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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 BTC’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.
BTC President

Bellingham Technical College has been changing lives in our community for 60 years by providing our students the skills and training for living-wage jobs and giving them a competitive edge for employment. I am continually moved by the dedication and tenacity I see in our students as they work to attain a program degree or certificate. Our students possess both perseverance and determination in their pursuit to improve their lives, support their families and contribute to their communities. The dedication of our students is matched by the passion of our employees, from the instructors who teach them vital skills to the staff who give their all to make sure students are supported on each step of their journey and the facilities workers who keep our campus safe and beautiful. I am proud to share with you a selection of the accomplishments and highlights from this past year as BTC celebrated its 60th anniversary.

Kimberly Perry, Ed. D, BTC President

BTC Foundation Board of Directors President

In this Community Report you will see a listing of generous individuals, businesses, service organizations, foundations, and BTC employees who have given to the foundation this past year. Through this kindness and compassion, combined donations to the foundation in 2017–2018 were more than $600,000 and we are so grateful because our work would not be possible without your support. We are also thankful for our Board of Trustees, Foundation Board of Directors, and the faculty and staff who make a difference every day in the lives of our students. Through your generosity, the foundation is able to forward our mission of changing lives by expanding access to quality education. Critical scholarship awards, direct program enhancements, and the support of a broad spectrum of campus priorities and initiatives would not be possible without all of you. I am grateful to be a part of the foundation’s mission and am humbled by your contributions as you help BTC change lives. We thank you for your many gifts, as it is through your generosity that we make our community and region a better place to live.

Max Legg, BTC Foundation President

BTC Board of Trustees Chair

Since it first opened its doors in 1957, Bellingham Technical College has set itself apart by providing students hands-on training in high demand fields. Through the decades, BTC has evolved and grown, but it has always kept a keen focus on serving its students and supporting their success. This focus on student success exists in every facet of the college: in classrooms and program labs, in the library and tutoring center, in the offices of counselors and advisors, and beyond to the advisory councils that inform each of our programs about what employers will need from our graduates. I invite you to read all about the work that has taken place throughout the campus in this past year.

Debbie Ahl, BTC Board of Trustees Chair
Student Success Story  

Never Stop Learning

When her sons were growing up, Amanda Pennell always told them to dream big and never stop learning. After losing her long-time job at a grocery store when the location she worked at closed, she realized it was time to take her own advice. Her big dream was to work in the medical field, and to make that dream a reality, she came to BTC.

In fall 2016, she was accepted into BTC’s Radiologic Technology program, inspired by her trips to get scans and x-rays when her sons were injured in sports, and by her own experience getting care from a skilled technologist.

This June, Amanda graduated with a 4.0, and two weeks later she was hired for her dream job as a radiologic technologist at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, where she had completed her clinicals during the program. “When I left a year ago, I told them that I’d be back when they hired me,” she says.

The path from laid-off grocery store worker to radiologic technologist took hard work and dedication from Amanda, who served as the student member of the Radiologic Technology advisory committee, was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a student leadership delegate to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Through it all, Amanda found help, answers and encouragement at BTC everywhere from admissions and advising to financial aid and workforce funding to the instructors in her program. “I had help and resources every step of the way, from the very beginning,” she says. “There was always help, and if somebody didn’t know the answer, they found out.”

The help she received from BTC’s Foundation made a particularly large impact. She received four scholarships in her two years at BTC, and between that and the assistance she received in the Basic Food, Employment & Training (BFET) program, she was able to graduate with no student debt.

“For me, it was life-changing, really, because there was no way I could take classes and take care of my kids and responsibilities and work at the same time,” she says. “I truly needed those funds to help pay for school.” The benefit of those scholarships was more than just financial, though. Amanda was able to meet all of her donors at the annual Scholarship Celebration Breakfast, and it was a chance to see the incredible good that people can do by giving.

“These are everyday people who can make a difference in someone’s life. Not only did they help me, but I became a part of their story and they became a part of mine. These people who give so unselfishly of themselves and the funds they can offer that allow students to fulfill their dreams, it’s just amazing to me.”
BTC Student Snapshot

Average # of students (per quarter) 3,045
Average student age 31

Age Distribution

Program Mix

Graduation Rate  Second-highest graduation rate of all public two-year colleges in our state**

Graduates (2017–2018) 883
Running Start students (high school) 93
Veteran students 199
Students of color 29%
First-generation college students 34%
Students holding bachelor’s degrees or higher 6%
2015–2016 graduates employed within 9 months 81%*

Average wage of BTC degree-related careers (WA state) $62,748+

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*SBCTC After College Outcomes Dashboard  **WA State Employment Security Department 2017 Employment & Wage Estimates
**U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics, College Navigator
### 2013–18 Strategic Plan
2017–18 represented the fifth and final year of Bellingham Technical College’s 2013–18 Strategic Plan. This Plan included the following core themes and strategic goals.

**Core Themes**
- Student Success & Access
- Continuous Improvement
- College Visibility with Strong Community, Business, & Industry Relations

**Strategic Goals**
- Student Success
- Excellence & Innovation
- Access
- College Visibility & Resource Development
- Campus Environment

### 2018–23 Strategic Plan
BTC launched a new strategic plan in September 2018. The campus community began developing the college’s 2018–23 Strategic Plan in March 2017 and spent substantial time refining this plan during the 2017–18 year.

BTC employees and students identified the following four overarching themes to help guide our institutional work over the next five years:
- Teaching & Learning
- Student Career Preparation & Achievement
- Innovation & Responsiveness
- Campus Community & Culture

### Strategic Plan progress over the last five years:
To achieve our strategic goals, BTC identified 150 specific activities to focus on in 2013–18 (five years). BTC completed or made strong progress across 54% of those activities, and made some progress across 33% of those activities.

**Student Success** (30 activities)
- Little to no progress
- Some progress
- Strong progress
- Complete

**Excellence & Innovation** (46 activities)
- Little to no progress
- Some progress
- Strong progress
- Complete

**Access** (23 activities)
- Little to no progress
- Some progress
- Strong progress
- Complete

**College Visibility & Resource Dev.** (24 activities)
- Little to no progress
- Some progress
- Strong progress
- Complete

**Campus Environment** (27 activities)
- Little to no progress
- Some progress
- Strong progress
- Complete

**All goals** (150 activities)
- Little to no progress
- Some progress
- Strong progress
- Complete

Questions related to any information on pages 5 & 6 may be directed to RaeLyn Axlund McBride, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, raelyn.axlund.mcbride@btc.edu.
BTC Revenue & Expenses 2017–2018

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 services.

**Revenue Mix**

$25.7 Million Overall College Revenue
(excluding Student Aid and Capital Pass-Thru funds)

- State Operating Appropriation* $11.9 Million
- Tuition & Fees Revenue** $7.4 Million
- Federal, State & Local Grants & Contracts Revenue* $4.3 Million
- Enterprise Revenue $2.1 Million

*Excluding Financial Aid
**Excluding ASBTC (Associated Students of Bellingham Technical College) Fees and Building Fees

**Expenditures Mix**

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The Expenditures Mix is based on the Operating Fund

In the past ten years alone, BTC has awarded more than 8,900 degrees, certificates and apprenticeships to students who go on to start meaningful careers, support their families, and contribute to our regional economy.
Getting to Know BTC Student Life & ASBTC

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. Our departments work together to provide a comprehensive system of resources to ensure students are able to thrive and achieve their full potential.

BTC strives to keep our students engaged in and out of the classroom, with opportunities for self-governance, a variety of campus activities and clubs.

Student Life & ASBTC

In the 2017–18 school year, ASBTC (Associated Students of Bellingham Technical College) sponsored approximately 25 events, including free movie nights, current issue panels, fun activities, opportunities for cultural learning, and trips.

ASBTC oversees approximately 15 clubs and organizations, ranging from program-specific clubs to interest-based groups.

- Automotive Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Gaming Club
- Gender & Sexuality Alliance
- HVAC Club
- Machining Club
- Plaque Busters
- Process Technology Safety Group
- Rad Tech Club
- Student Nurses Organization
- Student Veterans of America
- Students For Local Industry
- Vet Tech Club
- Welding Club (American Welding Society)

ASBTC students visited Olympia in November for the Washington Community and Technical College Student Association (WACTCSA) Legislative Academy, which focuses on Legislative messaging and communicating with legislators in conjunction with other CTC constituents. Representative Luanne Van Werven attended at the invitation of our ASBTC Director of Legislation, Christopher Sanders.

“ASBTC is really cool. They’ve been doing so many cool events this year: sea kayaking, Bike to Work and School Day, the end of year barbecue. It’s really nice to see the student body come together.”

— Ganiv Kaur Kahlon, Nursing student
Admissions & Advising Events

Career Fairs
More than **500 attendees** and **93 employers** attended BTC’s Career Fairs. The three spring fairs included manufacturing, engineering and industrial employers; health, business and IT employers; and culinary and pastry arts employers.

Counselor Day
More than **30 counselors** from Whatcom, Skagit, Island and Snohomish county middle and high schools joined the Outreach and Admissions team on campus for a meeting in January. The counselors learned about upcoming events and student outreach opportunities.

High School Skills Challenge
Over **80 high school students** from throughout the region attended the Welding program’s High School Skills Challenge in January. The students did welding and cutting competencies, small engine repair and identification in the Process Technology lab, wiring in the Electrician lab, and copper sweat soldering in the HVAC lab.

Info Sessions & Open Houses
BTC hosted its first Info Session Week in mid-February. The events brought in a variety of prospective students to learn about BTC’s programs including **Automotive & Industrial Night, Manufacturing & Engineering Night, and Business & IT Night**. Below are other Info Sessions and Open Houses BTC hosted throughout the year.

- Bachelor of Applied Science programs
- Business Management
- Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences
- Nursing
- Running Start

Energy Night
BTC hosted Energy Careers Prep Night in April. The event, which is funded by a grant from Shell Oil Company, drew more than **65 current and prospective students** to hear about careers in the energy industry and learn how to prepare for them. The event included keynote speaker Shirley Yap, Shell Puget Sound Refinery’s General Manager, and a panel of speakers including BTC alumni and professionals in the industry.

Tour Day
BTC hosted more than **400 students from 16 high schools** throughout the region for Tour Day in November. The students were able to visit programs of interest and talk to students and faculty.

Try-a-Trade
Over **240 high school students from Whatcom, Skagit, and Island county schools** visited BTC’s campus for Try-a-Trade in February. The event gives students the chance to get hands-on experience in BTC’s programs and labs, talk with current students and instructors, and hear about degree and career options.

“When I heard about BTC through a Try-A-Trade day, I couldn't shake my attraction to the idea that I could graduate in two years with an associate degree and start work in a high-paying job with no debt and years of my life opened up that I would have otherwise spent at a four-year university racking up debt.”

— Tate Garrett,
Running Start & Process Technology graduate
Supporting Our Students Financially

**Financial Aid Snapshot**
One of the biggest questions students have when they’re considering college is: how am I going to pay for this? BTC helps students answer that question with a robust, responsive Financial Aid department, in addition to Workforce Funding and Foundation scholarships. Take a look at Financial Aid by the numbers during 2017–18.

Students who received any financial aid:
- Degree-seeking students 61%
- All students 35%

Students who received need-based financial aid:
- Degree-seeking students 47%
- All students 27%

Total students who received financial aid 1,873

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**Grant Snapshot**
Federal and state grants provide money for students to pay for tuition, materials, books and other education-related expenses. Unlike loans, grants do not need to be paid back after a student graduates. Take a look at how these grants are supporting our students in reaching their goals during 2017–18.

Students who received the Pell Grant 1,363

Total amount distributed through the Pell Grant $5,145,793

Students who received the Washington State Need Grant 944

Total amount distributed through the Washington State Need Grant $2,499,870

Total amount distributed through both grants $7,645,663
Supporting Our Students by Expanding Access

Workforce Funding & Student Support
Workforce Funding & Student Support provided over $610,374 in support to students in 2017–18, including assistance with tuition, books, tools, bus passes and emergency support.

Money$marts
This was the first year of an exciting new financial literacy program at BTC called Money$marts. The program works with community partners such as Whatcom Asset Building Coalition (WABC) and Key Bank to improve retention and financial literacy for low-income and first-generation students.

Workforce Funding and Student Support’s full-time AmeriCorps VISTA Project volunteer facilitated the hiring and training of 9 financial literacy peer mentors who connected and spent time weekly mentoring 35 mentees in the 2017–18 school year. Trained student mentors led several classroom, BTC staff, and community training presentations on financial literacy topics, increasing confidence and expanding the reach of the Money$marts program.

SHIFT
In Fall 2017, BTC launched a new group on campus called SHIFT: Students Helping build an Inclusive Future for the Trades. SHIFT is a student-centered program focused on developing gender and racial equality across skilled trade and engineering programs at BTC and beyond. The group hosted several hands-on events to introduce students to different programs and had lunch-time meetings to give students an opportunity to share and discuss the issues that are important to them.

“There are so many more resources than I imagined. Pretty much any issue you can have, there’s somebody there who can help you: tutoring, scholarships, time management, financial aid.”
— Kala Brood, General Education student

Veterans Services
BTC offers support for our student veterans by offering services that include early registration, veteran-specific tuition waivers, military transcript evaluations, and a BTC chapter of Student Veterans of America.

Accessibility Resources
In 2017–18, 354 students self-disclosed a disability to Accessibility Resources (AR). More than 85% of those students had two or more disabilities. AR celebrated Accessibility Awareness month last October by hosting a variety of events around campus, including a keynote talk with the State Board of Community and Technical College’s Program Administrator in Accessible Technology Initiatives, hands-on accessibility trainings, and an assistive technology fair. AR also hosted faculty trainings and a student panel on chronic conditions with ASBTC.
Getting Our Students Ready for College

Transitional Studies
BTC's Transitional Studies program helps improve reading, math and workplace skills to get students ready to take college courses and to be more successful in the job market. Classes include GED prep and courses for English language learners, all with the hope of helping students build better lives through education. **458 students** took classes in Transitional Studies in 2017–18, up from 392 from the previous year.

ESL/ELA
ELA (English Language Acquisition) classes help students with limited English skills improve their speaking and writing ability to prepare them for college and the workplace. More than **91 students** benefitted from ELA classes in 2017–18.

HS21+
HS21+ (High School 21+) allows adults who haven’t earned their high school diploma to receive credit for life experience and take the final classes they need at BTC to earn their diploma. BTC had **74 HS21+ students** in 2017–18, up from 44 the previous year.

I-BEST
I-BEST (Integrated Basic Education Skills Training) gives students extra academic support in the classroom to help support them as they work in their program. This year, BTC began offering an I-BEST option for our HVAC program. **94 students** took I-BEST courses in 2017–18, up from 68 the previous year.

IMPACT! Youth Re-engagement Program
BTC’s IMPACT! program helps students who are 16–21 who have dropped out of high school find a path to success. The program provides free GED prep and testing, and free tuition as they pursue a certificate or degree, as well as intensive support. In 2017–18, BTC’s IMPACT! program served **395 students** and awarded **125 GEDs**.

“In IMPACT!, they were able to focus on us a lot more. I honestly felt like they were friends. It helped me not be shy if I needed help with something or if I had questions about the programs here. All the teachers I’ve had so far are super friendly. It’s a lot easier to talk to someone who’s friendly.”

— Selena Solache, IMPACT! & Nursing Assistant graduate
Student Success through TRIO & STAR

BTC’s grant-funded student support services STAR and TRIO continued to grow, collaborate with the campus and find new ways to benefit students at BTC.

The programs provide personalized coaching, mentoring, tutoring, advising and events for students who are academically underprepared, first generation, low income or have a disability.

In 2017–18, STAR served 289 students, providing over 1,000 individual coaching sessions and over 1,000 individual tutoring sessions.

This year’s Share the Love event drew more than 100 students to eat together, share stories with one another, and hear from motivational speaker Luis Ortega about the power of telling your story.

“IT has not been easy to get where I am today, but this scholarship will make it a little easier for me to get to where I want to go.”
—Tres Crooker, Sharon & Steve Isenhart Scholarship

TRIO honored student persistence and achievement at its end of year awards ceremony. 28 TRIO students completed a degree or certificate this spring.

The BTC TRIO team piloted a new scholarship in partnership with the BTC Foundation in 2017–18. In Spring Quarter, nine TRIO students were awarded a total of $7,400 in scholarships to support them in persisting and achieving their goals.

“You have helped make my dream into a reality and I will forever be grateful for your generosity.”
—Kristina Daeley, Women’s Network of Phillips 66 Scholarship
Bellingham Technical College offers **two Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, 38 associate degrees** (Associates of Applied Science and Associates of Applied Science—Transfer) and **60 certificate options** in the following fields.

**Business & Computer Technology**

**Child & Family Studies**

**Culinary Arts & Pastry Arts**

**Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing**

**Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences**

**Health Sciences**

**Industrial Technology**

**Transportation & Mechanical Technology**

“All of the instructors in my program have made a tremendous impression on me through their dedication to helping us succeed, and in providing us the opportunities we need to not only understand the material we learn but to excel at it. I feel that I’m getting a better education at BTC than I ever would at a university that costs ten times the price.”

— Tate Garrett, Running Start & Process Technology graduate
New Programs
BTC listened to industry and community needs this past year to develop the following new programs launching in Fall 2018:

- **Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering Technology**
- **Business Management**
- **Cosmetology**
- **Water & Wastewater Treatment**

New Program Accreditation
BTC’s Associate Degree Nursing program received national accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) in August 2017, after several years of hard work and a successful site visit earlier in the year.

Advisory Committees
BTC is supported by 29 Advisory Committees with more than 350 members. Our Advisory Committees help to inform our curriculum and keep our programs current on what industries need in their employees.

Reading Apprenticeship
BTC’s Reading Apprenticeship (RA) program was recognized with an article in a recent College Spark Washington publication. The program’s goal is to infuse best practices in reading comprehension into curriculum and instruction throughout BTC. Since its start in 2012, 65 employees at BTC have completed RA training and over 4,000 students have taken courses with trained RA instructors. Participants report increased student engagement, increased sense of empowerment in learning, and the ability to read more challenging texts when paired with RA tools and discussions.

Dual Credit
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dual Credit allows high school students the opportunity to earn free college credit while meeting the graduation requirements of their high school, without having to leave campus. As a partner in the Whatcom County CTE Dual Credit Consortium, BTC hosted quarterly meetings with high school CTE directors to review and improve our program and expand course offerings for high school students. CTE Dual Credit classes include Welding, Electronics, Engineering Graphics, Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, and many more.
LinuxFest
LinuxFest Northwest brought more than 1,500 people to BTC’s campus this April to learn about open source software and talk about technology issues from privacy and security to coding and software development. The annual open source event is co-produced by Bellingham Linux Users Group and the Information Technology department at BTC, with students and instructors volunteering to support many aspects of the event.

Caspar Babypants
BTC hosted a sold-out performance by kid-friendly musician Caspar Babypants this spring in Settlemyer Hall to raise money for scholarships for BTC’s Child and Family Studies program.

Welding Fab Week
BTC’s Welding Technology program hosted Welding Fab Week this past March. Students participated on three- to five-member teams over five days to create sculptures with a theme of Something for the Backyard Garden. Finished sculptures were sold by silent auction through the BTC Foundation to raise money for welding student scholarships.
Community Services

Dental Clinic Services
BTC’s Dental Clinic offers reduced-cost services for students and community members, while giving Dental students an opportunity to get hands-on learning under the supervision of licensed dental professionals. This February, Dental Hygiene students provided free dental services for children at BTC’s Dental Clinic as part of Children’s Dental Health Month. The clinic provided free x-rays, oral screenings, sealants and cleanings.

Library
A good book is closer than you think. Readers in the neighborhood can sign up to have their library books delivered to BTC’s Library on the third floor of Campus Center for pick up, and there is a book drop-off at the entrance to Campus Center.

Café Culinaire
BTC’s Café Culinaire, located on the first floor of Campus Center, is a great escape for local gourmands. Diners can travel the globe each Friday in Winter Quarter, as BTC’s Culinary Arts students serve a rotating menu of world cuisine at International Buffets. In Spring, Café Culinaire opens up for gourmet lunch seatings serving three-course tasting menus that feature local ingredients, high-quality entrees and sumptuous desserts. Reservations open to the public online at the start of Winter and Spring quarters, and they usually sell out quickly.

Automotive Services
BTC’s Automotive Technology program provides invaluable experience for its students by opening up its lab to the community for vehicle repair work. Students work to diagnose issues and repair them, boosting their technical skills and giving them experience working with customers.

Visit our website at www.btc.edu/ContractTraining to learn more about how BTC can help build skills in your organization.

Contract Training
Did you know BTC’s Contract Training department can help companies and organizations train their employees on a variety of skills?

BTC’s contract training offers highly technical trade and industry-specific custom training including instrumentation, CNC programming, and AutoCAD, soft skills such as leadership, communication, team-building, strategic planning, and diversity, as well as basic computer skills in MS PowerPoint, Excel, and Word.

Here are some of the companies who benefited from BTC’s contract service training this past year:

• Andeavor (formerly Tesoro Refinery)
• AGC (Association of General Contractors)
• Trans-Ocean Products
• Puget Sound Energy
• Itek
• Exxel Pacific
• Northwest Pathology
• Phillips 66

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“Here, we learn the foundations of surveying and data processing, and workflow and what a project is and how to complete a project... You get real applicable skills that you can take on the job.”
— Ross Hunnicutt, Civil Engineering Technology graduate
Community Events Hosted at BTC

BTC is proud to have hosted so many wonderful community groups in Settlemyer Hall this year, for events such as galas, conferences, speakers and panels, and award ceremonies. You can join this great roster of local groups who have hosted their special events at BTC.

- Alcoa Intalco
- Animals as Natural Therapy
- Birch Equipment
- Brigid Collins
- Cascade Connections
- Congregation Beth Israel
- Industrial Credit Union
- Kulshan Land Trust
- Larson Gross
- NW Regional Council
- NW Therapeutic Riding Center
- Northwest Youth Services
- Rotary of North Whatcom
- SPARK Museum of Electricity
- Shell Puget Sound Refinery
- Sustainable Connections
- WSU Whatcom County
- Whatcom Business Alliance
- Whatcom County Mountain Bike Coalition
- Whatcom Humane Society
- Whatcom Land Trust
- Whatcom Literacy Council
- Whatcom Opportunity Council/Volunteer Center of Whatcom County
- Women Sharing Hope

This year, BTC opened up Settlemyer Hall for bookings for summer weddings, which will start in June 2019. Summer is traditionally a quieter quarter on campus, so it’s a perfect time to celebrate in Settlemyer and enjoy the beauty of BTC’s outdoor spaces.

Visit our website at www.btc.edu/Rentals to find out more.

“Thank you for working with us to pull off another great event. You are all so helpful and accommodating. You make it look easy! Our guests were happy—thank you for all you did!”

—Staff at Kulshan Land Trust, 2018
You might say it was the call of the wild that brought Tim Danner to Bellingham Technical College.

The Bellingham resident was working in security and serving in the Army Reserve, but it wasn't what he wanted for his career. His goal of working with wildlife led him to BTC's Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences program, and it's been a perfect fit.

"The program is great. I enjoy the mix of in-class learning for the theory side and a good mix of getting outside in the water with the fish. One minute you're outside snorkeling in the creek, and the next minute you're inside looking at all the data you gathered."

Tim graduated from BTC in June, and he's transferring to the University of Montana to pursue his bachelor's degree in Aquatic Wildlife Biology. His goal is a career in fisheries management.

"I'm excited," he said of starting on his bachelor's. "I'm really looking forward to finishing my next degree and getting into the industry and continuing the work that we did in the program."

One of his favorite memories from BTC's program is participating in salmon spawning in fall at the Whatcom Creek Hatchery run by students at Maritime Heritage Park. "This program gave me the hands-on skills you can't get at a four-year school: spawning, electro-fishing, fish samples, snorkel surveys."

Those incredible moments in his program were made a little easier by the support he received from the BTC Foundation. Tim was honored when he found out he received two scholarships for 2017–18. "It really helped out a lot. I don't think I could have made it through this year without it," he says. "It was a load off my mind to know there was this extra money coming in and I didn't have to focus as much on what I was paying for school and could focus instead on what I was doing in school."

The kind of financial support that BTC offers, whether it's through scholarships, workforce funding or financial aid, is crucial, not only for students but for the community that relies on graduates of BTC's programs, Tim says.

"A lot of students are single parents, students quitting work to come back to school like I did. It's important that everybody have the opportunity to come back to school and get their degree and have that opportunity to succeed."
The Mission of the Bellingham Technical College Foundation is to change lives by expanding access to quality education.

2017–2018 Fundraising Accomplishments

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*The Greatest Need Fund supports a diverse spectrum of BTC programs & campus initiatives, including professional development grants, the BTC Food Pantry, direct student & campus support (non-scholarship), and student urgent funding contributions.

This total amount constitutes 120% of the foundation’s 2017–18 fundraising goal!

Thanks to partners like the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation, new donors contributed more than $114,000 to the BTC Foundation last year.

President and CEO of Mills Electric, John Huntley (center) representing the Western States Petroleum Association, presents BTC with a $28,000 contribution to support scholarships.
Student Scholarships
Thanks to the generous support from area businesses, individuals, BTC employees, foundations and service organizations, the Bellingham Technical College Foundation is able to provide vital scholarship support to our students in the 2018–19 academic year.

Scholarships Awarded
- Student Scholarships: $313,000
- Second Chance Scholarships*: $50,000
- Total Scholarship Support: $363,000

Other Foundation Institutional Support
- Miscellaneous Campus Support**: $37,163
- Direct BTC Program Support: $52,110
- Total Institutional Support: $452,273

* The foundation will award supplemental “Second Chance” scholarships during the course of the 2018–19 academic year.
** Includes BTC professional development grants, the BTC Food Pantry, direct student & campus support (non-scholarship), and student urgent funding contributions.
BTC Faculty & Staff Recognition 2017–2018

The BTC Foundation is proud to support the acknowledgement of BTC employees excellence at the annual campus award celebration.

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

This year’s awards were presented to:

- **Lisa Dzyban** (Veterinary Technician Instructor)
- **Linda Ruthrauff** (ASBTC/Career & Technical Education Dual Credit)
- **Shelley Walker** (Medical Coding & Billing Instructor)
- **Melisa Nelson** (Student Services)
- **Gary Plummer, Kevin Engels, Stanislav Kobets, Glen Erickson, Chico Herrera, Randy Hefley, Brody Hazan, Nicolay Melnyk, Nathan Weissenborn, Antonio Coniglio, Eric Higashi, David Talbot, Jodi Micona, and Tim Hawkins** (Custodial Crew for outstanding work group)

2017–18 BTC Retirements

- **Don Anderson** — Welding Instructor *(18 years)*
- **Michael Baldwin** — Culinary Instructor *(31 years)*
- **Sam Cheung** — Electronics Instructor *(14 years)*
- **Dmytro Danch** — Facilities *(12 years)*
- **Ron Grubb** — Process Technology Instructor *(9 years)*
- **Lowell Wester** — Science Instructor *(17 years)*
## Endowed Scholarships

*Established through the BTC Foundation*

- Aftermath Club Endowment
- Anvil Corporation Endowed Scholarship
- Auto Body Craftsmen Association Endowed Scholarship
- Bellingham Technical College Employee Endowment
- Bill Bond Memorial Endowment
- Birch Equipment Endowment
- 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
- D.C. Morse and Blythe Plumbing & Heating HVAC/R Endowment (D.C. Morse & Jan Marchbanks)
- Douglas Blair Memorial Endowment
- Fielding Formway Endowment
- Gage Yates Memorial 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
- Jim Zuanich Memorial Endowment
- J&R Small Endowment
- Karen Louise Pearson Tarter Memorial Endowment
- Laidlaw/Wallace Family Endowment
- Larry Nace Endowment
- Linda Crawford Family Education Endowment Fund
- Malia Haglund Endowment
- Mary Scott Memorial Endowment — “Scotty’s Fund”
- Mc Ardle Endowment for Student Success
- The Mickey and Carole Ghio Endowment
- Mike McShane Memorial Endowment
- Morse Steel Service Welding Endowment
- Mt. Baker Imaging Endowment
- Patricia McKeown Endowment
- Pete and Naida Jane Deitsch Endowment
- Phillips 66 Endowment
- Rhodes Family Endowment
- Rotary Club of Bellingham Endowment
- Settlemeyer Family Endowment
- Sink the Dinghy Endowment (Bellingham Yacht Club)
- Suzanne Taylor Lybecker Memorial Endowment
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Whatcom County Chapter 165 – Randy Hansen Scholarship
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## Annual Scholarships

*Available through the BTC Foundation for 2018–2019 academic year*

- 4th Corner Elites Car Club Scholarship
- Ahi & Ziels Scholarship
- American Association of University Women Scholarship (AAUW)
- Ann & Rick Kaiser Scholarship
- Anvil Corporation Scholarship
- ASA/Frank Hanna Memorial Scholarship
- ASBTC Leadership Scholarship
- Bank of the Pacific Scholarship
- Bellingham Bay Rotary Scholarship
- Betty Young Memorial Scholarship
- Bielle Foundation Scholarship
- Billee and Herb Ershig Scholarship of the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation
- Bob & Jeanette Morse Scholarship
- BTC Foundation Scholarship
- BTC Instrumentation Student Club Scholarship
- BTC Nursing Scholarship
- Burnettte Hazen Fund
- BVTI Director Raymond S. Smith Scholarship
- Cascade Natural Gas Scholarship
- Champagne High School Scholarship
- Champagne Retraining Scholarship
- Chemtrade Solutions Scholarship
- Chuckanut Health Foundation McEvoy Family Scholarship
- Chuckanut Health Foundation Nursing Scholarship
- Computer Network Programs Scholarship
- Dan Bragg Memorial Welding Scholarship
- David & Cheryll Blair Scholarship
- Dennis & Sylvia Holmstrom Scholarship
- Ed Pierson Memorial Scholarship
- Emerson Process Management Scholarship
- Ferguson Foundation Scholarship
- Fulton Family Scholarship
- Gary & Patty Nelson Scholarship
- Grainger Tools for Tomorrow
- Greg & Linda Cowan Scholarship
- HKP Architects Scholarship
- IMCO Construction Scholarship
- Ingram Family Fisheries Scholarship
- Jansen Foundation Scholarship
- Jim & Joan Cunningham Scholarship
- Joe & Judy Coons Scholarship
- John & Clare van Amerongen Hatchery Heroes Scholarship
- John & Mimi Ferlin Scholarship
- Lauckhardt Family Scholarship
- Laughlin Family Welding Scholarship
- Legg Family Scholarship
- LinuxFest NW Scholarship
- Marty & Gail Haines Scholarship
- McIntosh Family Scholarship
- McNeese Scholarship
- Mitcheco Family Scholarship
- Mike Tuttle Memorial Scholarship
- Norma Smith Scholarship
- NW Fish Culture Conference Scholarship
- Pacific Rim Outpatient Surgery Scholarship
- Patterson Family Scholarship
- Paul & Mary Meeks Scholarship
- Peg Cutting Culinary Arts Scholarship
- Phi Theta Kappa: Beta Lambda Beta Chapter Scholarship
- Phillips 66 Lummi Tribal Scholarship
- Price Brothers Surveying Scholarship
- Road Less Graveled Scholarship
- Robert L. Hinton Memorial Scholarship
- Russ Whidbee Accounting Scholarship
- Santa & Otga Callender Scholarship
- Sharon & Steve Isenhart Scholarship
- Shell Puget Sound Refinery Scholarship
- Shell Puget Sound Refinery Tribal Scholarship
- Steve & Margie Kimberley Scholarship
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- Washington State Automation Excellence Scholarship
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- Walton Beverage Company Scholarship
- WCSRA/Velma Wendt Memorial Scholarship
- WFSF Local #476 Scholarship
- WECU Scholarship
- Whatcom Foundation Scholarship
- Whatcom North Rotary Club Scholarship
- Wilson Engineering Scholarship
- Women’s Network of Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery Scholarship
- Woo Family Scholarship
- WSPA Western States Petroleum Association Scholarship

**Total BTC Foundation endowed scholarship value as of June 30, 2018**

$3,347,180

Please contact the BTC Foundation to learn more about establishing a named ($500+) or a permanently endowed ($25,000+) scholarship.
Donor Honor Roll 2017–2018

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BTC’s 60th Anniversary Gala Fundraiser

The foundation’s fall gala fundraiser was a resounding success this past November. More than 220 guests donned black tie attire and convened in Settlemyer Family Hall, which was transformed into an upscale venue for the evening.

The guests were treated to a gourmet dinner prepared by the college’s Culinary Arts program. Other BTC programs were highlighted at the event as well, including Machining program students who fabricated the beautiful centerpieces that were auctioned off, as well as the BTC Pastry Arts students who created more than 30 gourmet desserts for gala guests to bid on and enjoy. Thanks to the generosity of many, a record amount was raised to support BTC and our students.

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This past year was an exciting one for BTC’s Nursing program. Years of hard work from Nursing administrators, faculty and staff paid off when the program earned national accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). BTC’s Nursing program has always been approved through the state’s Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, and after a successful ACEN accreditation site visit in February 2017, the Nursing program received its official confirmation of accreditation shortly before the 2017–18 school year began.

The Nursing program also updated its admissions process for the 2017–18 year, moving away from the lottery system to create a first come, first served annual program list. This allowed students to know in which quarter they would be starting throughout the year, giving them an opportunity to better plan their work and school schedules accordingly.
Bellingham Technical College greatly values the strong partnership with the Port of Bellingham at the Technology Development Center (TDC).

The TDC is home to BTC’s Engineering Technology Composites program and Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Engineering Technology. These labs and classrooms were designed to provide hands-on, industry-targeted training for our students to enter a competitive workforce.

The Port of Bellingham’s dedication to higher education helps BTC provide cutting-edge labs for our students.