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**BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCES
DR. KIMBERLY PERRY AS NEXT PRESIDENT**

Bellingham, Washington – June 4, 2015 – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) Board of Trustees has selected Dr. Kimberly Perry to serve as the next president of Bellingham Technical College. She will assume her position at BTC on July 20. The Board of Trustees made the announcement at a special meeting on Thursday, June 4. Dr. Patricia McKeown will retire at the end of June 2015.

Since July of 2011, Dr. Perry has served as the Superintendent/President of Butte-Glenn Community College district, in California's Sierra Nevada foothills. Her previous position was as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Los Angeles City College. Prior to that position she served six years as the Vice President of Instruction at Reedley College in Reedley, CA. Her tenure at Reedley College began as a Dean of Instruction with responsibilities in the areas of Career Technical Education, the International Student Exchange Program and state and federal grants dealing with workforce development. Dr. Perry began her career in education as a high school agriculture and natural resources instructor in Fremont, CA.

Dr. Perry received her Ed.D. from the University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA, and her master's from University of California, Davis. She also has a rich history of lecturing, including: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in Agricultural Education and as a continuing education specialist for University of California, Davis University Extension. Her career technical education experience includes: Specialist in Agricultural and Natural Resources at the California Community College Chancellor's Office; the California State Biotechnology Economic Development Network Director; and the Vocational Education Services Dean at the California Community College Chancellor's Office. In addition, for eight years she was the Executive Director of the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization, an organization affiliated with the National FFA Organization.

"We received invaluable input from the campus and community stakeholders; and we want to commend the Search Committee's commitment, collaboration and dedication to the process of finding the best possible match for BTC," stated Board Chair, Jim Groves, on behalf of the Board of Trustees. "In addition, the feedback we received from the faculty and staff at the campus forums was equally vital to our deliberations. We feel confident that Dr. Perry understands the college's needs, mission, and vision and is the best choice to lead BTC."



“I am extremely honored to have been selected to lead Bellingham Technical College. I believe that two-year colleges play a vital role in today’s society. BTC has an excellent reputation of delivering quality programs and services to its students. I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees, faculty, employees, students, the business industry and the community in forging new partnerships and opportunities to fulfill the mission of BTC,” said Dr. Perry.

Dr. Perry and her husband, Ellis Evans are looking forward to moving to the Bellingham area. They both enjoy musical theater, country music, fine dining and spending time with their canine and feline ‘family.’ Additionally, Dr. Perry is eager to learn to kayak!

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers 34 associate and transfer degrees and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs.

BTC is recognized for collaborating with local industry, employers, and state and local governments to identify the skills our workforce requires to keep the economy strong. Programs include professional/technical careers, college transfer, e-learning and basic academic skills. BTC excels at providing students with hands-on, high-tech training coupled with solid academic instruction.

Dual Credit and transfer offerings at BTC: BTC offers several opportunities for high school students to get dual credits for high school and college at the time. Juniors and seniors can use the Running Start program to take courses at BTC and receive credits toward high school and college. For those who can’t get to BTC, in addition to our popular Tech Prep program, we offer select College in the High School classes that provide dual credit at schools throughout Whatcom County. Our IMPACT! program works with youth who left high school early, allowing students to work toward their diploma while receiving college credit.

BTC offers associate of science-transfer degrees for most of its programs to give students the option of going straight to work after graduation or continuing their education at a four-year college or university. We also offer direct transfer degrees in several programs that allow students to transfer as a junior directly into specific programs at several four-year schools in the state.

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