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### **New Trustee Appointed to Bellingham Technical College**

Bellingham Technical College announces Governor Christine Gregoire's appointment of Mark Asmundson to Bellingham Technical College's Board of Trustees. His term runs January 2, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Elected to three terms as mayor of Bellingham, from 1996 through 2006, Asmundson was lauded for his work to increase the number of neighborhood organizations and to improve communication between those organizations and city government, extensive capital improvements, reinvigorating downtown Bellingham and greatly increasing Bellingham's profile at both the state and national levels, resulting in important changes to substantive law and obtaining millions of dollars in funding for Bellingham. He has extensive professional experience in providing leadership and direction in both private and public arenas.

"We are delighted to have Mark as our new trustee," said BTC President Thomas Eckert. "He is widely respected and has been understanding of the technical college mission and the challenges of training in a rapidly changing economy. His administrative and political experience will be of great benefit to BTC."

After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Washington University and his Juris Doctor degree of Law from University of the Pacific, Asmundson practiced law in Bellingham from 1980 to 1995, during which time he was also a Bellingham city council member (1985-1993). Currently Asmundson serves as the Executive Director of Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA).

"The trustees are thrilled with Mark Asmundson's appointment to our board. Mark brings a wealth of experience with various industries, and connections that will bring great benefit to Bellingham Technical College," said Trustee Chair Yvonne Bianchi.

Mark Asmundson joins the existing BTC Board of Trustees, comprising Yvonne Bianchi, Chair; Sonia Arevalo-Hayes, Vice Chair; Jim Cunningham and Steve Koch.

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