



# Writing America's Employment Future

The nation's first publicly funded "continuation school"/ technical college celebrates 100 years.



Now known as Gateway Technical College, the Racine Continuation School became the first "continuation school" in the nation on November 3, 1911. Gateway Technical College is the first of 16 college districts in the state of Wisconsin which originated from Wisconsin state legislation passed in June 1911.

## Key points of the impact of technical education:

- 100 years of preparing residents to serve their communities and support their families through careers including: health care; emergency response such as paramedic, fire science, and law enforcement; business careers including information technology, interior design, marketing, supervisory management and accounting; and engineering technology, manufacturing, and automotive-related careers.
- Putting future first, technical colleges are leaders in not only training for today's jobs, but working with employers to anticipate the needs of tomorrow. This was true in 1911 and remains true today.
- Supporting the needs of businesses in the transformation from a manual, agricultural economy to a more advanced industrial economy.
- Created in 1911 as publicly funded education to bridge those leaving school at age 14, yet not prepared for a career.

## The Celebration

- July 12, 2011 Gateway Technical College Racine Campus 1001 South Main Street, Racine, Wis.
- Schedule of events:
  - 1:30 p.m. Celebratory Walk to the Future from site of original Racine Continuation School to current Campus (approximately 7 blocks).
  - 3:00 p.m. Program featuring employers, Wisconsin Technical College System officials, national and state government officials, and organizations focusing on workplace skills.

### Speakers will include:

- Nick Pinchuk, President and CEO, Snap-on Incorporated
- Mark Tyler, Wisconsin Technical College State Board Vice President
- Dan Clancy, Wisconsin Technical College System President
- Noah Brown, Association of Community College Trustees President & CEO
- Bryan Albrecht, President of Gateway Technical College; Past President of the National Association for Career and Technical Education

