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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall” F. Scott Fitzgerald

Some think that spring is when life starts all over again. I will challenge that it is actually fall – plants put down new roots and animals gather food in preparation for spring. And for BTC, it’s the quarter with the greatest number of new students who have dreams for a different future. College Services has been a busy hub of activity the last few weeks, the parking lots are full of both students and employees, students are busy getting their books and technology, and classrooms are abuzz with energy.

Before the first day of classes, there was the all-employee event: Campus Kick-Off 2022: All Together Again. It was so exciting to see everyone for the first time since Campus Kick-Off 2019! We talked and laughed with one another (who was your protector/enemy?), we met the nearly 20 new employees hired since Campus Kick-Off 2021, we learned from one another, we ate together, and we had fun!

Thank you to the following people who made Campus Kick-Off 2022 so memorable:

- Planning Committee: Trish Newbold, Chair, Billie Baker, Ruth Clark, Jake Fowler, Valerie Frank, Lauren Hatch, Danielle Humphreys, Veronica Krueger, Lynda Jensen, Lynn Robinson, and Andi Zamora;
- Dave Jungkuntz for creating the BTC outline;
- Those that directed us to a B, T or C.
- Brian Aries for the amazing photo!

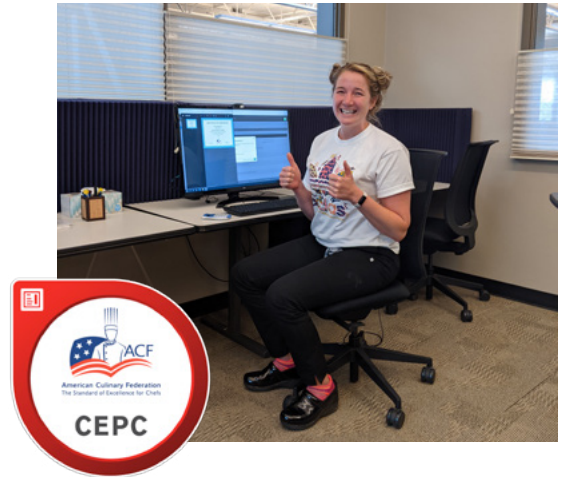
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CHEF STACEY COATES COMPLETES THE CEPC EXAM

Chef Stacey Coates successfully completed the written exam for Certified Executive Pastry Chef (CEPC) through the American Culinary Federation (ACF) in June 2022. According to the ACF, earners of this designation have demonstrated they have reached a benchmark of knowledge, skills and culinary experience of an advanced level in pastry food preparation. They are proficient in food safety and sanitation, culinary nutrition, supervisory management, beverage management and cost control management and prepare food of the highest quality.

Congratulations Chef Coates!



BTC FOUNDATION ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Foundation recently elected three new members to its Board of Directors.

Lance Calloway, Northern District Manager at AGC of Washington (AGCW); Celina Phair, Director of Finance at Lummi Commercial Company; and Alyssa Willis, a Process Technology graduate and Operator at HF Sinclair, will each serve a three-year term on the Foundation board from 2022-2025.

"The Foundation is delighted to add these members and their unique perspectives to our board as we work together to support student success at BTC," said Dean Fulton, Director of the BTC Foundation.



Lance Calloway



Celina Phair



Alyssa Willis

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

100% of our 2022 BTC Surgery Technology graduates passed the national certification exam, far exceeding the national average for first time test takers. As well, all of these graduates gained employment in the field of surgery technology in Whatcom, Skagit and Island counties.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY GRAD FEATURED ON UPFLIP

An Automotive Technology graduate's local small business was recently highlighted by UpFlip on YouTube.

"UpFlip is a channel dedicated towards unraveling the way businesses run behind the scenes and how their success can be replicated."

Here is a link to the story on Lucky Sing and his Whatcom County business Lucky's Auto Shop: <https://youtu.be/chhmCdYt0iQ>



DEI NEWS!

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The Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Office is happy to share the work we are doing, in partnership with you, as we strive to make BTC a more equitable and inclusive community!

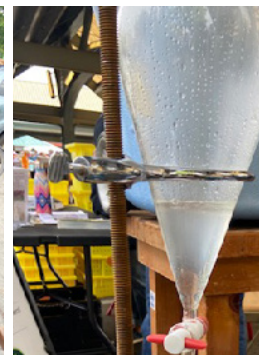
Summer highlights include engaging the community for culturally responsive outreach at events such as the Birchwood International Market and the Bellingham Farmer's Market to highlight BTC's Process Technology students, Ibrahim Al-Fazel, Scout Wilson, and Spencer Garza and their lavender distillation project. Ibrahim and Spencer spoke with diverse groups of people at the Birchwood International Market as they expertly demonstrated the distillation process, passed out samples of lavender essential oil and hydrosol along with information cards about their project and BTC's programs. Process Technology Instructor Brian Aries also joined in the fun, connecting the community with BTC through another live demonstration at the Bellingham Farmer's Market. The DEI office enjoyed collaborating with Brian and his wonderful students, connecting to our vibrant community and helping promote BTC, all while enjoying the soothing scent of lavender!

We have continued to work with our amazing facilities and marketing teams, along with the DEI Committee to improve equitable, inclusive and accessible bathrooms for everyone on campus. In fall quarter, we should be ready to complete the preparations for larger and more equitable bathroom signage across all bathrooms, the addition of more changing tables, and converting selected multi-stall bathrooms to all-gender bathrooms. More information on all-gender bathrooms can be found on the DEI webpage.

Employee Affinity Groups will be launching soon! Employee Affinity Groups (EAGs) are employee formed and led groups that share a common identity or interests and are committed to furthering BTC's commitment to DEI. EAGs are known to be a valuable resource to increase efforts at recruitment and retention of staff through professional development, mentoring opportunities and peer support. More information to come as EAGs are ready to get started!

As we launch into a new school year, we look forward to continuing our DEI work through our new DEI training program which launched at Fall Kick Off, as well as many other projects in the works!

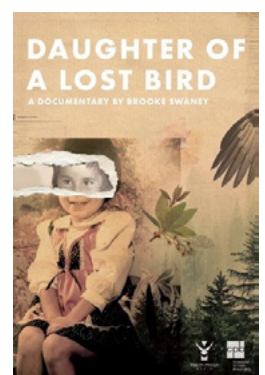
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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY: OCTOBER 10

We are collaborating with community partners for an educational and celebratory in-person event on the evening of October 10th at Whatcom Community College featuring a screening of the documentary [Daughter of a Lost Bird](#). The film follows Kendra, an adult Native adoptee, as she reconnects with her birth family, discovers her Lummi heritage, and confronts issues of her own identity. Her singular story echoes many affected by the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Indian Adoption Project. A live conversation with Kendra and film director Brooke Swaney, along with a reception and more is being planned! Mark your calendars and plan to join this special event!

Indigenous Peoples' Day programming is a collaboration of the following groups: Bellingham Public School District, Bellingham Technical College, Northwest Indian College, Peace Health, Skagit Valley Community College, Western Washington University, and Whatcom Community College.



PURCHASING & CONTRACTS AREA UPDATES

The Purchasing and Contracts area has been working on updating resources for the campus community and beyond. Let's take a look!

- The Contracts folder that used to live on the P Drive is now on the Purchasing - Contracts (btc.edu) SharePoint site.
- Did you know that Purchasing has a page on the website in the Public Services area of the Community & Business section? Head over to [Purchasing - Bellingham Technical College purchasing Policies, Contracts, Sole Source \(btc.edu\)](#) to see information on interagency agreements, current competitive purchasing options, links to pertinent information (BTC's Standard Terms and Conditions), and more. Make sure to share this link with the suppliers you work with so they know where to look to stay up to date.
- The spreadsheet of all annual and general purchase orders is live on the Purchasing - Home (btc.edu) SharePoint site. This is updated weekly. (Internal document)
- Thinking about purchasing educational technology? Did you know there is an Educational Technology Checklist that will guide you through the process? Reach out to the Help Desk, eLearning, or Purchasing for more information.
- In-person and Zoom drop-in hours will continue for the foreseeable future. These are updated on the Purchasing - Home (btc.edu) SharePoint site, as needed. Have questions? Stop by!
- There is a new process for ordering Business Cards. You can find out more by reviewing the [How to Order Business Cards](#) resource on the Purchasing - Home (btc.edu) SharePoint site.

The SharePoint sites are updated regularly. Melisa Nelson says, "if you can't find what you are looking for, reach out to me and we'll see what we can do!"

GRANTS, GRANTS, GRANTS!

BTC received several grants in Summer 2022 through the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, including a Perkins Non-Traditional Gender Training and Employment Grant for \$12,000, which supports BTC's Students Helping Build an Inclusive Future in the Trades (SHIFT) project, and a \$250,000 SBCTC Hospital Employment & Education Training (HEET) grant, which supports incumbent hospital workers pursuing a nursing pathway at BTC. BTC also received an additional nearly \$1 million in State funding over the next three years to support expansion of BTC's Nursing program. The college was awarded \$150,000 through a Workforce Development Funds grant to help expand and enhance our Diesel Equipment Technology program, received a \$305,865 grant to support BTC's Running Start students, and a \$130,000 grant to support students experiencing housing and food insecurity.

ASBTC & TRIO STUDENT LEADER TRAINING

ASBTC's Executive Team and TRIO's Student Ambassadors have collaborated for Student Leader Training. These ten students came together to learn how to advocate for and support students, provide strong customer service, and connect with new students. These student leaders also supported the students who attended the TRIO Orientation before the quarter started. ASBTC and TRIO look forward to many more collaborations this year. These student leaders are incredible!

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

Letter to the editor: Farewell Amanda!

"Amanda Ruthrauff has provided support to Accessibility Resources and our students for several years, on and off, as needed. I would like to extend a grateful FAREWELL to Amanda From AR and a heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS as she begins her job with the Business Office on September 16.

Amanda, our students will miss you and so will the A-Team!" Mary Gerard



NURSING FACULTY NATASHA BARROW PUBLISHED

Natasha Barrow, nursing faculty was recently published in the International Journal of Nursing Student Scholarship. Her article, The Impact of Burnout Identification and Interventions in Nursing Students and Newly Licensed Nurses: A Literature Review, was based on her capstone project for her Master's in Nursing in Population Health degree at Washington State University. Great work Natasha!

LIBRARIAN TINA CHRZASTOWSKI PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

Tina Chrzastowski, Digital Services Librarian, co-authored an article entitled "A Pioneer in Chemical Literature: Librarian Marion E. Sparks", which was published this year in the Bulletin of the History of Chemistry.

Marion Sparks was the first Chemistry Librarian at the University of Illinois, where Tina served from 1987-2013 as Professor Emerita, Chemistry Librarian and Professor of Library Administration. Marion Sparks was "a guiding light" in Tina's Career.



BTC ALUMNI

As reported by the Bellingham Herald, BTC alumni David Dibley was part of a team for Mazdak International in Sumas to develop a new dredging process to remove sediments from the bottom of a body of water. The team was one of the top three finalists out of almost 100 international submissions and won most innovative design. You can read the [Bellingham Herald article here](#).

UCDA HONORABLE MENTION

Marketing & Communication is happy to share with you that our latest SHIFT video has received an honorable mention at this year's national University & College Designer Association (UCDA) Design Award.

It's a great honor to be part of this recognition and something to build on in the future. You can [watch the short video here](#).

Thanks to everyone involved in the project for the great vision and all the hard work. More awards to come!

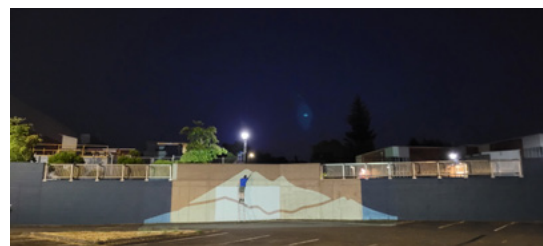
The UCDA Design Awards recognizes the best of the exceptional design and creative work done by communication professionals to promote educational institutions (secondary, vocational, or higher education) and supports the exchange of ideas and information relating to the unique role of these creatives.



NEW BTC MOUNTAIN MURAL

You have all seen it on Campus Kick-Off 2022 and on page 1:

Big thanks to Chris Glatz, Utility & Grounds Lead, and Sebastian Schoelss, Graphics Specialist with Marketing & Communication, for completing the new BTC mountain mural in the lower parking lot. It took some planning, a nightly visit, and lots of paint to get it on the wall, but the outcome speaks for itself. It is the latest in a series of Campus Beautification Projects to make our college campus visually more cohesive and beautiful. Stay tuned for the next steps.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month's employee spotlight is shining on **Corah Castellano**.

Q: What's your position and title here at BTC? Now and in the future?

A: Admissions and Outreach Specialist – Only my third week, but loving it so far!

Q: What do you like to do for fun outside the office? Any hobbies?

A: I am very much a homebody and like to go on any adventure that involves my boyfriend and our two dogs. I love watching the Seahawks, and going to games whenever the opportunity arises. I like hunkering down and reading a good book, and catching up on my tv shows. I am an avid traveler, and enjoy day dreaming/thinking of the next place to visit.

Q: Any fun or funny facts that folks might not know about you?

A: I once jammed with Chad Smith, the drummer of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. When the Museum of Pop Culture opened in Seattle (formerly known as EMP "Experience Music Project") many, many years ago I went with my dad and we had special VIP badges. There were a lot of rock stars and celebrities attending the opening. There were some jam session rooms where you could go play and mess around. My dad and I were playing some instruments, and Chad Smith just walked in and started wailing away at the drums. At the time, we didn't know who he was until a large crowd had surrounded us. Then we saw Flea (the bass player) not too far away, and put two and two together. Pretty cool experience.

Q: Any pets or pet plans?

A: I have two dogs. A 10-year-old shih tzu named Sunny, and a 10-year-old boxer named Mace. They are the best and I love them very much. They love being outside, and also sleeping in and taking many naps throughout the day.

Q: If you could bring one food, book, and movie to a desert island, what would you choose?

A: I would bring spaghetti and meatballs. It's the Italian in me talking, but also my most favorite meal and something I would never get sick of. Plus, lots of yummy carbs and sugar to keep you going on the island! My book would definitely be any Harry Potter book. Goes without saying. I have to say Bridesmaids for my movie. I recently watched it again for the first time in a long time, and actually said "I could watch this movie every day for the rest of my life and never get sick of it." Laughter is the best medicine!



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