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**Industry need for qualified technicians
drives new Gateway program**

In response to employer need, Gateway Technical College will begin its new Motorcycle, Marine and Outdoor Power Products technical diploma program on its Racine Campus.

Service technicians in this field maintain, diagnose, and repair two- and four-stroke engines, hydraulics, outboard and inboard engines and transmissions. Engines include those such as boat motors, motorcycles, ATVs, boats and personal watercraft.

“Industry leaders came to us and said there was a big gap in the skills needed for their new technicians as well as a shortage of workers for the past several years,” said Joe Fullington, dean of Gateway’s School of Business and Transportation. “They asked us if we could address that through training.”

Classes begin Sept. 4 and openings are available to students who would like to enroll in this solid career field, but student can still sign up for the program through that week. It’s possible students who begin this fall could earn the diploma in two semesters and be out in their career by summer 2019.

Fullington said because of the skills gap, there are many jobs available locally for those who would possess the skills gained through the new diploma

program. Graduates would be trained for entry-level service technician careers in the motorcycle, marine and outdoor power industries.

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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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