



News release

May 8, 2019

Media inquiries: Lee Colony 262.564.2512

262.359.0798 (cell)

**Thurmond a winner
of annual Racine Mirror award**

Gateway Technical College Learning Success coach LaToya R. Thurmond was named one of two Racine Mirror 2019 Women of Worth 2019 Women of the Year winners.

The Mirror made the announcement for the winners of their annual Women of Worth Award in the May 4 edition of their citywide publication. The award celebrates women who have helped to make a difference in Racine, exemplified extraordinary leadership and been a great asset to all.

Lisa Parham, Mirror president and chief operating officer, said Thurmond's breadth of impact on the community – from her church and day care to her work at Gateway Technical College – helped take her to the top of a large and strong group of 14 candidates this year.

"LaToya is always encouraging others," said Parham. "She's an entrepreneur, she encourages entrepreneurs and leaders and works with the youth. She's always giving credit to others when she could give credit to herself. She is positive and is a positive influence on others around her. Last, but not

least, she always thanks Gateway for giving her the opportunity to impact others.”

Winners weren't notified prior to the magazine being published, so they were surprised when well-wishers start calling and texting to congratulate them.

“I am real grateful for this honor,” said Thurmond. “I was amazed and shocked when I found out, it took me by surprise. I am honored.”

The magazine edition can be found here:

<https://theracinemirror.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/may-2019.pdf>

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.

XXX