



Bellingham Technical College

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BTC RECEIVES STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE STEWARDSHIP AWARD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

Bellingham, WA — Bellingham Technical College was honored to be recognized by the State Auditor's Office with a Stewardship Award at its October Board of Trustees meeting.

Washington State Auditor Pat McCarthy presented the award in person on Thursday, Oct. 19, recognizing in particular the employees in the college's Finance Department and Business Office for their dedication to being good stewards of public funds, with strong internal controls, and accurate and timely financial statement reports.

"Throughout our working relationship with the College, staff have consistently demonstrated a culture of accountability and transparency," McCarthy wrote in her award letter.

Out of approximately 2,500 statewide audits, only 10 departments received a Stewardship Award. BTC President James Lemerond credits the award to the outstanding level of commitment, talent, work ethic and teamwork from every employee who handles business and financial work at BTC.

"This award not only highlights the exceptional talent within our Finance Department but also underscores the culture of our entire campus community," Lemerond says. "Each member of this team has contributed significantly to this achievement, and their dedication reflects the spirit of BTC."

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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