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Gateway serves record numbers of students

There is nothing more important that increasing your knowledge and skills in a tight economy and at Gateway, students are realizing that at record numbers. To date the college is seeing a 23 percent increase in fulltime students compared to last year’s 9 percent increase at the same time.

As we work to provide increased services for our students, we are also working to diversify the type of training programs we offer. New programs in green technology, computer gaming technology, and health care are leading the way. Online programming is also up about 25 percent.

This year we will be adding new online programs in graphic communications, business, information technology and accounting. To keep our students competitive in the changing job market we too must stay innovative in our offerings.

New programs that support emerging industries are currently being developed in water technology, solar technology, urban farming, energy management and geothermal well drilling these, along with the 60 current programs will position our graduates as having the skills and experiences to meet employers’ needs for a changing job market.

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Secretary Gassman highlights torque certification at Horizon Center

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary Roberta Gassman highlighted Gov. Jim Doyle’s clean energy jobs package while visiting Gateway’s Horizon Center for Transportation Technology.

Secretary Gassman highlighted wind energy job opportunities while at the Horizon Center, where Gateway has partnered with Snap-on Tools Incorporated train workers to build and maintain wind turbines. The need for precision bolting techniques and torque knowledge is needed in the wind industry to increase safety, cut down on equipment failure and bolster productivity. The industry has identified a need to increase this knowledge among its professionals.

Gateway instructor shows Department of Workforce Development Secretary Roberta Gassman how to use a wrench to take part in a torque testing procedure at a presentation at the Horizon Center.

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Secretary Gassman also toured the construction site of the Advanced Propulsion Center being added onto the Horizon Center.

Advanced Propulsion Center on target for May ribbon cutting

The Advanced Propulsion Center addition to the Horizon Center for Transportation Technology is on schedule for a mid-May ribbon cutting.

The addition will provide opportunities for students and industry workers to train on the latest in diesel technology as well as equipment focused on sustainable transportation industries. Gateway broke ground on the 12,800-square-foot addition in August of 2009 to the north side of the Horizon Center.

The facility will house courses for the college’s Diesel Technology programs, diesel diagnostics certification industry workshops and torque training for the wind industry.

CNH donates tractor training simulator to diesel program

Case New Holland (CNH) donated a Case 5130 farm tractor training unit to Gateway which will prepare students to diagnose simple as well as complex hydraulic and electrical system problems.

The tractor was used as an actual training unit for professionals in the field before being donated to Gateway. The unit will serve as an excellent training tool for Diesel Technology students.

The unit will be one of the main pieces of training equipment to be used in the Advanced Propulsion Training Facility which will house Gateway’s Diesel Technology program, slated to begin in Fall 2010.
Kloss grants to help students in several programs

Gateway Technical College received two grants that will help students achieve academic and occupational success. The Kloss Family Foundation awarded Gateway $50,000 in support of retraining dislocated workers. This grant will support students in boot camp and Smart Career Restart courses.

A second grant of $15,000 will be used to support youth urban gardening through our Horticulture program. Both grants support the Gateway's Foundation in its mission to provide scholarships to enhance student success.

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Kohl leadership helps Gateway receive federal monetary award

Leadership efforts by Sen. Herb Kohl (D-Wis.) have helped Gateway Technical College to receive $500,000 as part of the Fiscal 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Bill for job training, education, and health care initiatives in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The money will be used on the Kenosha Campus to expand Gateway’s Surgical Technology and Dental Assistant labs, as well as adding newer equipment that mimics the working environment students will work in upon graduation.

Space was freed up for the remodeling when biology classes moved to another building.

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Albrecht appointed to NOCTI board

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht has been elected as a trustee for the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) Board of Trustees.

The NOCTI Consortium of States elected Albrecht as trustee-elect and his term officially began January 1 and ends Dec. 31, 2013.

“It is a privilege to represent career and technical education professionals as a member of the NOCTI Board of Trustees,” said Albrecht. “Student success is essential to our mission at Gateway and aligning our courses and
program outcomes with national assessment strategies ensures that our students remain competitive in the global workplace."

NOCTI is a leading provider of high-quality occupational competency assessment products and services to secondary and post-secondary educational institutions in the United States and around the world. Gateway provides NOCTI career and skills assessments for many of its occupational and certificate programs.

Gateway featured in Washington-based Workforce Strategy Center report

Gateway was featured as a national leading college by the Washington D.C.-based Workforce Strategy Center in their “Employers, Low-Income Young Adults, and Post-Secondary Credentials” publication.

The publication featured Gateway’s boot camp learning concept, the partnerships forged with community and business partners, and the impact it has had in the area community. The Workforce Strategy Center works with education, workforce development, and economic development strategies to help students and workers succeed and regional economies grow.

Gateway partners with Boys Scouts to promote 100th anniversary

Gateway Technical College sponsored the national day of celebration to honor the 100 years of Scouting as well as the 100-year dinner and recognition program.

Gateway President Bryan Albrecht serves as the vice president of Marketing for the Southeast Wisconsin Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

In a radio interview on Gateway's WGTD, Scout Leader Tom Turpin recognized Gateway’s longtime commitment to the ideas of Scouting.
Gateway board approves Racine Campus lakefront project

Gateway Board of Trustees members voted to move forward with a remodeling of key areas to the Racine Campus. Work is expected to be completed by July.

The work will include putting in a sitting cement staircase leading up from the parking lot to the center rear entrance of the Lake Building, as well as putting in a new walking staircase next to it. Gradual walkways will be added leading up from the parking lot to the rear of the building, where the entryway on the east side of the building will be moved more to the center of the building and remodeled.

Windows will be installed on a passageway leading from the Lake Building to the Technical Building to allow for a view of Lake Michigan, and bring in light to that area. A student-fee supported student activity center will be remodeled out of existing space in the Lake Building in what is now a mail room. The makeup of that space will be determined by a student-led committee.

Elkhorn campus remodeling student center

Gateway is in the early stages of planning remodeling work to the Student Services area of its Elkhorn Campus to better meet the needs of students seeking to enroll at the college and register for classes.

Remodeling work would expand and reconfigure the current Student Services layout to one that is more conducive to enrollment needs and better serve students.
Gateway honors Cohen, Drescher at Martin Luther King Jr. event

Bishop Elliott K. Cohen of Racine and Jim Drescher of Lake Geneva received the 2010 Gateway Technical College Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award.

The two were selected for exemplifying the daily principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and were honored at Gateway's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. Cohen is the pastor and founder of Abundant Life Christian Center and executive director of Project New Life, CDC, both in Racine. Drescher is the owner of the Drescher Charitable Family Foundation of Lake Geneva.

The celebration featured keynote speaker Jeremy D. Ponds, a national civil rights activist and motivational speaker. Ponds is the youngest member on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference National Board of Directors and is the SCLC Collegiate Organizer.

WGTD Radio Theater features Bob Hope show

The award-winning WGTD Radio Theater produced "The New Bob Hope Show: A Holiday Salute to Our Troops," a show patterned along the same lines as Hope’s USO shows.

Theater officials dedicated the show to veterans and current members of the military and their families. The show was written by Steven Brown and Michael Ullstrup and Don Jensen directed the production.

The show was broadcast will be made from the Madrigrano Auditorium of the Conference Center on the Kenosha Campus.

Medtec donates ambulance training cab for HERO Center

Medtec has donated a field ambulance to Gateway to be used in EMS training at the HERO Center scheduled to be open this summer.

In addition to having an actual field ambulance now set up as a training environment for off campus training, a second donated ambulance box will be used in the bay area of the new facility. With that, students will be able to simulate and
train on the entire process of handling a patient in a simulated situation, taking them to the ambulance, working on them in the ambulance and then simulated taking them off the vehicle and into the hospital.

Medtec Ambulance Corporation is a leading manufacturer of custom ambulances.

Gateway Law Enforcement Academy graduates 21

A total of 21 graduated from the Gateway Technical College law enforcement academy which continues to provide quality law enforcement training benefiting communities in the college district.

Scott Schmidt earned the Highest Academic Achievement Award for this graduating class, while Brenna Pagel earned the Second Highest Academic Achievement Award. Matthew Johnson earned the Top Gun Award for best marksmanship.

The next academy will begin Feb. 1, with an expected graduation of May 11. Signup for the September academy has begun.

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