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**MT. BAKER IMAGING AWARDS \$30,000 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP TO BTC'S RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.**

Bellingham, Washington – March 9, 2010 – Bellingham Technical College is pleased to announce a \$30,000 Endowed Scholarship gift from Mt. Baker Imaging (MBI) to support Radiologic Technology Program students.

Four percent of these funds will be paid annually in perpetuity to help offset tuition fees, books and equipment costs for students enrolled in the Radiologic Technology program. MBI is a joint venture of Northwest Radiologists and St. Joseph Hospital.

“This endowment at BTC is the culmination of a longstanding wish to support an organization that supplies the local community with exemplary employees and offers an outstanding education in a high demand area,” said Peter Buetow, MBI Managing Member.

Nancy Steiger, St. Joseph Hospital CEO and MBI Board member, described BTC's Radiologic Technology Program as “an important contributor to maintaining access to quality healthcare services for the region.”

In addition to serving the radiology needs of Whatcom County, MBI makes philanthropic grants to many other medical related community organizations.

Since the fall of 2005, this program has seen a steady increase in demand in response to the rising need for professionals in this field, and has a long wait list. Mt Baker imaging responded with scholarship support to match the increase in demand. BTC graduates have long been a trusted source of employees to Mount Baker Imaging.

This donation is in response to BTC's Fall Scholarship Campaign which now totals \$128,000 - 156% over the original goal, and brings BTC's 2009 Scholarship Fundraising sum to more than \$232,000.

“This endowed gift comes at a time when the need for scholarship support and student enrollment is at an all-time high. Last year a record number of Radiologic Technology students applied for scholarships and I expect that number to increase. How wonderful it is to know that Mt. Baker Imaging has chosen to invest in student success at BTC,” said David Blair, BTC Foundation President.

**About BTC's Radiologic Technology Program**

BTC's Radiologic Technology Program prepares students for a career in one of the fastest evolving areas in healthcare today. This program was developed in 2004 in response to the request of the NW Healthcare Alliance's need for an educated workforce in this fast growing field. BTC placement for graduates is 92% with an annual average salary of \$55,981 or \$26.91 per hour.

**About Bellingham Technical College**

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