



## **News release**

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### **Howard Tullman to keynote Gateway Unconference**

Gateway Technical College and City of Racine will hold a participant-driven event focused on entrepreneurship, geared to inspire attendees and provide them with the methods needed to succeed in starting their own successful business, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at the college's Racine Campus, 1001 S. Main St.

The event, Unconference, breaks with the traditional conference setting to allow attendees to focus and determine the event topics and workshops, rather than follow a predetermined agenda. Unconference, hosted by the college's Launch Box, will be held in the Racine Campus' Building Conference Room and focuses on entrepreneurship.

Experts on business planning, financing and real estate, as well as successful entrepreneurs, educators, and lenders will be present to drive this format. Howard Tullman, the CEO and founder of Chicago startup working space 1871, is the event keynote and will present on how he started up more than a dozen companies in the past 40 years and founded 1871.

“Entrepreneur success begins with innovation and collaboration. Howard Tullman and the 1871 project bring both of those elements together. We are proud to accelerate the Racine Launch Box by partnering with 1812 to strengthen the entrepreneur corridor between Racine and Chicago,” says Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College president.

“If we are going to be a 21st Century manufacturing city, we have to see what the future of manufacturing looks like and build on our history of entrepreneurship,” says Racine Mayor John Dickert. “Howard brings the vision and experience to help get us there. I think he will be an exciting speaker who challenges us to be more creative every day.”

There are two ways to register for the Unconference:

- Go to: <https://www.gtc.edu/unconference>
- Contact Kate Walker, Gateway director of Business Development, at [walkerk@gtc.edu](mailto:walkerk@gtc.edu) or (262) 898-7410.

There will be an expo for business resources on-site.

Tullman – called by some members of the media a “serial entrepreneur” for his unflagging work to start up successful business ventures – is also the general managing partner of G2T3V, LLC and of Chicago High Tech Investment Partners. He is a member of Chicago Mayor Emmanuel’s Chicago NEXT and Cultural Affairs Councils, and of Illinois Governor Quinn’s Illinois Innovation and Arts Councils; a member of President Preckwinkle’s New Media Council; an adjunct professor at Kellogg School of Management at Northwest University; and an adviser to many start-ups.

He is the former chairman and CEO of Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy, and over the last 45 years he has successfully founded more than a dozen high-tech companies.

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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