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## **“Not College Material” - Distinguished Alumni John Kiel Honored**



John Kiel came a long way from feeling he was "not college material" to being named the 2016 Gateway Distinguished Alumni during the May 17<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony.

John is a 1982 graduate of Gateway's Fire Science Technician Associate degree program. He served the Kenosha Fire Department for 33 years as a firefighter-EMT, motor pump operator, lieutenant and captain. He went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in Fire Science and ultimately a Law Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. John continues to practice law and represent firefighter associations across Wisconsin.

In addition, John has been recognized for his active role as a community leader and volunteer dedicated to numerous organizations in the region, including United Way, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Town Chairman of Brighton.

“John's experience with Gateway was a major stepping stone in his commitment and desire to be an outstanding citizen and contributor to the community,” states Alderman Curt Wilson.

John was honored and truly proud to be a Gateway grad and looks forward to being an active Gateway Alumni.