HEALTHY ADVICE
Make the most of upcoming job fair

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Students looking for work in the health care field or looking to take the next step in health care education are encouraged to attend an Oct. 24 job fair. The event is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Madrigano Auditorium on the Kenosha Campus. It is open to students and the public.

The job fair will feature area employers as well as representatives from four-year colleges, who will provide information for students wishing to pursue a bachelor’s degree in a health care field.

Gateway Technical College career counselor Sheri Eisch offered advice to students so they can take full advantage of the job fair.

It’s key to make a good first impression with potential employers. Students should come prepared with a current resume and dressed appropriately in clothing that is a step above casual wear, Eisch said. Blue jeans are discouraged and children should stay at home, she said.

“(When) visiting employer tables, go alone because you want individual attention,” Eisch suggested.

Job fair attendees should have a 30-second verbal introduction ready. An introduction should include your name, experience, education and one of your top job skills, Eisch said.

Students should work on becoming comfortable and confident with presenting their skills to potential employers. If possible, students should find out in advance which companies will be at the job fair and do some research before the event, Eisch said.

The people who make the best impressions at job fairs are those who are independent, confident and friendly, she said.

“It’s not what you want, it’s what you have to offer them,” Eisch said.

Fresh start
Retail bakery added at remodeled Racine kitchen

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Students and faculty say all the right ingredients are coming together in the newly expanded and remodeled Culinary Arts kitchen on the Racine Campus.

In addition to new equipment and a more efficient layout, students have gained the opportunity to work in a new retail bakery outlet.

“The expansion has benefited the students by having an organized kitchen, having to make bakery goods for the retail bakery every day and having room to produce with the number of classes offered in the kitchen,” said Susanna Elrod, Culinary Arts lead instructor.

The remodeled space makes it easier to cook and bake and “the instructors make it an ideal place to learn,” said Culinary Arts student Curtis Bridgeman.

The eight-credit Baking and Pastry Arts certificate gives students another career path and more credentials when seeking a job.

“The students benefit from getting the certificate because there are more opportunities for job seekers and it looks good on their résumé,” Elrod said.

Early each morning, students learn the bakery process firsthand - from sanitizing and cleaning to preparing the fresh bread, doughnuts, bagels, muffins and more.

Culinary Arts student and bakery worker Roseanne Mattefs said the doughnuts and scones are top sellers so far.

Mattefs said she enjoys getting to know the bakery customers and offering them a place to pick up an affordable treat.

“The prices are very reasonable, everything is about a dollar and tax is included,” she said.

Student Carol Jones said she’s had a chance to enjoy the doughnuts and likes the convenience of the on-campus bakery.

“You can see it while you’re walking by,” Jones said. “It’s a nice situation to have it here.”
Changing Seasons

As I visited the campuses this month I noticed how colorful the trees were. The brilliance of the trees is a sure sign of the changing seasons. Fall is my favorite time of the year. The temperature is usually pretty nice, football is in full swing and I enjoy seeing our students settled into another successful semester.

Like the fall season, Gateway can serve as a change agent for our community and you are the ones who will bring all the bright ideas to employers. Gateway graduates are highly valued by area business and industry. In a recent survey, 97 percent of local employers said they were pleased with Gateway graduates. The work you put in now will pay off in many ways in the future by increasing your value to employers and the community and creating the lifestyle you want. Like the season adding brilliance to the leaves, your education adds color and opportunity to your future. In the busy days ahead I encourage you to step back and reflect on this important time in your life. I am very proud that you chose Gateway for creating the change in your life. Respectfully,
Bryan D. Albrecht, Ed.D.,
President, Gateway Technical College

Gateway lauded for military support
Gateway Technical College recently was named to the Military Friendly Schools List for 2013, the second year the college has been included in the national ranking. The list honors the top 15 percent of U.S. colleges, universities and trade schools “that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus,” according to Victory Media.

The list is compiled through research and a survey of more than 12,000 Veterans Administration-approved schools nationwide. More than 3,000 student veterans were surveyed to compile information for the list. “I am very proud of the work our counselors and advisers do to support veterans,” Gateway President Bryan Albrecht said.

Summer dean’s list named
More than 400 students have earned a place on the Gateway Technical College Dean’s List for the Summer 2012 semester. In order to be named to the list, students must complete at least six hours of post-secondary course work and achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

For a complete list of students, go to gtc.edu/deanslist.

Help someone by getting a haircut
Gateway’s Barber/Cosmetologist students will be offer free haircuts during October at View on 5 Salon and Spa. The salon is located on the fifth floor of the Racine Building on the Racine Campus. Walk-ins are welcome or call (262) 619-6210 to schedule an appointment. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Breast Cancer Foundation.

December graduation deadline approaching
Students who plan to graduate in December must apply by Nov. 1. Applications are available in Student Services on any campus or online at gtc.edu/forms.

The application for graduation form must be submitted by all potential graduates, regardless of whether a student plans to attend the graduation ceremony.

Post-secondary August graduates and prospective post-secondary December graduates will be invited to the Dec. 20 graduation ceremony. The Adult High School graduation ceremony will be held during the May 2013 commencement.

Eatery open on Kenosha Campus
Sandwiches, salads and coffee are among the offerings at Café 91.1, located in the lobby of Gateway Center for Bioscience and Information Technology. The eatery is open to students and the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday when classes are session.

Customers are invited to build their own sandwiches or make a salad from the salad bar, which features in-season produce from the offerings at Café 91.1, located in the

Calendar of events

**Wednesday, November 7**
- Native American Heritage Celebration: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.; Racine Campus; Student Commons
- Veterans Administration refunds processed for students with last names A-K
- Fall 2012 financial aid academic plan closes at midnight

**Thursday, November 8**
- Native American Heritage Celebration: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus; Student Commons
- International Education Week; International Marketplace; 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Kenosha Campus; Student Commons
- International Film Festival; Cinema Paradiso; 6:00 p.m.; Kenosha Campus; Bioscience Room 120

**Tuesday, November 13**
- International Education Week; International Marketplace; 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Racine Campus; Student Commons
- International Film Festival; Bride and Prejudice; 6:00 p.m.; Racine Campus; Great Lakes Room

**Wednesday, November 14**
- International Education Week; International Marketplace; 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus; North Bldg. Atrium
- International Film Festival; Mostly Martha; 6:00 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus; Room 112

**Wednesday, November 21**
- Spring 2013 registration for continuing program students
- Native American Heritage Celebration: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus; Student Commons
- Student Common's Day
- Final Academic Advising

**Friday, November 23**
- Native American Heritage Celebration; 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.; Kenosha Campus; Student Commons
- Student Common's Day

**Monday, November 26**
- Native American Heritage Celebration; 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.; Elkhorn Campus; Student Commons
- Student Common's Day
EXTENDING A HELPING HAND

Nursing event delves into global outreach

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Nursing students might have gathered under one roof Oct. 5 for the fall nursing symposium, but they gained inspiration to share their skills around the world.

“Think about your community, country and the world. When you think about what’s happening in the world, your problems become so small.”

— Dr. Veronica Carver

Featured speaker Dr. Veronica Carver spoke about her mission work in Liberia in front of a full house at the Kenosha Campus’ Madrigano Auditorium. Carver, a Liberian native and member of Community Health Care Interventions in Liberian Development, has made many mission trips to the country as her passion for humanitarian work has developed into an obsession.

Her projects have ranged from building schools to establishing a water well so children can get safe drinking water and learn about the importance of sanitation.

“The people are always extremely grateful,” Carver said.

She encouraged Gateway students to think beyond the familiar.

“Think about your community, country and the world,” she advised. “When you think about what’s happening in the world, your problems become so small.”

In addition to Carver’s presentation, Nursing instructor Renee Seymour talked about her outreach endeavors in Kenya and Student Nurses Association (SNA) students spoke about their service learning trip to Belize.

SNA President Joshua Paul said he was inspired by the experiences Seymour shared about her trip to Kenya. “Being a nursing student, one thing that is constantly focused on is our ability to adapt to any situation,” he said. “The stories that she told taught me that sometimes we need to focus not only on our patient, but on the family, too. We need to be there for them and help them with their struggles.”

SNA students and faculty plan to host another nursing symposium in spring.

Musical journey to another culture

Latin rhythms highlight Hispanic Heritage Month

Latin rhythms mixed with the typical sounds of the student commons at Gateway Technical College’s Elkhorn Campus Sept. 25 as Cecilio Negron and his bandmates performed as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

“We’re educating and entertaining at the same time,” said Cecilio Negron Jr., a fellow member of Cache. The group members perform in various arrangements - from a duo to a six-piece band.

At the campus performance, the group featured Cecilio Negron, Ray Rios, Cecilio Negron Jr. and dancer Karlles Kelley Hernandez. The stop in Elkhorn was the group’s third performance at Gateway campuses this fall.

Students who were studying or socializing could take in music from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Colombia, the Dominican Republic and Panama.

Kevin Blesing of Elkhorn, a Nursing student, was among those enjoying the music. Blesing said the program was a chance to enjoy music “that’s different than all the same stuff.”

As Negron Jr. joined his father and Rios for a few songs, he gave the audience some background on how Latin music weaves together many cultures.

Hernandez joined the musicians for several rhythms, demonstrating traditional dances.

As the three musicians played a traditional Puerto Rican rhythm, Negron Jr. explained how one drummer handles the primary rhythm, while the lead drummer must communicate with the dancer, accenting her movements.

Music has the power to bring people together and help them realize that even among varied cultures, there are more similarities than differences, Negron Jr. said. “(Diversity) makes up the fiber of our everyday life in the world,” he said.

Cecilio Negron shares Latin music with students Sept. 25 at Gateway’s Elkhorn Campus as part of Hispanic Heritage celebration. Negron has been a musician since he was a teen and is known as the “godfather” of Latin music in the Milwaukee area.

Going green, going strong

Gateway hosts national collaboration conference

A national conference hosted by Gateway illustrated not only the college’s impact on education and training, but also its ability to provide cutting-edge methods and equipment to students as they train for a career.

Gateway Technical College, the Aspen Institute’s Skills for America’s Future, the American Association of Community Colleges’ SEED Center and the Illinois Green Economy Network on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 held the “Building Sustainable Community College and Industry Partnerships” summit on Gateway’s Racine Campus.

The summit was designed to strengthen collaboration between community colleges and industry to bridge the skills gap in an increasingly green economy.

Research shows a number of strong community college and employer partnerships exist that train and equip students to enter green-sector careers that have job openings. The SEED summit brought 100 visitors representing government, community colleges and industry leaders from across the nation to Racine and Kenosha to share ideas and best practices about sustainable education programs.

The conference also featured the inaugural Green Genome Awards to honor colleges that have been leaders in green economic and work force development and sustainability.
It's time for you to check your progress

Midterm grades offer key information

It is hard to believe we are at the midterm mark already. You have made it halfway through the fall term - congratulations! This is a good time to check how you are progressing in your classes. One way Gateway helps with this is by providing midterm grades.

Midterm grades are posted as of October 20 for all post-secondary classes that began at the start of the term and run the full 15 weeks of the term. Midterm grades are not part of your permanent academic record. Instead, they are meant to give you an indication of your progress.

One of the worst things you can do at this point is to ignore your midterm grades. Check your grades via WebAdvisor. Midterm grades are listed under Academic Profile once you log in to WebAdvisor.

If your midterm grades are satisfactory, congratulations. You are on the right track to success in your courses. Keep up the great work. If your midterm grades are less than satisfactory, take this time to talk with your instructors about your progress. You still have time to turn things around. Consider what you might need to change to improve your grade, such as class attendance, where and how you are studying and whether you need additional assistance.

Gateway offers many support services. If you need additional academic support, take advantage of Gateway's academic support and tutoring centers. Instructors in the centers help with WebAdvisor, Blackboard, PC Basics, research papers, study skills and general academic support. Find out more at gtc.edu/tutoring.

It is important to keep midterm grades in perspective. They provide valuable information and should be used as a tool to understand if you are advancing smoothly or if you need to seek additional help. The key is to seek help right away, if needed. Gateway instructors, counselors and staff are here to help you succeed.

An extra day to get things done

Study Sundays return

Randall Delaney

Study Sundays are back. Students will have access to the Elkhorn, Kenosha and Racine Campuses on select Sundays beginning this month.

Study Sundays provide students and staff an additional day to study, meet with a team and access college resources such as the library, tutoring and open computer lab. As one student commented on a survey for the program, “I couldn't get my math homework done without this tutoring help. Thank you.”

“The response to Study Sundays has been fantastic,” said Cyndean Jennings, associate dean of academic operations. “Students are glad to see it back for the fall term and offered on the three main campuses, which provides access to Gateway in all three counties we serve.”

When asked about why Gateway began the program Jennings said, “The idea came from Dennis Sherwood, dean of campus affairs in Kenosha, as one way to provide additional assistance to students at Gateway.”

For more
Visit gtc.edu/study-sundays for dates, times and more information

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TAKING STEPS TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY

Gateway’s new environmental club focuses on education, spreading the word

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If you are interested in sustainability and environmental matters, you might consider joining Gateway Technical College’s new Sustainable Living Club. The educational club is a way for students to get involved in Gateway’s overall sustainability effort.

Club members can discover new sustainable practices, share camaraderie with those who are concerned about the environment and even take tours to further their learning.

Student Diana Haglund said she joined the club because she’s interested in sustainability and reducing pollution, especially in waterways.

“(If) you are concerned about the future of our world, this is the place to start.”
– James Jazdzewski, club adviser

For more
To learn more about the Sustainable Living Club, log on to Blackboard and click on the “Community” tab. Enter “SUS” in the box and press enter. Or, contact Jazdzewski via email at jazdzewskij@gtc.edu.

“(If) you are concerned about the future of our world, this is the place to start,” Jazdzewski said.

James Jazdzewski, right front, talks about how the Center for Sustainable Living on Gateway’s Kenosha Campus, uses sustainable energy sources such as solar and geothermal energy.

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