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**Gateway partners with Rockwell to start model
12-week advanced manufacturing academy**

Gateway Technical College and Rockwell Automation have partnered for an intense, 12-week Academy of Advanced Manufacturing program where students receive industry-leading training typically reserved for professionals already in the industry.

Online informational and signup sessions are being held 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. August 3, and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. August 13. Registration is required at www.gtc.edu/aam

“More than half of the training uses existing Gateway classes, and the remaining instruction mirrors courses specific to Rockwell’s Advanced Manufacturing Academy,” says Steve McNaughton, Gateway dean of Business and Workforce Solutions.

“The goal is to expand the academy nationally, where other colleges can use our curriculum to teach students in their regions. And, it will have started here at Gateway in partnership with local industry.”

The academy marks the first time this training will be offered at a college and not through the company itself. The 36-hour-a-week training will run at the college's SC Johnson iMET Center in Sturtevant. The intense nature of the 12-week program allows students to earn 22 credits, which they could also apply toward a Gateway Advanced Manufacturing associate degree.

Students will gain skills in robotics, mechatronics, motor control, PLC and HMI programming, industrial controls and the industrial Internet of Things.

Graduates of this program earn certification as automation and control technicians with an estimated average annual salary of \$49,000. Military veterans, in particular, are encouraged to apply.

The program begins Aug. 31, Those interested are encouraged to go to one of the information workshops.

To enroll or sign up for an information session, go to gtc.edu/aam.

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.

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