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# Tarnowskis' heart for education provides means for students to gain real-world skills



**Otto Tarnowski**

Otto Tarnowski had a heart for education and knew the need for today's youth to obtain the training and skills needed to succeed in their careers.

His commitment to students was illustrated through the gifts he and his wife, Beverly, gave to Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. through the years. Those thoughtful efforts helped ensure students would be given additional opportunities to pursue family-sustaining careers. While Otto passed away on Christmas

Eve 2012, his and Beverly's generosity and foresight will continue to assist future generations of students to come through scholarships and at a training facility named in his honor, Tarnowski Hall.

"Otto and Beverly Tarnowski's many years of thoughtful giving is inspiring," says Foundation Executive Director Jennifer Charpentier. "Their dedication to career and technical education and to the community will help generations of Gateway students, employers and the community. We are grateful for their support."

Otto was a skilled and talented sheet metal craftsman in the Racine community, working his entire career for George J. Meyer Manufacturing. A World War II veteran serving as a Seabee in the Navy, Otto was a journeyman trades professional. He and Beverly have been longtime friends of Gateway. Together, they provided substantial financial support to help build the SC Johnson iMET Center expansion

which will meet the training needs of many students and area employers. Otto believed that through training and education, young people could find success. He also believed that work was the cornerstone to a strong family.

“Otto strongly believed in young people obtaining an education, and was very proud to help in any way he could,” says Beverly. “That is what we wanted, for the funding to help these young people obtain an education. We felt it was important to help students in their training — and that is exactly what is happening at the center. We felt strongly that Gateway education was the way to go.”

Tarnowski Hall features the region’s first flexible manufacturing training center, including training in computer numerical control (CNC) machining, welding, metal fabrication, automated manufacturing systems, a quality measurements lab and industrial robotics.

Otto loved and valued his career and education and his and Beverly’s foresight will help Gateway students and the community for many years to come.



*Industrial Mechanics instructor Dan Neuman demonstrates the industrial troubleshooting trainer to a group of boot camp students at the SC Johnson iMET grand opening.*

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*Pictured on the front: Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees President Ram Bhatia, Beverly Tarnowski and SC Johnson Chairman and CEO Fisk Johnson celebrate the grand opening of Tarnowski Hall.*

## A note from the executive director: Welcome to Foundation Access



**Jennifer Charpentier**

*Of course, you can discover more information about the Foundation at any time by visiting our Web site at: [www.gtc.edu/foundation-and-alumni-association](http://www.gtc.edu/foundation-and-alumni-association)*

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Gateway Foundation's newsletter. Through this quarterly publication we will share with you the impact of your support in the lives of Gateway students, the college, and the community. We are grateful for your support.

I joined Gateway Foundation as executive director in May 2012. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with the college, the Foundation's board and staff, and our donors. Like you, I believe deeply in the mission of the Foundation: to support, promote and facilitate the educational and cultural activities of Gateway Technical College. Every day, you and I can see how technical education changes the lives of individuals, families and the community. My family has personally experienced that change. My husband is a Wisconsin Technical College System graduate.

As you know, Gateway students come to the college from all walks of life. They arrive with a variety of opportunities and challenges. All of them are seeking to gain critical career and technical skills at a college known for its world-class technical training.

One of our continuing student scholarship recipients shared with us: "I face many challenges day to day, but this scholarship gives me encouragement to pursue my dreams. Without it, I wouldn't be able to go to school this semester." Your support of the Foundation allows Gateway students to take one step closer to fulfilling their dreams. Thank you.

Your generous support opens doors for students. It provides students with the gateway to education and skill development they need to succeed. I look forward to providing you access to the impact your support has had in the lives of Gateway students, the College, and the Community.

If you have any questions or comments, I welcome your communication at any time. You can reach me at (262) 564-2866 or [charpentierj@gtc.edu](mailto:charpentierj@gtc.edu).

## Foundation board chairman: Foundation assists students committed to gain career



**Stanley Manning**

As Chairperson of the Gateway Technical College Foundation Board, let me share with you why I am very excited about today and tomorrow. As you and I know, change is a constant companion. Our economy continues to evolve to meet the demands of the global marketplace. Locally, our businesses seek to respond to those demands.

Gateway Technical College is an exceptional, community-based resource that responds to our employers and the community's changing needs. The Foundation is proud to partner in furthering the objectives of the school. We know the investments in Gateway's students and the College helps people, employers, and the community succeed.

The Foundation supports the educational and cultural activities of the College. Often, people think of scholarships when they consider the Foundation's activities. Thanks to our generous donors, the Foundation can provide scholarships to people seeking career directions as well as those returning to school to develop new skills. The Foundation also provides student emergency grants and critical and capital project support for the College.

As you know, the Foundation's Board of Directors provides oversight and leadership for the Foundation. We manage the Foundation's funds, ensure the integrity of its programs, secure funds and other resources so that the Foundation can fulfill its mission of supporting the educational and cultural programs of Gateway Technical College.

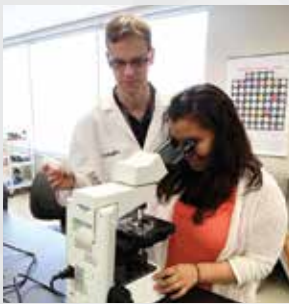
Delivering on the mission of the Foundation is only possible through the generous support of the community. Thank you. As Board Chair, I am grateful for the opportunity to meet so many caring people dedicated to our community.

It is humbling and gratifying to assist so many students committed to acquiring new skills by providing financial assistance toward the achievement of their objectives. And, it is exciting to be a part of the blend of students, community, and employers as we all work to elevate the quality of life in Southeastern Wisconsin.

## Foundation effort inspires students, instructors

This year's Foundation Inspiration Grants continues to provide the means to develop and implement high quality, innovative projects which advances the learning of Gateway students and keeps the college on the cutting edge of education.

### **Two of the four Fall 2012 Foundation Inspiration Grant awardees:**



*Bacteria DNA sequencing*  
*Richard McLaughlin, Natural Sciences instructor*

Foundation funding brought next generation sequencing (NGS) into a Gateway Microbiology classroom thanks to an Inspiration Grant. Students were able to better understand how DNA sequencing works.



*Center for Sustainable Living Energy Knowledge Center*  
*James Gray, Center for Sustainable Living Manager*

The Center for Sustainable Living, located on the Kenosha Campus, provides educational opportunities about sustainable living to students of all ages. The Foundation grant provided the materials needed to create displays and interactive activities in an Energy Knowledge Center that promote responsible energy decisions.

## Foundation stepped in when I needed them most



**Brenda Velazquez-Charo**

Brenda Velazquez-Charo was seeking a career shift from the day care business she had operated for several years. She discovered her new career passion of human services at Gateway Technical College—but realized along the way that she would need some financial help to give her the extra boost to realize that dream. Two scholarships from the Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. gave her the opportunity to succeed in her education—and propel her into a new career in human services.

“Without those scholarships, it would have been extremely hard, almost impossible, for me to continue,” says Brenda. “The financial burdens of the home were solely on my husband’s shoulders. Not only was I not contributing financially as I had in the past, but I also had expenses with my

education. Pursuing my education was my dream, and the scholarship helped me to push forward. I am very appreciative to the Foundation.”

During her time at Gateway, Brenda received two scholarships and emergency grants which helped her to defray travel expenses to and from class. “It was \$20 a week, but, spread out over the semester, it really helped,” says Brenda. “It went a long way to helping me.”

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Brenda graduated in May 2013 and will soon be in that career, helping people because she was helped by a Foundation scholarship.

“The scholarship allowed all this to happen,” says Brenda. “I don’t think many people realize until they’ve been in the situation that I was, where you have to stretch every dollar you have, how much that scholarship can mean to you and your future.”



## Foundation serves up opportunity to ensure culinary arts career



Two years of medical bills were piling up. Graduation from high school loomed. It seemed like the possibility to attend Gateway Technical College to earn a Culinary Arts degree and fulfill his career dream was fading for Mark Kleisner.

But staff members at Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. had different thoughts. They saw a way for Mark to fulfill his dream of a career in the food service industry. Through a scholarship provided by the Foundation, Mark was able to enroll at Gateway – and has gained enough skills to secure a catering job while he continues to earn his degree.

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*“Without the Foundation, I wouldn’t be where I am today.” - Mark Kleisner*

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“The staff at the Foundation said they would help me, and they did,” says Mark. “Without the Foundation, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

Mark will soon graduate from Gateway’s Culinary Arts program. He is already a confident technician of his future career, expertly preparing meals at the Racine Campus for lunch and breakfast diners



as well as special Friday chicken and fish meals as part of a student club fund-raiser.

Mark says the Foundation scholarship helped him pay for his first two semesters at Gateway as well as gas for the trip back and forth from his Waukegan home to the Racine Campus.

“I’ve always been dedicated to cooking and I’ve wanted to enter the food service industry since I was a small child,” says Mark. “Going into culinary arts after I graduated high school was a no-brainer for me. My friends told me Gateway was the best college to go to for culinary arts. I looked into it and agreed that’s where I wanted to go.

“I just didn’t think I could afford it. The Foundation helped me, though. Whenever I needed help, in whatever way, they were there to help me. I’m on my way to earning my degree.” The Foundation awarded Mark a President’s Opportunity Scholarship while he was still attending Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers in 2011.

“The Foundation helps those less fortunate to go on to college, gain an education and enter their career,” says Mark.

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*Mark Kleisner’s skills and expertise are on display on a cooking show sponsored by the Racine Journal Times and Gateway Technical College called JT’s Kitchen. Mark can be seen applying what he learned at this site: [www.gtc.edu/culinary-arts](http://www.gtc.edu/culinary-arts)*

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## **Do you know a current Gateway student who has taken at least two classes in their program at Gateway?**

Encourage them to apply for a Gateway Technical College Foundation scholarship.

Scholarships range from \$300 to nearly \$4,500.  
Applications open on August 27, 2013,  
and close on October 8, 2013.

One easy, online application:  
[gtc.edu/foundationsscholarships](http://gtc.edu/foundationsscholarships)

## *Save the date!*

Gateway Foundation Scholarship Awards night:  
Tuesday, January 7, 2014  
Guest Registration at 6:00 pm.  
Awards Ceremony at 6:30 pm.



# Gateway Alumni Guy Bradshaw remembers his roots, impacts students' futures



Guy Bradshaw has done much for Gateway students through offering resources, advice, opportunities for real-world training prior to graduation—and hiring graduates afterward.

Guy, chairman and chief executive officer of Bradshaw Medical Inc., earned an associate degree from Gateway Technical College in Industrial Engineering and

a bachelor's degree from Concordia University in Business Administration. He frequently mentions his Gateway roots and has given back to the college he began at in many different ways.

"I have supported Gateway over the years," Guy said in a recent interview at the college. "I've remembered where I came from and I am thankful for that. I really think Gateway got me going in the right direction."

Guy and his company have been generous supporters of Gateway Technical College through the Foundation. In 2011, they endowed the Bradshaw Medical Scholarship. This scholarship benefits Gateway Surgical Technology and Electrical Engineering—Bio-Medical program students.

Bradshaw Medical also contributed to an expanded and remodeled lab for Surgical Technology students to receive real-world training on modern equipment. They have also sponsored the Gateway Foundation Golf Scramble.

Guy's strong commitment to technical education reaches out past Gateway. In 2011, he was honored with the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards

Association Distinguished Alumni Award. He was also Gateway's commencement speaker and told graduates to always strive to succeed, even in the face of momentary defeat.

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*A video of Guy Bradshaw can be found on Gateway's You Tube channel at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTGoAcaszKk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTGoAcaszKk).*

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"If you're turned down, you need to pick yourself up, dust yourself off and knock again," Bradshaw told the more than 450 graduates participating in the ceremony.

Bradshaw pointed to his own life in which every obstacle turned out to be an opportunity for him to "rise like a Phoenix" into a different career. "Always keep an open mind and never stop learning," he told the audience.

Guy was honored as the 2010 Business Person of the Year by the Kenosha Area Business Alliance and Bradshaw Medical was recognized as a Wisconsin Company to Watch in the same year.

"Guy is a positive influence in our community and a role model for Gateway Technical College," said Gateway Technical College President and CEO Bryan Albrecht.

"The Gateway community could not be more proud of Guy for pursuing his dream in building Bradshaw Medical into one of our community's fastest-growing companies."



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