



Bellingham Technical College  
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**BTC ANNOUNCES PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH FINALISTS AND CANDIDATE OPEN FORUM DATES**

Bellingham, Washington – May 6, 2015 – After a national search, the Presidential Search Advisory Committee met last week to interview semi-finalist candidates for the position of president of Bellingham Technical College. From a strong pool of highly qualified candidates, the Committee selected individuals who were recommended to the Board of Trustees as finalists. The Board reviewed candidate materials and discussed the recommendations of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and selected three finalists from this slate to visit Bellingham Technical College. One candidate has since withdrawn.

The finalists will be visiting Bellingham Technical College May 12-13, 2015 to participate in open public forums. We strongly encourage all members of the College community and the public at large to participate in the open public forums, to meet the candidates and to share your impressions with the Board of Trustees.

The finalist candidates, in alphabetical order, are:

**Ivan Gorne, J.D.** currently serves as the Assistant to the President of Bates Technical College, WA. Previously he served as the Vice President for Student Services, Facilities and Operations at Bates Technical College, WA. Mr. Gorne earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Education from Pacific Lutheran University, WA, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Puget Sound School of Law, WA.

**Kimberly Perry, Ed.D.** currently serves as the Superintendent/President of Butte-Glenn Community College District in California. Previously, she served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs for Los Angeles City College, CA. Dr. Perry earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education from the University of California, CA, a Master of Education from University of California, Davis, CA, and a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration and Leadership from the University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA.

The open forum schedule is as follows:

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| Tuesday, May 12   | Mr. Ivan Gorne     | 11:15 AM-1:00 PM | Settlemyer Hall |
| Wednesday, May 13 | Dr. Kimberly Perry | 11:15 AM-1:00 PM | Settlemyer Hall |

Please watch for additional updates on the progress of the search. Information is posted on Bellingham Technical College's Presidential Search web page at

<http://www.btc.ctc.edu/PresidentSearch>

If you have questions or comments about the search process, please reach out to our ACCT search consultants:

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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 45 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to [www.btc.ctc.edu](http://www.btc.ctc.edu).