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Gateway student named to state technical college board

Gateway Technical College student Megan Bahr has been appointed to a two-year term as the student member of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, the governing body which oversees such decisions as system-wide tuition setting, program approval, facilities approval and state finance.

Bahr's first meeting in her new role will be Sept. 14-15 at Madison Area Technical College.

"Megan is a fantastic representative for our nearly 300,000 technical college students statewide," said WTCS President Morna K. Foy. "We were fortunate to get to know her as a WTCS Ambassador and have no doubt that her leadership skills will be a great fit with the board."

Bahr was selected as the Gateway District Ambassador for the 2020-21 Academic Year, serving as the student body voice to communities throughout the college's district, as well as speaking engagements for college events held throughout the year. She also served as the student member on the Gateway Board of Trustees.

"I'm honored to be named to the WTCS board," said Bahr. "I was able to represent Gateway students when I was on the Gateway Board of Trustees, and now I'll be able to represent all 300,000 students in the system on the state board.

"I am incredibly proud to be able to serve them and will do so as if we went to the same college and worked next to each other in class. I'm excited for the opportunity."

To date, Bahr is the first District Ambassador to also be appointed to the WTCS board.

"The entire Gateway community congratulates Megan on her appointment to the Wisconsin Technical College State Board," said Gateway Technical College President and CEO Bryan Albrecht. "It is a tribute to her excellent academic achievements and commitment to creating an inclusive and meaningful college experience for all Wisconsin students."

Ten of the 13 WTCS board members are appointed by the governor, including Bahr. The remaining board members serve because of the statewide positions they hold.

Bahr also was named to the Campus Compact 2020-21 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows. Students selected for the fellowship are leaders on their campuses who demonstrate a commitment to finding solutions for challenges facing communities locally, nationally and internationally.

Gateway Technical College's mission is to deliver industry-focused education that is flexible, accessible and affordable for our diverse community. The 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.