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**BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE NAMED ONE OF NATION'S TOP FUNDRAISING TWO-YEAR COLLEGES FOR ITS SIZE**

Bellingham, Washington — November 19, 2015 —Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is one of the nation's top fundraising community and technical colleges for its size, according to the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

CASE is a professional association serving educational institutions and the advancement professionals who work on their behalf in alumni relations, communications, development, marketing and allied areas.

To come up with its ranking, CASE analyzed colleges' IRS Form 990, which details fundraising, contributions and financials for tax-exempt organizations. Based on money raised by the school over the last five years, CASE found that Bellingham Technical College is among the top 25 community and technical colleges with an FTE enrollment of fewer than 2,000 students. BTC is one of three technical colleges that appear on the list of recognized two-year colleges, and it's in the top 10 percent of similar-sized colleges for fundraising. The money raised by the college and its foundation goes toward student scholarships, student emergency support, program support and development, professional development and general institutional support.

"This distinction is a wonderful testament to the efforts of our Foundation Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, donors, faculty and Bellingham Technical College staff", said Dean Fulton, Executive Director of the BTC Foundation. "We deeply appreciate everyone's generous contributions, which allow us to forward our Foundation's mission of changing lives by expanding access to quality education."

Here is the entire list of the top 25 two-year colleges from the CASE study (sorted by state):

Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (AR)  
Northeastern Junior College (CO)  
Chipola College (FL)  
South Florida State College (FL)  
Highland Community College (IL)  
Fort Scott Community College (KS)  
Labette Community College (KS)  
Fletcher Technical Community College (LA)  
Berkshire Community College (MA)  
Greenfield Community College (MA)  
Northern Maine Community College (ME)  
Montcalm Community College (MI)

Southwestern Michigan College (MI)  
West Shore Community College (MI)  
North Central Missouri College (MO)  
Flathead Valley Community College (MT)  
Brunswick Community College (NC)  
Southeastern Community College (NC)  
North Central State College (OH)  
Umpqua Community College (OR)  
Lake Area Technical Institute (SD)  
Virginia Western Community College (VA)  
Bellingham Technical College (WA)  
Central Wyoming College (WY)  
Northwest College (WY)

More information about the BTC Foundation can be found by going to [www.btcfound.org](http://www.btcfound.org) or visiting [here](#).

### **About Bellingham Technical College**

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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