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Gateway president named to work on national initiative

Effort works to help students transition into college, workforce

Gateway Technical College president Bryan Albrecht has been named to the national Validation Committee for the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers announced Thursday that Albrecht was among the 25-member national and international group. Committee members will immediately be tasked with reviewing and verifying the standards development process and the resulting evidence-based college- and career-readiness standards.

The standards are intended to be research and evidence-based, aligned with college and workforce training program expectations, reflective of rigorous content and skills and internationally benchmarked.

"It is an honor to represent our profession in such an important initiative," said Albrecht. "Ensuring that students have the skills to succeed in college and

careers is our mission at Gateway. It will be inspiring to share our community success stories with the National Governors Association.

“Gateway has been recognized as a leader in working with secondary schools. Gateway’s partnerships with Lakeview Technology Academy in Kenosha County, Burlington High School in Racine County and Badger High School Walworth County along with all the other school districts are models for what the Common Core Initiative is designed to establish.”

The standards are designed to represent college and career readiness and define the knowledge and skills students should have to succeed in entry-level academic college courses and in workforce training. Gateway has several such programs in place with area high schools – Youth Options, articulation and transcribed credit options all provide high school students with college course work. The standards will enhance consistency throughout the high school, college and technical college community.

The standards will help shape the knowledge and skills necessary for postsecondary success in math and language arts. Basic skills in math and communications are essential for success in today’s job market.

The Wisconsin Technical College System has adopted common core skills and Gateway has integrated them into all of its programs. This national effort will strengthen the core skill set as well as position Gateway for greater transfer opportunities with schools institutions throughout the country.

For the college- and career-readiness standards, the committee members will:

- review the process used to develop the college- and career-readiness standards and recommend improvements in that process.
- validate the sufficiency of the evidence supporting each college- and career-readiness standard. Each member is asked to determine whether each standard has sufficient evidence to warrant its inclusion.
- add any standard that is not now included in the common core state standards that they feel should be included and provide the following evidence to support its inclusion: 1) evidence that the standard is essential to college and career success; and 2) evidence that the standard is internationally comparable.

For more information, please contact Albrecht at (262) 564-3030. Please note attached photo.

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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