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**GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEES, ANN MCQUADE AND JIM GROVES TO BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Bellingham, Washington – March 14, 2022 – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) announces that Governor Jay Inslee has appointed Ann McQuade and Jim Groves to BTC's Board of Trustees. Trustee McQuade's term runs through September 30, 2026. Trustee Groves returns to BTC's Board of Trustees after having served for 11 years, and his term is through September 30, 2024. Ann and Jim join the existing BTC Board of Trustees, comprising Richard Kaiser, Chair, Bradley Smith, Vice Chair, and Debbie Ahl.

"We appreciate the work that our trustees do for our campus community and look forward to achieving great things together," said Walter Hudsick, BTC Interim President.

Ann McQuade is originally from Omaha, Nebraska and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Nebraska.



Anne McQuade, Bellingham Technical College Trustee

Upon graduation she joined the Air Force Nurse Corps serving in various capacities overseas and in the US. She retired in 2006 and moved to Bellingham with her husband Charles, a local radiologist, and their two daughters. From 2006 until now, she has volunteered in various capacities at her children's schools, church and neighborhood association. In her free time, she enjoys reading historical fiction and hiking with their two Labrador retrievers; one energetic and one rather lazy.

McQuade says, “BTC’s graduates make a tremendous impact in our local area in a wide variety of fields and it is rewarding to witness students succeeding in their academic journey. As a first-generation college graduate, I welcome the opportunity to help students in our community achieve their goals and advance the mission of Bellingham Technical College.”

Jim Groves previously served on BTC’s Board of Trustees from November 5, 2009 to February 29, 2020.



Jim Groves, Bellingham Technical College Trustee

He began taking classes at BTC during his senior year in high school. At the time, BTC was known as Bellingham Vocational Technical Institute-BVTI. When he started working in the electrical industry he returned to take additional classes including welding. He then began his apprenticeship with the IBEW and retired in 2017 as a Journeyman Electrician. Jim has lived in Bellingham since 1965 and has worked in the construction industry for most of his career. Jim and his wife Lo-Bay have a blended family of seven; five daughters and two sons, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He enjoys his retirement and at the same time loves being back with BTC as a trustee.

“I am happy and excited to return to the BTC campus as a trustee. I greatly enjoyed my previous tenure serving on BTC’s board of trustees and am proud of what the college brings to the community. BTC’s staff, faculty and students are dedicated and inspiring,” said Groves.

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**Bellingham Technical College** is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, 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 39 associate degree and 55+ certificate options and two bachelors of applied science degrees providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to [www.btc.edu](http://www.btc.edu).