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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE RECEIVES \$25,000 ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FROM BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

Bellingham, Washington – June 13, 2014 – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is pleased to announce that Bellingham Yacht Club (BYC) has provided a twenty-five thousand dollar endowment scholarship called “Sink the Dinghy”. This endowment will benefit qualified students with scholarships in various BTC marine-related programs such as Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, Welding Technology, Electronics, Instrumentation & Control Technology and Diesel Technology.

“This has been, by far, our most ambitious project. It took two years to raise the funds required. We chose BTC as we are very impressed with their programs and the way that they worked with us on the previous scholarship.” Said Paul Myers, BYC member and “Sink the Dingy” committee member.

The BYC’s Sink the Dinghy Committee is comprised of members who believe in the importance of giving back to our local community. Every year the committee raises funds from within the Yacht Club to support various causes in Whatcom County. Beginning in 2012, BYC members were encouraged to participate in a unique and wonderful opportunity to establish The Bellingham Yacht Club Permanent Scholarship Fund at BTC.

“The importance of scholarship awards in both rewarding academic achievement and helping to maintain access to BTC for students cannot be overstated. Endowed scholarship awards enable our Foundation to assist students with tuition and other expenses. These funds provide the most dependable stream of income from which scholarship awards are generated year to year. We deeply appreciate the generosity and commitment demonstrated by the members of the Bellingham Yacht Club in establishing this endowed scholarship at BTC.” Said Dean Fulton, BTC Foundation Executive Director.

BTC History of this Gift: This is BYC’s second generous donation to BTC. In spring of 2010, the BYC gave a BTC student a full-ride scholarship. BYC has long supported BTC programs and foundation.

About Bellingham Technical College:

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

BYC Sink the Dinghy Fundraising Campaign:

Sink the Dinghy started in 2002. It combines contributions from the Bellingham Yacht Club, their members, and corporate sponsors across Whatcom County to better the lives of those individuals facing the greatest challenges in our community. Their goal is to provide a graduate from one of the Whatcom County relief organizations, with a new education for the future. This is a wonderful connection between the Bellingham Yacht Club and the Bellingham Community. To find out more, visit their website at www.byc.org.

BYC Sink the Dinghy Committee: Paul Myers, Bishop Kevin Allen, Meredith Ross, and John Gargett

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