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# Gateway official gets recognition Sproehnle chosen to attend career Leadership Academy

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A Gateway Community and Technical College employee has been chosen to attend a professional leadership academy.

Cindy Sproehnle was one of 16 national candidates selected for the Leadership Academy of the National Career Development Association. Sproehnle is the director of Gateway's Assessment Center.

"The academy is designed to further develop leadership skills among promising state and national career development association leaders," said Dr. G. Edward Hughes, Gateway president and chief executive officer.

ADVERTISEMENT The academy is a two-year commitment. Sproehnle will attend conferences and training sessions as well as work on a year-long project with several other leadership class participants. She said the project "is designed to create a network of career development professionals in community colleges in the U.S."

Selection to the academy isn't easy. Sproehnle's application was denied the first time she applied.

"It is a competitive process designed to provide this training opportunity for promising NCDA future leaders," Sproehnle said. "Applicants must be actively involved professionally in a career development position, including teaching at the college level, private career counseling, curriculum designers, policy-makers, and para-professionals in the career development field."

Sproehnle believes her leadership roles earned her acceptance this year.

"I believe I was selected because I have served as past president of Northern Kentucky Counseling Association and the Kentucky Career Development Association and am actively involved in career counseling at Gateway," Sproehnle said.

Sproehnle has worked at Gateway for 11 years. Prior to that she taught 19 years at Newport Independent Schools.

"Cindy's selection reflects the professionalism she brings to her duties at Gateway and her commitment to promoting career development not only for our students, but also to others throughout the state and the nation," Hughes said.

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