

PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Matt Janisin)

Racine Campus

The Racine Campus hosted the August 13, 2024 Fast Track. 220 students took advantage of the opportunity to meet with our Student Services Experts.

School of Pre-College and Momentum Programs

During the month of August, the Momentum Programs on-boarded their new students:

- International Students 10
- Promise 2 Finish students 15
- STEM Scholars 7
- HS Promise 153

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dr. Richard McLaughlin and his daughter were on the Wuhan news (http://www.app.dawuhanapp.com/p/40247593.html) for their work with the critically endangered Yangtze finless porpoise. They were featured in the news on August 15 which is China's Ecology Day.

High School Partnerships

Team members from the Recruitment Team and High School Partnerships Team, along with high school partners from the tri-county, attended the Wisconsin Career Readiness Summit on August 13th and14th. Gateway was awarded the "Catalyst Award" for bringing a diverse team to the event.

The Gateway Edge Cohort 2 wrapped up their Summer Gateway to Success courses. 100% of the students passed.

Program Effectiveness

The program effectiveness team delivered training to 15 new program effectiveness coordinators and division chairs on the specific elements of the coordinator role during faculty professional week. Topics covered included assessment, curriculum review and modifications, program vitality, and managing curriculum committees.

The program effectiveness team provided support to 32 program effectiveness coordinators during faculty professional week through a variety of virtual sessions. Program effectiveness coordinators utilized the support sessions to establish assessment plans, finalize curriculum modifications, discuss quality improvement activities, and begin the full curriculum review process.

College Excellence

- Gateway successfully completed the Higher Learning Commission Open Pathway Year 4 Assurance Review with no recommended monitoring. The next step in our 10-year accreditation cycle is to work on a Quality Initiative project that must be completed in years 5-9. The college's next comprehensive evaluation, which will include both the Assurance Argument review and a site visit, will be in 2029-30.
- Client Reporting (submission of student data to the WTCS) has been completed for the 2023-24 year. Gateway reported more than 169,000 data records which passed through error checking processes. The final count of individuals served is 20,780, resulting in a full-time equivalent enrollment of 4,041.

Gateway Industrial Design Fab Lab

Adam Reed and John Zehren continued the summer semester assisting student clubs, facilitating youth summer camps and training workshops, attending new certification classes, and offering tours and open lab time. Activities include;

- Student Strengths Club
 - Club members played strength-themed games, engraved strengths on tumblers and made t-shirts showing their top strength.
- Youth Summer Maker Camps
 - 2 separate week-long youth camps teaching 3D printing, laser cutting, vinyl cutting, soldering, and CNC concepts.
- NitroX RC car camp
 - Participants learned about electrical concepts, hand tools, and diesel/automotive careers. Fab lab taught 3D printing, and vector graphic design so campers could personalize their RC car bodies.
- IPC J-STD-001 CIT
 - Adam Reed earned certification as a trainer for IPC J-STD-001 soldering.
- Fab Lab Tours
 - John Zehren conducted numerous Fab Lab tours to iMET visitors.
- GTC Librarian Training
 - Trained GTC librarians on designing and cutting heat transfer vinyl graphics to create t-shirts and bags for Banned Book Week.
- Robert E Ellsworth Correctional Center (REECC)
 - Ladies from REECC spent Faculty PD week in the Fab Lab earning certifications in 3D printing and laser engraving. They were able to learn equipment and make items to give family members upon program completion.

Racine Youth Offenders Correctional Facility (RYOCF) Cohort #9

Five more youth offenders are now ready to take on meaningful, high-paying jobs when they are released from the RYOCF. Mechatronics Cohort #9 wrapped up in August with an open house (attended by 35 guests) and an industry partner day (attended by representatives from Brunk Industries, Milwaukee Tool and InSinkErator). Both days are

designed to give the students the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and course projects. Instructor, JD Jones asks attendees to vote on their favorite projects.

The feedback from the industry partners is of particular significance since the program is designed to help fill open positions at local companies. Here's some of what they shared:

- 1. It is amazing to see what the students learned in just 14 weeks.
- 2. The students were knowledgeable, confident, professional and passionate about their projects and the experience.
- The equipment used in the mobile lab is exactly the same used in our manufacturing facility.
- 4. With the level of knowledge illustrated, these students can fill any of our Automation Technician positions.
- 5. The hands-on building, programming and troubleshooting skills taught directly align with the knowledge required of our employees.
- 6. We appreciate that the class is structured to simulate the workplace.
- 7. All of the industry partners want to be invited back for both the open house and the industry partners days.

<u>COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (Stephanie Sklba)</u> Community and Government Relations

We continue to be engaged in our community through events and community organizations. The look and feel of our campuses continues to be a priority as we work on newly remodeled spaces, find better ways to engage our students in our spaces and maintain the Gateway Experience in our current spaces.

The Center for Sustainability continues to host many community informational events, school groups and community organizations.

Foundation

- Direct Aid to Students: The New Adult Learner Scholarship application closed in early September with 52 completed applications. These applications are under review. The Continuing Student Scholarship application will close September 30th. The Foundation's Student Emergency Funds have helped eight (8) students with a total of \$7,454.73 in support of tuition, utilities, transportation, and food.
- Gateway Foundation Warmly Invites You to Ignite the Future: Register yourself and a few of your friends for an unforgettable evening filled with insights, possibilities, and fun on Thursday, October 10, 2024, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Haribo Hall. Single tickets \$75; Group of (5) \$350. More information can be found at gtc.edu/ignite. Registration deadline is September 16, 2024.

• **Total contributed dollars secured** in support of Gateway's students, the college, and the foundation as of August 31, 2024: \$39,838 from 164 donors.

Marketing

- Fall Recruitment Marketing: Targeted and broader community marketing
 including billboard/print/digital ads as well as direct mail, email and text are
 wrapping up. Marketing efforts included two sponsored stories highlighting
 student success that appeared in print, online and on social media. Dajanae
 Williams Kris Dunker
- **Student Life Marketing:** Student activities and event planning is in full swing, and the team has been working to support a wide variety of student life, Diversity 365 and student support programs with marketing materials, web, social media and event promotion.
- Advise Program Student Communications: Marketing continues to partner with Academic Advising to develop custom messages geared toward student success for continuing program students to be sent via Advise CRM.

WGTD

WGTD Sports launched another season of high school football with a barn burner of a game Friday, Aug. 23rd between Wilmot and Bradford. Wilmot won with a last-second field goal. All games are webcast live on WGTD's Facebook page then archived. Games are produced with a crew from Indian Trail High School. Major support comes from Gateway Technical College, Modern Woodmen of America in Racine, Frank J. Parise Law Offices, Educators Credit Union and Sylvan Learning of Kenosha. A complete list of sponsors will come in next month's report.

LEARNING INNOVATION DIVISION (Jeff Robshaw)

Information Systems

Information Technology

End User Computing and Distance Learning

ENROLLMENT (Stacy Riley)

STUDENT AFFAIRS (Stacy Riley)

Admissions

New Student Specialist (NSS)

- Hosted a series of in-person and online Get Ready Application Workshops, reaching hundreds of students.
- Provided personalized application assistance to over 350 students in one-on-one appointments during August.
- Successfully coordinated the Fast Track event on the Racine campus, offering over 330 services to students, including 120 who attended the application workshop.
- Actively participated in the All-Staff Virtual Call Night event, making and receiving numerous calls.
- Conducted multiple campus tours, showcasing Gateway Technical College to prospective students.
- Provided application support to 107 new students during full-staff Walk-In sessions.
- Contributed to fall enrollment growth by participating in the Rise Up Community Resource Event and Park High School Back-to-School event.

Financial Aid

- 532 students packaged financial aid during August
- 137 new GradReady users
- Participated in Staff Virtual Call night
- 86 FA SAP Appeals and 125 M150 SAP Appeals Reviewed

Student Finance Specialists (SFS)

- Held 09 All Things Student Finance & FAFSA Workshops for the month of August.
- Presented at the Promise kickoff GradReady
- Made/Received phone calls at All Staff Virtual Call night
- Assisted 68 students at Fast Track event on Racine Campus.
- Assisted 139 students during Peak Time Walk In Sessions
- Returned numerous emails/phone calls to students in the FAO email box
- Made phone calls to potential HS Promise students encouraging them to complete financial aid files.

Registrar

Academic Advising

- Advisors participated in Fast Track on the Racine campus on August 13th.
 Advisors were able to connect with 92 students
- Advisors held walk-ins for new and continuing students on the following dates/times: August 27th (Kenosha, Racine and Elkhron), August 28th (Kenosha and Racine), August 29th (Kenosha, Racine and Elkhorn). Total students served: 141

Tutoring Services	
Libraries	
Student Life	
Learning Success Coaches	
Impact Program	
Testing	

Career & Employment Services (CES)

CES engaged in the following during the prior month: in collaboration with the automotive program and GTC partners, CES hosted the Rev Up and Roll Camp (12 students) and the Nitro X camp (14 students), presented at Faculty In-Services for SoPaHS and MEIT on overall department services and discussed collaborative opportunities for the 2024-25 school year, toured Nosco in Pleasant Prairie along with BWS and Academic Affairs to discuss partnership opportunities; hosted Mount Pleasant operations manager from Microsoft at the annual CES retreat to learn about future career paths and programs the company will be recruiting for, in collaboration with Student Affairs departments will kick off "all services Walk-In" events to provide ondemand services to students as they begin the semester, CES will be participating in the Bechtel Open House in collaboration with Academic Affairs and BWS to network with employer partners and contractors within the district; hosted 64 City of Racine

summer interns and presented to them on interviewing, served prospects at Fast Track on all campuses.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI) Office for Equal Opportunity & Civil Rights(Josh Vollendorf)

Veteran Support Services (Edwardo Vargas)

TALENT & CULTURE (Jacqueline Morris)

- Magan Perez volunteered during Women Build Week for Habitat for Humanity Kenosha in working to build homes for our neighbors and our community.
- Provided initial training for 14 new full-time and 22 new adjunct faculty in partnership with the Teaching and Learning team
- Finalized training developed with the Director of High School Partnerships to provide guidelines and best practices for mentoring to businesses participating in the Youth Apprenticeship Program.
- Provided 20 professional development opportunities to our 250+ full-time faculty during their Faculty Professional Week.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES

 The Business Office Team received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the FY 2023 ACFR Report.

Community Connectedness (Sharon Johnson)

- Academies of Racine Annual Retreat
- FAST Track
- Gateway Summer 2024 Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- Academies of Racine 101 Partner Onboarding
- Faculty Professional Week Morning Program
- Facilities Team Retreat
- Racine Tempo Board Meeting

Student Accounts (Breezann Warnock)

• Student Accounts have been working diligently to connect with students regarding their accounts! During the 2024 summer semester, we had over 16,000 touchpoints between phone, text message and statement outreach!

Facilities (Andrew Kallenbach)

• The new Director of Construction and Facilities started on August 12, 2024 - We are excited to have him on board! Welcome Andrew!

 Facilities ADA compliance work is 95% completed and we are on track to have it 100% by the end of 2024.

Budget and Purchasing (Jason Nygard)

- The Purchasing Department underwent a procurement review on August 15, 2024. The System Office performed a review of district procurement processes with the focus on the following:
 - Analyze procurements to ensure they went through the appropriate competitive process
 - Review district policies for compliance with state and local laws, policies, and guidelines
 - Verify that any recommendations from previous reviews were implemented.

The Business Office is pleased that the Purchasing Department passed this review with flying colors and with no findings. Congratulations!

The new Assistant Controller - Michael Gabron started on August 26th. Michael will provide much needed support to the team and we are excited to have him on the team! Welcome Michael!

Safety and Security (Chris Burton)

- Completing two more in person active shooter trainings this week at IMET and Horizon.
- Developing a training on Human Trafficking to roll out to the college.
- Completing final touch ups on the 2024 Annual Security Report. On schedule to meet Oct. 1 deadline

FY 2023-2024 Audit Update (Anandhi Krishnan)

Year-end audit started the week of September 3rd. Audit process will continue through early November, ending with the presentation of ACFR at the November Board meeting.