

Gateway proud to host two national conferences

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Gateway's impact on education and training reaches far beyond the boundaries of the communities which we serve, bringing recognition and cutting-edge methods and equipment to the college which benefits students as they train to successfully enter their career.

Gateway is hosting two national conferences this week that show, through your support of college leadership, the many powerful ways Gateway impacts students far and wide.



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Starting Tuesday and continuing today, Gateway is hosting the American Association of Community College Sustainable Education and Economic Development's "Building Sustainable Community College and Industry Partnerships" summit, bringing 100 visitors representing community colleges, government officials and industry leaders from across the nation to Racine and Kenosha to share ideas and best practices on sustainable education programs. The conference will also feature the inaugural Green Genome Awards to honor colleges that have been leaders in green economic and workforce development and sustainability.

Today through Friday, Gateway will host the annual National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers

conference that will feature

hands-on

workshops and

seminars on

how colleges

can incorporate the

specialized training

offered

by advanced

technology

centers into

their curriculum. Gateway's

development

of five such

centers and the

career training

opportunities

they present

to students

and workforce

development

for businesses

have become

national models for other colleges. This

conference will also bring about 100 visitors

from across the nation to Racine.

Hosting these national conferences shines the light on two successful principles of Gateway. The first is that we

believe in providing the best instruction

and cutting-edge delivery methods to

our students. We want to make sure the

training they receive is what's needed in

today's workforce. You see that through

the sharing of best practices that provide

new and innovative means to train and

equip students. We are proud to host these

events at Gateway, which is seen as a

national model where those best practices

can be found.

Secondly, our strength comes in part

from the many business partners in our

communities that have stepped forward

to provide industry expertise, equipment

and other resources to ensure our pro-

grams and training align with the needs of

industry today — in short, worker skills

needed by employers. Many of our college

business partners will be keynote speak-

ers at these conferences, providing insight

and expertise on a national level while still

highlighting the Gateway successes.

Gateway was selected to host the SEED

summit because of a demonstrated ongoing

commitment to improve its campuses

through sustainable practices. In addition

to cost reduction measures, we have un-

dertaken measures to transform Gateway's

facilities on all of its campuses with renew-

able energy systems. Gateway is a national

leader in developing training programs in

emerging industries such as geothermal

well drilling, automated building controls,

urban farming, fresh water technology and

sustainable energy systems.

Gateway has been a leader in NCATC

for many years. Our technology centers

train students for their careers as well as

provide workforce development training

that positively impacts the local economy.

Our newest center, iMET, will provide

intense workforce training needed by local

employers as well as degree programs for

in-demand engineering careers.

We have a lot to be proud of, and much

of it is due to you and your support. We

hope you're proud, too.

Bryan Albrecht is president of Gateway Technical College.

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