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**BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND ALCOA FOUNDATION OFFER A
WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING EVENT FOR WOMEN, YOUTH TO EXPLORE
CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING**

Bellingham, WA – (May 6, 2015) - Manufacturing fields offer high-paying jobs in a widely diverse industry. Women, young adults and all community members interested in finding out more about careers in manufacturing are invited to attend Bellingham Technical College's *Women in Manufacturing* event from 6:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, in BTC's Settlemyer Hall. This event is sponsored by the Alcoa Foundation and is free to attend.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from successful local women working in the manufacturing industry and be able to talk to manufacturing employers and workers, learn about the variety of jobs available in manufacturing, and explore the BTC programs that can help people get started in these careers.

Guest speakers include:

- Katie Johnson, Production Manager for Seattle Manufacturing Corporation
- Angela Davis, Director of Supply Chain for Zodiac Aerospace



Figure 1 Precision machining student Booie Borden programs the tasks of a piece of machining equipment in her class at Bellingham Technical College.

- Katie Nelson, Instrumentation Technician for Alcoa Intalco Works

“Alcoa and Alcoa Foundation value diversity in the workforce and are committed to supporting women in pursuit of manufacturing careers,” said Raina Clark, Public Relations Manager at Alcoa Intalco Works. “We are pleased to be able to partner with BTC and other local organizations to advance women in manufacturing.”

Entry to this event is free, but registration is encouraged. Please RSVP at www.btcmanufacturing.eventbrite.com. Light refreshments will be provided, plus a raffle for all attendees. Prizes include an iPad, \$500 scholarship, BTC swag and more.

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College provides high-tech, hands-on training and solid academic instruction to help our students reach their goals of high-wage careers, personal satisfaction and employment stability. Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers 37 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.ctc.edu. Follow BTC on social media for stories, photos and events: www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech, www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege and www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege.



Figure 2 Welder Rachel Apt at Bellingham Technical College.

Manufacturing Programs at Bellingham Technical College:

BTC’s programs in engineering, composites and advanced manufacturing prepare students for high-demand careers as civil engineering technicians, computer-aided drafters, construction managers, transportation technicians, millwrights, instrument technicians, machinists, process technicians, and operators in power generation, refining, manufacturing, and many other fields. With BTC’s pre-engineering transfer degrees, students can take advantage of BTC’s small class sizes and affordable tuition before transferring to a four-year college to complete a bachelor’s degree in engineering.

About Alcoa Foundation

Alcoa Foundation is one of the largest corporate foundations in the U.S., with assets of approximately \$470million. Founded 62 years ago, Alcoa Foundation has invested more than \$590 million. In 2013, Alcoa Foundation contributed more than \$22 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the world, building innovative partnerships to improve the environment and educate tomorrow's leaders for careers in manufacturing and engineering. The work of Alcoa Foundation is further enhanced by Alcoa's

thousands of employee volunteers who share their talents and time to make a difference in the communities where Alcoa operates. Through the Company's signature Month of Service program, in 2013, a record 62 percent of Alcoa employees took part in nearly 1,300 events across 24 countries, benefiting more than 505,000 people and 1,900 nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.alcoafoundation.com and follow [@AlcoaFoundation](https://twitter.com/AlcoaFoundation) on Twitter.

About Alcoa

A global leader in lightweight metals engineering and manufacturing, Alcoa innovates multi-material solutions that advance our world. Our technologies enhance transportation, from automotive and commercial transport to air and space travel, and improve industrial and consumer electronics products. We enable smart buildings, sustainable food and beverage packaging, high-performance defense vehicles across air, land and sea, deeper oil and gas drilling and more efficient power generation. We pioneered the aluminum industry over 125 years ago, and today, our 60,000 people in 30 countries deliver value-add products made of titanium, nickel and aluminum, and produce best-in-class bauxite, alumina and primary aluminum products. For more information, visit www.alcoa.com, follow @Alcoa on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Alcoa and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Alcoa.

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