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2010 ALL-WASHINGTON ACADEMIC TEAM WELCOMES TWO OF BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGES MOST ACCOMPLISHED STUDENTS.

Bellingham, Washington – March 24, 2010 – Bellingham Technical College is pleased to announce that two of its top students, Adam Kortlever, ASBTC President, and Nick Harrison will be named to the 2010 All Washington Academic Team on March 25th in Olympia at South Puget Sound Community College. Governor Christine Gregoire is slated to attend the event.

Adam and Nick will be recognized for their outstanding academic records as well as campus and community involvement. Each member of the 2010 All-Washington Academic Team will be honored in a recognition ceremony and will be presented with medallions by their college president and state officials with each student receiving a \$750 award from Key Bank and NELA. Also, Washington State Employees Credit Union has generously donated additional scholarship funds.



Adam Kortlever is serving his second term as Associated Student Body President, and is President of our Phi Theta Kappa (2009-2010) chapter. He is a war veteran of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). Kortlever graduated from the Auto Collision Repair program at Bellingham Technical College in 2009 and continues his education in Precision Machining.

BTC Campus Involvement:

Adam is very active on the BTC Campus and sits on the following committees: Student Ambassador, Campus Development Committee Chair (working to improve campus structure/layout, and construction projects), and Sustainability Committee member (2008-2009).

Community Involvement:

Adam represents BTC at off-campus and student/statewide events. He is dedicated to encouraging students to work together as a unified voice across our state and nation by participating in groups such as: Council of Unions and Student Programs (CUSP), CUSP Student Voice Academy (2009) - a forum where student leaders caucused on legislative issues concerning student life, CUSP Student Legislative Academy (2009, 2010) - a white paper process on legislative actions concerning students. And Adam was one of five students selected to be on a panel to present the 2009 White Paper to the Trustees Association for Community and Technical Colleges (October, 2009), he was one of three Community & Technical college student speakers at the Student Rally in Olympia (2009), and the sole community & technical college student speaker at Student Rally in Olympia (2010).



Nick Harrison, serves as ASBTC Director of Administrative Affairs, currently attends Bellingham Technical College in the Civil Engineering program. He will attend the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL, beginning in August, 2010, for a Bachelor's and eventually a Master's degree in Civil Engineering.

BTC Campus Involvement:

Transportation Committee Chair (2009-2010) - Lead discussions with students pertaining to transportation to and from campus and surveyed student body about WTA proposed budget cuts and presented findings at WTA Public Hearing; Celebrations Committee Member (2008-2009); Phi Theta Kappa member (2009-2010)

Community Involvement:

Member of (Bellingham AutoCAD User Group) BAUG

About The All-Washington Academic Team:

The 2010 All-Washington Academic Team project is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and includes 63 students representing 32 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:

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers 34 associate degree and 57 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.ctc.edu

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