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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO HOST WESTERN REGIONAL STUDENT VETERAN CONFERENCE APRIL 28-29

Bellingham — Student veterans from throughout the West Coast will gather at Bellingham Technical College Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, as the college hosts the second annual Student Veterans of America West Regional Student Veteran Conference.

The event runs from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday in BTC's Settlemyer Hall.

The conference is an opportunity for student veterans from all over Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington to come together to create a stronger veteran community and discuss issues that affect their college campuses. Panels will be held with current students, alumni, and experts in the field of veteran-related topics.

Topics include:

- Transition to higher education
- Peer mentorship
- Panel of regional SVA members
- Barriers to graduation
- Career readiness
- Alumni panel
- Governmental representative town hall
- Finding value in veteran service organizations

The guest speaker for the event is Timothy Jones, student veteran and founder of Colorful Voices, a mentoring and training platform. BTC President Kimberly Perry will speak as well.

The conference is open to all student veterans as well as college advisors. Registration costs \$25. Anyone interested in attending can sign up at <http://regionalveteransummit.eventbrite.com>.

BTC is hosting the conference as part of a group collaboration with the University of Washington. Attendees with questions can contact BTC's Malcolm Oliver at moliver@btc.edu or Alisen Outlaw at Alisen.Outlaw@btc.edu

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, and business, and two Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. BTC offers 38 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.

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