



## PRESIDENT'S SHOUT-OUT

This month, I'd like to give a tip of the boina to our Grounds Crew. With the support of our seemingly ubiquitous Facilities Director Dave Jungkuntz, grounds workers Chris Glatz, Shelby Stamey, and Tim Kassiotis have put in a lot of effort over the past couple months sprucing up the east end of campus and revitalizing some older planting beds. It was a great way to kick off spring, with some new plantings and new looks for the campus. The team's creativity was clearly evident in how they worked with the existing elements on campus to create attractive and sophisticated designs. We're starting off spring quarter right for the students and employees working on-ground and showcasing our campus for the large number of community members visiting the weekend vaccine clinic, thanks to the hard work and resourcefulness of our Grounds Crew.

As you move through campus, here are some items of interest to look for:

- Conversion of the G-building conference room wall "rock bed" from medium-sized shrubs to a new, more appropriate succulent garden
- Repurposing the lighter shaded arborist chips from the Lower Lot tree removal this winter in the McKeown Lavender Circle for a refreshed pop and a great contrast with the mature lavender plants
- Revamping of the H-lot island and the G-building cafeteria window bed with new plantings

Pictures can be found to your right. Thanks, Chris, Shelby, and Tim!

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## ASBTC

The Associated Students of Bellingham Technical College (ASBTC) have some fun and educational virtual events planned for spring quarter. Up first on April 20, is Marcus Monroe, a high energy entertainer who combines juggling and comedy, and was a recent winner of the Andy Kaufman Award for originality and creativity in a performance. Next up, will be themed Trivia Nights every other Friday, starting Friday, April 23. Plus, the ASBTC are collaborating with several other CTCs during spring quarter. These events include C-Word Consent, to acknowledge Sexual Assault Awareness month, partnering with Whatcom Community College, Clover Park Technical College, Spokane Falls Community College, Walla Walla Community College, and Spokane Community College; and a Murder Mystery event on April 27 with Renton Technical College, Bates Technical College, Olympic College, and Skagit Valley College. Additional collaborations for spring quarter include celebrating and honoring Asian American Pacific Islander month and Pride month with speakers. More information about each event can be found at ASBTC's Canvas page. Enroll now at: <https://btc.instructure.com/enroll/XFX4HM>

## ADMISSIONS & ADVISING

This Spring, Admissions & Advising, Student Financial Resources and Faculty are partnering to offer virtual program info sessions. All upcoming info sessions can be found at [www.btc.edu/infosession](http://www.btc.edu/infosession) or on the main college calendar at [www.btc.edu/calendar](http://www.btc.edu/calendar). The info sessions are online, free, and open to the public, prospective BTC students and friends and family. This is also a great opportunity for BTC employees to learn more about programs too. The sessions will be hosted through Zoom, and students will need to sign up for the session to receive the Zoom link.

Thank you to all the faculty and support staff who are participating in the sessions! Questions? Contact Bre Olason at [bolason@btc.edu](mailto:bolason@btc.edu)



## ALL-WASHINGTON ACADEMIC TEAM

BTC is proud to announce that our two students selected for the All-Washington Academic Team are Amy Redfern and Yuliya Derkach. The All-Washington Academic Team scholarship and awards are sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College; Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges; Washington State Association of College Trustees; and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. These deserving students will be recognized at the statewide All-Washington Academic Team ceremony (via Zoom) on Thursday, April 15, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This recognition includes a certificate, a medallion, and a \$250 scholarship check.

Both Amy and Yuliya were also selected for the WSECU Top 16 and will receive an additional \$750 scholarship sponsored by WSECU.

In addition to this honor, Yuliya Derkach has also been selected as the 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars across the nation. Yuliya was selected based on her academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. This means Yuliya was in the top 100 chosen across the nation! Yuliya will receive a \$1,250 scholarship and a Silver medallion.

And ... just in case it wasn't cool enough for ONE of our students to win an additional scholarship, we are also proud to announce that Amy Redfern was selected to receive the 2021 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar! This scholarship is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. More than 2,000 applications were received and evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, service, and significant endeavors. Only one New Century Workforce Scholar was selected from each state. Amy received the highest score in the state. Let that sink in .... the highest score in the state! Amy will also receive a \$1,250 scholarship check, medallion, and certificate.

Meet Amy Redfern, the Director of Administrative Affairs for the Associated Students at Bellingham Technical College and a Lead Peer Coach for TRIO. After graduation Amy aspires to work for the college in a support role that enriches the lives of others. Amy has achieved a 3.99 GPA, is fully MOS certified, and will be graduating in June, 2021 with two degrees: Administrative Assistant and Computer Software Support.

Yuliya Derkach has worked as a certified dental assistant for over five years. She is enrolled in the AAS in Dental Hygiene program at Bellingham Technical College and will graduate in the spring of 2022. She returned to school to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a Registered Dental Hygienist. Her motivation comes from her life experiences as a Ukrainian-American woman. She wishes to continue her professional development and provide a better future for her family.



Amy Redfern



Yuliya Derkach

CTCLINK



As part of Deployment Group 5 of the statewide ctcLink project, BTC now has an official go-live date! On October 25th, BTC will Go-Live alongside Whatcom and Big Bend Community Colleges. Currently BTC's project SMEs (Subject Matter Experts) are participating in Data Validation Cycles. These cycles are periods of time in which the SMEs are checking to see if the data that lives in our current systems – SMS, FAM, FMS, PPMS – converts successfully into the new system of PeopleSoft. The next Validation period will begin in mid-May. To support the increasing ctcLink work, non-instructional services will be closed each Friday afternoon to allow employees to focus on project requirements. Our [ctcLink website](#) is a great resource to help you understand this heavy-lift endeavor, find out about dates, terminology and training!

## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

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**Superheroes Unite!** Wednesday, June 9, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Games, Raffles and more! Details to come.

## DENTAL SERVICES FOR BTC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

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The Dental Clinic has reopened and is resource for the BTC campus community and has some great service opportunities to share. BTC Dental Hygiene students are looking for volunteer patients for Spring Quarter. We are offering limited services this quarter including:

- **Exams**
- **X-Rays**
- **Simple Cleanings**
- **Sealants**

### **Volunteer Patient Eligibility**

We are looking for patients in need of simple cleanings (examples: you have never been told you have gum disease, you go to the dentist fairly regularly, etc.). We reserve the right to decline any patient that is too difficult for a student including complex medical conditions, behavioral conditions or extensive dental needs.

### **Screenings**

We will provide a limited dental examination and any necessary x-rays however this is not a substitute for a complete dental exam. After the examination process, you will be presented with what treatment we are able to provide for you in our clinic.

### **What to Expect**

As students are providing services, you can expect longer appointments and thorough care that is supervised and checked by licensed professionals. Children and adolescents may be completed in a single visit, and adults can expect care to take 2-3 appointments right now. You will be given an estimate of time needed for treatment once your screening is complete.

### **When?**

Appointments are available Mondays and Fridays from April 12–June 14 (except May 14 and May 31) at 12:30 p.m. and clinic sessions last until 3:15 p.m. at the latest.

### **How much will this cost?**

Care for BTC students, staff, and their families is free.

If you are interested, please contact us at: [dental@btc.edu](mailto:dental@btc.edu)

## ACCREDITATION

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How does a college become and stay accredited? It takes lots of work, from lot of people. Read on to find out.

BTC is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Our accreditation cycle is a seven year one and we are currently in year six (6). Some employees may remember our last cycle, including the visit from the accreditation team in 2014. BTC's Accreditation Steering Committee assists in the accreditation process.

During the month of March, the Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) hosted 10 Zoom sessions for the campus community to have the opportunity to take a deep dive into the section that covers Standard 2 – Governance, Resources, and Capacity, in the Year 6 report. Over 30 people joined one or more of these sessions to provide feedback and edits to the document. The group hosting these sessions were excited to see such great participation from people across campus, including our ASBTC Executive Team members. A big thanks to everyone who took a moment or two and joined in for a Subject Matter Expert (SME) sessions, Zoom feedback sessions, and editing the document itself. Your feedback is invaluable.

Coming up next, the ASC will focus on the Standard 1 report, as well as sending the Standard 2 report through BTC's approval channels. This process includes ASC, College Assembly, President's Leadership Team, and Board of Trustees review. In the coming year, ASC members will be helping everyone prep for the Year 7 site visit by our assigned accreditation evaluation team from NWCCU.

## IMPACT! & TRANSITIONAL STUDIES

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Winter quarter IMPACT! had 20 students complete their GEDs; Transitional Studies had 12 HSC diploma graduates and 4 adult GED completers. This is the most students since the beginning of COVID, and exciting milestone for these students to get to transition to the next phase of their educations!

## CULINARY: BREAD

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Check out these fabulous display breads crafted by our Pastry Arts students. The fabulous artisan loaves are made from rye flour without yeast and colored with natural colors such as cocoa powder, chili powder and turmeric. The bread is then baked with steam to dry and preserve the dough. While they are not edible, they are show pieces made for buffet displays at hotels or in competitions. Stacey Coates, their instructor said "My students did amazing! I have never seen such amazing work in all my years!"



## REGISTRATION

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New efficiencies bring value to our students. In March 2021 Registration, in collaboration with CISS, implemented a different online transcript ordering service called Parchment. Starting Spring Qtr. 2021, all students now have the expanded option to send their official transcript electronically or continue to have a printed official transcript mailed. Electronic transcripts will be received faster, often the same day. In addition to this there will be less processing time for staff and fewer transcripts to print and mail.

## NURSING & INSTRUCTION

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Nursing enrollments are higher than pre-COVID numbers. We entered 40 new students into nursing program pathways spring quarter! 20 full-time registered nursing students, 10 part-time practical nursing students, and 10 part-time LPN-RN students.

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## FOUNDATION

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The BTC is sad to share our college recently lost one of their Trustees, Jeff Callender. Jeff passed away on Friday morning, March 12, 2021, after a 12-year battle with Parkinson's. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Christy, and his daughters, Olga (Bryant Camenzind) and Santa Callender of Blaine.

Jeff retired from Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery in February 2018 as the Director of Public Affairs, a position he held since 2007. In 2017, Jeff was awarded the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Citizenship from the city of Ferndale for recognition of his involvement in the city he worked in. Until February of this year, Jeff was a trustee for Bellingham Technical College, a position he was very proud to hold. Jeff also served eight years on the BTC Foundation Board of Directors, the Whatcom County Council, and many other community boards in his years.

Our condolences go out to Jeff's family and friends. He was a longtime advocate for BTC and a good friend to our campus; he will be missed.

### **Fundraising Update**

The BTC foundation has officially hit their 2020-2021 fundraising goal by raising \$608,089 and counting.

Last year the Foundation Board of Directors voted to raise their overall fundraising goal from \$500,000 (a 20% increase). The good news for the BTC students is that the foundation still has more than two months of fundraising to go with many more gifts to renew and new donor/lapsed prospects to develop. The demand for assistance is high and the BTC Foundation will be there for our students during this difficult time.

### **New Diversity Scholarship Established through the BTC Foundation**

The Bellingham Technical College Foundation recently received a commitment from three local builders that will support the formation of a new endowed scholarship at the college. These businesses, A1 Design Build, Bellingham Bay Builders, and Chuckanut Builders, worked collaboratively to establish the Building Diversity Endowment which will support BTC's Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) students in the Clean Energy, Welding, HVAC, Electrician or Auto CAD programs at the college.

"In 2020, following the murder of George Floyd and the social unrest that followed, A1 Design Build, Bellingham Bay Builders and Chuckanut Builders banded together with a shared goal to take action at a local level to address systemic racism in the trades. This endowment is what followed. There is so much work to do, taking this action felt like a concrete and meaningful initial step in our community. Our hope is that by reducing financial barriers we can help one student at a time, gain meaningful employment in an industry that is vital, ever growing and provides meaningful, living wage employment", said Jenny Rae, Partner & Communications Director at Chuckanut Builders.

The new endowment raises the total number of established endowed scholarships through the BTC Foundation at fifty-five totaling more than \$5 million. "This new endowment will make an impactful difference in countless lives for many generations to come" said BTC Foundation Board President Mike Burke. "We are grateful for the partnership between the foundation and these great socially conscience businesses".

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## VACCINE CLINIC

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The community vaccine clinic on BTC's campus is ramping up the number of vaccines weekly based on availability and our state and federal governments increased efforts to get our community members vaccinated. The volunteers making this happen are recognized for their hard work and dedication. Approximately 82% of the vaccination stations are staffed by BTC and WCC nursing students. Talk about getting hands-on education!

The Community Vaccination Clinic in G building will be receiving 1,600 doses and running Saturday and Sunday this weekend from 9AM-6PM. The Moderna vaccine will be administered.

Last weekend the volunteers administered 883 doses on the Saturday clinic. The pace went well and it was a success.



BTC and WCC nursing student volunteers of whom are our heroes! Tom Carson, right, sharing daily operations plans with volunteers

## MARKETING

BTC Marketing and graphic design were recognized nationally with the gold award for the BTC Foundation Annual Report by the National Council for Marketing and Communications. This is a peer reviewed council of which all two-year colleges participate in.

### Students Helping build an Inclusive Future for the Trades

BTC has some new bus sides running to support Student Helping Build an Inclusive Future for the Trades (SHIFT). SHIFT has been working under the guidance of Welding Instructor Rachael Wright since 2017 to support students in BTC's trade and health programs. SHIFT received a Perkins grant for community outreach for the 2020-2021 academic year and Wright worked with the marketing department and Graphic designer Sebastian Schoelss to design the bus side, which will be running from now through end of June.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month's fantastic featured employee is **Gabe Fauber, Work Force Funding Coordinator.**

### Q: What's your title here at BTC? Now and in the future?

A: WorkForce Funding Coordinator. Not sure what a future title could be, it seems like there are new and interesting positions being created all the time at BTC.

### Q: What do you like to do for fun outside the office? Any hobbies?

A: Deciding if I want to age gracefully or boorishly. Trying to teach myself guitar via online, video-based tutorials at guitartricks.com. Riding my motorcycle when the weather permits. Brewing kombucha and Jun, a honey-based kombucha. Attempting to keep up on international affairs via a subscription to Foreign Affairs magazine and a bunch of hoity toity podcasts. Daydreaming of one day bringing a successful As-Seen-On-TV type product to market (or being a paid ASOT product tester).

### Q: Any fun or funny facts that folks might not know about you?

A: A few years ago, I celebrated my birthday by eating 101 shrimp in one sitting at the Silver Reef casino seafood buffet.

### Q: Any pets or pet plans?

A: One cat for now. Would eventually like a goat with a name like Rhubarb or Clover.

### Q: If you could bring one food, book, and movie to a desert island, what would you choose?

A: A Reuben sandwich, a copy of Lonesome Dove and...maybe Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon?



## RUMOR OF THE MONTH

Is it true that the Easter bunny visited our campus?

Kind of. Our campus was selected as one of the egg-hiding locations by RB Wick, owner of Bellingham Coin Shop & Iron Gate Estate, and Casa Brothers Real Estate. This egg hunt comprises over 10,000 eggs hidden around the Bellingham area and with 5 containing cash prizes for \$1,000, old coins and other prizes. So, if you noted some hubbub on campus that's why!