



**News release**

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**Kenosha Unified School District superintendent**

**keynotes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration**

Kenosha Unified School District Superintendent Michele Hancock will keynote Gateway Technical College's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at noon, Monday Jan. 17, in the Madrigrano Auditorium of the Conference Center on Gateway Technical College's Kenosha Campus, 3320-30<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Hancock, appointed in 2010, oversees the third-largest school district in Wisconsin with a student population of more than 23,000 students and 42 schools. In 2010, Hancock became the first recipient of the annual Change Leader Award presented by the National Principals Leadership Institute. The award recognizes an educational leader who has facilitated significant change at the school and school district levels.

Hancock earned her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Illinois, her master's degree in Education from National Louis University, administrative certificate from Oswego State University, Oswego, N.Y., and her doctor of education degree in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y.

This year's celebration theme is "What are you doing for others?" The theme comes from one of Dr. King's speeches when he stated, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Doors to the event open at 11:15 a.m. and a short reception will follow. The program is free and open to the public.

Audio and video of the event will be streamed at Gateway Technical College's Web site [www.gtc.edu](http://www.gtc.edu). The program will be carried on WGTD live at noon. WGTD, based out of Gateway Technical College, can be heard in Kenosha/Racine at 91.1, in Elkhorn at 101.7 and in Lake Geneva at 103.3.

Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.

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