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Gateway increases classes at Holmes

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Gateway Community and Technical College has been offering class at a new but familiar site - Holmes High School.

This past spring seven courses - ranging from general psychology to college algebra - were offered. This fall 13 classes are on the schedule.

Gateway students will use the high school during the evening.

"This partnership was established to serve the citizens in Covington and the surrounding areas, as an additional site, to those already offered by (Gateway)," said Gateway Provost Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer. "It is another way for us to serve the educational needs of the community."

Gateway has a Park Hills campus on the western edge of Covington. The Holmes site is on the eastern side of the city and is more accessible to the urban core of the city. Holmes is not seeking payment for use of the facility.

"These are college-credit classes with the same course requirements as the same class offered at one of our campuses," Deitemeyer said. "We do offer dual-credit courses, in which high school students can earn college credit, at several local high schools, but this particular agreement offers other adults the convenience of obtaining college credits, perhaps right in their neighborhood."

Bill Weathers, community relations director for Covington Independent Schools, agrees.

"We are very happy to be in partnership with Gateway along several lines, and this is one that helps not only current Gateway students, but also Holmes High students by providing the presence - on their own high school campus - of a fine post-secondary institution whose goals for students and community are in sync with our own," he said.

Deitemeyer sees Gateway's using the high school as a benefit to Holmes.

"Any time two educational partners enter into an agreement that facilitates our community citizens the opportunity to gain access to education, there is a benefit to both educational partners," she said. "The benefits are community access, education and service. The benefit to Gateway is access to its customers."

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