



Media release

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**Gateway to host statewide, communitywide
commemoration as first technical college in America**

Gateway Technical College is pleased to commemorate its 100 years as the first technical college in America with a centennial celebration to be held July 12 on its Racine Campus, 1001 S. Main St.

Gateway is encouraging members of the communities it serves to attend one or all of the events and celebrate 100 years of Gateway making futures for its communities.

“Gateway Technical College is celebrating a milestone for our nation’s community and technical colleges, and we would like to invite our communities to share in this celebration,” said Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht.

“Today’s economy depends on technical education as never before. We are celebrating the investment and partnerships forged over the last century between the college and its communities as well as the great expectation of future efforts to educate a well-trained workforce.”

Events include:

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Picnic lunch. This is hosted by the Gateway Technical College Foundation Inc. and sponsored by Johnson Bank.

1:30 p.m.: Walk ... to the future. This seven-block walk commemorates 100 years of technical education. Community members are invited to join college and technical college system staff, alumni, students and partners for the walk. It begins at Eighth Street and Center Street, the site of the first Racine Continuation School – the first continuation school in America and name predecessor to today’s technical colleges. The walk will be led by members of the University of Wisconsin marching band and concludes on Gateway’s current Racine campus, 1001 S. Main St.

3 p.m.: Centennial program. Wisconsin Technical College staff, business, state and national officials are all part of the historical dedication ceremony. An official plaque designating Racine and Gateway as the birthplace of the Wisconsin Technical College System will be placed on the campus.

Those expected to speak include:

- Nick Pinchuk, Snap-on Incorporated chairman and CEO
- Noah Brown, Association of Community College Trustees, president and CEO
- Bryan Albrecht, Gateway Technical College president
- Dan Clancy, Wisconsin Technical College System president
- Mark Tyler, Wisconsin Technical College System vice president
- Pat Costello, Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association
- Paul Gabriel, Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association

- Jim Ladwig, Racine County Executive
- Eduardo Arauz, Waukesha County Technical College student

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Wisconsin Technical College System display and vehicle show. All 16 of Wisconsin's technical colleges will have examples of their unique programs on display in the Racine student life center and specialty vehicles used for training in different college programs in the parking lot.

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Concert in the park on the Racine Campus. Hailed as one of the best Celtic rock bands in the country, the Sandcarvers will headline the centennial concert in the park. It is free and open to the public.

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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