SAY HELLO TO RUDY
Red-tailed Hawk Serves as New College Mascot

By Gena Checki

In case you haven’t noticed, Gateway has a new mascot named Rudy the Red Hawk. You might have seen him around campus over the past couple of weeks.

Why does Gateway need a mascot? According to Gateway President and CEO Bryan Albrecht, it is “important for Gateway Technical College to have a symbol of unity, and it helps create a common identity among the campuses.”

Students helped contribute ideas toward the creation and design of Rudy. Surveys were conducted of students, faculty and staff, and birds were always at the top of those surveys. Red hawks are unique in that actual red-tailed hawks live on the Kenosha Campus. Graphic design students and marketing staff helped in Rudy’s design.

Hawks are very focused and proud, just like Gateway students who are working toward a goal, Albrecht said.

“Rudy is a symbol of the college — creating and building student pride, spirit and the sense of campus community among students,” said Kristin Gunia, Gateway marketing specialist.

Tryouts were held and several Gateway students were selected to serve as Rudy. Most recently, Rudy welcomed students to campus at Gateway Days and had fun with students and families at the Drive-In Movie Night. Rudy is looking forward to posing with students in his photo booth during the Taste of Student Life event in October. Look for Rudy at student life events, high school events and community events.

“Gateway has many clubs and student organizations that compete at the state and national levels—Rudy will be cheering them on,” Gunia added.

Gateway will periodically recruit new students to play Rudy and students do get paid for their time.

To find out more about Rudy, visit gtc.edu/redhawks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, September 25
  United Student Government Meeting
  12:00 p.m.
  Dennis Hall, Arcadia Campus
- Friday, September 27
  First batch of financial aid grant refunds sent to Gateway Plus card.
  Continuing every Friday until all grant funds are disbursed.
- Tuesday, October 1
  Taste of Student Life
  11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Elkhorn Campus – Student Commons
- Wednesday, October 2
  Taste of Student Life
  11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Racine Campus – SC Johnson Student Life Center
- Thursday, October 3
  Taste of Student Life
  11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Kenosha Campus – Student Commons
- Friday, October 4
  First batch of financial aid loan refunds sent to Gateway Plus card.
  Continuing every Friday until all loan funds are disbursed.
- First installment payment plan due for Fall 2013 semester.
- Tuesday, October 8
  Gateway Technical College Foundation scholarship application deadline.
  Apply online at gtc.edu/foundationscholarships.
- Wednesday, September 25
  Save a Life Tour
  11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  Elkhorn Campus – South Hall, Room 112
- Thursday, October 3
  Taste of Student Life
  11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Racine Campus – SC Johnson Student Life Center
- Monday, October 14
  Veterans Administration refunds processed for students with last names 1-L-
NEWS IN BRIEF

Cut out the wait for a new career

Barbering program enrollment open
Gateway Technical College has opened enrollment for its Barbering Technology diploma program, a high-quality, intensive—yet quick—path to the career of barbering.

Gateway is one of a handful of technical colleges in the state to begin offering this standalone barbering diploma. Students can qualify within a year to take the state barbering test and receive the state-required licensing needed to work in this career in Wisconsin.

"Within a year, you can gain the skills to be certified in an in-demand career," says Terry Simmons, Gateway Dean of Service Careers.

State barbering license requirements have changed, paving the way for Gateway to separate and intensify the barbering part of its Cosmetology diploma program. The program is offered on the Kenosha Campus in a remodeled area of the Technical Building. Modern equipment gives students a hands-on environment to learn barbering skills. In the second semester of their program, students will have the opportunity to work with actual clients on their hair-cutting needs.

Veterans invited to lunchtime discussion

Educational benefits highlighted at Sept. 25 meetings
Gateway will host a series of brown bag lunch discussions this month with a focus on helping veterans discover the educational benefits and services they are able to obtain. The meetings will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Sept. 25 on the Racine, Kenosha and Elkhorn campuses.

Veterans can meet with Gateway, as well as local veterans training and employment staff members, to help them determine how to obtain educational benefits as well as the steps needed for them to obtain employment or train for a career.

Attendees are asked to RSVP for the events, and the format encourages them to bring a lunch to eat if they wish. Find an event on your campus:
- Racine Campus, Racine Building, Room 2208. RSVP to Tricia Adams at (262) 699-6440, or adamsv@gtc.edu.
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You’ve got mail

Stay connected with student email, social media
Gateway will communicate important information to students using Gateway student email. Look for your Gateway student email address on your class schedule and login to check your email at mail.gtc.edu.

Gateway has taken its campus community online with Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Connect newspaper and the Source student e-newsletter sent each Friday to your student email address. facebook.com/gatewaytechnicalcollege

AlertMe system available to students
Notifications to be sent by text and email
The AlertMe emergency notification system will alert students with a text message or an e-mail in the event of a dangerous situation occurring at one of Gateway’s facilities. All students are enrolled in AlertMe at the time of enrollment. If you choose to opt out, you will need to send a text message or e-mail containing your cell phone information you will receive text messages as well as email messages when the college issues a warning.
gtc.edu/alertme

Transition Support for Students

ABE/ELL Immersion program to assist students
Gateway’s Multicultural program is offering a new support program for Adult Basic Education and English Language Learner students interested in continuing their education and enrolling in more courses at Gateway. The ABE/ELL Immersion program provides participants with one-on-one support, peer mentoring, and tutoring services as they continue their education. Interested students need to enroll in the program by October 7 for fall semester. For more information or to enroll contact Julian Bayne, baynej@gtc.edu, at (715) 346-2266, or Vanessa Perez, perazmv@gtc.edu, at (715) 346-6440.

GATEWAY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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New for the Fall Semester

Red Hawk Mascot and the Learning Success Center
WELCOME TO THE FALL SEMESTER AT GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.
I know students and staff alike are charged up and ready for the fresh start a new semester always brings. This year, Gateway is excited to introduce Rudy the Red Hawk.

For the first time, Gateway has a college mascot who will serve as chief cheerleader for the college and its students (although I still plan to give Rudy a run for his money in the cheerleading role). We are so proud of our students and all you accomplish as you learn the latest technologies within your field of study while balancing family and work commitments. Rudy is in your corner and he looks forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

We are also happy to introduce the new Learning Success Center on the Racine Campus. It is located in the Lake Building above the SC Johnson Student Center. You can find many services to help you achieve success at Gateway including tutoring, programs like Step Up and TRIO/DREAM/ELL, International Education, and Testing. This beautiful, inviting Center is staffed by professionals waiting to make your Gateway experience a positive one. A Center is also staffed on the Elkhorn Campus and the services described are available on the Kenosha Campus, with a Center being built within the year.

We are ready to partner with you as you get involved in all Gateway offers to help you become successful in your chosen career. Let me know how we can help.

Respectfully,
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Provide Financial, Motivational Boost

Application Deadline Is Oct. 8
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If you are interested in applying for Gateway Foundation scholarships, the application deadline is quickly approaching. This year, more than 150 scholarships are available that can help students earn between $250 and $2,000 to help pay for tuition, books and other fees. To apply, students need to have a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average and have at least six completed Gateway credits.

The scholarship deadline is Oct. 8.
Gateway Foundation scholarship recipient and Human Services graduate Brenda Valazquez-Charo encourages students to apply. For her, receiving a scholarship was like getting a second wind.

“It encouraged me to keep going until I reached my goal,” she said.

To apply for a scholarship, students must go online to gtc.edu/foundationscholarships to create an account and then register for the scholarship process, help is available from faculty and staff members, foundation staff and the Academic Support Center.

The Gateway Foundation has been around for more than 35 years, with a mission “(to) support educational and cultural activities of Gateway Technical College," said Jennifer Charpentier, the foundation’s executive director.

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-scholarship recipient Brenda Valazquez-Charo

TASTE OF STUDENT LIFE
Get involved with a Gateway club or organization, enjoy free food and entertainment by Midwest Dueling Pianos.

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Scholarships Provide Financial, Motivational Boost
Welcome Back, Gateway Students

United Student Government welcomed new and returning students to the fall semester at events held across the district. On Sept. 4, the Racine Campus celebrated with a disc jockey playing music. USG was on hand to help students self-enroll into the USG organization on Blackboard. Grace Deluca, USG District Treasurer was working the table to help students sign up for USG. At another table, Nicole Verhaer was helping give out the free lunch offered to students. Other volunteers helped to pass out free backpacks loaded with sunglasses, cups, can holders and information on USG to students.

Gateway Students, Organization Benefit from Service Learning

Gateway’s Service Learning effort is similar to volunteering and community service with a significant twist. Service Learning students complete a project related to their coursework or career goals while simultaneously meeting a defined need at a particular organization. In short, Service Learning integrates an active reflection of reciprocity benefiting both the student and a targeted organization. The reciprocal relationship unfolded this past summer, when a partnership between an Oral/Interpersonal Communications class and Advancing Family Assets (AFA) in Racine flourished. Major components of this collaboration included a school supply drive, research and presentation of communication-related information for school-aged children and their parents, along with an event held at Gateway’s Racine Campus which brought everyone together for dinner, activities and the distribution of supplies. Michelle Ortwein’s class took on this task and had great success, breaking up into three different groups to tackle each aspect of the event and drive the planning process. The event came off smoothly, starting with a welcome by Kimberly Payne, executive director of AFA. Becky Gartner, a student in the Oral/Interpersonal Communications course, also gave welcome remarks. "I was really excited to take this on," said Gartner of the program. "It was a blessing to take this class." Students presented information on understanding bullying, resources for communication to faculty and staff of the Racine Unified School District and after school programs open to students.

United Student Government Advocates for Students

You could say that United Student Government is a group of students for students. "It (USG) advocates for students by planning student activities and events," said Lindsey Minak, student life specialist. "It’s the voice of the students.

Jamy Koepke, a Nursing student who became USG president this summer, agreed, saying that "USG is here to better our college and student life."

USG organizes events such as the recent drive-in movies and sometimes offers special perks for students, such as free boxed lunches at Gateway Days and discounted tickets for area attractions. Minak said.

Attending a meeting is one way to get a feel for the organization and be in the know about what’s going on at the college. Monthly general assembly meetings are held simultaneously via teleconferencing at the three Gateway campuses and the iMET and Burlington Centers.

Each campus and center has a vice president and a public relations secretary. There also are district level officers: president, executive vice president, district treasurer and district secretary.

As of this publication, the following officer positions were available: vice president and public relations secretary, Burlington Center; PR secretary, iMET Center; PR secretary, Elkhorn Campus; vice president, Kenosha Campus; and PR secretary, Racine Campus.

Find out more about USG and applying for an officer position by sending an email to asggtc@gmail.com. Students also can get involved in USG by enrolling through Blackboard.

USG 2013 Meeting Schedule

September 25
October 23
November 13
December 11
all dates @ 1:00 p.m.

Please consult the website www.gtc.edu/usg for details on locations specific to your campus.

For more information visit
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Labs Bring Nationally Recognized Energy Systems Training to Students

Gateway Technical College held a grand opening for its national energy systems training labs over the summer. The equipment and facilities allow students to access all six labs developed during the past three years.

The labs bring cutting-edge training technology to equip Gateway graduates with the skills needed to enter an expanding job market for well-versed technicians with sustainable energy system skills. The grand opening celebration not only marked the opening of the labs, but also marked a 100th anniversary celebration for Trane Corp., hosted by Gateway.

Program graduates who have trained in the labs will have the ability to run heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and equipment that make buildings and equipment “greener” using leading-edge technology. They also are prepared for specific green-collar careers in wind and solar.

“This is significant for the college,” said Gateway President & CEO Bryan Albrecht. “We see employers in these job markets calling for technicians with skills that go beyond HVAC. Employers are looking for skills in operating those systems in a sustainable manner.”

Two labs were developed in each of the past three years in the Technical Building on the Kenosha Campus. The labs are used by students enrolled in Gateway’s Air Conditioning; Heating and Refrigeration; Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration; Geothermal Technician; and Electrical Engineering-Sustainable Energy Systems programs of study.

The labs are representative of each aspect of the industry: residential heating and cooling, industrial heating and cooling and sustainable/alternative energy applications.

How You Can Help
Report any behaviors of concern demonstrated by students or employees including disruptive, disturbing or destructive behaviors. If you observe any behavior which causes concern, please complete a Maxient Security/Incident Report, which can be found at gtc.edu/security. Behavior which can be interpreted as a threat to self, others and/or property should be reported immediately by calling 911 and then campus security at Elkhorn/Burlington (262) 741-8208; Kenosha (262) 564-2208; Racine (262) 619-6208. Behavior which can be found at gtc.edu/security. Behavior which can be interpreted as a threat to self, others and/or property should be reported immediately by calling 911 and then campus security at Elkhorn/Burlington (262) 741-8208; Kenosha (262) 564-2208; Racine (262) 619-6208.

Help Keep our Campuses Safe
CARE Team Helps Students, Staff and Community

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FALL Workshop Series
GET A STEP AHEAD
All students are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the FREE Fall Workshop Series sessions to find out tips for academic and personal success.

Sessions are being offered in Burlington, Elkhorn, Kenosha and Racine.

Visit www.gtc.edu/fall for a list of workshops.

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