

Bellingham Technical College gets new trustee

Bellingham resident Lisa Woo was recently appointed by Gov. Chris Gregoire to the Bellingham Technical College Board of Trustees.

Her term started in May and will continue through September 2015. She replaces Yvonne Cartwright and joins trustees Jim Groves, Jim Cunningham, Mark Asmundson and Debbie Ahl.

Woo is the owner of the Gateway building and the frozen yogurt store Red Berry in downtown Bellingham. She has also been involved in Bellingham's Sister City Association, starting the relationship between Bellingham and Cheongju, South Korea and serving as the chair of that relationship since 2003.

GOVERNOR CHRISTINE GREGOIRE APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE LISA WOO, TO BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Bellingham, Washington – June 17, 2011 - Bellingham Technical College (BTC) announces Governor Christine Gregoire's appointment of Lisa Woo to Bellingham Technical College's Board of Trustees. Her term runs May 2011 through September 2015.

Woo has long been an active community member in Bellingham. She is a commercial property and small business owner, having owned the Gateway building downtown and Red Berry since 2007. She has been very involved in Bellingham's Sister City Association (BSCA), initiating and formalizing the sister city relationship between Bellingham and Cheongju, Korea, and has served as the BSCA Cheongju Chair since 2003. She was instrumental in starting student and art exchange programs and hosted a Ski to Sea team with Cheongju, Korea.

"Lisa Woo's endorsement and support of local education is of great value to BTC," said BTC President Patricia McKeown. "Her perspective on local business and international experience will enhance BTC's Board of Trustees."

Woo has been a property developer since 1999, owning and managing multi-use properties and has worked as a Washington State Realtor since 1998. She serves on numerous boards including: WWU Foundation Board from 2001 to present, Mt. Baker Theatre Board of Directors, Downtown Renaissance Network and Korean Realtors Association. She is an active supporter and sponsor of local non profits and schools.

"Lisa's extensive community involvement and connections will be a tremendous asset to the College and student body," said BTC Board Trustee Mark Asmundson.

Woo received her education from Fairhaven College, Western Washington University.

She is married to Dr. Ronald Woo, a local orthopedic surgeon, and her daughter is a recent graduate of Western's Masters in Teaching Program and her son is in medical school at the University of Chicago.

Lisa Woo joins the existing BTC Board of Trustees, comprising Chair Jim Groves; Vice Chair Jim Cunningham, Mark Asmundson and Debbie Ahl.