



Letter from BTC President Kimberly Perry January 18, 2019

BTC Community:

Millions of Americans will come together this Monday, January 21, 2019 in a day of national service and dialogue to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King had a dream that one day all people would be guaranteed the rights as promised in the Preamble to the United States Declaration of Independence of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Bellingham Technical College is an institution of higher education dedicated to creating the opportunity for thoughtful engagement on the issues of diversity and inclusion for our campus and our community. The Strategic Theme of Campus & Community Culture includes these two goals: (1) Strengthen college commitment to diversity, equity and inclusiveness; and (2) Maintain a welcoming, safe and accessible environment. The Student-Centered value is: Creating a supportive and inclusive community that results in a high level of student competence, professionalism, and success.

Dr. King stressed service as a means to social justice. As he said: “Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

I encourage everyone to take a moment and reflect on the breadth of exceptional programs and services that we provide to students that enable their hopes and dreams to be realized. This is true service since it is through everyone’s thoughtful and meaningful work with students, as well as with one another, that barriers are eliminated and our community is made stronger for all.

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About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers direct transfer degrees such as computer science, pre-nursing, and business, and two Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. BTC offers 38 associate degree and 61 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

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