



**News release**

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**'Eleanor Roosevelt' slated  
to deliver education speech**

Joan Wolfberg Rosenblum, portraying Eleanor Roosevelt, will deliver a performance on education and its importance 4 p.m. March 1 in the Madrigrano Auditorium of the Conference Center at Gateway's Kenosha Campus, 3520-30<sup>th</sup> Ave., as the first of a three-part lecture series celebrating Gateway Technical College's 100-year anniversary.

Rosenblum will portray Roosevelt as she was in 1959 and talk about education from that time frame's perspective. It was in 1959 that the Kenosha Vocational School -- the name predecessor to Gateway Technical College -- began offering associate degree-level programs. Rosenblum will also look into the "future" of education, also from the similar time frame and perspective. She has portrayed Eleanor Roosevelt in performances since 1991.

Light refreshments will be served a half-hour prior to the performance, which is free and open to the public. Following the 45-minute performance, Rosenblum will take questions from the audience and answer them in her onstage historic character.

Gateway is celebrating its 100-anniversary as the first publicly-funded technical college in Wisconsin and America with a number of events and

activities, including a traveling archive exhibit, student showcases in Madison and a July centennial celebratory walk. The walk will begin at the site of the Racine Campus prior to its current location, and will be held as part of a statewide 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of technical colleges. Wisconsin was the first state to pass legislation allowing for the creation of local continuation schools, which would later become technical colleges. The Racine Continuation School -- the name predecessor to Gateway Technical College -- was the first to be established in Wisconsin.

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