

2025-26 YEAR IN REVIEW



A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

Dear Friends and Partners of KTEC,

This year marks a meaningful milestone: for the first time, KTEC Schools of Innovation is a fully implemented K-12 program. From our 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) students learning to code and program robots, to our seniors signing intent letters for careers in nursing, engineering, diesel mechanics, and beyond – every grade is living our mission. When you walk into a KTEC classroom, you can feel the spark. Curiosity isn't something we hope for. It's something we build.

The results from this year speak to that work. Our Class of 2026 earned 571 college credits through Gateway Technical College, saved families nearly \$100,000 in tuition costs, and earned 433 industry certifications – all before graduation. But the most meaningful measure isn't a number. It's the student who helps organize a schoolwide career fair. The kindergartner who greets every visitor with 'Welcome to our classroom.' The senior who secures an apprenticeship offer before crossing the stage.

None of this happens without you. Your investment - in time, resources, and trust - makes it possible for KTEC students to see a bigger world unfolding in front of them. We are grateful for your partnership and proud to share this year with you.



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HAILEY PATTY

*Assistant Principal /
Director of Special Education*

CLASS OF 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

24
seniors

14 attended
all 4 years

433
industry
certifications

89%
passing rate on
college courses

571
credits earned
through Gateway
Technical College

29.6
average college
credits earned
per 4-year
student

\$5,141.22
saved per student in tuition costs

\$99,176.99 total family savings

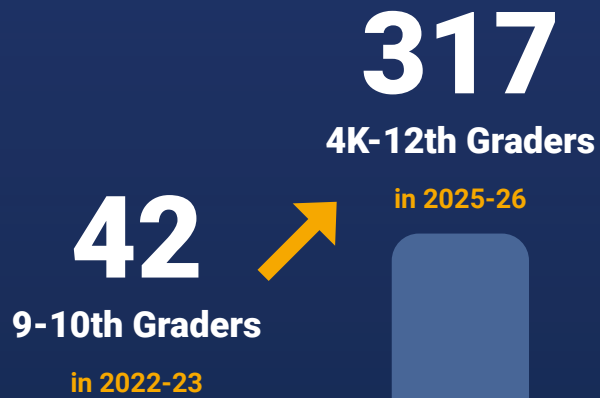
100%
passing rate in **Mathematical**
Reasoning (Mr. Davis) and
Intro to Psychology
(Mr. De Starkey)



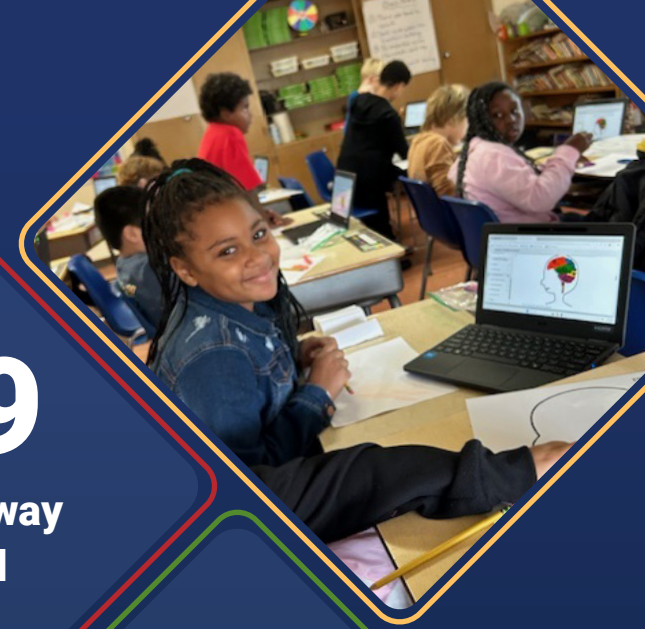
The KTEC Schools of Innovation **Class of 2026** is preparing to launch into a wide range of in-demand careers, including:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Computer Programming
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Dental Assistant
- Diesel Equipment Mechanic
- Engineering
- Firefighter/EMT
- Law
- Nursing
- Welding

FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF GROWTH



1,129
cumulative Gateway
credits earned
since 2022-23



~1,550
industry certifications
earned
since 2022-23

MAP[®]

(Measures of Academic
Progress)

assessment results show **more than one year's growth in reading** for students in kindergarten through 10th grade

PLTW[↑]

**Project Lead
The Way[®] Program**

100% of students in grades 4K through 7th participated in the Project Lead The Way pre-engineering program

\$195,599
total tuition saved
since 2022-23



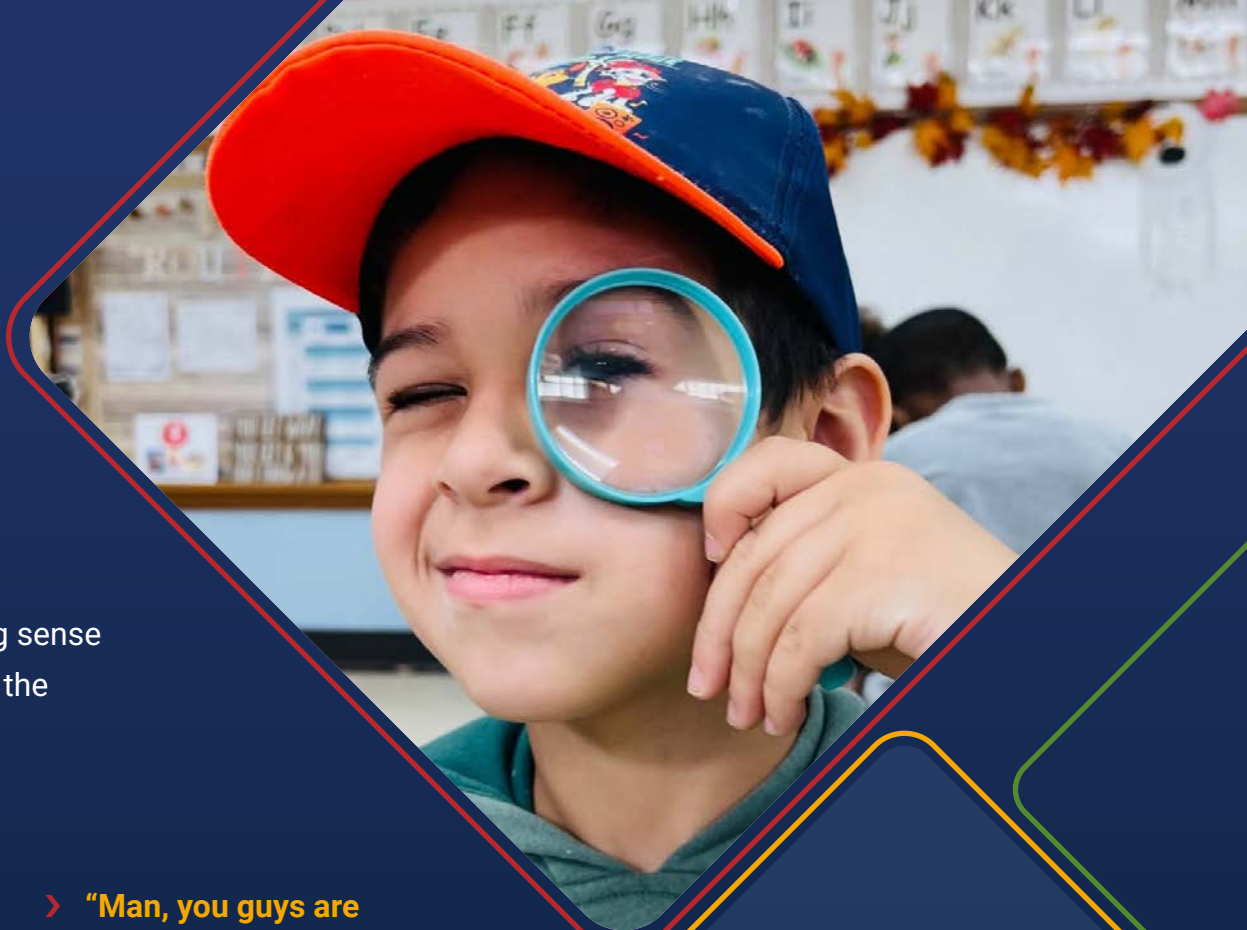
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In KTEC's elementary classrooms, curiosity is nurtured from day one. Starting in 4K, students engage in **Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Launch**, learning to think like engineers, write simple code, and program robots. Through the **"We Will Build It Better"** curriculum, they explore structural design and the role of tools in solving real-world problems.

Alongside academic skills, students also build a strong sense of community by learning empathy, accountability and the confidence to greet every visitor with a smile.

2025-26 FAVORITE MOMENTS

- › **Kindergarten Apple Day** – Students explored apples through tasting activities, mathematical graphing, arts and crafts, and hands-on learning.
- › **First Grade Community-Building Project** – Students created "Gobbles the Turkey" using natural materials found around the school and confidently concluded that you bake a turkey at **3,000 degrees!**
- › **"Man, you guys are so lucky to have this."** – Jason Gerovac, a high school senior who supports students in Mrs. Cooney's fourth-grade classroom.



"It is incredible to watch four-year-olds develop the ability to write simple code and successfully program a robot to complete a task."

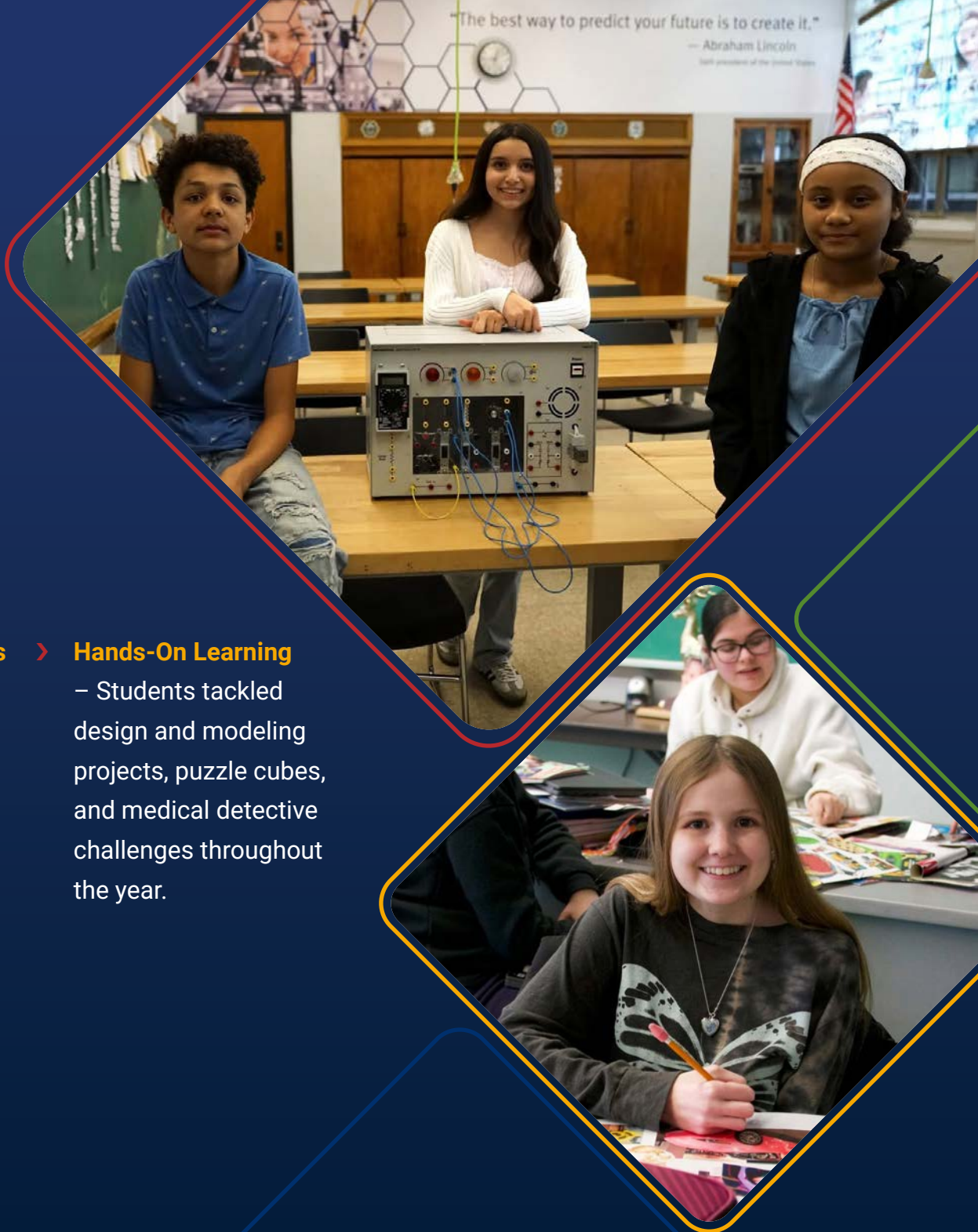
MRS. HODGES

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school at KTEC is where momentum builds. Students dive into design and modeling, puzzle cubes, and medical detective challenges, while many begin earning **industry-recognized certifications** before they even reach high school. Strong academic foundations meet real-world exploration, and a rich literary culture keeps students engaged both inside and outside the classroom.

2025-26 FAVORITE MOMENTS

- › **Book Studies** – Students explored *Wonder*, *A Christmas Carol*, and other works, participating in meaningful discussions that stayed with them long after class ended.
- › **Industry Certifications** – Students earned **Introduction to Mechatronics** and **Introduction to Exploring Electricity** certifications.
- › **Hands-On Learning** – Students tackled design and modeling projects, puzzle cubes, and medical detective challenges throughout the year.



HIGH SCHOOL

KTEC's high school students are thriving in the school's first full year as a 4K–12 institution.

Students are taking Academy courses and participating in Start College Now, earning both high school and college credit simultaneously in fields ranging from Python programming and Motor Controls to Diesel Mechanics, Welding, Baking and Mental Health. Inside and outside the classroom, they are learning not only to be scholars, but also to be compassionate, capable individuals.



2025-26 FAVORITE MOMENTS

- › **Real-World Math** — Students measured and designed a real apartment building in Kenosha, gathered material quotes and competed as contractors to submit the winning bid.
- › **LEGO® Technical Writing** — English students learned the principles of technical writing by creating their own LEGO instruction manuals in Mr. Thompson's class.
- › **Baggio Board Project** — Physical Education, Tech 3 and Art students collaborated to design, build and decorate custom baggio boards, followed by a high-stakes product testing competition.
- › **Student-Hosted Career Fair** — Mrs. Newman's C3 class organized a schoolwide career fair, bringing representatives from Uline, JX Peterbilt, Findorff, Kenosha Public Museums, Somers Fire & Rescue and many more organizations into the building.



GRAND OPENING

Opening in Fall 2026, KTEC's new 56,000-square-foot campus will provide a permanent home for the school's growing 4K–12 program.

The renovated facility is being designed to support creativity, collaboration, and hands-on learning with advanced career and technical education labs, technology-enhanced classrooms, a full-size gymnasium, and dedicated spaces for innovation and project-based learning.

Purpose-built to prepare students for future-ready careers, the campus will expand opportunities for STEM education while strengthening KTEC's commitment to real-world, career-connected learning.



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Innovation is central to our model and comes to life every day in classrooms, labs, and maker spaces across Kenosha County. Corporate and community partnerships help transform these environments into pathways for student achievement, workforce readiness, and lasting community impact.

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