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BTC HOSTS GARAGE SALE JAN. 14 TO RAISE MONEY FOR STUDENT NURSE HUMANITARIAN AID TRIP

FREE EVENT — Community members are invited to shop for a good cause Saturday, January 14, as Bellingham Technical College hosts a garage sale and craft fair to help raise money for Nursing students who are planning a humanitarian aid trip to the Dominican Republic this March.

The sale is free to enter and runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in BTC's Settlemyer Hall. Those who would like to donate items to be sold at the event can drop them off in Settlemyer Hall from 12-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13. Students from BTC's Student Nurse Organization will be running the event.

Outside vendors can purchase a table to sell items at the event for a small fee.

Those who would like to donate but can't make it to the sale can contribute online to the Student Nurse Organization Humanitarian Trip fund through the BTC Foundation at www.btc.edu/donate.

About the humanitarian aid trip: This March, 17 students and two BTC Nursing faculty will travel with nonprofit organization Foundation for Peace to provide medical care to families in impoverished and underserved areas of the Dominican Republic. The trip costs about \$1,500 per person, and students are responsible for paying that cost.

What will Nursing students do on the trip?

- Serve on medical teams with faculty leaders and physicians
- Travel to remote areas in mobile health clinics to provide medical care to families who don't have access to care.
- Perform basic physical assessments for issues including infections, wounds, diseases and nutrition deficiencies.
- Bring and administer donated medicines and vitamins

What skills will they gain?

- Expanded foundational skills in physical assessment and nursing interventions
- Cultural competency, problem-solving and communication across language barriers
- International nursing
- Providing healthcare with limited resources and to diverse populations

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, 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.

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