Welcome to the 2014-2015 academic year and our first newsletter! I hope your fall semester is off to a wonderful start. I am happy to share with you the hard work and achievements of the Gateway to College program and our students!

For those of you who don’t know, Gateway to College is a unique alternative education scholarship program that allows students to earn a high school diploma while progressing toward a college degree or certificate.

Requirements to graduate from the Gateway to College program include passing all classes with a C− or better, satisfactory scores on all required state examinations, performing at least 10 hours of civic community engagement every semester, or a minimum of 30 hours (students often do more!), as well as complete and present an e-portfolio that encompasses their academic journey and career goals.

I am very proud of our students and their dedication to their education. Many Gateway to College students work part-time jobs, some have children, and all of them balance multiple obligations.

This work could not be accomplished without the support of so many on campus. Thank you for your collaboration as we use our passion, experiences and knowledge to empower our students to develop as individuals and future leaders.

I hope you enjoy the first edition of the Gateway Gazette!

Chris
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Currently, 20 graduates are studying here at Massasoit with majors ranging from Liberal Arts Transfer/Science, Criminal Justice and Human Services to Child Care Education & Administration, Visual Arts/Art & Graphic Design and Business Administration, all with the aspiration of obtaining their Bachelor’s degrees after completing their degree at Massasoit. Three of the graduates have transferred to 4-year universities to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in either the Visual Arts, Pre-Med, or Liberal Arts.

While some graduates decided to sit out the fall 2014 semester, they have expressed the intention to return to Massasoit in spring 2015. Congrats Grads!

Alumni Spotlight

At the heart of the Gateway to College program is a talented and diverse community of students. Romello Valentine graduated from the program in June 2014 with a 3.94 GPA. Upon becoming a member of the Gateway community at Massasoit, Romello was a leader inside and outside of the classroom, as well as in the Brockton community.

In addition to maintaining his grades, Romello was a member of the program’s Student Leadership Committee; established a Chess Club that meets monthly at the Fuller Craft Museum; participated in Massasoit’s Open Mic & Poetry Slam; and was selected as 1 of 10 students to partake in Student Life’s Alternative Spring Break in Washington, D.C. with the Youth Service Opportunity Project in spring 2014. Throughout the summer, Romello conducted research through the STEM Starter Academy here at Massasoit.

He is currently enrolled at Massasoit in the Liberal Arts Transfer Science program.

His advice to current students: “Gateway was and is an essential step for us to continue on through the gate to our dreams. Do not forget what you have learned here in order for it to help you progress and build upon what you will learn after. “

“I would recommend Gateway to anybody in a heartbeat! Especially for those who are having trouble in high school or were homeschooled like I was. Gateway is a great alternative! It will put you on the right track for your future. You get college credits while simultaneously getting your high school degree; it prepares you for college by familiarizing you with a college campus, activities, classes, and students. Not to mention the Gateway Staff and teachers are always willing to help you out and be your support system. It’s a very welcoming environment which you might not have while in high school. It really doesn’t get any better. “

~M. Valentine

Our 2014 Graduates

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If you know a student that may benefit from one of our accelerated courses, let us know!

Accelerated Classes

**Session 2: 10/3/14—11/5/14**

- Keyboarding Workshop
- Prep College Reading I
- Prep College Reading II
- Intro to Writing
- US History I
- Fundamentals of Math
- Intro to Algebra
- Speech

**Session 3: 11/6/14—12/12/14**

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- Prep College Reading II
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- Speech

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