



News release

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**Well-wishers from across the globe
to contact Gateway Amateur Radio Club
Radio operators to wish Gateway happy 98th birthday**

STURTEVANT – Gateway's Amateur Radio Club (N9GTC) will field amateur radio operators' birthday wishes from across the globe to celebrate the International Center for Engineering Technology (ICET) initiative and the 98th birthday of Gateway Technical College.

The event will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation, 2320 Renaissance Blvd.

Radio operators can call in Thursday, and on Friday use Morse code, to contact Gateway. Prizes will be awarded to those able to contact N9GTC from the furthest points on each continent. The public is invited to attend the event live or follow it on the Internet at <http://breeze.gtc.edu/explore>.

Original state legislation establishing adult and technical education was enacted in 1911. Racine Technical Institute, the first technical school in Wisconsin and the nation's first publicly supported technical institution, began in October 1911 in downtown Racine as the name predecessor to Gateway Technical College.

In Fall 2009 the Engineering Tech Wing launched the International Center for Engineering Technology (ICET). ICET is dedicated to the development and rise of multilingual engineering technicians, international cooperation in engineering technical education and assistance in engineering technologies across multilingual cultures.

Phase One, which began in September, is a joint effort between Gateway's English Language Learner-Adult Basic Education department and the Engineering Tech Wing, offering support classes to help non-native, English-speaking students transition into and adjust to the first semester engineering tech classes.

Expanding the Engineering Tech Wing's international exposure has also been very important. Many visitors, including the head of Hong Kong's Engineering Tech programs, have visited the Engineering Tech Wing over the past year. Joint efforts with schools and businesses in China, Poland, and Canada are underway, giving students the opportunity to experience their future career in a global context.

Tours of the 10 Engineering Technology programs' facilities will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday, as well as 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

The Engineering Tech Wing, located in Gateway's Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation, is an umbrella term for Gateway's Engineering Technology programs, including:

- Civil Engineering Technology - Highway/Public Works
- Architectural/Structural Engineering Technician

- Land Surveying
- Fresh Water Resources
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- BioMedical Engineering Technology
- Electronics
- Mechanical Engineering Tech
- Mechatronics

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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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