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ONE STUDENT AT A TIME



BELLINGHAM
TECHNICAL
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COMMUNITY REPORT 2014/2015

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“As a former employer of BTC graduates, I look forward to promoting the access to technical careers provided by BTC. I believe the strong job market and excellent earning potential in these careers is underappreciated in our society. I hope to do a small part in correcting that perception.”
Scott is also an avid boater, aerobatic pilot and bicyclist.



Vision

Bellingham Technical College will be a recognized leader in providing innovative and effective technical education, maximizing student potential, and supporting the regional economy through development of a competitive workforce.

Mission

Bellingham Technical College provides student-centered, high-quality professional technical education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

Values

As a learning community, Bellingham Technical College is committed to educational excellence and equity realized through a positive, values-based environment. To fulfill Bellingham Technical College's mission and vision, the College will adhere to the following values:

Student-Centered

Creating a supportive and inclusive community that results in a high level of student competence, professionalism, and success.

Responsive

Embracing positive, effective change that creates opportunity and meets current and emerging needs.

Collaborative

Creating and leveraging partnerships and resources to achieve shared values and goals for students, the College, and the community.

Principled

Promoting a culture of respect and accountability, reflecting integrity in decision-making, and ensuring responsible stewardship of all resources.

Core Themes

Student Success & Access
Excellence
College Visibility with Strong Community, Business, & Industry Relations

Letter From the President



Dear Friends of Bellingham Technical College,

It is with a great deal of pride that I present our annual State of the College Report to the community. This report provides highlights of accomplishments and insights about our students from the past year. As the new president, I am thrilled and motivated to see how Bellingham Technical College is so effectively serving our community through innovative professional technical education programs, varied general education courses and excellent student support services.

Our students truly are an inspiration. They are dedicated and hard-working, often juggling full-time jobs with full-time college courses, all while supporting their families. Bellingham Technical College is pleased to have had 855 graduates from a mix of our 37 programs and 51 certificates over the past year. Here's an idea of what that graduating class looked like: 80% of our graduates were from Whatcom County, 31% were first generation college students, and 9% were students with disabilities. Our youngest graduate was 17, the oldest was 63, and the average age was 31. Our degree programs with the highest number of completers were Nursing, Instrumentation and Control, and Dental Assisting.

BTC has many additional positive outcomes to celebrate. Most notable is that—in a time of declining state-funded enrollments—BTC's enrollment increased during the 2014–15 academic year. Out of the state's 30 districts, Bellingham was one of only seven to increase state-funded enrollment. This positive shift can be attributed in part to our Strategic Enrollment Plan and the tandem efforts of multiple departments working at every level to expand access to our programs and be responsive to our students' needs with the goal of improving enrollments and, ultimately, student success. Our Foundation helped support student enrollment throughout the year by awarding \$500 scholarships to approximately 140 first-time students. We also secured numerous grants, including multiple awards to support our aerospace and advanced manufacturing programs and our first ever TRIO grant.

Our relationships with community, business, and industry partners continue to grow in strength, and BTC's reputation reflects our pursuit of excellence. We are proud to announce several new partnerships with local school districts. The new IMPACT! program is geared toward re-engaging at-risk youth and getting them back to school to earn their diploma, GED, or professional technical credits. BTC has also established new Dual Credit pathways (including College in the High School, Running Start, Tech Prep, and Advanced Placement) into BTC programs in partnership with high schools across Whatcom County, as well as a new Dual Enrollment website.

We have also been working closely with Western Washington University and the Port of Bellingham on completion of the Technology Development Center. This unique partnership will allow us to share lab space, equipment, and resources to offer a more dynamic, high-tech experience to students attending both campuses.

BTC continued to augment our offerings to students and enhance post-graduate opportunities by developing new degrees that transfer directly into bachelor's degrees. While maintaining our focus on workforce education, BTC has added transfer degrees that include multiple engineering degree pathways and composites engineering technology. We are also very proud of the strides we have made in developing proposals to offer new Bachelor of Applied Science degrees in Engineering Technology and Operations Management. In addition to these expanding degree opportunities, BTC has added new general education and academic transfer courses to our roster in the effort to make BTC a destination for transfer courses in our community.

We are proud to be your technical college and to have served 5,401 students last year. Our Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff are committed to ensuring that students receive an exceptional educational experience, thus fulfilling our mission to "provide student-centered, high quality professional technical education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities."

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly Perry".

Kimberly Perry, Ed. D
President



“My biggest accomplishment has been dedicating myself and fully immersing myself into my program and studies, and that has been reflected in my grades. I got a 4.0 two quarters in a row! This is something I have never done before. I am so proud of myself for working hard, and getting the grades I not only desired, but also deserved. I love that my daughter can see how hard I am working and that it's paying off. She is so proud of me. I brought her home a few of my projects and she slept with them for a week! She also carried them around to show all her friends how cool her mom is, and that she can make anything.

I think one of my favorite parts of being in the machining program is my teachers and classmates. I joined the program late, but was welcomed right away by everyone. I feel like I have 50+ big brothers now.... The best part about going to BTC is that it feels like the staff and everyone in my program has become my extended family. I feel that I belong here, and it's become my community. I love going to school every day!”

—Booie Borden
Precision Machining

BTC Graduates Find Success

“Bellingham Technical College was the springboard I used to advance my career, and it has presented many opportunities that had previously not existed for me.”

—**Andrew Gamble**
Instrumentation and Control Program

Bellingham Technical College has been educating, training and empowering Whatcom County residents for generations—and it has earned a well-deserved reputation along the way for transforming lives and putting its graduates to work. Andrew Gamble’s father-in-law graduated from BTC decades ago. And it was his father-in-law’s positive experience in the Electronics Program, and subsequent job placement, that were inspiring factors in Andrew’s decision to also attend BTC.

“Before I came to BTC, I was working as a chef in Anchorage, Alaska,” Andrew told us. “I was at a crossroads in my life, and I knew it was time to make a change and go back to school. I chose BTC based on my father-in-law’s past experience, and his recommendation.”

Andrew does not regret his choice. He credits his current success with the vast real-world experience and knowledge that his instructors have passed on to him. This invaluable training, along with Andrew’s hard work and determination, are the reasons for his success. Andrew graduated with honors from the Instrumentation and Control Program in 2006. He was heavily recruited by potential employers upon graduating, and ultimately chose to accept a position with a Washington-based instrumentation services company, after spending the summer working offshore as a paid intern.

“BTC prepared me for the workplace by giving me the basic elements required to go into my chosen field, as well as job placement assistance,” he said. “The challenging coursework really helped me prepare for a career in the oil and gas industry.”

Andrew is now the manager at Petrogas Ferndale Terminal. He calls his job “exciting and interesting, with new challenges every day.” Andrew enjoys working with people, and pointed out that his plant has had the opportunity to hire several BTC grads in the past year.

“Getting my degree was just the first step along an exciting new path that presented many new challenges, and a much higher earning potential,” Andrew stated. “BTC was the springboard that I used to advance my career, and it has presented many opportunities that had previously not existed for me.”



Institutional Research Updates

BTC's mission is to help students achieve their educational and career goals. More than 300 community members and industry and labor representatives serve as advisors to BTC's programs, participate in career fairs, support programs and students, and work with the College to develop programs and offer internship and industry experience opportunities to students. Our success is reflected in our results and performance.

Exceptional Performance

- Over 80% job placement rate.
- Ranked as one of the top three colleges in the Washington community and technical college system for student retention and completion rates.
- 98% of BTC students would recommend BTC to their peers.
- Small class sizes, and individualized advising and support services.
- International partnerships and local community service.
- Internship programs and industry experiences.
- Focus on renewable energy.
- Innovative lab projects and cutting-edge lab equipment.

BTC Degrees & Certificates

Bellingham Technical College offers **37 associate degrees** (A.A.S. and A.A.S.-T.) and **51 certificate options** in the following fields:

- Business and Computer Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing
- Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences
- Health Careers and Child & Family Studies
- Industrial Technology
- Sustainable Technology
- Transportation and Mechanical Technology



Accreditation Report

Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. The college submitted its Year Seven Comprehensive Self-Evaluation Report to the NWCCU in September 2014 and hosted an evaluation team in October 2014. BTC's accreditation was reaffirmed in January 2015. Accreditation by NWCCU indicates that BTC meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality evaluated through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one that has necessary resources available to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future.



BTC Student Snapshot

Average # of Students per Quarter **2,893***
 Average Student Age **32***

Age Distribution



11% Under age 20*
38% Ages 20-29*
23% Ages 30-39*
23% Ages 40 or above*
6% No Data*

Graduates (2014-2015) **855***
 Running Start students (high school) **65***
 Students of color **21%***
 Students holding Baccalaureate Degrees **7%***
 % of 2011-2012 graduates employed within nine months **82%****
 Annual median wage of BTC degree-related careers **\$50,826+**
 Graduation Rate **BTC has the third-highest graduation rate of all public two-year colleges in Washington State.****

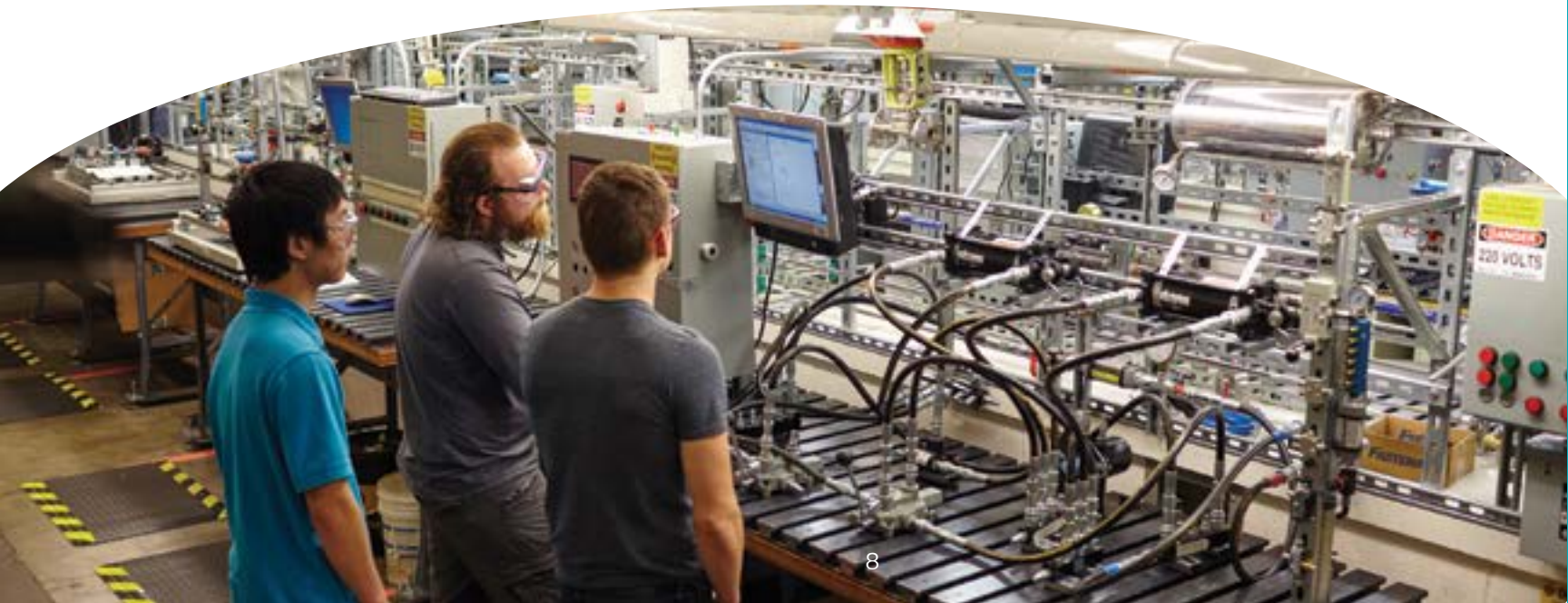
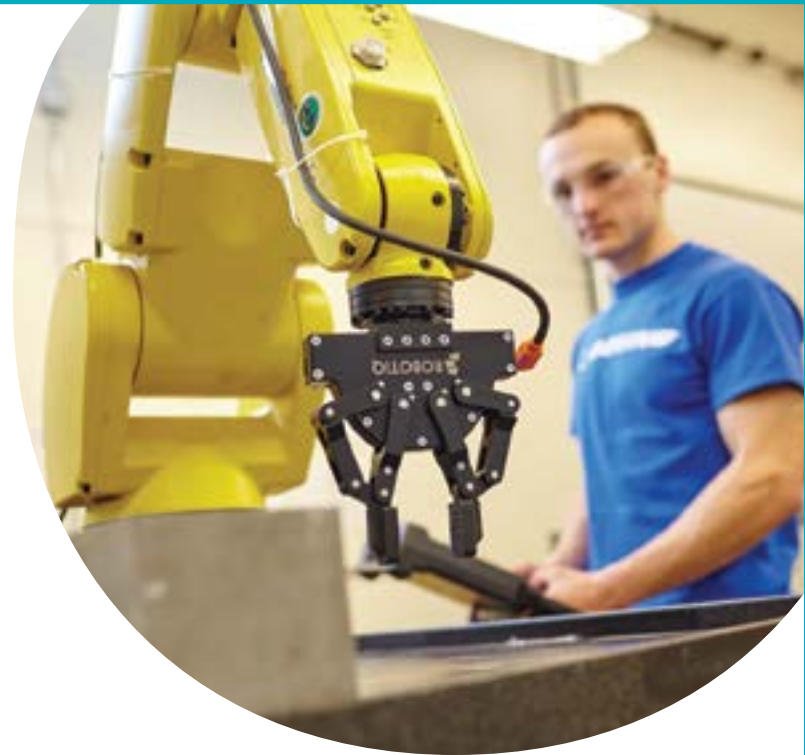
* BTC Operational Data Store, June 2015
 ** SBCTC 2013-14 Academic Year Report
 + Washington State Employment Security Department Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, June 2012
 ++ U.S. Department of Education, IPEDS Fall 2010 Cohort (graduating by Fall 2013)

Questions related to any of the above information may be directed to Raelyn Axlund McBride, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Raelyn.Axlund.McBride@btc.edu.

Student Services Updates

Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, and this effort begins through BTC's campus-wide initiatives and support from key elements of our Student Services team. The following departments work together to provide a comprehensive system of resources to ensure students are able to thrive and achieve their full potential at BTC.

- Accessibility Resources: Access & Disability Services
- Admissions & Recruitment
- Advising & Career Services
- Counseling
- Financial Aid
- Multicultural & Diversity Support Services
- Registration & Enrollment
- Veterans Resources
- Workforce Funding & Student Support



Student Services Updates

A small sampling of our many achievements in Student Services this past year includes:

Outreach & Enrollment Initiatives

BTC increased the number of State student FTE for the last year by 5% in the fall, 7% in the winter, and 8% in the spring by implementing the following initiatives:

Implemented the College in the High School program in conjunction with Bellingham High School and other schools and districts.

Improved the new student orientation by creating a vigorous in-person experience for students and incorporating Advising and Registration in the process.

Developed the Front Door/First Year Experience pathway for new students.

Implemented the Hobsons Connect and Retain modules of the Hobsons CRM system to improve prospective and enrolled student communications.

Collaborated with the Marketing Department to develop postcards, brochures, and a view book for the recruitment of students.

Created and designed a Dual Enrollment website for students, parents, counselors, and the community.

Developed a Recruit Back system to reengage students who had previously dropped out of BTC.

Held a Women in Manufacturing event this spring to encourage access to college programs for nontraditional students.

Expanded recruitment of BTC students through the addition of Admissions Recruiters and the use of the Customer Relations Management system to communicate with prospective students.

Created a Key Performance Indicator tracking system for the BTC recruitment and retention goals.

Utilized the call center to reach out to prospective and current students to enhance their access and success.

Developed Hobsons Early Alert and Progress Report systems to improve student retention.

Expanded recruitment efforts beyond Whatcom County and into non-traditional student markets.

Developed a system to recruit international students.

Held 21 on- and off-campus events to recruit students and attended 100 outreach events to reach out to prospective students.



Student Services Updates

Financial & Direct Student Support

Last year the BTC Student Services team provided a wide array of support for the students enrolled at BTC, including:

Designing and implementing the \$500 New Student Admissions Scholarship in collaboration with the BTC Foundation (disseminated 352 scholarships during the past year).

Improving student communications regarding dropping for non-payment and no-shows to reduce the number of these instances happening.

Planning and implementing two financial fairs in partnership with Whatcom Asset Building Coalition.

Improving efficiencies in financial aid awarding process to reduce turnaround time.

Developing a student financial aid handbook for students and public access to financial policy.



Utilizing the SALT program to improve financial literacy and provide financial answers for students (the BTC loan default rate dropped from 24.3% to 17.1%).

Implementing BTC's Global Internship Program for unemployed youth, which serves low-income and unemployed youth in the college's manufacturing programs to obtain work-based learning opportunities.

Forming an Urgent Funding Team that quickly services emergency funding requests and provides financial literacy support and emergency funding to students.

Operating an emergency Food Bank for students.



Student Services Updates

Organizational Improvements

The BTC Student Services team sought new and innovative ways to improve the systems that were used to provide support to our student population, including:

Participating in the Lean Process with Department of Social and Health Services partners.

Implementing a caseload advising system for advisors and students.

Establishing enhanced advising utilizing a case management model to help students choose programs based on their career goals and provide targeted success strategies for students.

Implementing the College Success Inventory to assess new students' need for support.

Establishing a Veterans Center on campus to provide a common room and gathering place for the Veterans Club and students.

Conducting online and on-ground student success workshops.

Implementing the AgileGrad module to assist students with developing and implementing academic plans and to centralize and strengthen completions and graduation resources for students.

Developing a system to monitor, track, and systematically respond to online ads.

Implementing the National Clearinghouse online Student Self-Services for students to access an enrollment verification certificate and loan information.

Recognized as a Veterans Supportive Campus Partnership.

Establishing and assessing learning outcomes for all of the Student Services work groups.

Increasing cultural awareness activities and workshops through the Diversity Committee's activities.

Expanding support for undocumented DREAMer students.

Utilizing Canvas, an online system, in several Student Services areas to communicate with online and on-ground students.

Questions related to any of the above initiatives (pgs 8-11) may be directed to Linda Fossen, Vice President of Student Services, at LFossen@btc.edu

College Instructional Highlights

A small sampling of our many achievements this past year includes:

Event Highlights:

- Last spring, BTC held a **Manufacturing Summit** bringing together leaders from industry, education, and policy to strategize how to best address the manufacturing workforce skills gap.
- The nursing program hosted a **Sim Lab Open House** to update our communities of interest about our new Simulation Lab and the roll-out of the nursing program changes.
- BTC hosted an **American Culinary Federation** sanctioned competition last May. More than 60 professional and student competitors took part in a diverse range of categories that included hot food, desserts, and ice sculpture. BTC faculty Hilde Hettegger-Korsmo was awarded two bronze medals and Andy Millage won a silver medal. Lead judge, Stafford DeCembra stated, *“Excellent Culinary Competition! Superb hospitality! One of the best organized Culinary Competition events that I have participated in as an ACF Judge. This was certainly the ‘Bar Level & Standard’ to meet going forward.”*



Program Updates

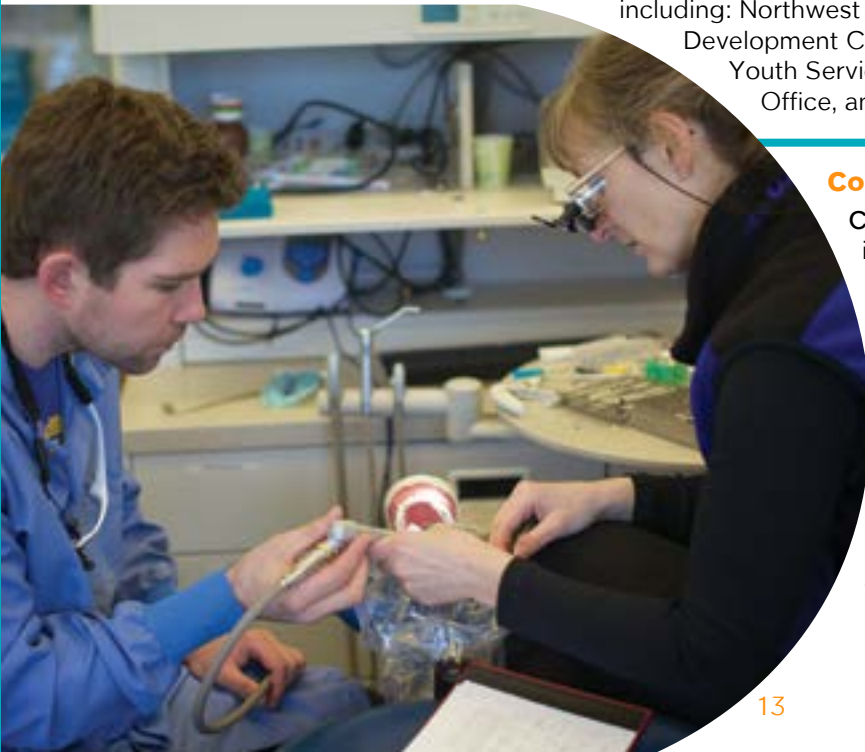
Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

Last May a team from BTC presented our Statement of Needs for the **Bachelor of Applied Science Degrees (BAS)** in Operations Management and Engineering Technology to the Board of Trustees for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Both statements of need were approved for us to develop proposals for these two degrees. These approvals are significant for BTC in many ways and are the first BAS degrees of their kind to be presented to the State Board for approval.

Impact! Program

The **Impact! Program** is a youth re-engagement program offered by BTC in partnership with the Bellingham School District. Impact! is a dual-enrollment program where students work towards high school completion, while concurrently transitioning to post-secondary education. Students are predominantly enrolling for a quarter or two in the basic skills area before transitioning to college-level coursework. During the spring quarter, Impact! students were enrolled in almost 60 college-level credits. Also during this time 20 students have completed one or more GED test sections. Impact! is expanding during the 2015-16 academic year to include all Whatcom County school districts. The program also works

to strengthen partnerships with agencies including: Northwest Workforce Development Council, Northwest Youth Services, Bellingham Mayor's Office, and many other support organizations.



College in the High School Program

College in the High School (CHS) has expanded to include Options High School and Ferndale School District, and we have received requests for more information and further conversation from several other school districts. The program allows high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while simultaneously earning their high school credit for approved advanced high school courses. The courses are taught by qualifying high school teachers who work closely with BTC faculty mentors to ensure that the work the students perform in the high school course is equivalent to a similar course taught on campus.

Awards & Recognitions 2014–2015

- Under the direction of Chef Michael Baldwin, BTC's Hot Food Team participated in the American Culinary Federation's regional competition in Las Vegas, where they received a gold medal, placed 2nd overall, and bested culinary teams representing Hawaii, Utah, Colorado, and Oregon.
- This past December, 19 students finished the LPN to ADN program option. All 19 have tested for NCLEX-RN, and 17 passed on the first attempt. This 89% pass rate is a significant increase in success compared to previous years.
- BTC donated 98,000 pounds of usable fish for use in food banks this season. BTC also took 4.5 million eggs, which will be utilized by the Maritime Heritage and Whatcom Falls Park hatcheries, the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack Enhancement Association.



BTC Faculty & Staff Recognition 2014–2015

The BTC Foundation is proud to support the acknowledgement of BTC faculty and staff excellence at the annual campus recognition event.

BTC Outstanding Performance Awards:

The purpose of this award is to recognize achievements, contributions and services that have significantly contributed to the goals, objectives and mission of Bellingham Technical College.

This year's awards were presented to:

- **The Accounting Department** (Joanna Baxley, Deborah Gervais, Becky Jones, Brianna Lewis, Sherry Minninger, Marina Polishuk, Rena Pope, and Lindsey Putnam)
- **The Culinary Pastry Department** (Hilde Hettegger-Korsmo)
- **Ron Grubb** (Process Technology)
- **Heide Willbrandt** (Program Office Coordinator)
- **Rika Winqvist** (Nursing)

The Haskell Faculty Excellence Award Recipients:

- **Mary Curran** (Nursing)
- **Tracy Bailey** (Radiologic Technology)
- **Sandra Woodfield** (Radiologic Technology)

2014–2015 Puget Sound Energy Faculty Excellence Award Recipients:

- **Sam Cheung** (Electronics)
- **Dave Maricle** (HVAC and Refrigeration)



Sam Cheung



Dave Maricle

2015 Bellingham Technical College Retirements:

- **Bruce Evenstad** – Automotive Collision Repair Instructor (38 years)
- **Patricia McKeown** – BTC President (31 years)
- **Christine Vowles** – Graphic Designer (9 years)



Bruce Evenstad



Patricia McKeown



Christine Vowles



Questions related to any of the above initiatives may be directed to Frank Powers, Vice President of Instruction, at FPowers@btc.edu

BTC Students Find Success

“I wanted to be a strong, independent woman with a degree. When I looked into colleges, Bellingham Technical stood out the most to me.”

—Cheryl Alvis

Legal Administrative Assisting Program



It was in the midst of a life-transition that Cheryl Alvis resolved to turn things around for herself, and a degree from BTC was her tool of choice.

“I didn’t want to rely on others,” Cheryl said. “I wanted to be a strong, independent woman with a degree.”

Cheryl worked hard at school, and even after she graduated from Bellingham Technical College in 2014, Cheryl never really left the Bellingham campus. Armed with the most innovative and industry-specific skills in her field of Legal Administrative Assisting, Cheryl now serves as an invaluable member of Bellingham Technical College’s Advising and Career Services Office.

Cheryl has been so inspired by the excellence of her BTC educational experience that she now looks to similarly empower the current students at BTC, through her work.

“BTC has made such a positive impact on my life,” she said. “The most rewarding part of my job is watching students flourish and grow in their own ways.”

Cheryl credits her success in the office to her strong BTC education.

“My education focused on not only learning the fundamentals, but also on the practical application of the information learned within the program. I gained a wide range of skills that I utilize daily in my position.”

Cheryl’s story is a glowing example of how BTC continues to contribute to our thriving community and economy, by supporting the education and employment aspirations of its students.

BTC Revenue & Expenses 2014–2015

BTC continues to maintain a robust mix of revenue sources with a continuing emphasis on securing grant funding. BTC's expenditures mix reflects a strong commitment to instruction and student support service.

Revenue Mix



\$23.6 Million Overall College Revenue
(excluding Student Aid and Capital Pass-thru funds)

- State Operating Appropriation* **\$10.1 Million**
- Tuition & Fees Revenue** **\$8 Million**
- Federal, State & Local Grants & Contracts Revenue* **\$3.3 Million**
- Enterprise Revenue **\$2.2 Million**

*Excluding Financial Aid
**Excluding S&A and Building Fees

Expenditures Mix



- Instruction **49%**
- Academic Support **9%**
- Instructional Resources **3%**
- Student Services **12%**
- Plant Operation/Maintenance **11%**
- Institutional Support **16%**

Helping students through life's emergencies

BTC & its Foundation gave \$15,660 in emergency funds

In January 2015 the Foundation was instrumental in establishing an **Urgent Funding Committee**. Since its inception the committee has helped students needing immediate assistance for everything from housing to healthcare.

The Mission of the Bellingham Technical College Foundation is to change lives by expanding access to quality education.



From left – BTC Foundation Director Dean Fulton and BTC President Kimberly Perry receive a generous contribution from Phillips 66 as a part of the company's College Relations Program. Ferndale Refinery Manager Rich Harbison and Jeff Callender, Director of Communications & Public Affairs for Phillips 66, made the presentation. BTC is one of the first two-year colleges in the country to be included in the Phillips 66 College Relations Program.



Dear Friends,

The Bellingham Technical College (BTC) Foundation is proud to report that it raised more than \$520,000 to support BTC in 2014-2015. We extend deep appreciation to those who made this achievement possible.

The breadth of 'philanthropic love' that the foundation receives derives from many sources including: individuals, businesses, foundations, and BTC employees through a variety of giving campaigns, special events, and grants.

The Foundation Board acts as thoughtful stewards of these gifts and directs them to a variety of priority initiatives so that BTC can continue to provide student-centered, high-quality professional technical education in our community.

One of our proudest recent accomplishments was receiving a commendation during Bellingham Technical College's accreditation visit last winter.

From the report:

"The Evaluation Committee commends the Bellingham Technical College Foundation on its responsiveness to the needs of students and the institution through philanthropic activities."

We are proud and grateful to help so many people in our region of Washington. Thank you for your generosity, interest and investment in supporting our mission. Your contributions mean a great deal, and we deeply value your trust and support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell Whidbee".

Russ Whidbee
BTC Foundation Board President



Fundraising Accomplishments



Jay Bornstein, BTC Foundation Donor.

2014–2015 Fundraising Accomplishments

Scholarships	\$281,805
Direct BTC Program Support	\$133,082
Greatest Need Fund*	\$67,854
Perry Center Building Campaign	\$38,674
Total	\$521,415

*The Greatest Need Fund supports a diverse spectrum of BTC programs and initiatives



BTC Trustees surround retired President Patricia McKeown (from left: Jim Groves, Lisa Woo, Patty McKeown, Jim Cunningham, Debbie Ahl).

Foundation Institutional Support



Endowment Donor D.C. Morse and Foundation Board Member Gary Nelson.



Jeff Kochman, Foundation Board Member and President of the Barkley Company.

Foundation Institutional Support

Thanks to the generous support of area businesses, individuals, foundations and service organizations, the Bellingham Technical College Foundation is able to provide vital scholarship support to our students.

Scholarships Awarded (2015–16 academic year)

Student Scholarships	\$250,910
Pathway to BTC Admission Scholarships	\$72,000
Total Scholarship Support	\$322,910

Other Foundation Institutional Support

Faculty & Staff Professional Development Grants	\$11,800
BTC Employee Awards & Recognition	\$5,475
Emergency Student Grants	\$5,000
Direct BTC Program Support	\$133,082
Perry Center Building Campaign	\$38,674
Total Institutional Support	\$516,941



BTC President Kimberly Perry tours Brooks Manufacturing with Brooks employee and Foundation Board Member Shannon Terrell. Brooks Manufacturing has an endowed scholarship through the BTC Foundation that provides annual support for scholarships.

Foundation Scholarships

**Named scholarships make a difference.
Endowed scholarships leave a lasting legacy.**

Endowed Scholarships established through the BTC Foundation:

Aftermath Club Endowment

Anvil Corporation Endowed Scholarship

Auto Body Craftsman Association Endowed Scholarship

Bellingham Technical College Employee Endowment

Bill Bond Memorial Endowment

D.C. Morse and Blythe Plumbing & Heating HVAC/R Endowment (D.C. Morse & Jan Marchbanks)

Board Designated Endowment

BP Cherry Point Endowment

Brent K. Marshall Family Endowment

Brooks Manufacturing Endowment

BTC General Endowment

The Charles and Karen Lauckhardt Family Endowment

Curt Smith Endowment

David and Joyce Morse Endowment

Dawson Construction Endowment

Douglas Blair Memorial Endowment

Fielding Formway Endowment

Gary Solari Memorial Endowment

Haskell Endowment for Faculty Excellence

Healthy Pet Endowment

Helen DeVries Board Designated Endowment

Jack & May Meyers Endowment

Jack B. Cole Endowment

J&R Small Endowment

Karen Louise Pearson Tarter Memorial Endowment

Laidlaw/Wallace Family Endowment

Larry Nace Endowment

Malia Haglund Endowment

Mary Scott Memorial Endowment - "Scotty's Fund"

McArdle Endowment for Student Success

Mike McShane Memorial Endowment

Morse Steel Service Welding Endowment

Mt Baker Imaging Endowment

Patricia McKeown Endowment

Phillips 66 Endowment

Rotary Club of Bellingham Endowment

Settlemyer Family Endowment

Sink the Dinghy Endowment (Bellingham Yacht Club)

Suzanne Taylor Lybecker Memorial Endowment

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, foundations, BTC employees, and service organizations — 382 students will receive scholarships through the BTC Foundation this coming year.

Please contact the BTC Foundation office at foundation@btc.edu to learn more about establishing a named or endowed scholarship at BTC.

Advisory Committee Appreciation Reception



Denise Sartz, Director of Professional Practice at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, accepts the Advisory Committee Award for the Nursing & Nursing Assistant Programs Advisory Committees.

Last year the BTC Foundation was honored to host the BTC Advisory Committee Appreciation Reception.

The degree and certificate programs at Bellingham Technical College rely on the involvement and support of more than 300 business and industry employers and employees from the community. Advice and direction offered by experts in the working world ensure that students are acquiring the knowledge and skills that are in demand in the workforce.

An advisory committee representing a specific professional technical field meets regularly with the faculty of the same instructional area on matters of curriculum review and development, facilities and equipment, guidance and career advisement, employment opportunities and placement, plus public relations and promotional activities.

Last fall the following individuals and corporate partners were recognized for their outstanding service on BTC advisory committees:

- **Janita Aalto** (Shell Puget Sound Refinery): Outstanding Individual
- **Jeff Hoback** (Motor Trucks): Outstanding Individual
- **Jim Ostendorff** (Peoples Bank): Outstanding Individual
- **Central Welding Supply**: Outstanding Small Business
- **PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center**: Outstanding Large Business
- **Nursing and Nursing Assistant Programs**: Outstanding Overall Committee



Janita Aalto (right), from the Shell Puget Sound Refinery, was recognized as the Outstanding Advisory Committee Individual for her dedication to the Process Technology Program Committee.

Donor Honor Roll 2014–2015

Includes all donors who made gifts between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the Honor Roll, errors may occur. Please inform us of any errors or omissions by contacting the Foundation office at 360.752.8684 or foundation@btc.edu.

Advantage Vending/Walton Beverage
Debbie Ahl and Bill Ziels
Diane Albright and Georgia Hulac
Alcoa Intalco Works
All American Marine
American Canadian Fisheries, Inc.
Anvil Corporation
Applied Research Northwest
Arcos Industries
Automotive Service Association of Washington (ASA)
Bank of the Pacific
Barkley Company/Talbot Real Estate
Tish Bartz
Gary and Tawna Baxter
Chuck and Mary Pat Beard

David and Karen Bellingar
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club
Bellingham Cold Storage
Bellingham Puget Sound Anglers
Lynnette Bennett
Chuck Beringer
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