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## BUILDING A LEGACY AND KEEPING A MEMORY

Myers scholarship built on the hearts and memory of a son, student and friend

The Joseph L. Myers IV Memorial Criminal Justice Scholarship was built on the hearts of many people who cared for the late Gateway student – as well as the students following in his footsteps.

Soon after his passing, Joseph's classmates and an instructor in Gateway's Criminal Justice program raised funds to create the scholarship in his memory. Joseph Myers was enrolled in Gateway's Criminal Justice program, taking courses at the college's Elkhorn Campus, when he passed away.

Time passed, and the instructor retired. Joe and Nancy Myers – Joseph's parents – had already contributed to the scholarship, at that time they decided to step up in a more formal way and solidify its finances.

They continued the fund raising, building the scholarship into a legacy of helping students to financially and emotionally succeed in their studies at Gateway for more than 20 years.

"This was done in memory of Joey. He is leaving something here, his name and memory. This is helping out others in their education and I think that is something he would have liked."

The giving didn't end there. Others who cared for the Myers family continued to make the scholarship a reality. In one instance, a close friend, in his pre-planning session, asked that in lieu of flowers, attendees of his funeral contribute to the memorial scholarship. At his passing, money flowed into the scholarship account.

Other friends and family also donated to the scholarship.

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“When Joe and I would get gifts, we would ask people that instead of a gift, please donate to the scholarship. That’s how the whole thing started. It just kept growing and growing. Now it’s self-supporting.”

Nancy says a highlight of being involved is meeting and hearing from scholarship recipients. “I am so excited for the recipients. They really deserve it. I think of Joey, about how proud he would be to know that someone is benefitting from a scholarship in his memory.”

Of all the things they could have done to remember their son, Nancy says the scholarship was the best fit because of the potential it has to impact the lives of others through education.

“You need to have some type of training, some type of skill in today’s world. That’s why we like Gateway. You can gain many different types of skills at Gateway, the programs are fabulous and the college reaches out to so many people.”

Joe Myers agrees.

“There’s a lot of students out there who need financial help, and Gateway will give them the skills to succeed. I think this is also a way to help better our community. It’s gratifying to see that the scholarship will help others, in Joey’s name.”



## SMILING – AND HELPING OTHERS TO SMILE, TOO

Dental assistant second in Promise program to graduate



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**Laura Valle** says she wanted to go to college for family and career reasons and made the choice to attend Gateway upon her graduation from high school.

At the time, though, she felt the cost to do so would be great and the time to pay back the bills long – until she learned about the Promise program. The program made all the difference in the world for her.

Laura says she’s now prepared for her career, ready for the real working world and to take on the next step in life.

“Going to college would have been much harder without the Promise program. I would have had to pay off college for a long time. I am so grateful I was able to get into the program.”

The Promise program fills the gap between financial aid received and cost of attending Gateway, which includes tuition and fees for qualifying students. Laura is the second student to graduate from the Promise program.

Laura said the structure of the program, which includes student support and other wraparound services, has helped her in other ways, as well.

“It’s helped me financially, but the program has also helped me to know what I want to do in my future, my career. I wanted to further my education, but I didn’t know what would be the best fit for me. I realize now it’s in dentistry.”

The Dental Assistant graduate has landed a position at an area dental clinic and her career has already begun to positively impact her life as well as her infant daughter.

“I feel like I’m prepared for my career. My clinical training also prepared me for the real working world and helped me to become a better dental assistant.”

Laura, who says she was unsure of her teeth and smile when she was younger, now helps others to keep their own teeth healthy – so they will hopefully have a smile just like her own because of her new career.

## A PROMISE DELIVERED

Graduate says Foundation helped him to graduate, enter career



***“This has set me up for a career that I will do for the rest of my life.”***

**Taran Cole** is a first at Gateway Technical College.

Taran’s accomplishment? He’s the first Gateway graduate to participate in the college’s Promise program.

He’s also among the few groups of students to graduate from Gateway’s Gas Utility Construction and Service program and has already entered his career.

Taran says he would have been unable to attend college – and reap the benefits of a new career with solid wages – without the Promise program.

“If it weren’t for the Promise program, I would have gone to work straight out of high school, and not gone on to college,” says Taran. “I was not as set up financially as I would have needed to be to go to college. Earning the degree in nine months, and making pretty good money for an 18-year-old – that’s great.”

“This has set me up for a career that I will do for the rest of my life.”

Taran says he wanted a degree where he could gain the skills and enter a career quickly.

He turned to Gateway’s Gas Utility program – and he was right. The graduate of the one-year program already has a job and is looking forward to a lifelong career.

“I knew I would be able to find a job in the trades like gas utility,” he says. “I met with Gateway, and they said it would only take nine months of training and I could make a great wage. That made my mind up for me – and it’s been a great fit.”

## SHARBEL MAALOUF: 2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



### Sharbel Maalouf

#### Distinguished alumni award

Gateway Technical College has a long history of successful alumni. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to Gateway Technical College graduates who have achieved at an exemplary level of excellence in their field, made significant contributions to that field and exhibit outstanding leadership, character, and service. Awardees are recognized during Gateway's spring commencement ceremony.

For more information, go to [gtc.edu/foundation](http://gtc.edu/foundation).

Sharbel Maalouf is Gateway Technical College's 2018 Distinguished Alumni.

Sharbel earned a Gateway Marketing degree in 2008 and currently serves as vice president for product development at Medline in its ReadyCare Division.

At Gateway, Sharbel served as the Gateway Collegiate DECA Chapter president and, under his leadership in 2008, it fielded the largest chapter to compete at the state DECA Career Development Conference.

Under his leadership, Sharbel's teams at Medline were recognized as the 2017 Product Division of the Year, 2017 Best Product Launch of the Year and the 2016 Product Division of the Year.

He has worked on five different patents while at the company and was honored with the Pat Bergeron Award in 2017, an award given annually to a person who "embodies work ethic and goes above and beyond every day." Sharbel also works to recruit Gateway alumni to join his team at Medline.

Sharbel's nominator said, "As an educator, we get good students every single semester, but we may only get that superstar once during our career. I was lucky to get a superstar early in my teaching career, and that person was Sharbel Maalouf."

Sharbel also earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Carthage College and a master's degree in Business Administration from DePaul University. He currently lives in Glenville, Ill.

# GRANT INSPIRES STUDENTS TO CONSIDER OTHER CAREERS

A Foundation Inspiration Grant helped students in the college's Adult High School (AHS) program to clearly see their education and career possibilities – which will ultimately help them to see a better future.

Students taking Communications courses at the AHS program were able to leave the classroom and visit the college offerings of workforce learning. They were able to travel from their home campus to one of the college's other campuses – sometimes up to 40 miles away – to become familiar with the partnerships and hands-on training Gateway offers.

Through this, they were able to gain a true understanding of how their high school diploma will allow them to pursue successful careers.

Students visited the SC Johnson integrated Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Center where they learned about the college's Computerized Numeric Control (CNC) program. The need for CNC technicians continues to rise in the area, with the career field offering solid, family-sustaining wages.

Another trip was made to Elkhorn manufacturer Precision Plus. Students learned how a Gateway education helps to provide the training to work at that modern facility.

The grant funded the bus transportation costs so that the 27 students could visit the college's various facilities, an opportunity they would have been unable to gain without it. Students benefited greatly from the trips as they were better able to see a clear path to a career. Several expressed interest some of the specific career areas they learned about – noting that they would not have considered that career if it were not for the trip.



## A HISTORY OF CHANGING LIVES

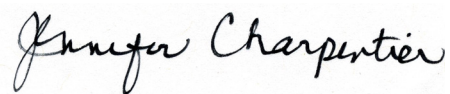
We were so excited to see new and longtime friends this past fall when the Foundation celebrated 40 years of supporting education to strengthen our communities. Because of your generosity, the Foundation has changed the lives of generations of Gateway students and the community. Thank you.

Gateway Technical College marks its 107th anniversary this year. It remains committed to its vision of making life-changing educational opportunities a reality. For generations to come, your support of the Foundation makes it possible for students to develop the knowledge and skills for family supporting careers. In turn, we help contribute to the growth and sustainability of our local economy.

Your support helps close financial gaps for our students in a way that only a generous donor like you can. Whether it is scholarships and student emergency funds that help students stay in school or short-term training (like the boot camps) or GED testing grants that help bridge a community member from where they are to where they want to be, your involvement remains vital. We are able to offer the Gateway Promise to generations of students who thought they could not afford college because of you.

From students we hear statements like “I would not be in school this semester without this support” or “I didn’t know that people care about people like me.” Your investment in education through Gateway Foundation helps transform our community for a better future.

Thank you.



Jennifer Charpentier, PhD, CFRE  
Executive Director





# FOUNDATION HAS GROWN TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED



This past year, the Foundation marked its 40th year of helping Gateway students succeed. As you'll see in this issue, with scholarship recipients across the years, Foundation volunteers and donors, last fall we celebrated the Foundation's history of changing members' lives.

When Gateway and the community began its discussion about how a Foundation could help the college meet the needs of the community, our employers and our students it articulated four goals:

- **Be even more responsive to community needs**
- **Help students close financial gaps in being able to attend Gateway**
- **Accept gifts that a government entity could not and**
- **Engage business and industry with the College**

As we review the history of the past 40 years, we see how the Foundation has grown in its ability to help Gateway and its students.

When the Foundation marked its 10-year anniversary, it had \$72,556 in assets. Fast forward to 2017, the Foundation had \$6,741,242 in assets and \$1,688,699 in generous contributions. What is more, it was able to disburse \$149,442 in scholarships and contributed to the College \$842,802.

Because of the thoughtful support of donors like you, the Foundation can be do what it set out to do more than 40 years ago. I am grateful.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and generations of Gateway students, thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederick Ganaway".

Frederick Ganaway  
Board Chairman



# BY THE NUMBERS

## Foundation History



# 40 YEARS

...that's how long the Foundation has impacted the lives of students and forged connections between the college and government and industry. Here's a few numbers in Foundation history to keep in mind as we ponder the thousands of lives which have been affected through the Foundation.



<b>37</b> Number of scholarships granted in 1986	<b>165</b> Number of Promise Students for Fall 2017	<b>260</b> Scholarships awarded in 2017
<b>72,556</b> Foundation assets in dollars in 1987	<b>277,185</b> Foundation assets in dollars in 1997	<b>954,958</b> Foundation assets in dollars in 2017



## RECIPIENT SAYS SCHOLARSHIPS 'MEAN EVERYTHING' TO STUDENTS



**Justin Terhune**

The Foundation and those who support it helped the education and life of Justin Terhune in a couple different ways.

The first time – and first scholarship – provided a way for Justin to take extra classes and move him along to completing his degree quicker.

The second time – and second scholarship – helped him to take some extra courses which will provide him additional training to help him land a job in his career field.

“That first scholarship, I didn’t think I would get it. When I realized I had received it, I was excited about it, to say the least.”

One of the scholarships Justin received was the Joseph L. Myers IV Memorial Criminal Justice Scholarship, created by friends and family in memory of the late Joe Myers.

Justin was a speaker at the 2018 Foundation awards ceremony. He says that the scholarships, and the resources they bring, help out many deserving students every year.

“I would like to thank those who have donated – and continue to donate – to the Foundation. Scholarships mean everything to those who receive them. Some students are unable to finish their degree because of financial hardship.

“Thanks to the generosity of donors, these scholarships allow people who might otherwise be unable to finish college to be able to do so. Students may not qualify for financial aid, or Pell grants. The Foundation may be the only option these students have.”

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# THANK YOU!

Many volunteers help the Foundation in its mission to support the College and impact the lives of its students. We would like to thank the following volunteers from the fiscal 2018 Year.

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## 2018 GOLF OUTING



# GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS!

Many thanks to those who helped set up, and participate in, our 24<sup>th</sup> annual golf scramble! We had more than 20 volunteers and 130 golfers participate. A great time was had by all!

This year's scramble was held at the Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva. The effort raised more than \$60,000 and will be used in many different ways by the Foundation to fulfill its mission of supporting education to strengthen our communities.

All the photos from the event can be found here:

<https://www.flickr.com/gatewaytechnicalcollege>



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