The Importance of Water

Living in Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties provides us with one of our planet’s most valuable resources – clean water.

There are so many beautiful lakes that provide sustenance, recreation, and an anchor for our economy.

Recently Gateway signed an articulation agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to provide education and training in clean water careers. The agreement can be found online at www.gtc.edu/articulation. (See story, “Gateway - UW-Parkside Agreement”)

More importantly is our commitment to you, the citizens and businesses in Southeastern Wisconsin, to protect our clean water resources through a well educated and trained workforce. So the next time you take a drink of water or jump in the lake for a swim, take a minute to think about how you might help share the news about the importance of water.
Gateway a partner in $6 million Economic Dev. Admin. Grant

Gateway Technical College is one of nine partners in a $5.9 million U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to administer the Auto Adjustment Entrepreneurial Support Initiative. The grant will provide comprehensive entrepreneurial support to entrepreneurs and existing businesses in the six county region of Southeastern Wisconsin and North-Central Illinois.

"On behalf of the Gateway community, I am pleased to recognize the U.S. Economic Development Agency’s investment in Southeastern Wisconsin," says Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht. “The EDA grant will enhance the entrepreneurial programming and development of student and employer outreach within our community."

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HERO Center set to open in September

Gateway Technical College will open its Health and Emergency Responder Occupations (HERO) Center this Fall, a state-of-the-art facility that will provide even more opportunities for students and working professionals to receive realistic, hands-on training in emergency services.

Firefighting and EMS professionals will benefit from the 8,700 square foot addition to the Burlington facility.

Gateway will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 3 which will be open to the public. Doors open at 10:30am. The 11:00am ceremony will include the dedication of the HERO Center Monument, followed by tours of the new facility.

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Foundation purchases property for Sustainable Living Center

The Gateway Technical College Foundation, Inc. purchased five acres of property located just behind the Conference Center on the Kenosha Campus. Gateway is leasing the property from the Foundation to be used as a Sustainable
Living Center.

The property has a house, garage, and an outbuilding that will all be used for training and environmental science education. This commitment to sustainable living will serve as a cornerstone for future program expansion in Horticulture, Geothermal Exchange Technology, and other “green” career related programs. A comprehensive plan for the Center will be developed by Gateway with input from community organizations.

Horizon Center hosts statewide auto training

High school and college automotive instructors received training in automotive technology at the Team Wisconsin Summer Training Institute at Gateway’s Horizon Center for Transportation Technology, Kenosha. The Foundation of the Wisconsin Automotive & Truck Dealers Association directed the institute, in place since 2000.

Much of the training focused on advanced automotive technologies, alternative fuel and advanced propulsion technologies, as well as curriculum development and delivery best practices. Training sessions for the four-day seminar included Snap-on training for students, advanced propulsion vehicles, diesel training, and seminars from representatives of individual manufacturers on the newest and most cutting-edge equipment and vehicles.

Gateway hosts community auto clinic

Gateway Technical College held its first Gearheads Car Care Clinic, a free community seminar aimed at giving attendees the skills to perform basic car maintenance and safety procedures.

Attendees, women from the tri-county area, noted that they wanted to learn some level of vehicle maintenance skills so they could perform the procedures themselves or become more informed car and truck owners.

Gateway instructors provided attendees with the training to change oil, tires, fuses, and windshield wipers, as well as how to properly read their owner’s manual, apply windshield protectorant, check fluid levels, and headlight procedures.
Gateway, NC3 host national train-the-trainer event

Instructors from around the country traveled to Gateway Technical College as part of a national train-the-trainer event sponsored by the NC3-National Coalition of Certification Centers and hosted at the college’s Horizon Center for Transportation Technology.

Event instructors delivered the nationally recognized Snap-on Incorporated train-the-trainer curriculum, which provided attendees with training in the latest automotive diagnostic platforms, torque technology methods, as well as cutting-edge training in the new diesel technology curriculum.

Instructors who attended the training sessions are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and course materials to train students and automotive professionals in their local communities. Through integration of industry-driven certification programs into their curriculum, colleges across the country were provided standardized world-class training to advance the skills of technicians nationally.

Gateway, Snap-on to deliver training internationally

Higher Education for Development (HED) announced, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the U.S. Department of Education, that Gateway, one of only four grant recipients, will deliver a train-the-trainer program in partnership with Snap-on Incorporated, and the Oujda, Morocco, technical college of Ecole Superieure de Technologie Oujda.

Gateway and its partners will deliver training to instructors in Morocco to train students and automotive technicians on Snap-on vehicle diagnostic equipment.

The Gateway partnership was chosen by a peer review panel and selected because they “promote capacity building in education.”
Zina Haywood receives statewide award

Gateway Technical College Vice President/Provost Zina Haywood has been honored with the 2010 Eagle Management Leadership Award from the Wisconsin Technical Colleges Instructional Services Administrators.

“This award symbolizes the leadership Zina not only provides for our college, but also for the Wisconsin Technical College System,” said Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht.

Haywood began her Gateway career in 2000 as Vice President-Student Services, a position she held until 2003, when she was named Vice President-Racine Campus. She was named to her current position in 2006.

Gateway students take honors at electronics conference

Five Gateway Electronics students passed a national certified electronics technician exam at the Midwest Regional Summer Service Conference in Peoria, Ill.

James Gallup, Tim Matsubayashi, Mike Mohrbacker, Nick Perse, and John Strege passed the two-hour exam. The group, and three other Gateway students, interacted and gained career skills at the National Electronics Service Dealers Association professional development conference. They were provided cutting-edge electronics training on equipment from a number of different manufacturers.

In addition, the National Electronics Service Dealers Association / International Society of Certified Electronics Technicians has offered to sponsor Matsubayashi and Strege to their national convention based on their performance at the regional event.

WGTD wins State Bar of Wisconsin Award

Gateway Technical College’s WGTD was one of two media outlets in Wisconsin that won a “Golden Gavel” award this year from the State Bar of Wisconsin for contributing “to the public understanding of our system of law and justice.”

“From Tinker to Starr to Bong Hits for Jesus” was the title
of an “Education Matters” program on WGTD that explored various court decisions over the years that dealt with student rights.

The program was produced by WGTD’s Steve Brown, and co-hosted by Brown and Howard Bultinck, a Northeastern Illinois University Professor of School Administration. Brown also teaches in the University’s Education Department.

“Education Matters” is a weekly radio broadcast in Southeastern Wisconsin devoted to the discussion of educational issues.

Gateway, UW-Parkside agreement allows ‘green’ programs transfer

Gateway Technical College and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside signed an agreement July 1 giving students graduating in two “green” career areas at Gateway expanded educational and career opportunities.

The agreement provides pathways for associate degree graduates in two Gateway programs to transfer their credits to UW-Parkside and continue their education. The Gateway programs are Civil Engineering Technology-Fresh Water Resources and Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technology-Geoexchange Technology.

“We are proud to continue to meet our communities’ need for multiple educational partnerships,” said Gateway President Bryan Albrecht. “The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is a very important educational partner. Together, we can offer improved options for our students in these emerging green career areas.”

“Today’s agreement between Gateway Technical College and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside continues an educational relationship that has benefitted students in Southeastern Wisconsin for decades. What makes this new initiative so exciting is the collaboration with the Milwaukee Water Council,” said UW-Parkside Chancellor Deborah Ford.

CATI Inc. programming to be transitioned to Gateway

CATI Inc. program and service delivery will transition to Gateway Technical College on Dec. 31, which will strengthen the business development outreach services of For more information, contact davidsond@gtc.edu, (262) 564-3422
Gateway currently provides outreach services through its Workforce and Economic Development Division (WEDD), and this will allow for increased connection to students and private business entrepreneurs as well as heightened business development opportunities.

The transition of CATI Inc. programming to Gateway will provide services for businesses and entrepreneurs. While the services will be primarily provided by Gateway, the college will continue to call on partners, including the Racine Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC), UW-Parkside, Racine County Workforce Development Center, and Carthage College to provide CATI-related services when needed.

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