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BTC'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF KIMBERLY PERRY, PRESIDENT OF BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Bellingham, Washington – October 15, 2020 – Bellingham Technical College's president Dr. Kimberly Perry has announced her plans to retire at the end of December 2020 after a 40 year career in education.

"It has been an honor to serve as Bellingham Technical College's president for the past five years. I have greatly enjoyed working with our dedicated Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff, Foundation Board of Directors, advisory committee members, and community and business leaders. They have all helped shape and support our college in its mission of providing our students with high-tech, hands on skills training and preparation for their careers which provide our region's businesses with a highly trained, educated workforce," said Perry.

Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Bradley Smith expressed the board's gratitude for Perry's service as college president. "The Board acknowledges and appreciates Dr. Perry's dedication in leading BTC in its mission to create and deliver high-quality education to our community," he said.

Kim will be retiring to Georgia with her husband Ellis in order to be closer to their extended family. She looks forward to transforming their four-acre property to include gardens, room for their seven dogs to run and play, and space for chickens, goats and hopefully a miniature donkey or two.

BTC's Board of Trustees will oversee the selection of a new President and details of the search will be announced in the coming months.

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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, mechanical engineering, and 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.

