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**Bryan Albrecht invited to speak
at two national summits**

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht has taken the message of Gateway's workforce development efforts and its sustainable programming nationally to two summits held in Washington, D.C. this week.

Albrecht was asked to speak at the two national conferences aimed at higher education, sustainable or "green" job creation and ways to address the current economic climate of the country.

"It is an honor to be selected to share our success at Gateway with this national audience," said Albrecht. "Gateway has an exciting future in providing green career pathways for our students."

Albrecht on Monday spoke at the Congress-mandated Sustainability Education Summit hosted by the Department of Education in cooperation with several other federal agencies. The goal of the summit was to articulate a set of action steps for higher education, business and industry, government and the environmental community to promote the transition to a sustainable, green economy.

“It was rewarding to share the many solid examples and innovative programs we have at Gateway, including our Geoexchange, Wind Technology and Urban Farming areas of learning and the impact of the green job market they will have,” said Albrecht.

Albrecht was invited to present at another national summit. On Tuesday, Albrecht participated in a joint Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus news conference on the Skills for America – NOW! Coalition legislative agenda. Albrecht focused his comments on the need to support technical training for a changing job market.

“Gateway has a national reputation for leadership in renewable energy and sustainable living,” said Albrecht. “I was honored to represent our college and state in this important national dialogue.”

The coalition summit was designed to engage federal agencies and congressional representatives on emerging trends in the economy. The focus was on green jobs and sustainability.

Albrecht also serves as chairman of the NC3 – National Coalition of Certification Centers, a national coalition of business and education partners collaborating in an effort to respond to the current and future economic needs on a local, national and global level.

Featured in the presentation was the NC3 partnership with Snap-on Incorporated as well as Gateway’s partnership with S.C. Johnson. The Skills for America-NOW legislation outlines three main points:

- Develop a Skills for America – NOW! Coalition fund that supports evidence-based strategies to retrain workers
- Establish a payroll tax credit to employers for training
- Strengthen the federal government’s infrastructure to support the nation's human capital needs.

Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

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