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### **Gateway signs on to green climate pledge**

Gateway Technical College President and CEO Bryan Albrecht today signed on to the American Campus Act on Climate Pledge to demonstrate the college's support for strong climate action by world leaders.

A total of 218 colleges and universities representing 3.3 million students from 40 states are committed to taking action on climate by signing the national pledge and detailing how they would work to meet the pledge on their own campuses.

Among other key points, Gateway's specific pledges to this effort include:

- making carbon neutrality and climate resilience a part of the curriculum and other educational experiences for all students.
- establishing renewable energy systems on new building and remodeling projects where appropriate.
- reaching out to local schools and community members regarding programming available through the Center for Sustainable Living with a goal of reaching 2,500 individuals per year.

- engaging Gateway students in environmental discussions through campus and community events and programs like the Green Scholar program.

The entire national pledge says:

“As institutions of higher education, we applaud the progress already made to promote clean energy and climate action as we seek a comprehensive, ambitious agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris. We recognize the urgent need to act now to avoid irreversible costs to our global community’s economic prosperity and public health and are optimistic that world leaders will reach an agreement to secure a transition to a low carbon future. Today our school pledges to accelerate the transition to low-carbon energy while enhancing sustainable and resilient practices across our campus.”

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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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