

BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE | JANUARY 2020
BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION

ASBTC CORNER

ASBTC and the Office of the President hosted BTC's 2019 Legislative Breakfast, with state legislators, their assistants, city and county officials, and BTC Board of Trustees representatives. Our Executive Team presented higher education platforms and shared their passion and gratitude with these officials for their support for higher education and BTC.

Student Life, Library, and eLearning put on the Winter Quarter New Student Orientation Tech Camps and Open House! We invited new and continuing students to attend two Tech Camps, offered by the Library and eLearning staff, and to visit the Student Center for a student



ID card and to meet and network with ASBTC Executive Team members, Peer Coaches, Money\$mart Mentors, and Student Ambassadors. We all made some great connections and helped students have a successful start to Winter Quarter.

Winter Quarter started off sweet with a pancake feed! ASBTC served 200 students who came in from the cold to get a piping hot stack of pancakes and all the trimmings. Students were able to connect and network with one another over breakfast, and then head off to class.

ASBTC Food Pantry hours for Winter Quarter will be:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10 a.m.–12 p.m. & 2–4 p.m.
The Food Pantry is located on the third floor of Campus Center.

Food pantry Item of the Month for January: Tuna, chicken, vegetarian proteins in ready-to-eat containers.

Upcoming Food-of-the-Month Items (non-perishable):

February: Soup, stew, or beans in heat-and-eat containers

March: Grains in heat-and-eat containers

April: Chips, snacks, or crackers in individual serving sizes

May: Hotel-sized toiletries, personal care items

Donations are always appreciated!



KIM'S CORNER

Welcome back from our crazy snow week. I would like to thank our campus facilities crew for the marvelous job keeping our campus safe during the wintry weather!



Congratulations to Billie Baker, whose fantastically festive sweater won the holiday sweater contest at the Holidays on Ice...Cream event! And thank you to everyone who voted and donned their tinsel, bedazzled, embroidered best for the occasion!

I love it when we come together for campus events, and as we share news about upcoming campus events, keep an eye out for our new tagline on the right that identifies Heart of BTC events that lift up our campus.

Kimberly Perry

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SHARE THE LOVE

The annual Share the Love event will be held Tuesday, February 11, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in Settlemyer Hall. Students and employees can gather and share stories and food, including tasty desserts provided by BTC's talented Pastry Arts students.

FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE SCIENCES

The City of Bellingham hosted a community work party Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King Day with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and Washington Trails Association at Whatcom Falls Park. BTC's Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences program hosted tours of the Whatcom Falls trout hatchery during the event so attendees could learn about the program and the work our students do. More than 500 people attended the event, including Congressman Rick Larsen and new Whatcom County Executive (and former BTC dean) Satpal Sidhu.

HVAC-R

BTC's HVAC & Refrigeration program was rated first in the nation for value by Air Filters Delivered, which ranked schools throughout the nation based on program options, affordability and wages for graduates.

WELDING

The welding department is getting ready to complete its 1000th welder certification. The department is currently accredited to administer welding certification tests for Washington Association of Building Officials as well as American Welding Society certifications. All of our students that pass the welding test receive certifications from AWS and WABO. The AWS certifications are internationally recognized and we have had welders come from as far away as Ketchikan, Alaska, Surrey, BC and Bend, Oregon, to test. The next closest AWS test facility that offers testing to the public is in Redding, California. We offer certifications for the local marine-based industry that are proctored by the Coast Guard, certifications for structural steel including seismic for earthquake-resistant frames, aerospace with a mix of exotic alloys for local companies and structural aluminum.

The Sherriff's Office brought the Welding program one of its recently acquired rescue and tactical vehicles for help with some updates and modifications. A group of second-year welding students were able to fabricate and weld up new bumpers for the front and rear, as well as numerous mounting brackets for all the new lighting. This project was a joint effort with the Automotive program as well, with John Palmer providing wiring expertise. Gary Patterson worked as the lead in getting this project done, and once again a great job was done by all involved.

The welding department has created and completed another project for a local non-profit group that helps out many in our community. The Lion's Club wheel chair warehouse in Bellingham has always been a go-to place for help with many ambulatory needs. The project started as an idea from Gary Patterson to create signage for the warehouse and morphed into a very large-scale project that was fabricated by students Kathryn Sheffield and Lindsey Allen, using all donated materials from All American Marine and Jensen Lee Construction. All the aluminum welding was done by the students with much attention to detail. The final project is destined to be put on display at the wheel chair warehouse on West Bakerview Road.

WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE

BTC's Cosmetology salon is participating in the Winter Clothes Drive organized by BTC's student veterans. **Anyone who brings in a warm clothing item will receive 25% off any service at the salon through January 31.** The salon's hours for Winter Quarter are:

Monday & Thursday
9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Call 360.752.8789 for more info and to make an appointment!



MONEY\$MARTS WORKSHOPS

BTC's Money\$smarts is providing two free financial workshops for students this Winter Quarter! Students can learn how to budget and get helpful tips for reaching financial goals at the Financial Success Factors workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and learn about credit at the Building and Maintaining Credit workshop Wednesday, Feb. 12. Both workshops take place from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in G103 and are presented in partnership with WECU. Students who attend two Money\$smarts workshops in Winter Quarter will be entered for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

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FINANCIAL SUCCESS FACTORS
LEARN HOW TO BUDGET AND GET TIPS FOR REACHING FINANCIAL GOALS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING CREDIT
LEARN HOW TO BUILD YOUR CREDIT AND KEEP A GOOD CREDIT SCORE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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BAS

Students and the community can learn more about BTC's Bachelor of Applied Science programs at a BAS Information Session Tuesday, February 11, from 3:45–5 p.m. in CC233. **More exciting news on the BAS front: The Engineering Technology program goes fully online starting in Fall 2020!**

BTC FOUNDATION

The Bellingham Technical College Foundation recently received a \$28,000 gift to support student scholarships from the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA). The member companies of the WSPA dedicate themselves to ensuring that we have sustained and reliable access to petroleum and petroleum products through socially, economically and environmentally responsible policies and regulations. This gift constitutes the largest single contribution that the foundation received to support student scholarships last year.

Every summer WSPA Associates and Partners organize a popular fundraising golf tournament, with all of the proceeds of the event benefitting scholarships at BTC. The scholarships primarily benefit students in programs that graduate and work in the petrochemical industry, including Process Technology, Instrumentation and Welding. "We are so grateful for WSPA's support of scholarships here at BTC. This generous contribution dramatically affected the lives of fifteen students who were the recipients of this gift," said Dean Fulton, BTC Foundation Director.



BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE INFO SESSION WEEK

**FAMILY & GUESTS
ARE WELCOME!**

MARCH 9-12 5:30-7:30 P.M.

SAFETY

This month's Safety Workshop will discuss basic workplace reporting systems, including when and how to submit a work order for safety concerns and maintenance, and who will respond to your request. **January 28th, 3:30 – 4:30 in the cafeteria.**

INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING & ADVANCEMENT FACTOID

Despite lower enrollment, **we have a 16% increase of current students who are degree seeking and a 13% increase of in-program students** compared to Winter Quarter 2019.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month's employee spotlight is shining on **Rika Winquist**, BTC's Nursing Program Manager.

Q: What do you like to do for fun outside the office? Any hobbies?

A: Race sailboats and hang out with my dogs, preferably on trails and beaches.

Q: Any fun or funny facts that folks might not know about you?

A: I played Toto in the Wizard of Oz in middle school.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Two dogs, Lucky and Wyatt, and three chickens.

Q: If you could bring one food, book, and movie to a desert island, what would you choose?

A: Tacos, Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God," and anything by Wes Anderson.

Q: Anything else we should know about you?

A: I started at BTC making coffee and working in the cafeteria, then I worked my way up from Tech I to Tech II to Program Manager.



RUMOR OF THE MONTH

Does BTC's Machining program
have the key to the city?

Not quite! Machining students and faculty did create a key to the city for retired Bellingham Mayor Kelli Linville to recognize her 41 years of public service, and Machining Instructor Jeffrey Halfacre and student Romi Kinkade joined in the presentation of the key. Mayor Linville said the key was the greatest gift she's received in her years of service, and something that will be cherished for years to come.