Manufacturing Technology Show held at Wisconsin State Fair Park October 4-6. This provided great exposure for 'all things manufacturing' offered at Gateway.

Thalia Mendez, Business Resource Specialist, met one-on-one with nine individuals to discuss their small business needs – six signed Launch Box Membership Agreements. Along with partner, the Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC) a Strong Women Strong Coffee event was held on the Kenosha campus, featuring Jean Moran, Community Advocate & Business Leader. Nearly 20 attendees listened to Jean’s very personal and inspiring story and participated in a lively discussion regarding running a major corporation and the live/work balance. September marks the end of Q3 for reporting purposes to the City for Launch Box management, and all goals have been met or exceeded.



Thalia submitted several clients’ names to Cardinal Stritch for Project Pitch It, their local “Shark Tank”. This televised show includes several judges, Peter Feigin, Milwaukee Bucks, Brightstar Foundation director, Mark Burish, and Jerry Jendusa, founder, STUCK Inc. Six clients were invited to audition and Thalia assisted them with preparation including several practice “pitches”. These clients came from past & current accelerator cohorts, and the most recent InnovateHER business plan competition. On an aside, the InnovateHER Business Plan from GetterRight LLC was not chosen as a finalist, however they were extremely grateful for the opportunity and are pitching another idea to Project Pitch It.

Launch Box Growth Accelerator Cohort III kicked off with an orientation September 14th and will conclude with a *Final Send Off* November 21st. They are off to a great start, both the entrepreneurs and the mentors. They are a very engaged group and have yet to finish on time! In addition, Thalia received a sponsorship of \$2500 from Educators Credit Union for the accelerator.



Thalia attended the Water Council's quarterly membership meeting at MATC Oak Creek and the Racine Community Foundation Shark Tank event for local non-profit pitches. In addition, she reached out to the Startup Week Kenosha planning committee and upon her suggestion, everyone agreed to holding an event on the Racine campus. November 11th there will be a Female Founders Panel followed by a networking lunch.

Lastly, Employee Learning Day – Last year it was all about taking classes to satisfy Gateway Journey requirements. This year she took advantage of truly broadening her understanding of different religions and cultures, specifically Judaism and Islam and communicating among different generations. Thalia said, "All three sessions were very interesting and the presenters did a great job at sharing their information".

The first Hospitality Essentials Specialized training will begin October 9th. It will be hosted at the Burlington Center and run until January. The students will earn 9 credits that pathway into the Hospitality Management Program, one National Certification and one internal certification.