Gateways grads gain accolades from employers

**Gateway degree makes grad smile – and helps others, as well**

**Program serves up successful career training for Culinary grad**

**Horticulture program** – The graduates were well-liked for the same field” – Steve Martin, owner of Agron-Topping.

**Graphic Communications program** – “We also need the creativity that comes with the technical skills needed to do the job.”

**Bob Kist, sales support and marketing manager for LinMot, says the Gateway graduates they hire are exactly what they seek for their workforce – with the technical skills needed to do the job.**

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Gateway students gain from national accreditation

College first in state to gain prestigious designation

Gateway students will benefit educationally as well as professionally through new efforts at the college—jobs because of a recent national accreditation given to the college.

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, an independent, non-profit organization, announced that Gateway technical college has met the criteria for accreditation, a milestone for the school which is the first in the state of Wisconsin to receive that designation.

“This accreditation is evidence that Gateway Technical College is committed to providing the highest quality education for our students,” says Steve Petersen, ACBSP director of Accreditation.

For more information on Gateway’s business programs, visit www.gtc.edu/business

Less than two years ago, Greg Kirstein was a Communications Graphic Design student at Gateway Technical College, still unsure if this program was the career path he was going to pursue.

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Rudy the Redhawk at a recent event.

**Gateways introduces Rudy to students, community**

Gateway Technical College has rolled out its new mascot, Rudy the Redhawk, to students and the community. Rudy can be seen nearly everywhere and appears at every big college event. “Rudy has rolled out throughout our new logo and new spaces,” said Gateway President Dr. Kathryn Nordhaus. “Rudy has participated in many events this fall from Diversity Month in November and their families to walking the runway at the International Education Week fashion show. Those wishing to buy Rudy spirit wear can visit Follett bookstores on the Elkhorn, Kenosha and Racine campuses.

Rudy is also available to make guest appearances at events across Gateway’s campuses. We encourage students, staff and faculty to introduce Rudy to students, community and family members.”

**Graduate technical college to reformat, rebrand**

Gateway Technical College will infuse even more meaning and community connection into its 20th anniversaries at the 2014 Lake Laffey Celebration. New events added to the traditional day-of event. The additional event components will provide additional focus on King's work to ensure open and equal education, and opportunities to celebrate leadership in the culinary field. Gateway Executive Vice President Provost Zena Haywood will host the event and become a voice for Gateway to connect with the communities it serves while celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The celebration will be our mission and vision that we are providing equity in training, and that it also is a place where people come for personal enrichment, says Haywood. “It is our Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration is an event where you can achieve that personal enrichment.

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**More than just a job: Grad follows passion**

Cooking and culinary arts are more than just a job and career for Gateway Technical College graduate Mark Veronda. Gateway helped him to enter a career he’s passionate about through solid training, access to modern equipment and a recommendation strong enough to ensure he had land after graduating.

The employer knew of Gateway’s reputation for having a strong culinary arts program — an employer on-staff who trained him gave me a recommendation that was strong enough to ensure I had land after graduating. My boss was looking to fill a position, and one of the staff at the hotel I worked for told me about Gateway.

“Rudy is the Lake Building on the Racine Campus, pro- Learning Success Center on the first floor of campus, and the roundtable will be held in the Madrigano Auditorium, Gateway says. “Rudy is also available to make guest appearances at events across Gateway’s campuses. We encourage students, staff and faculty to introduce Rudy to students, community and family members.”

**Gateways new multicultural resource center**

Remodeled spaces provide high quality Service to Gateway students

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Instructors, college well-regarded in future career field

Marina Schwerek set a goal of getting an education and training in a reputable college, one that industry would recognize as solid and give her the best start to a career.

Schwerek attended at Gateway before returning to college for a third year to complete her degree in IT. “I researched it for myself, and realized that Gateway was the premier college for RPG programming,” says Marina.

“Rather than just trying to survive financially and with the demand for workers. “I tell them the salaries are good, and there will always be a need for professionals,” he says.

“Even with outsourcing a system over the phone can only do so much. To resolve the issue, I”

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