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Learning community built through partners

Building a house requires many helping hands to ensure it will weather storms and remain a stable structure a family can call home well into the future.

Workforce development or planning is much the same. Gateway forges numerous community partnerships to better develop and implement workforce development. These partnerships serve as an important foundation that continuously benefits the District's students and employers and ensures future workforce stability.

Additionally, it is a foundation that – much like a house – can be added onto or remodeled to fit new needs. Using this foundation students become their own architects and builders, constructing their future on the solid foundation first laid at Gateway.

Our list of partners is numerous. Industry leaders often serve on advisory committees. Their insight ensures Gateway programs remain strong and teach real-world skills so graduates can land jobs and have an edge over other applicants. This also ensures what we're teaching is what's needed in industry today, further ensuring our graduates an advantage when they enter the workforce.



Bryan Albrecht
President, Gateway Technical College

Real-world training gives Gateway grads and their ultimate employers the edge. Our business partners provide the training worksites that reinforce classroom learning. Whether Gateway students are involved in clinicals in the health industry, internships in businesses, or project-based learning in manufacturing, they learn best practices from our partners.

In turn, that knowledge is brought back to the classroom, shared, and built upon. The student graduates and enters the workforce bringing a wealth of cutting edge knowledge and skills with him or her into our community's businesses. The vibrancy of our communities' businesses is enhanced through these well-trained workers.

Community partnership with Gateway is very visible through the Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc. Area residents and businesses contribute to the Foundation's scholarship program, the development of a Gateway Center of Excellence, and other projects that enhance the College's programs.

If you are interested in partnering with Gateway by serving as a worksite for internships, becoming a member of one of our industry advisory committees, or in contributing to the Gateway Foundation, please send me a note at albrechtb@gtc.edu

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Vivian King to be keynote speaker for Martin Luther King Jr. event

Vivian King will deliver the keynote address at Gateway Technical College's 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at noon January 21 at the Madrigano Auditorium, 3520-30th Avenue, Kenosha.

This year's celebration theme is "Take a Position, Move Mountains." Doors to the event open at 11:15 a.m.

Vivian King is the director of public affairs for Roundy's Supermarkets Inc., a Milwaukee-based supermarket chain which operates 153 retail grocery including several in Southeastern Wisconsin. King spent more than 10 years at NBC affiliate WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee, where she was hired as an education reporter and later co-anchored the station's mid-day newscasts. King also worked in other TV markets but spent the majority of her career at WTMJ-TV.

King serves on several boards including the Milwaukee Urban League and Sojourner Truth House, a shelter for battered women in Milwaukee. She is a vice president of the Milwaukee chapter of the Black Public Relations Society and has served as president of the Wisconsin Black Media Association.

In addition to Vivian King's keynote address, individuals will be honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award. Candidates were nominated from Kenosha, Walworth or Racine counties and are individuals who exemplify the daily principles of Martin Luther King Jr.

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Looking to upgrade your skills? Try Gateway Technical College

Looking to upgrade your skills – or the skills of your employees?

Gateway Technical College begins its Spring 2008 classes January 16, offering the courses and degrees that support many area industries' training needs.

Choose from more than 65 career options. To learn about career training options, go to our Web site – gtc.edu – and select "Academics/Careers" near the top of the home page.

Classes and degrees are consumer friendly, set up well for the time constraints of today's student. Tuition is affordable, classes are flexible and you can graduate in two



Vivian King will be the keynote speaker at Gateway Technical College's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration noon January 21.



years.

While the training may seem short, it is intense and prepares students well with experienced instructors and hands-on training. Not only do Gateway staff members train students to be successful once they leave school, they are also committed to working with students one-on-one to ensure they are successful when they are in school, too. Whether you've just left college or are seeking a second career, staff members and student support services are there to help.

A master class schedule is available online or by calling (800) 247-7122.

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Students talk about amazing stories on their Gateway experience

Damon Menzie, 32, grew up in Racine knowing about Gateway Technical College through the college experience of friends and family. When he wanted to increase the quality of his life, he thought of Gateway first.

And he's glad he did. Caring instructors who taught him real-world career training coupled with the life skills he gained through student organizations continues to have an impact on Menzie's life.

"The most amazing part was the number of other individuals – not only instructors – who had my best interest at heart and were motivating factors. That was huge for me."

Learn about more amazing Gateway stories – and how you can begin your journey to amaze yourself – at www.gtc.edu.

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Damon Menzie increased his quality of life through a Gateway Technical College degree. Caring instructors taught him real-world career training and he learned life skills through participating in student organizations.

AT&T awards Gateway \$10,000 through grant program

There will soon be something new at Gateway Technical College's telecommunications lab, thanks to a \$10,000 AT&T Foundation grant awarded to the college in November.

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht received the grant check in November from Tricia Frost, director of external affairs, AT&T Wisconsin, at the telecommunications lab located in Gateway's Center for Advanced Technology & Innovation, 2320 Renaissance Blvd. The grant was awarded to the college through the AT&T Excelsior Competitive Technology grant program.

Albrecht thanked AT&T for the grant funding and support of the telecommunications lab. He said the grant will help the college to continue to provide the next level of an innovative training environment for Gateway students.

"Through this we will continue to provide educational training opportunities which help our graduates obtain the skills that lead to good jobs," said Albrecht.

Frost said her company strives to connect people to the world – where they work and live – better than anyone else.

"This Excelsior grant provided to Gateway Technical College is a great example of that philosophy," said Frost. "The \$10,000 grant will support the purchase of training equipment for the telecommunications lab and help students prepare to work as highly skilled technicians."

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Gateway program delivers free dental exams for children

More than 120 area children involved in the Head Start program benefited from free dental exams in November.

Gateway Technical College dental assistant students worked with four volunteer dentists at the college's dental lab.

Drs. Purnima Swearingen and Nichole Elcano performed the first round of exams and the second round by Drs. Josephine Berman and Joseph Barta. All four are from Kenosha County and volunteered their time to the exam event.



Tricia Frost, director of external affairs, AT&T Wisconsin, gives a grant check to Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht.

The \$10,000 grant will pay for new equipment in the college's telecommunications lab.



Gateway Technical College dental assistant student Kayla Koch assists dentist Dr. Nichole Elcano as she performs a dental exam on

Dental Assistant instructor Heidi Gottfried says the free exams are another example of how Gateway reaches out to give back to the community around it through the expertise of its staff and students.

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Gateway holds open house for new Haas CNC Lab

Gateway Technical College held an open house to celebrate the new Haas CNC Production Technician Lab at the Gateway's Racine Campus Technical Building, 1001 S. Main Street.

Students gave equipment demonstrations and Gateway instructors discussed the equipment, the lab and the computer numerical control (CNC) program.

The college lab will be designated as a Haas Technical Education Center. Gateway bought two CNC lathes from Haas as part of a partnership with the company that helped to produce the lab. Under that agreement, Haas will entrust two new machines to Gateway – free of cost other than shipping – that will be used to train students.

Haas will replace those machines with two new machines every two years, ensuring Gateway students the opportunity to always train on modern CNC machines.

"Students, the community and taxpayers will benefit from this," said Terrance Tower, Gateway lead instructor for the CNC production technician program.

Rory Gintert, division president of Haas Factory Outlet, a division of Gosiger Wisconsin, said the lab will create an environment that will help train students on and educate others about the newest and latest CNC machines.

"This will give the young people the opportunity to get a technical college degree using the most up-to-date CNC equipment in the manufacturing world," said Gintert.

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Guillermo Galvan at a free clinic at the college.



Gateway Technical College student, James Patt, demonstrates a CNC machine at an open house to celebrate the new Haas CNC Production Technician Lab at the Gateway's Racine Campus Technical Building, 1001 S. Main Street.

Ruby Kidd named Human Services Student of the Month

Ruby Kidd was named the November Human Services Student of the Month.

"Ruby has been a joy to have in class over the years," said Deb Reinemann, lead instructor for Gateway's Human Services program. "She is always prepared for class, ready to learn, and very willing to help others in her classes. She has been active in the Human Services Student Club over the years, helping with the Spring Dance and other service events."

Reinemann says Kidd completed her degree in December and plans to complete her bachelor's degree in human services at Upper Iowa University.

"It has been an honor to get to know Ms. Kidd throughout her studies at Gateway," says Reinemann.

Kidd said she was surprised and honored by the award.

"It was a surprise, but I appreciate it," said Kidd.

Kidd became was a factory worker at a Racine business for 15 years before the company moved its operations overseas and she was forced to look for work elsewhere. She was offered the option of receiving her training paid for under the Trade Assistance Agreement Act – and decided that was her best route.

"I am real happy with the program and myself," said Kidd.

Kidd plans to continue her education at a four-year college.

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Ruby Kidd was named the November Human Services Student of the Month. (L-R) Deb Reinemann, lead instructor for Gateway's Human Services program; Ruby Kidd; and Ken Vetrovec, Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. Executive Secretary Ken Vetrovec.

Scott Furuglyas named December Human Services Student of Month

Scott Furuglyas was named December's Human Services Student of the Month.

Furuglyas was selected as student of the month because of his willingness to go the extra mile to ensure he does well.

"He has a passion for working with children and serving families," said Deb Reinemann, lead instructor for Gateway's Human Services program. "He is really concerned that children get a good start in their lives."

"He's very highly motivated to excel and will go the extra mile. He is very conscientious, very responsible and I believe he has great potential – he will be very successful and touch a lot of people's lives."

Furuglyas interns at a Racine grade school with students having academic or social issues. He plans to graduate in May.

"I'm excited and shocked at the award," said Furuglyas. "I think it's great, especially since I came from a factory and wasn't in college at all for 15 years before I enrolled at Gateway."

"To be acknowledged is great and the whole Gateway experience has been awesome for someone who never thought they would get back to college."

Furuglyas worked at the same factory as Kidd and was offered the option of receiving his training paid for under the Trade Assistance Agreement Act.

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Scott Furuglyas was named December's Human Services Student of the Month. Furuglyas is pictured with Deb Reinemann, lead instructor for Gateway's Human Services program.