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**Gateway's high-tech human simulator
training units highlight Simulation Week**

In yet another example of the college using high-end technology to better educate the students of today and workers of tomorrow, Gateway Technical College will participate in the inaugural national Healthcare Simulation Week of Sept. 11-Sept. 15.

Gateway has high-tech human patient simulation units on its Kenosha Campus, HERO Center and Burlington Center.

Members of the media who wish to view – or take part in – a demonstration can do so anytime from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Inspire Center on the Kenosha Campus, 3520-30th Ave., or 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 13 at the Burlington Center, 496 McCanna Parkway. Please call Lee Colony, (262) 359-0798 to confirm.

Human patient simulators create realistic circumstances in order to teach skills and enhance student training, and has become a part of the rapidly changing face of education in health care.

“The simulators can provide high-risk health care situations in a safe, educational environment,” said Gateway simulation specialist Morgan Kaiser.

“Students can learn how to communicate with patients, practice their skills and manage patient care.”

The Inspire Center has four simulation units, three of them new, while Burlington Center and HERO Center have three each. The college also provides opportunities for outside groups to use simulators for training in unique situations they may rarely face but still need to be well-versed in for patient care.

“This week honors every professional around the world advocating for healthcare simulation in education and practice, research, modeling and design,” said Dr. Christine Park, president of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. “Healthcare systems are embracing simulation as an effective set of strategies that enhances the quality of healthcare.”

“Numerous studies demonstrate that simulation more effectively prepares all types of providers, including physicians, nurses and first responders across the full spectrum of experience.”

Using simulation, students can address critical skills including procedures, dynamic decision-making and communication. Simulation-based training encompasses a broad range of experiences, including the use of task trainers, mannequins and virtual reality for technical procedures ranging from suturing to delivering babies.

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.