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Gateway prepared to turn challenges into opportunities

Change is the byword this month. Some is exciting and hopeful, such as a new administration in Washington. Some of the change facing us, however, such as the economy, is unsettling. Gateway is mindful of the changing landscape. Its staff and faculty are prepared to help students turn challenges and loss into opportunities. We are searching for tomorrow's jobs in emerging fields such as energy and sustainability and gearing up to provide leadership in education and career training.

We are proud to be a key element in supporting our communities through these changing times.

A technical college provides skilled training to secure solid, good-paying jobs. In the last five years, technical college graduates were much less likely to be unemployed (2 percent unemployed) than all Wisconsin workers during that time (5.1 percent unemployed).

The vast majority of jobs in Wisconsin in the next 10 years



are middle-skill or “gold collar” jobs – those requiring the technical diplomas and associate degrees provided by Wisconsin’s Technical Colleges. While bachelor’s degrees and short-term training are important, these middle-skill professionals are most important to Wisconsin’s long-term economic strength.

And while we keep our sights on the jobs of today, we also continue to look beyond that to provide training in new job markets, such as geothermal and wind power technicians.

If you have any questions or concerns about job training or emerging job markets, please feel free to contact me at albrechtb@gtc.edu.

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WGTD Radio Theater turns back clock with Hanna-Barbara cartoon production

Radio listeners were able listen in on the antics of their favorite Hanna-Barbera cartoons 11:15 a.m. Jan. 24 on WGTD.

WGTD Radio Theater broadcast its brand new, old-time radio version of “The Hanna-Barbera Cartoon Extravaganza!” All the favorites were there: Yogi and Boo Boo, Huck and Augie Doggie, Snagglepus, Quickdraw, Baba Looey. WGTD can be heard in Racine and Kenosha counties at 91.1 FM, in the Elkhorn area at 101.7 FM and in the Lake Geneva area at 103.3 FM.

The show was performed live in front of a studio audience in Gateway Technical College’s Center for Bioscience and Information Technology, on the Kenosha Campus at 3520-30th Ave.

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Bryan Albrecht
President, Gateway Technical College



Law Enforcement Academy graduates 20; next class set to begin

A total of 20 graduated from the Gateway Technical College law enforcement academy which continues to provide quality law enforcement training benefiting communities in the college district.

Burlington Police Chief Scot Eisenhower –a graduate of Gateway’s Law Enforcement associate degree program – delivered the keynote address. David Vitek earned the Highest Academic Achievement Award for this graduating class, while Ashley Dobbe and Brandon Vrchota earned the Second Highest Academic Achievement Award. Joshua Ziemke earned the Top Gun Award for best marksmanship.

The class president was Rita Breckenfeld, class treasurer was Jason Tyndall, and Ryan Hill was sergeant-at-arms.

The next academy will begin Jan. 26. Signup for the September academy has begun.

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Spring semester starts up with added opportunities

Gateway’s spring semester is underway, with some additions that will provide more opportunities to students.

In Kenosha, information technology and science courses will now be taught in the Center for Bioscience and Information Technology. New geothermal courses will begin, and revamped space at our Elkhorn Campus will allow students to take added engineering courses there. We are also remodeling space on our Racine Campus to offer students in a variety of Business-related programs a greater opportunity to work together as they might in an office, as well as space for welding and industrial maintenance programs.

The college has seen a bump in its enrollment numbers compared to the same time last year, as well. Gateway’s full-time equivalent (FTE) numbers have increased by 8 percent compared to the same time frame last year and overall, Gateway’s FTE enrollment for this academic year is up nearly 10 percent.

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For more information, or to sign up for the September academy, go to www.gtc.edu/leacademy



Information technology and science courses on the Kenosha Campus will now be taught in the Center for Bioscience and Information Technology.

Gateway holds open house, presentations on diesel technology

Gateway held a two-day open house focused on diesel engine technology and its new diesel technology program.

More than 11 speakers presented seminars on a wide array of diesel technology, service information, and biofuel topics. Eight vehicles were also on display at the event held in the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology, 4940-88th Ave.

Featured speakers and equipment included those from Snap-on Incorporated, CNH, Lakeside International Trucks, Navistar Truck Group, State of Wisconsin Office of Energy Dependence Biofuels Sector, Nexiq, Peterbilt Kenworth JX Enterprises, Volvo Aring Equipment, Truck County Freightliner, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Gateway has embarked on the first stages of its diesel technology program and will soon begin work on the 30,000-square-foot addition to the north side of the building to house the program. The new area will feature state-of-the-art diagnostic and diesel technology as well as four service bays, one large service bay, classrooms, an alternative fuels lab and a research and development lab.

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Duford receives Tenneson Memorial Scholarship

Max Duford, Kenosha, received a \$1,000 George Tenneson Memorial Scholarship, covering nearly a semester of his Automotive Technology education at Gateway Technical College.

"The instructors are amazing and the students all work together," says Duford. "We share what we learn and keep getting better. The top of the line, cutting edge equipment and tools are equally amazing. The (Gateway Technical College) Horizon Center is the place to be to become an Automotive Technician."

The scholarship was presented by Ken Vetrovec, Executive Director of the Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc. and Jim Angelici, Foundation board member. The George Tenneson Memorial Scholarship was established when Gateway's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology opened in September of 2007. The scholarship is named for



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longtime Kenosha professional technician George Tennesen. It will benefit continuing students pursuing an automotive education at Gateway Technical College.

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Harris, Arteaga honored at Martin Luther King Jr. celebration

Two area residents were honored at Gateway Technical College's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Jan. 19. Pastor William Harris, Kenosha, and Saul Arteaga, Delavan, were honored at the 15th annual event for exemplifying the daily principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Harris is the project director for the Frank Neighborhood School Project, a co-pastor of Gospel Chapel church, founder and pastor of Root of Jesus Christian Ministries, and works as a youth activities director at Frank School. Arteaga, Delavan, founded Southern Wisconsin Translation and Interpreting Services in 2002. He serves and works with several groups representing his company as well as service to the community.

This year's celebration theme was "Stewards of Change – Portraits of Peace."

Three guest speakers were featured: Charlie Daniel, education director for Minority Student Participation & Retention and Displaced Homemakers programs for Wisconsin's Technical Colleges; Sue Hollow, co-director of Peace Learning Circles of Kenosha & Racine; and Kevin Ingram, director of the Wisconsin Educational Opportunities Programs and Office of Urban Education for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

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Gateway looking to generate wind power technician program

Gateway is considering the creation of a new program in torque technology for the wind power generation industry. A new national torque certification will be modeled after Gateway's rollout of Snap-on's automotive diagnostics certification program.

As part of the initiative, Gateway has begun to train instructors, develop training labs, and recruit students to meet growing employment demands.



For more information, go to
<http://www.gtc.edu/humanitarian>



Snap-on Inc., in cooperation with Gateway and Lakeshore Technical College, in January sponsored a national summit to study the immediate needs of the wind industry. Gateway's goal is to provide the torque training and leverage the Wisconsin innovation to support communities throughout the nation. An increasing demand for wind turbines has created the demand for technicians to service those machines.

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Geothermal program begins to heat up

Gateway will begin to offer its geothermal technician courses in February to help train professionals in this emerging career field, the first technical college to do so in the nation.

GeoExchange courses have begun and will continue through May, outlining the basics of GeoExchange and geothermal technician courses. Geothermal energy using geoechange technology uses the heat of the earth to heat and cool homes and commercial buildings.

Demand for installers and qualified geoechange technicians will rise as the popularity for this technology increases. Gateway is the first college in the state to offer this certification.

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Gateway to hold seminars for small businesses

Gateway Technical College began its three-part series on how business leaders can strategically develop their business in a changing business landscape.

The series, which began Jan. 22 and ends Feb. 19, will provide the tools for small business owners to build a framework to grow their business and plan for the future. The cost is \$10 per person, per seminar, and includes a \$10 voucher to be applied to a Profiles International assessment tool.

All seminars will be presented by Bill Matelski from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation, 2320 Renaissance Blvd., Sturtevant. Seminars include:

Jan. 22: "Strategic Competencies for the Small Business"



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To register, call (262) 741-8518 or e-mail
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Feb. 5: "Increasing Productivity Through Employee Engagement"

Feb. 19: "Small Business Leadership"

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New call center technology means better student customer service

Gateway initiated a new phone system feature called automatic call distributor to better meet the needs of returning -- as well as potential new -- students.

The call distributor technology provides increased customer service now and into the future. During periods of high caller volume, the system directs calls throughout the district where Student Services associates can better answer the phone and any questions the caller may have for them.

The result is more calls being answered and students' needs being met, decreasing the probability of being put on hold for long periods or needing to leave a message and wait for a return call. The new routing capability also allows Gateway to better report on call data and offer better customers service. A total of 8,766 calls were handled by Student Services associates from Jan. 5 through Jan. 23.

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Gateway, Burlington talk about Partnership at state convention

Gateway President Bryan Albrecht along with Burlington School District Superintendent Ron Jandura and Burlington High School Principal Barbara Kopack-Hill talked about partnerships forged between the college, district and high school, at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards' state convention.

The three spoke about the innovative partnerships and how the structure brings new opportunities for students, the community, the college, district and high school. The learning campus partnerships are dedicated to education, wellness, and recreation within a shared community campus structure. The partnerships expand students' learning opportunities at Gateway and the high school.

The partnership began 10 years ago and has continued to grow in strength and added means to impact the



Gateway President Bryan Albrecht, Burlington High School Principal Barbara Kopack-Hill, and Burlington District Superintendent Ron Jandura.

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community. Not only does it help students, but it helps tax dollars to go even further because of the synergies of the partnership.

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Gateway Foundation seeks nominations for annual Distinguished Alumni award

Do you know of a Gateway graduate who has gone on to do outstanding work in their community or career? If so, then why not nominate them for the Distinguished Alumni Award? The Gateway Foundation Inc. has begun accepting nominations for this annual award.

The award is presented to Gateway Technical College graduates who have achieved at an exemplary level of excellence in their field, made significant contributions to that field and exhibit outstanding leadership, character, and service. It is awarded during commencement ceremonies in May.

The Foundation also presents a \$250 Distinguished Alumni scholarship to a deserving Gateway student during the annual scholarship program in November. Letters of nomination, along with the candidate's resume or curriculum vitae are due in the Foundation office by March 6.

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Inspiration grants to provide added opportunities for college

Learning about global networking, webcam technology, and biotechnology are just a few of the opportunities that will be provided to students through recently awarded Inspiration Grants through the Gateway Foundation Inc.

Eight Inspiration Grants were awarded that will provide these added opportunities for a number of projects. Inspiration grants support faculty, individuals, and clubs that come up with new ideas to enhance the students' Gateway experience.

The grants included:

- An effort to start an online community that allows students to develop their own personal Web sites in a server provided by the grant.



Nomination forms can be found on Gateway's Web site at www.gtc.edu/foundation.

For more information, please contact foundation president Ken Vetrovec at (262) 564-2866.



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- An effort to initiate marketing of a distance learning diabetes education course aimed at professionals.
- An initiative to allow engineering and information technology students a chance to participate in a joint project with a Canadian college and attend the 2009 Belden Technical Forum.
- A program to offer two additional pre-college courses deemed to be the most beneficial to those incarcerated at the Kenosha County Jail.
- An effort to develop and implement an initial project to promote teaching excellence among health occupations adjunct faculty.
- A program to enhance Gateway's international exchange program with webcam technology.
- An effort to install a video display to highlight the history of nursing at Gateway.
- Set up a Gateway Science Day to introduce high school and college students to Biotechnology through a hands-on laboratory-based scientific process.

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