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## Building bridges

As we celebrate the graduation season I am reminded of all the bridges to occupational success that have been built through Gateway.

Gateway graduates are well prepared for the challenging careers that await them as they cross the educational bridge to their future. Supportive instructors, challenging courses and skill building business experiences all serve as the trusses that support student success. As a community we should be proud of all those that continue to use education as a path to personal growth and community strength.

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## World Trade Center I-beam presented to Gateway

Gateway Technical College has been presented a World Trade Center national artifact in tribute of the 9-11 terrorist attacks in New York. This national artifact was presented to Gateway by the New York and New Jersey Port Authority as a tribute to the men and women who lost their lives in the collapse World Trade Center.

The steel I-beam from one of the collapsed towers measures approximately 3 feet in length and 14 inches in diameter. Gateway will have the I-beam on display along with the national proclamation throughout the district May through July. On July 12th Gateway will celebrate its 100th anniversary on the Racine Campus where the I-beam will be then transferred to Burlington to be permanently mounted on a specially designed monument in front of Gateway's HERO center.

The monument "On Eagles Wings" was designed by Gateway instructor Mike Skender and crafted by Gateway welding students. Gateway supports, educates and trains fire and rescue professionals for volunteer and professional



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fire stations.

"The entire Gateway community is honored to be selected to receive such an inspirational nation treasure. As our country continues to heal even after ten years from the devastation of 9-11 the I-beam artifact will serve as a reminder of the courage and sacrifice men and women in our community make to keep us safe at home and abroad," said Bryan Albrecht, president of Gateway.

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## Hitting historic high enrollment figure

For the first time in its 100-year history, Gateway Technical College has reached a record enrollment of 6,100 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. Annually, Gateway serves about 25,000 students and many are enrolled part-time.

Gateway has engaged in several measures to meet the needs of students and the community. The implementation of a year-round, three-semester academic year has contributed to the record enrollment. Course sections were added, faculty members were hired in crucial areas, and Internet student registration was improved, all adding to the recent enrollment success.

"With 180,000-plus credits being earned in career and technical fields, the workforce in Southeastern Wisconsin is directly benefiting from Gateway's degree and certificate programs," said Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht.

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## Gateway to offer Lean Six Sigma Green Belt

Gateway Technical College will offer Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, the standard of measure for world-class quality among public and private-sector companies.

The class will provide 48 hours of classroom instruction, 40 hours of online instruction and 12 hours individual coaching. Topics to be covered include value stream mapping, an overview of the Lean Enterprise, the DMAIC process – which is used for projects aimed at improving an existing business process – and completion and reporting of individual workplace improvement projects, to name a few.

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professional development. The first series in the spring and summer program begins May 16.

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## Community benefits from Celebrate Earth Day event

More than 1,000 community members benefited from Gateway Technical College's annual communitywide Celebrate Earth Day event on April 16 at the Kenosha Campus.

The popular celebration included environmentally friendly, hands-on demonstrations and informational opportunities.

The first 750 families received a free reusable grocery bag, courtesy of event sponsor, Snap-on Incorporated. Coneflower plants were given away and attendees benefited from the skills and information delivered at the event.

Event highlights included Gateway's new green living demonstration space at the Center for Sustainable Living, informational booths and Green Market. There was something for the entire family including children's activities, computer data removal, green workshops, recycling and a refashion show.

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## Gateway Foundation to hold Centennial Scramble golf outing

Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. will hold its annual golf outing May 26 at Kenosha Country Club to raise money to increase opportunities for Gateway students. This year's event is called the Centennial Scramble to celebrate Gateway's 100th anniversary as the first technical college in America.

The event includes a helicopter golf ball drop at 5:30 p.m., with the winner taking home \$2,000. The event includes lunch, dinner, complimentary soda and water at select holes, 18 holes of golf, golf balls, a goody bag, greens fee, cart, a ticket for the golf ball drop and prizes. Dinner-only tickets and group sponsorship tickets are also available. Reservations are due May 19.

To donate prizes, become a sponsor or for more information, contact Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. Executive Director Jean Heyduck.



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## Gateway Interior Design students take honors at state event

Gateway Technical College student Jodi Nelson took third place in Residential Design, First Year, while fellow student Damaris Ramos captured second place in the History of Furniture exam and third place in the Textiles exam category at the Wisconsin Technical College System Interior Design Competition held in April.

Students were required to execute a project scenario and were given several finish samples to choose from and three hours to create a plan and presentation board. Design solutions were then judged by industry professionals.

Competitions such as these prepare students with simulated design situations and experiences that give them an advantage as they seek employment in their career field. For more information, please contact Rita Serpe.

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## Gateway Technical College collegiate DECA wins top state award

Nine students from the Gateway Marketing and Management Association/Delta Epsilon Chi captured first place and the collegiate student organization took first place overall for the sixth straight year at the 50th annual Wisconsin Collegiate DECA Competitive Events Conference held in March in Madison.

Alex Calder, Jessica Chase, Nick Mercier, Jason Holland, Jean Kohloff, Alex Nelson, Kyle Herzog, Tim Lasco and Harold Coots received first place honors. Students were judged by business professionals from across the state.

Bryan Albrecht, Gateway's President, and instructor Pat Smoody were presented the 2011 William E. Marotz Citation Award, given to those who have shown superior support, leadership and guidance for Wisconsin Collegiate DECA. Smoody was also the recipient of the 2011 David G. Hague Advisor of the Year Award.

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## Gateway AITP students take first place at nationals

The Gateway Technical College student team of Joe Bergles and Adam Korbas brought home first place at the 16th Annual Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) National Collegiate Conference. A total of 20 Gateway students and four faculty members attended the March event in Orlando, Fla.

The team of Korbas and Bergles competed against 25 other teams and took first place in the Visual Studio.Net Developer competition. In addition, a number of Gateway students earned honorable mentions and ACP and Microsoft MTA certifications.

Computer professionals from across the nation help judge these events, and are able to share their expertise with students. Competitions such as these prepare students for their career and give them an edge over other job-seekers as they enter the workforce.

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## Gateway hosts annual Deaf Culture Day

Gateway Technical College's student group, The Silent Connection, hosted the Ninth Annual Deaf Culture Day on April 19 at Gateway's Elkhorn Campus.

The event featured American Sign Language storytellers, the Sing Song Troupe from the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, a deaf history presentation and even a game of Jeopardy.

The annual event was held to honor deaf culture in America and to bring hearing and deaf cultures together. Organizers hope the event will continue to increase education and awareness of deaf culture.

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## Gateway opens Center for Sustainable Living

Gateway held an official opening ceremony for its Center for Sustainable Living -- located just west of the Conference Center on the Kenosha Campus -- as part of its Celebrate Earth Day event April 16.

Featured in the center is a "green" room created by Interior Design students which features repurposed furnishings and finishes that promote sustainable and green design. Their work was done through the Gateway course called Interior Material, Finishes, and Products

The room features repurposed furnishings and finishes that promote sustainable and green design. A number of furniture pieces that have been repurposed include: a desk (made from an entry door that came from the instructor's home and donated after a renovation) a tile display sample, transformed into a side table, side chairs that were once used at Gateway's Kenosha campus in the 70s and after being replaced in the late 90s they found a new home in the community.

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## Albrecht speaks at national economic forum

Bryan Albrecht, NC3 chairman and Gateway Technical College president, discussed education and industry partnership at the 2011 Federal Economic Forum hosted by the International Economic Development Council in Alexandria, Va. The forum focused on the emerging importance of partnerships in federal economic development policy.

NC3 is the product of an innovative collaborative approach to partnership between education and industry. The IEDC provides a platform for sustainable business and education partnerships.

"The forum was an important event for NC3 to be represented at in the discussion of economic development partnerships," said Albrecht.

The three-day forum examined the role that innovative partnerships between multiple public, private, and non-profit actors will play in ensuring geographic and national competitiveness.

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## Gateway hosts job fairs

Gateway's Elkhorn Campus and Racine Campus recently hosted job fairs, offering job-seekers opportunities to meet with employers and apply for openings with those businesses. Gateway partnered with area workforce agencies to host the job fairs.

The well-attended fairs provided a one-stop place for individuals seeking employment in a range of industries.

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## Students seeking ELL, basic skills courses need to register

Gateway Technical College will offer English Language Learner (ELL), General Educational Development (GED), High School Equivalency Diploma, and basic skills improvement and adult basic education courses this summer and fall. Students seeking to enroll in must first register for orientation in person at one of several Gateway locations.

New students must attend a six-hour orientation course before enrolling in the program. Orientations will be May 17-May 18 on the Kenosha, Racine or Elkhorn campuses or Burlington Center. Summer semester classes begin the week of May 22.

Prospective students must provide photo identification when they enroll to show that they are a state resident. Those who do not have photo identification may prove residency with other documents. Non-residents are welcome to enroll, but must pay out-of-state tuition. In-state tuition is free, but there is a cost for the book.

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## Gateway students take honors at statewide culinary competition

Sheresa Bailey and Anthony Brkovic took home bronze medals in the cold plate entry competition at the Wisconsin Restaurant Expo 2011's College Culinary Competition. The cold food competition was held in Milwaukee in early March.

Industry professionals judge the student entries based on appearance, presentation and creativity. Students must



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explain how they prepared the dishes and provide a recipe.

It is an opportunity for students to gain real-life experience developing dishes under the scrutiny of seasoned professionals.

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## Gateway group hosts floral design show

The Gateway Technical College Chapter of the Student American Institute of Floral Designers (SAIFD) hosted a floral design presentation featuring Bob Frieze, creator and host of Nature's Creative Edge. All proceeds from the event went to the Gateway SAIFD chapter for the advancement of education for students.

The presentation, "Nature Inspired Floral Designs," was held in the Madrigano Auditorium of the Conference Center on the Kenosha Campus. Frieze is the well-known floral designer who produces Nature's Creative Edge, a spectacular outdoor floral design exhibit in Fruitport, Mich.

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## State Rep. Peter Barca joined "Whad Ya' Know?" broadcast

State Rep. Peter Barca joined Michael Feldman on stage in Kenosha for the April 16 broadcast of "Whad Ya' Know?" hosted by WGTD – licensed to Gateway Technical College – and Wisconsin Public Radio.

The event was sponsored in part by Gateway Technical College, celebrating its 100th anniversary – the first of its kind in the nation and Jockey International.

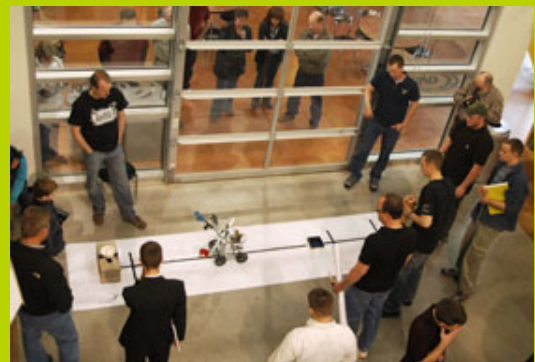
The show combined comedy, music, interviews, and the audience-favorite, the Whad'Ya Know? Quiz.

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## Gateway teams bring home honors in robotics competition

Gateway Technical College students took one first-place and two third-place honors at the Fifth Annual Wisconsin Technical College System robotics competition hosted by Gateway on April 16.

The Gateway team Stark Enterprises took first place in the design presentation competition portion of the event. The



team consisted of students Bryon Kasun, Tim Matsubayashi, Nick Perse, Justin Steffen and John Strege. The Gateway team Mechies placed third in the design presentation, consisting of students Tim Schoeppe, Scott Fischer, Matthew Grulich, Chris Fincutter and Zachary Clark.

The Gateway team Dirty ½ Dozen took third in the timed task competition portion of the event, consisting of students Luke Kosterman, Jake Speckman, Nathan Proulx, MaryBeth Dawley and Beth Harris.

Technical college students from across the state competed at the event.

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## **Gateway, Dremel partner for annual Pinewood Derby event**

Gateway for the fourth straight year teamed up with Dremel Inc. to run the Pinewood Derby, a hands-on way for engineering students to learn.

The derby was held at Gateway's Center for Advanced Technology & Innovation. Teams of mechanical engineering and engineering students had a little more than two hours to carve and build their pinewood car using Dremel tools, making sure to adhere to all Pinewood Derby race rules.

The partnership between the college and Dremel helps students apply their engineering and design principles in a hands-on and fun way and allows Dremel to continue its effort to partner with colleges.

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## **Gateway hosts Junior Achievement Business Challenge at Racine, Kenosha**

Gateway Technical College hosted Junior Achievement Business Challenges at its Racine and Kenosha campuses in March.

The challenge allowed 31 three-member teams from area high schools to become executive teams for the day through an interactive, Web-based simulated business strategy tournament. High-schoolers gain a first-hand look at how to run a business as they work with area business professionals for the competition.

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Guest speakers also provide business insight and direction to the students.

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## Gateway opens tour of historic display

A historic display commemorating Gateway's 100 years as an institution and as the first technical college in America has begun its tour of the Gateway Technical College District at the atrium of the college's Elkhorn Campus, 400 County Road H.

The large, circular display provides an insight into the images and impact Gateway has had on the communities it serves through education and being a key player in the area's economic engine.

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## Bryan Albrecht speaks at international development conference

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht spoke at the 35th Annual Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) conference recently. His presentation focused on Gateway's role in developing an automotive diagnostics training program for the college of Ecole Supérieure Technologie in Morocco. Along with Snap-on Incorporated, Seattle Community College and Francis Tuttle Career Center in Oklahoma, Gateway has been developing the automotive diagnostic training program.

"This opportunity places Gateway and the NC3 partners as a leader in workforce training throughout the world," said Albrecht. "I'm pleased and honored to continue to talk about the Gateway story and the need to provide opportunities for international partnerships through higher education."

The CCID is recognized by the Association for Global Education as the leader in international partnerships for students. The conference was held in Orlando, Fla. and drew participants from 15 countries.

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## Future First Seminar Held at Gateway's New Center for Sustainable Living

Gateway Technical College's Center for Sustainable Living will offer a course in small wind feasibility as part of its Future First series, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 19 at Gateway's Center for Sustainable Living on the Kenosha Campus, 3520-30th Ave.

The seminar will provide information for those considering adding small wind energy generation units onto their property, including site, obstacles, environmental impact and more.

Interested individuals can register online through Web Advisor at [www.gtc/webadvisor](http://www.gtc/webadvisor) and select "Professional Development." The attendance fee is \$10.

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## Gateway Technical College dean's list for the Fall 2010

Gateway is has announced the list of students named to the dean's list for the Fall 2010 semester. Students achieving a 3.75 or better grade point average with a class load of 6 or more credit hours are eligible for this distinction.

Gateway's dean's list is an opportunity to recognize the determination, dedication, and effort necessary to attain the highest level of academic success. The dean's list is a semester-by-semester honor given to students who attend Gateway Technical College.

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