

State Ambassador Program

Wisconsin Technical College System State Ambassador Award
“Recognizing outstanding student achievement in vocational-technical education.”

What is the State Ambassador Program?

The WTCS Ambassador Program is a statewide program with the mission of recognizing and rewarding outstanding students in the Wisconsin Technical College System. The program aims to develop a greater public awareness and appreciation for the high quality system of technical education, which contributes to both the state’s economy and its citizens by providing occupational education.

Who can receive this award?

This award is given to a student who possesses qualities which go beyond good grades, such as community involvement, leadership qualities in and out of the classroom and a true commitment to higher education in the Wisconsin Technical College System.

How is the winner chosen?

Candidates are nominated by Mid-State faculty or staff members and then interviewed by a screening team. One student will be chosen from each campus as the campus ambassadors and those four students will then interview to be the MSTC College Wide Ambassador.

What are the benefits to the winner?

Each year, MSTC chooses one student who is then recognized at the statewide student ambassador conference in Madison. At this all-expense paid conference the student receives valuable leadership training, speaks at the State Ambassador Dinner and receives an exclusive memento from each of the other 15 technical colleges. The MSTC Foundation also awards the College Wide Ambassador with a \$200 Scholarship. Additionally they will spend the next year as a spokesperson for the Wisconsin Technical College System, and MSTC. They will have opportunities to speak to potential students, community leaders and community groups and others and will spotlight the important role of technical and occupational education to the economy and society.

Is there a benefit to the nominator if their nominee is chosen?

As the nominator of the winner, you will be invited to the state-wide student ambassador event in Madison in April, and feel great knowing that you helped a worthy student be recognized.

Next step?

Watch your e-mail for nomination papers, and fill out promptly and return to your respective campus coordinator, or contact your campus coordinator for further clarification/information.

Campus Coordinators

Adams Campus – Laurie Francis, Ext. 5101

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Jamey Karnitz
Nekoosa, WI
Respiratory Care Practitioner

Nominator: Barbara Hughes

Choosing a technical college for my education wasn't a difficult decision. I attended a traditional university following high school, but found it did not fit my educational goals. After working for several years, I revisited my desire to work in the health care area. MSTC is a perfect fit, I get a quality education, I get small class sizes, support from instructors, staff support, classmates who assist, and I can rest assured there will be a job in the field I'm going into. The Technical College System has served my whole family from my mom and dad to my husband who is now taking classes on line. Our lives have genuinely and positively been affected by the technical college experience.