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**Gateway president represents technical college
education at national forum**

Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht was one of four education leaders to participate in a speakers panel held today in the U.S Capitol at Washington D.C. through the American Youth Policy Forum, focused on putting Americans back to work.

The panel was held in conjunction with the national forum "Career Pathways to Employment: Aligning Career and Technical Education to Labor Market Projections."

At the forum, a new collaborative report was released from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, "Career Clusters: Forecasting High School through College Jobs, 2008-2018." According to the study, by 2018, the United States will need workers with 22 million associate level or higher college degrees, but will fall short of that by at least 3 million.

The report states that the majority of good jobs of the future will require postsecondary education and training. Of those high school diploma-only jobs that remain, only one third will pay a living wage and are in male-dominated fields.

"It was a credit to our community that Gateway was selected to represent America's community and technical colleges in this important event," said Albrecht. "Gateway has numerous programs which provide training which leads to high-demand careers for our students and employers."

Gateway programs featured at the forum include those held at Gateway's Horizon Center for Transportation Technology in Kenosha, a successful boot camp model Gateway has partnered with through area Workforce Development Centers and Gateway's work with NC3 National Coalition of Certification Centers.

"The report provides valuable data for state level and college leaders to better understand the future job opening and implications for career and technical education," said Betsy Brand, American Youth Policy Forum executive director.

In addition to Albrecht, the panel included James Stone, director of the National Center for Career and Technical Education, University of Louisville; Anthony Carnevale, director, Center on Education and Workforce, Georgetown University; Katherine Oliver, assistant state superintendent for Career and College Readiness, Maryland.

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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