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BTC TO HOST VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR STUDENT, FACULTY, AND STAFF VETERANS

Bellingham, Wash. — November 4, 2015 — Bellingham Technical College is saying thank you to its student, faculty, and staff veterans in advance of Veterans Day with a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon Friday, Nov. 6.

The lunch will run from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in BTC's G Building, rooms 102 and 103, and it will be free for all veterans on campus.

"It is our responsibility to provide continued support and services to our veterans, and celebrate and appreciate their willingness to serve our country," said Malcolm Oliver, Director of Multicultural and Student Support Services at BTC. "They have earned it."

The event will include speaker Lourdes "Alfie" Alvarado-Ramos, Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as a Color Guard and VFW Honor Guard, and a group of American Legion riders.

For more information about veterans services at BTC, call 360-752-8345 or email veterans@btc.edu.

The event is only open to BTC students, staff, and faculty, but any press who would like to take photos or cover the luncheon are welcome to attend.

About Bellingham Technical College:

Veterans Services: BTC is a military-friendly campus. All of our programs and certificates are eligible for veteran education benefits. BTC also awards college credit for military training, and students may be eligible for academic credits based on specialized military course work. The BTC Veterans Club is a chapter of Student Veterans of America (SVA). It consists of a board of elected student executives and staff advisors, and convenes weekly for lunchtime meetings in BTC's newly established Veterans Center in H building, Room 17. The purpose of this club is to foster peer support within the veteran community on campus, give veterans a place to meet one another, and act as a platform for discussing and advocating for veteran's academic needs.

About Bellingham Technical College

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. For more news, events, and photos from the college follow us on www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech, www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege and www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege.

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