



Bellingham Technical College

## Public Service Announcement

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### ***For Immediate Release***

## **BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE PROVIDES COUNTY COURSES TO HELP RESIDENTS JUMP-START CAREERS AND WORK TOWARDS COLLEGE DEGREES**

**Bellingham, WA** – August 12, 2010, Bellingham Technical College (BTC) launches ***Reaching Out to East 542***, a new series of evening classes offered in Deming and Kendall. These courses are specifically designed to aid low-income individuals who need extra help to become college ready and reach their goal of earning a college degree. BTC received a grant from College Spark for \$100,000 over two years in the Spring of 2010.

“This new project offers a supportive start to the process of getting a college degree. Offering classes in their own community helps people make the transition to a career pathway,” said Roz Spitzer, BTC Basic Academic Skills Coordinator.

Susan Parker, BTC Associate Dean of Instruction adds, “Our grant from College Spark Washington is key in BTC being able to pilot this remote delivery model to rural Whatcom County. It is focused on increasing access to adult basic education and providing more opportunities for geographically isolated low-income adults to pursue higher education.”

Fall quarter 2010 begins September 20<sup>th</sup> with BTC math and English courses at the reduced rate of \$25.00 at the convenient locations of Kendall Elementary School and Mt. Baker High School. Classes will be available Monday through Thursday from 6-9 pm.

Students should enroll now to reserve a spot and fill out the East 542 Application online at [www. btc.ctc.edu](http://www.btc.ctc.edu) and return it by email or in person at the Mt. Baker School District office.

**What/Where:** BTC ***Reaching Out to East 542*** brings college courses to Deming and Kendall.

### **Fall Course Schedule: Kendall Elementary and Mt. Baker High School**

#### Essential Reading:

Find the main idea! This course is designed to sharpen your reading and critical thinking skills.

T, Th 6-9pm Kendall Elementary                      M, W 6-9pm Mt. Baker High School \$25.00

#### Essential Writing:

Write your way to success! Refresh your resume and cover letter. Write a paragraph using a topic sentence, supporting details and a conclusion.

M, W 6-9pm Kendall Elementary                      T, Th 6-9pm Mt. Baker High School \$25.00

Basic Math:

Revise your personal budget by reinforcing your math knowledge. Build a foundation for success by using interactive math software paired with personalized on-demand help.

M, W 6-9pm Kendall Elementary                      T, Th 6-9pm Mt. Baker High School \$25.00

**When:**            Fall Quarter starts September 20<sup>th</sup>. Reserve your spot now! Fill out **East 542 Application** online at [www.btc.ctc.edu](http://www.btc.ctc.edu) and return it by email to [bgist@btc.ctc.edu](mailto:bgist@btc.ctc.edu) or in person at Mt. Baker School District office.

**Cost:**            \$25.00

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