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2011 ALL-WASHINGTON ACADEMIC TEAM WELCOMES TWO OF BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGES MOST ACCOMPLISHED STUDENTS.

Bellingham, Washington – April 12, 2011 – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is pleased to announce that two of its top students, Joe DeLuna, ASBTC President, and Pamela Corbett both Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members, were named to the 2011 All-Washington Academic Team on March 24th in Olympia at South Puget Sound Community College. Governor Christine Gregoire attended the event and specifically made mention of Pamela Corbett in her speech when awarding the All-Washington medallions.

“These two individuals are exactly why BTC is here, they are the best example of who and what our college aims to provide students, the opportunity to succeed regardless of life’s challenges. Both Joe Deluna and Pamela Corbett reflect the best of our future and illustrate where commitment to excellence and achievement can take you. Along with BTC staff and faculty, I am very proud of these talented students,” said Dr. McKeown, BTC president.

Joe and Pamela were recognized for their outstanding academic records, as well as campus and community involvement and service. Each member of the 2011 All-Washington Academic Team was honored in this recognition ceremony, presented with medallions and each student received a \$750 award from Key Bank and Northwest Education Loan Association.

Additionally, Pamela was selected as one of eight Washington State Employee Credit Union Scholarships in the amount of \$250.



Joe DeLuna served one term as Associated Student Body President, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa (2010-2011), a COACH Student Mentor, a reader/scribe assisting students with disabilities, Chair of the Campus Development Committee and Coach for BTC’s intramural basketball team. Joe graduated on the President’s List with a 3.99 grade point average in March 2011 with an Electrician degree and has the goal of establishing his own electrician business. He is an active volunteer on the BTC Campus and in the community and was instrumental in getting BTC recognized by Brigid Collins Family Support Center as ChildStar! Certified and spearheaded the recent benefit concert at BTC for Brigid Collins in support of Child Abuse Prevention month.



Pamela Corbett attends Bellingham Technical College and graduates in June 2011 with an Accounting degree. She has been accepted to Gonzaga University and will continue her education in

Accounting beginning this fall of 2011. She serves as the Recruitment Officer / Volunteer Activities Coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa, is currently on the Dean's List and will graduate on the President's List with a 3.90 grade point average. Pamela went from a high school dropout to successful college student. She works to set the best example possible for her five children by teaching them that they can always pick themselves up and turn their life around if they put their heart into it. She is an active volunteer, and promoted many PTK events including the fall 2010 and spring 2011 food drives, and Toy for Tots often enlisting the help of her children, of whom add a sense of levity to the events.

All-Washington Academic Team:

The 2011 All-Washington Academic Team project is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and includes 63 students representing 33 community and technical colleges in Washington State. The program has become the showcase for Washington's community and technical colleges because it honors the academic high achievers, the men and women who have demonstrated a commitment to success in the classroom and in the communities in which they live. This recognition demonstrates the state's commitment to scholarship and community service on the part of those attending the state's public community and technical colleges.

Website: <http://www.spscc.ctc.edu/allwa>

About Bellingham Technical College:

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