

Mahone Fund, colleges team up on scholarships

Carthage, Gateway, Parkside to aid local minority students

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The Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund is joining forces with Carthage College, Gateway Technical College, and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to offer new scholarships to Kenosha students.

The colleges and the Mahone Fund announced the new programs at an event at Gateway Tuesday. The scholarships, which will target minority students, join those awarded annually by the Mahone Fund.

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Mahone Fund said he was thrilled to see the three local colleges come together to commit to offering Kenosha students additional paths to fund a university degree, "especially given the lack of access and lack of affordability around higher education."

The new Carthage College Mahone Fund CEO Scholarship will be offered annually, giving one student a full-tuition scholarship each year, beginning in fall 2014. It will be open to students graduating from Kenosha Unified high schools, or from St. Joseph Catholic Academy or Shoreland Lutheran High School.

The Mahone Fund is



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also endowing new scholarships targeting students in Gateway and Parkside's 2-plus-2 business articulation program. Through that scholarship, a final semester student at Gateway planning to attend Parkside through the program will have access to a \$500 scholarship toward the final Gateway semester, along with \$500 toward the first semester at Parkside.

That scholarship will be open to minority students from Kenosha County.

"It's a unique program dedicated to celebrate and link our two institutions around this Forward Together program," said John Jaraczewski, spokesman for Parkside.

Jaraczewski said Parkside and Gateway are also committed to working to increase the endowment for

the scholarship, hoping to increase the dollar amount of the scholarship in the future.

Mahone said the agreements with the three universities was an outgrowth of an educational summit hosted by Gateway for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, focused on increasing educational opportunities and achievement by minority students.

With the new programs, the total number of scholarships given annually will be eight to 10.

The Mahone Fund was established in memory of community human rights leaders Mary Lou and Arthur Mahone.

"It certainly would have made my parents proud that we have been able to continue to serve the community in this way," Tim Mahone said.