



Bellingham Technical College

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Anonymous donor adds \$300,000 to large donation to support BTC students in Nursing, Welding and Diesel Technology

Bellingham, WA — An anonymous donor who made a record-breaking \$1.2 million dollar donation to the Bellingham Technical College Foundation in December 2022 has added another \$300,000 toward helping students pay for college.

The donor, who still wishes to remain anonymous, finalized the newest gift in late December 2023, and has directed the money to go toward scholarships for students in BTC's Welding, Diesel Technology and Nursing programs.

The initial \$1.2 million donation went toward scholarships and new equipment for BTC's Welding, Diesel and Automotive Technology programs. New equipment included: a robotic welding station, CNC plasma cutting system and 100-ton press brake so Welding students can get hands-on experience on the technology they'll use in the field; a Tesla Model 3, Toyota CH-R and Volkswagen Jetta to modernize and expand the learning fleet for Automotive Technology; and mobile column lifts, a hydraulic cylinder training system and several rail diesel engines to give Diesel students real-world experience in a controlled environment.

For the 2023-24 academic year, BTC's Foundation has awarded \$915,000 in scholarships, which included money from the initial anonymous donation.

"This generous gift will make a big impact on our students and their ability to focus on their studies with less financial stress," BTC Foundation Director Dean Fulton said. "We are so grateful to this donor and all of those individuals, businesses, service organizations and foundations that support BTC and our students every year."

Applications for scholarships open each year from April 15 to June 30, and this new gift means that more students will get the help they need to pay for college starting in the upcoming scholarship cycle.

The mission of the **BTC Foundation** is to change lives by expanding access to quality education for the students of Bellingham Technical College. For more information, go to www.btc.edu/foundation

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College provides student-centered, high-quality professional technical education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities. Accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, BTC offers more than 50 associate degree, over 30 certificate options and two bachelor of applied science degrees providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

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