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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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 Bellingham Technical College’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.

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BTC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT
The Bellingham Technical College Foundation is proud to report that it raised more than $733,000 to support BTC in 2020-2021. This amount constitutes the second highest amount of money that the foundation has ever raised. We extend our deepest appreciation to those who made this achievement possible – especially during these difficult and unsure times. We could not have achieved this without the vital support from hundreds of individual donors, businesses, foundations, service organizations and BTC employees. We are proud and grateful to help so many people in our region. Thank you for your generosity, interest and investment in supporting our mission. Your contributions mean a great deal and we deeply value your investment in our students.

Mike Burke, BTC Foundation Board of Directors, Chair

BTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR
Last year we lost one of our dedicated Trustees, Jeff Callender. Jeff passed after a 12-year battle with Parkinson’s. Jeff retired from Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery in February 2016 as the Director of Public Affairs, a position he held since 2007. In 2017, Jeff received the Mayor’s Award for Outstanding Citizenship from the City of Ferndale in recognition of his involvement across the city. Until February of this past year, Jeff was a trustee for Bellingham Technical College, a position he was very proud to hold. Jeff also served the Whatcom County Council, and many other community boards in his years. Memorials may be made to honor Jeff by donating to the Jeff Callender Memorial Scholarship through the BTC Foundation.

Bradley Smith, Ph.D., BTC Board of Trustees, Chair

REMEMBERING JEFF CALLENDER

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LETTERS FROM BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DEAR BTC COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

It is with a great deal of pride that I present our annual State of the College Report to the community. This report provides highlights of accomplishments and insights about our students from the past year. As the new interim president, I am excited to continue Bellingham Technical College’s efficacy in serving our community through innovative professional technical education programs, varied general education courses and excellent student support services.

Our students truly are an inspiration. They are dedicated and hard-working, often juggling full-time jobs with full-time college courses, all while supporting their families in the midst of a pandemic. Bellingham Technical College is pleased to have more than 900 graduates from a mix of our 38 programs and 50 certificates over the past year. Here’s an idea of what that graduating class looked like: 76% of our graduates were from Whatcom County, 58% were first generation college students, and 13% were students with disabilities. Our youngest graduate was 16, the oldest was 64, and the average age was 29.

We are proud to be your technical college and to have served 2,952 students last year. Our Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff are committed to ensuring that students receive an exceptional educational experience, thus fulfilling our mission to “provide student-centered, high quality professional technical education for today’s needs and tomorrow’s opportunities.”

Sincerely,

Walter Hudrick, Interim BTC President (he, him, his)
DONOR SPOTLIGHT LEAVING A LEGACY AT BTC

RON MARTINEZ

Last year Bellingham Technical College received a $150,000 endowment gift from former Blaine resident, Ron Martinez. Ron served in the US military and traveled around the United States doing odd jobs after he left the service. Ron returned to school as an older student and earned an associate degree at a technical school in the Midwest. After traveling throughout the United States, Ron ended up in Blaine where he lived for many years while working for BP Cherry Point and Phillips 66.

Ron Martinez began working at the Ferndale Refinery in 1991 as an operator. Throughout his career he has held multiple positions: Boiler “B”, Boiler “A”, Treaters “B”, Reformer “B”, Treaters “A” and Crude “A”. Ron was most proud of the capital construction and demolition projects that he was able to work on.

Ron became a skydiving instructor and traveled during his free time after his retirement from Phillips 66 in 2013.

Ron appreciated the life that a “trades” type of job afforded him and wanted to give back to support an organization that promoted those types of skills. He wanted to help BTC students that required extra financial support while obtaining their education. “I know that things were very tight for me when I was attending college, and I want to do something to help support those hardworking BTC students”, Ron said when meeting with Foundation Director, Dean Fulton.

Sadly, Ron was battling pancreatic cancer and had only had a few weeks remaining in his life journey when he set up his endowment at the college. “I cannot imagine knowing that you had only a very short time left and still making these extraordinary efforts to help others. It was one of the bravest and most selfless acts of generosity that I have ever personally witnessed.” said Mr. Fulton. Very shortly after Ron cemented his legacy at the college, he passed away.

“Mr. Martinez’s generosity will positively impact the lives of countless students for many generations to come”, said Mike Burke, President of the Bellingham Technical College Foundation.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT UNITED STEEL WORKERS LOCAL 12-591

Last year the BTC Foundation partnered with the United Steel Workers (USW) Local 12-591 to establish an endowed scholarship to benefit students perusing career fields traditionally represented by USW.

The United Steel Workers builds communities and supports local education through scholarship giving. They are a labor organization that represent a collective of skilled workers in a variety of different industries including healthcare, transportation, and manufacturing. Among these skilled workers are the generous and hardworking members of Union Local 12-591. This local is a subgroup inside of USW that represents employees at the Anacortes Puget Sound refineries, PAR Hawaii, Brinderson, Island Energy Services, and Chemtrade. Although the members within Local 12-591 are always finding ways to give back to the community, over the course of the pandemic their generosity grew. Every month the union donated thousands of dollars to support local food banks, community sports teams, and education in Whatcom, Skagit and Island counties. Recently, they also passed a motion to donate $25,000 dollars the Bellingham Technical College Foundation to support student scholarships.

The BTC Foundation’s Director Dean Fulton says scholarships like those that will be given through the USW Local 12-591 Endowment make an incredible difference for students who simply wouldn’t be able to attend otherwise. Many of BTC’s students have children and are forced to cut back on their work hours to attend school full-time. This poses significant financial challenges.

USW knows that high paying union jobs change people’s lives, and they’re proud to work with a school whose mission is to help students pursue their dreams and achieve meaningful careers in industries represented by USW.

“Our union’s donation helps to serve both USW’s mission and the mission of Bellingham Technical College. Many of our members are Bellingham Technical College graduates like myself, so the local has experienced firsthand how BTC helps bring people from all walks of life into the union ranks. USW is proud to support education which helps people to better themselves and their communities.”

Alyssa Willis
Local 12-591’s current Women of Steel representative and BTC alumna
Our Business, Information Technology, and General Education courses were all successfully and safely taught online for the 2020-21 academic year, and Allied Health pivoted to online instruction supplemented with in-person labs and clinical rotations to keep approximately 300 health students moving forward in their programs. Even the Culinary program overcame its challenges and was able to successfully meet the outcomes of the program and keep Café Culininaire open.

Some other highlights of the year include:

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• BTC’s Welding and Auto Collision programs collaborated on a project to create and donate a huge wheelchair to the Lion’s Club to help promote their community Al Boe Wheelchair Warehouse, a medical equipment lending program that serves both Whatcom and Skagit counties.

• The Fisheris and Aquaculture Sciences program students raised and released 45,000 rainbow trout, 500,000 Chinook, and 1.1 million chums. The program also recently acquired its own oyster brood stock (donated by Taylor Shellfish) and is now breeding oysters at the Perry Center.

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BTC continued to maintain a robust mix of revenue sources, with a continuing emphasis on securing grant funding. BTC’s expenditure mix reflects a strong commitment to instruction and student support.

**REVENUES**

$28.3 MILLION OVERALL COLLEGE REVENUE

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<td>Tuition &amp; Fees Revenue**</td>
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* Excluding Financial Aid
** Excluding ASBTC (Associated Students of Bellingham Technical College) Fees and Building Fees

**EXPENDITURES MIX**

OPERATING BUDGET – EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

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Note: Operating budget expenditures, less debt service activity from 2021 COP Refunding

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The Foundation’s total endowment value increased by 38% from $3.9M to $5.4M between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

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DONOR HONOR ROLL 2020-2021

DONOR HONOR ROLL 2020-2021 CONTINUED...
This year BTC’s Employee Recognition Celebration was themed “Superhero’s Unite” and was a special virtual Zoom celebration attended by more than 150 employees. There were raffles, trivia games, and everyone recognized employee longevity with “then-and-now” photographs of staff members and video interviews with retiring colleagues. Additionally, two instructors were awarded with grants from the Haskell Endowment for Faculty Excellence, including: Automotive Technology Instructor, Dan Beeson and Mathematics Instructor, Anita Peng.

Additionally, two instructors were awarded with grants from the Haskell Endowment for Faculty Excellence, including: Automotive Technology Instructor, Dan Beeson and Mathematics Instructor, Anita Peng. 

Last year we lost longtime former BTC instructor, Earl Steele. Earl came to BTC in November 1979 armed with his UW degree and years of experience in commercial fishing and in salmon and shellfish harvesting and cultivation. He was hired to develop a marine-related program in the vacated sewer treatment facility at the recently established Maritime Heritage Park. Earl designated areas in the building which became the hatchery lab, classroom, and office areas and he converted the existing treatment pools into rearing ponds. BTC’s Fisheries & Aquaculture program is now the only program of its kind on the west coast. Earl was instrumental in the campaign to rebuild the fisheries building and helped to create the what is now the Perry Center for Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences. Earl had a dramatic impact in the lives of hundreds of students over the course of his tenure at BTC and contributed to the overall success and excellence of the Fisheries & Aquaculture Program at the college. He retired from teaching in June 2016, after 37 years of service to BTC. Memorials may be made to honor Earl by donating to the Earl Steele Memorial Endowment through the BTC Foundation.
Last year BTC hosted the Community Vaccination Center. This vaccination clinic was a community collaboration of healthcare providers, including Bellingham Technical College, Family Care Network, PeaceHealth, Sea Mar Community Health Centers, Unity Care NW and the Whatcom County Health Department. Nursing students from both Bellingham Technical College and Whatcom Community College also staffed the clinic.