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**Gateway officials take part
in 're-skilling' national discussion**

Gateway Technical College officials along with local industry leaders were part of a June 1-June 2 national Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) leadership forum in Washington D.C. focused on the “re-skilling” of America’s workers.

Technical education leaders were joined by leaders from the U.S. Senate, U.S. House, private business and other national education groups to discuss the challenges businesses and workers face in today’s economic environment and map out how technical education should work to address those needs.

The main thrust of the forum was to continue to raise the level of awareness and efforts by technical education leaders to combat the nation’s unemployment – now and into the future.

“A retooling of the American worker and industry is needed to help us get back on our feet again,” said Stephanie Sklba, Gateway Vice President, Community and Government Relations. “One of the catalysts to initiate and sustain that work is technical education. Not only does technical education help

us to sustain quality work in good economic times, but it also helps us retool in a soft economy.”

Gateway President Bryan Albrecht, Sklba and Gateway Board of Trustees Vice President Fred Burkhardt were invited to participate in the conference. Tom Kassouf, president with Snap-on Incorporated, was a speaker on the panel discussion “A Vision for Economic Policy Development.”

Gateway has become a model college at the national level for workforce development and training because of cutting-edge programs such as geoexchange technology, wind-torque technology, automotive diagnostics, computer numeric control manufacturing and industrial mechanical technician.

Albrecht is president of ACTE, the nation’s largest not-for-profit education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. It has 30,000 members.

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 challenging needs of students, employers and communities.

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