Impact Program ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022







Compiled by Impact Program Coordinator Sarah Marbes

Giving makes Gateway better

When we started our community service Impact Program back in 2011 it would have been difficult to imagine what an impact Gateway students, faculty and staff could have throughout Southeast Wisconsin. With a decade of experience, we now have a much clearer picture of what impact looks like. From reading to children to clearing tree branches to serving on the frontlines battling COVID at testing and vaccination sites, Gateway students make communities throughout Southeast Wisconsin better and, in turn, we are better for it.

Through our Impact Program, students gain the knowledge and experience to sharpen their career skills but there is so much more. Together we learn about our community and the amazing people that make it work. Hundreds of volunteers, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, school groups and more. This network of caring community leaders serves as the thread that weaves us all together.

Thank you to the greater Gateway community for your support and continued engagement in building a better tomorrow for all of us.

Sincerely,

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Bryan D. Albrecht, EdD President and CEO Gateway Technical College

The Impact Program

Mission Statement

The Impact Program fosters opportunities for engagement that encourage active learning, meaningful service, and cognitive reflection.

Through these activities, students develop a deeper awareness of the diverse community in which they live, skills that will serve their future careers, and an understanding of the value of civic engagement and their role in the community.

Values

Within the Impact Program, we value:

- Learning opportunities that encourage growth both personally and academically
- Diversity in opportunities and experiences
- Intentional connections between community and campus
- Purposeful links between theory and practice in action
- Well-rounded, dynamic learning opportunities that encourage each individual to recognize their role in a larger community



Moving forward

In the fall, Gateway hired Sarah Marbes as the new Impact Program coordinator. She will continue the program's outstanding work and build new opportunities for students. The office is gearing up for a successful school year in 2022-23. In addition to supporting service learning and volunteer efforts, it will focus on:

- Providing nonpartisan voter education so students can register and cast a ballot.
- Building federal work study opportunities with nonprofits so students may get paid work experience uplifting the community.
- Revitalizing the Food for Thought program to ensure students have the resources necessary to succeed.
- Getting community resources listed in one student needs section on the website, as proposed by a Gateway to Leadership group.
- Implementing easier ways for faculty to track service.



Len laquinta Scholarship

Established in 2014 by Len laquinta, this annual Gateway Foundation scholarship is awarded to a student dedicated to service or club participation. This year's recipient was Maria (Gaby) Iribarren. Gaby was an international student who volunteered for many programs and seized leadership opportunities.

"When I got here so many people helped me and made me feel welcome and I wanted to pay that forward," she explained, adding, "The scholarship made it possible for me to finish my program, but even more than that – it showed me that someone believes in me." Gaby completed a degree in Business Management in May.





- 2021-22: 156 students completed 2,135 service hours
- Cumulative Impact Since 2011: 5,147 students completed 66,767 service hours
- Earth Day Electronics Recycling: 27 pallets
- Earth Day Elkhorn Food Drive: 128 pounds of food and baby supplies +\$56 for the Walworth County Food and Diaper Bank

The Impact Program's Annual Report 2021-2022

Thank you for staying engaged this year.

We want to highlight those faculty and community partners that communicated their projects with us this year.

Faculty & Staff List

Maxwell Banor, Associate Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences • Richard Barribeau, Communications • Ericka Bernhardt, School of Manufacturing, Engineering and Information Technology • Jennifer Charpentier, Gateway Foundation • Sandra Christman, Barber Cosmetology • Colleen Connolly, Communications • Jomarie Coloriano, Multicultural Student Support • Beth Dugan, Hospitality Management • Shari Due, Information Technology • Heidi Gottfried, Dental Assistant • Traci Gotz, Physical Therapist Assistant • Courtney Greve, Horticulture • Dawn Haggerty, Library • Debby Joling, New Student Specialist • Robert Kaebisch, Civil Engineering/Structural • Betsy Kennedy, Library • Wendy Klemp, Information Technology • Takis Kinis, Information Technology • Lindsey Kosman, Student Life • Trina Muscarella, Student Life • Paul Nelson, Information Technology • Sue Nelson, Barber Cosmetology • Kenneth Riley, Gateway Promise • Aaron Schauer, Urban Forestry • Ali Schultz, Horticulture • Renee Seymour, Nursing • Debra Solomon, ELL/ABE • Suzanne Sublette, Sociology • John Thibodeau, Provost • Joshua Vollendorf, Compliance • Elizabeth Wolf, Nursing

Community Partner List

Alliance for the Great Lakes • American Red Cross • Aurora Health Care • BeLEAF Survivors • Bethany Apartments • Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Wisconsin • Big Brothers Big Sisters Racine/Kenosha • Big Sisters of Greater Racine • Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha • Catholic Charities of Southeastern Wisconsin • Circle of Friends • Community Action, Inc. • Cops 'N Kids Reading Center, Inc. • Delavan Food Pantry • ELCA Outreach Center • Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce • Every Child's Place • Fight to End Exploitation • Girls, Inc. • Habitat for Humanity Kenosha • Habitat for Humanity Racine • HALO, Inc. • Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum • Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse • John XXIII Educational Center • Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services, Inc. • Kenosha Literacy Council • Kenosha Public Library • Kenosha Symphony Association • Kenosha/Racine Poets Laureate Program • Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy • Lakeland Humane Society • LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin New Beginnings APFV • Open Arms Free Clinic • Pleasant Prairie Convention & Visitors Bureau • Prevent Blindness Wisconsin • Racine County Food Bank • Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency • Racine Literacy Council • Racine Zoological Society • Rhode Center for the Arts • River Bend Nature Center • Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network

Safe Harbor Humane Society

SAFE Haven of Racine

Shalom Center

Sharing Center

Special Olympics Wisconsin • United Way of Kenosha • United Way of Walworth County • Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin • VIP Services, Inc. • Volunteer Center of Racine County, Inc. • Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank • Walworth County Literacy Council • Westosha Senior Center • Wisconsin Humane Society • Women and Children's Horizons • Women's **Resource** Center



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