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**GOVERNOR INSLEE APPOINTS NEW BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE TRUSTEE, JEFF CALLENDER, REGIONAL DIRECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT PHILLIPS 66**

Bellingham Washington, February 25, 2016 - Governor Jay Inslee has appointed Jeff Callender to Bellingham Technical College's Board of Trustees. He will serve the remainder of former board member Kelly Espinoza's term, which runs through September 2016, as well as the appointment for an additional term.

Jeff Callender is regional director of public affairs and communications for Phillips 66. Jeff began his career in public affairs with Security Pacific Bank (later acquired by Bank of America), where he spent 9 years in government relations and employee and executive communications. Jeff joined Union Oil Company in 1989 as a public relations representative. He switched to the pharmaceutical industry in 1993, accepting the position of communications manager for CIBA Vision in Atlanta, Georgia. He returned to Southern California in 1997, where he served for seven years as manager of public affairs and communications for Tosco, and later ConocoPhillips. In 2004 Jeff moved to ConocoPhillips corporate headquarters in Houston, Texas, where he was director of issues management. Jeff assumed his current position, based in Ferndale, in August 2007.

He has long been an avid supporter and strong industry partner of BTC, joining the college's foundation board of directors in 2008. He has also been instrumental in helping BTC secure funding from the *Phillips 66 College Relations Program*. Schools in the College Relations program are a key source of technical and professional new hires for Phillips 66. BTC was one of the first strictly technical colleges to receive funding via the college relations program, joining the ranks of colleges such as Texas A&M and Washington State University.

BTC's programs such as process technology and instrumentation & control technology have greatly benefited from the Phillips 66 donations by enhancing program support and providing funding for equipment and other teaching tools. In addition, Jeff worked with the College Foundation to establish an annual scholarship for Lummi Nation members interested in the process technology, instrumentation and control, and welding programs at BTC.

"I am honored to have been appointed by Governor Inslee to serve as a Trustee for Bellingham Technical College. BTC provides the community with a strong workforce, giving students the opportunity to change their lives. I look forward to working with the board, staff, students and faculty," Jeff Callender said.

Jeff has a B.A. in political science from Claremont Men's College, and a master's degree in business administration from Loyola Marymount University and has held leadership positions on numerous community-based non-profit boards over the course of his career, including the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Port of Los Angeles' International Trade Education Program, Habitat for Humanity, YWCA advisory board, Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County, the Bellingham Technical College Foundation, the Northwest Washington Economic

Council, the Bellingham Whatcom Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of Washington Business.

"We are delighted to have Jeff as our new trustee," said BTC President Kimberly Perry. "His time served on the Foundation and his extensive familiarity with our programs will allow him to make informed decisions about the college and to hit the ground running. He will be a wonderful addition to our board."

"Jeff's distinguished career and deep understanding of the college's mission and vision will be of great value to Bellingham Technical College and the community at large. We welcome him and are very pleased that he is a member of our board," said BTC Board Chair, Jim Groves.

Jeff's wife Christy is an expert on Olympics Games administration, having held management positions with the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. She also consulted with the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. They have established two scholarships through BTC's Foundation: the McIntosh Family Scholarship and the Santa & Olga Callender Scholarship, both of which help students in need attend college.

Jeff and Christy have two daughters, both adopted from Latvia.

Jeff joins the existing BTC Board of Trustees, comprising Jim Groves, Chair; Debbie Ahl; Jim Cunningham; and Lisa Woo. He replaces Kelly Espinoza.

**Bellingham Technical College** is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, electronics, mechanical engineering, and technology and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in Washington State. BTC 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.edu](http://www.btc.edu).

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