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**Gateway to hold
Annual EcoFest Racine event**

Gateway Technical College will host EcoFest Racine, an annual community event to share and celebrate sustainable practices, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 25 in the Lake Building on the college's Racine Campus, 1001 S. Main St.

"We're very excited to hold EcoFest Racine again this year," said Abbie Ford, Gateway manager, community relations and communications. "It's such a popular event and one way that we're able to give the community ways to learn, close-up and hands-on, different ways to be good stewards of our environment which lead to a green lifestyle.

"We look forward to visitors of all ages joining us to learn how they can help keep our environment healthy."

The theme of this year's event is "Tending our Roots."

Held in partnership with Greening Greater Racine, festivities will focus on providing ways community members can be gentle on the environment at work and at home. The event will feature informational displays, presentations and children's activities. Admission is free and each family attending can enter to win a door prize.

Presentations include:

- **10 a.m.:** Mishiikenh (Vernon) Altiman, elder in residence for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Electa Quinney Institute, on the Native American spiritual connection to the environment.

- **11 a.m.:** Aaron Schauer, Arboriculture/Urban Forestry Technician instructor for Gateway Technical College, on the importance of maintaining trees and their health.

- **Noon:** Art Scheele, Master Gardener and local farmer, on the importance of soil regeneration for gardening and the environment.

For a guide to all activities for the day, please go to www.gtc.edu/ecofest. For more information, please contact Abbie Ford, forda@gtc.edu.

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