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## Welcome!

It's *THAT* time of the year again where educators throughout the country get that special rush. Another academic year. While Gateway certainly offers courses over the summer and many Gateway staff work year round, we all still get that feeling of anticipation as we look to the beginning of another academic year.

Our instructors often mention at graduation how they "remember when" this student or that walked through Gateway halls for the first time - not sure where they were going or how they were going to get there but eager to prepare themselves for a career at which they could excel.

As we look to our new students, we see tomorrow's heroes - nurses, paramedics, police officers, fire fighters. We see those who will develop product patents; those who build and repair our structures and equipment. Gateway is proud to be the educational choice for students seeking career training.

You will note, as you review this issue of Community



Bryan Albrecht

Connection, that Gateway continued to work closely with its partners over the summer - in many cases forging new relationships and projects to benefit students and the communities in Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth counties.

Bryan D. Albrecht  
President

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## Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees Welcomes New Members

Effective July first of this year, two new members were added to the Gateway Technical College District Board of Trustees. They replace board members Dennis Schultz and Judy McFarlane who did not seek reappointment when their terms expired.

At its July 10th organizational meeting, the new board also elected its officers for the coming year. Ron Jandura, superintendent of Burlington Area School District, will serve as chairperson. Having served as vice chairman last year, Jandura replaces Schultz who had served as chairman. Roger Zacharias, Kenosha County, will serve as vice chairman. Also selected were Mark Sommer, Racine County, as Treasurer and Alice Morava, Walworth County, as Secretary.

The Board's new members are Rebecca Vail and Ronald Frederick.

### **Ron Frederick**

Ron Frederick has served on the Gateway Board two previous times - from 1983-1987 and from 1993-1998. Ron served as chairperson of the board in 1995-1996. Ron Frederick is also a long-time Kenosha County Board member and held the office of Kenosha County Treasurer.

Ron currently holds two positions. He is the executive director of Senior Community Services of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc. Ron is also employed by the Kenosha County AFL-CIO Central as its president. Frederick believes strongly in Gateway's focus on workforce training and sees it in play in every aspect of the workplace.

### **Rebecca Vail**

Rebecca Vail will bring her perspective as a resident of Walworth County as well as her educational experience to the Gateway board. Rebecca has been the Superintendent of Twin Lakes School District #4 for 18 years.



Ron Jandura



Ron Frederick and Rebecca Vail

She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Master's degree in Curriculum, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration. All degrees are from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Education is in her family's blood. Her mother was a teacher. Her brother is a general education instructor at Moraine Park Technical College (another of the WTCS colleges) and Rebecca's father served on the Board of Trustees for Southwest Technical College (another of the WTCS colleges.)

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## Serving our Students

After over a year of closely studying the processes, surveying students and employees, and working hard to better understand how staff was interacting with students, Gateway has reorganized its Student Services on all of its campuses.

The goal of the project was to speed up the enrollment process for students, allowing them to register and pay simultaneously. We have created more of a "one-stop" philosophy allowing students to get the answers to their financial aid and admissions questions or make counselor appointments with one employee -- a Student Service Associate.

Physical service area changes are to come -- some remodeling is planned at each campus location to further facilitate the improvements to service.

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## Gateway Childhood Lab Named as RUSD Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Site

Gateway Technical College's Early Childhood Lab, located on its Racine Campus at 901 Lake Avenue, has been named by Racine Unified School District (RUSD) as a site for its Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program. This fall will mark the first time Racine Unified has offered a Kindergarten program to four-year-olds.

Gateway's Early Childhood Lab is one of the community child care sites that will provide the three-hour Four-Year-Old-Kindergarten program. The program will run Monday through Thursday, beginning in September. During this



Questions or other suggestions for improvement, contact Terry Simmons, vice president Student Success 262.564.3108.



pilot year, the Gateway Early Childhood Lab will offer one morning session with space for seventeen children.

"Gateway is happy to participate in this program," says Melissa Frankiewicz, director of the Early Childhood Lab. "Racine Unified identified the need to better prepare students for the transition to Kindergarten. RUSD has chosen a number of childcare providers to deliver this program. Facilities like ours are designed and equipped to handle this age group and we can help parents with an onsite extended-care option," adds Frankiewicz.

The Early Childhood Lab has a qualified Gateway instructor onsite who is certified by the Department of Public Instruction for Four-Year-Old Kindergarten -- unlike several other four-year kindergarten sites that will require a RUSD teacher to travel to the center to conduct the program each day.

The curriculum, which closely matches what Gateway has been offering that age group, is aimed at the development of social skills, self-help skills, language skills and exposure to pre-math and pre-reading concepts.

"Gateway's associate degree Early Childhood students will benefit from this arrangement," says Frankiewicz. "The students, many of whom serve their field placements with the Lab, will learn how childcare organizations can partner with a public school district in development of curriculum and program implementation."

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## Manufacturing Skill Standards Council

Gateway Technical College is one of nine two- and four-year colleges that will be offering Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) certified training and assessment as part of a Department of Labor Grant. The goal of the grant is to ensure Wisconsin workers are equipped with the skills required for employers to remain competitive in the global economy.

Gateway Technical College's LakeView Advanced Technology Center has been named as one of the founding Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) certified training and assessment centers. LakeView, located in the Lakeview Corporate Park on Hwy H in Pleasant Prairie, focuses on automated manufacturing and other manufacturing oriented business training programs.



Contact Debbie Davidson, Director Advanced Technology Centers, for more information about MSSC assessment and training. (262) 564-3422 or [davidsond@gtc.edu](mailto:davidsond@gtc.edu)

In November, MSSC introduced the availability of its industry-based foundational skills certification system for workers and students planning on manufacturing careers. The MSSC certification system assesses worker/student skills and knowledge based on industry-validated standards for all manufacturing sectors. Gateway's LakeView participated in a pilot that set these standards.

Gateway now integrates the MSSC Production Technician certification into the capstone course of its Automated Manufacturing Systems Technician associate degree program. As part of the multi-college project to advance manufacturing in Wisconsin, the group plans to offer preparatory training to over 350 participants with over 550 people taking and passing at least one of four MSSC module. They have a goal of at least 75 individuals gaining full MSSC Production Technician certification.

"LakeView was one of just a handful of college campuses chosen to participate in a pilot project to help set the national competencies for manufacturing through a battery of on-line manufacturing skills standards assessments," says Bryan Albrecht, chief academic officer/chief operating officer. "We're proud to now be chosen as one of a select group of certified training and assessment centers across the U.S."

Several local companies, including Cherry Electrical Products, partnered with Gateway in the certification testing pilot by sending employees holding a wide range of positions for testing. "Quality is everything to manufacturers these days," says Nancy Goralski, Cherry director, human resources. "Manufacturing is tough business in North America. To compete, customers expect the highest quality product possible -- zero defects. Our workforce must possess the skills associated with this level of quality and our company must employ the most efficient processes. We appreciate having a certified assessment and training center in our area," added Goralski.

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## Fall "System i" Conference for IT Professionals

Gateway Technical College will host a one-day, hands-on information technology workshop for the hundreds of organizations in southeastern Wisconsin and northeastern Illinois and organizations which use IBM System i. The three-track program, offered in cooperation with IBM and the WPCPA and taught by System i experts, will take application developers to a new expertise in state-of-the-art development tools such as Remote Systems Explorer, Enterprise Generation Language and WDHT. The workshop will cost \$175. Lunch and refreshments included. The workshop will be held at Gateway's BioCATT center on the Kenosha Campus, 3520 - 30th Avenue.

### Ongoing seminars

Beginning this fall, Gateway Technical College will host a series of seminars for the System i community. Topics will include Enterprise Generation Language, Webfacing and HATS(WDHT), iSeries access for the Web, Java, iSeries Navigator.

For more information about the October 13th conference or about the ongoing System i seminars, see our website (right).

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## Gateway Recognized by Department of Labor for Grant Project

Gateway Technical College was one of four colleges in the country to receive an award from the U.S. Department of Labor for fostering outstanding workforce development partnerships. The award recognized the accomplishments of Gateway and its industry partners achieved through the "Upgrading Nation's Automotive Industry" grant project. Gateway's project partners include Snap-on Incorporated, National Automotive Technician Education Foundation, Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association, National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers, Melior, Inc., and the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence.

The \$900,000 "Upgrading the Nation's Automotive Programs" grant, is designed to increase the number of NATEF/ASE - certified automotive instructors and certified automotive training programs throughout the country (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation -



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**Upgrading the Nation's Automotive Programs:**  
A Commitment to Partnership among Education, Government, and Industry

The U.S. Department of Labor—Employment & Training Administration has awarded a grant to Gateway Technical College, in partnership with Snap-on Incorporated, to support the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative for the automotive industry.

This project seeks to increase the number of industry-certified schools and the capacity of automotive training programs, including increasing the number of certified instructors to 200 certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation—NATEF and the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence—ASE.

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Motor vehicles have continued to become more sophisticated and computerized. Manufacturers want only the best trained technicians maintaining their customers' vehicles. This demand for higher quality service is coupled with a need for many more technicians.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of automotive service technicians and mechanics is expected to increase 16-20 percent through the year 2012, representing an increase of between 62,000 and 154,000 new jobs due to various factors including job transfer and retirements. This, coupled with demand for increasingly higher quality service, will create a spike in the need for industry-certified instructors and college programs.

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NATEF; National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence - ASE). The program uses web - based training.

The DOL Employment and Training Administration (ETA) presents Recognition of Excellence awards in five categories. Gateway was one of the four colleges honored in the "e3 Partnerships" category, which recognizes the value of projects that demonstrate sustained partnerships among employers, educators, and economic development leaders - a practice the ETA calls the "Power of e3."

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## **Transportation Center to Consolidate Automotive/Aviation Programs**

Gateway will be upgrading its own automotive training programs by consolidating programs in a new Transportation Center. This move will ensure both its associate degree and technical diploma automotive programs are certified to the highest standards and that students will have the latest technology. Gateway's Transportation Center will continue to house the Aeronautics-Pilot Training program and will also become the new home for the Automotive programs. Partnerships with local vehicular-related businesses are being considered for broadening the transportation-training opportunities in southeastern Wisconsin. Secondary school automotive programs in the three-county area are expected to make extensive use of the new Transportation Center.

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## **Slaying Dragons (boats) to Support the Community**

With 21 paddlers and a drummer to keep the paddlers on rhythm, Gateway's Dragon Slayers did their best to battle the elements in Racine's Dragon Boat races. With an abundance of team and community spirit, Gateway's group, comprised of students, faculty and family, succeeded in well, staying afloat despite the high waves and capsizing. Owing to great training and a sense of responsibility, each of the team members bobbing around in rough Lake Michigan waters found their "buddy" and either waited for rescue or swam back to shore.

The Dragon Slayers had a lot of fun doing their imitation of "Survivor" and are already strategizing for next year.



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## Off to Camp

More than 50 students from middle and high schools throughout Kenosha Racine and Walworth counties attended Gateway's first Pre-College Camp offerings this summer.

The four camps were designed for students to have fun while becoming familiar with a variety of subjects they can expect to explore further in college.

Courses this year included: Web Design, Combat Robot Prototyping, Bioscience, Physics, and Animation.

A new slate of Pre-College Camps is anticipated for next summer.

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## Hospitality Program: Fall Golf Outing

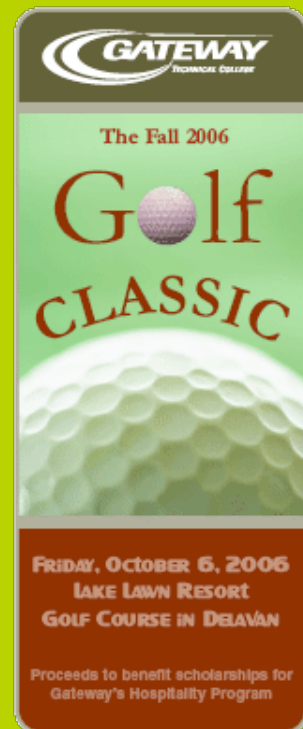
Golf is big tourism business in Southeastern Wisconsin, so it's particularly fitting to host a golf outing as a fund raiser for scholarships to students wanting to get the best hospitality training possible.

The Gateway Technical College Foundation is hosting a special golf outing October 6, 2006 at Lake Lawn Resort Golf Course, 2400 Geneva Street, Delavan to support students in Gateway's Hotel/Hospitality program. The program provides students with professional, hands-on training in a variety of positions working in the tourism industry.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., lunch served at 11:00 Shotgun Golf at 12:30 p.m. Cash bar at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person for lunch, 18 holes of golf, Prolink GPS equipped golf, cart, and dinner. If you are interested in signing up for a foursome, or for non-golfers -- to sign up for a special spa package also developed to support the Gateway Hotel/Hospitality program -- contact



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the Foundation for registration materials 262.564.2866.

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## Gateway President an Invited Speaker at ACCCollege Conference

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht addressed participants in the annual conference of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) May 30th in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He was a member of a panel addressing, "Students Crossing Borders: How a Sectoral Approach can facilitate North American Student Mobility."

The three - day conference hosted over 800 delegates from Canada and around the world representing Canada's community colleges, business partners, and international guests. Albrecht was invited to speak by the ACCC about creating a quality learning experience in a globalized economy. The session reported on the collaborative activities of the American Association of Community Colleges, the Mexican Association of Technology Institutes and Universities, and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges. Gateway Technical College is considered a leader in seeking global educational opportunities.

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges is the national, voluntary membership organization created in 1972 to represent colleges and institutes in dealings with the government, business and industry.

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## Gateway Board Hosts State Association

Gateway Technical College District Board of Trustees hosted the State Board's Association of the Wisconsin Technical College System in July. The Association meets quarterly as an opportunity for professional development as board members and to discuss topics of relevance to Boards throughout the state.

Two of Gateway's key business partners addressed the meeting, explaining how they work with Gateway to accomplish their workforce training needs.

Claudia Grace, Learning Advisor for SC Johnson, Racine, discussed the value their company places on personal growth and professional skill training by Gateway. SC



Association of Canadian Community Colleges



Steven Vasatko, Director of Operations at LDV, Inc. and

Claudia Grace, Learning Advisor for SC Johnson

Johnson hosts a fully accredited Gateway campus on its property. Grace explained Gateway's flexibility in providing around the clock training to accommodate all shifts and its willingness to concentrate certain aspects of its curriculum on areas of greatest need at the company.

Steven Vasatko, Director of Operations at LDV, Inc., Burlington, talked about their companies cutting edge technology applied to custom developed command vehicles used in a variety of applications ranging from homeland security to the Super Bowl. Their custom vehicles need to be loaded with the technology required by each industry that makes up its broad customer base. Vasatko says Gateway has helped their company achieve success during the current rapid growth phase through training in Lean Manufacturing, Supply Chain Management, electronics, and a variety of custom curricula.

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## Summer Institute

Gateway Technical College, in partnership with Blackhawk Technical College, held its PK-16 Summer Institute for middle and high school teachers. The workshop allows teachers to come together as teams, or individually, to work on integrated and applied curriculum projects in conjunction with technical college instructors. A Tech Prep grant funded the training, held in Lake Geneva.

The three-day institute allows teachers and instructors to develop projects and new curriculum together, which is very difficult during the school year. Over 60 teachers were in attendance. Teachers are eligible for college credit through UW-Whitewater.

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