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**BELLINGHAM
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COLLEGE**

Community Report
2016-2017



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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.

Core Themes

Student Success & Access
Continuous Improvement
College Visibility with Strong Community, Business, & Industry Relations



BTC President

As Bellingham Technical College kicks off its 60th year of educating students, it has been an incredible opportunity to look back to our roots and see the great strides that we've taken to give our students the skills they need to find fulfilling careers. But we don't need to look back 60 years to see these strides; they happen each year. Join us as we recognize the achievements, improvements and hard work of our faculty and staff.

Bellingham Technical College is a different school than it was 60 years ago: our campus, our student population and our programs have all grown and evolved with a changing world. We've introduced new options in engineering: a two-year Clean Energy specialization, as well as a Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering Technology that will roll out in the upcoming year. What is the same is our focus: the success of our students. The work highlighted in this annual report is further evidence of that focus, and I am proud to share it with you.

Handwritten signature of Kimberly Perry in black ink.

Kimberly Perry, Ed. D, *BTC President*



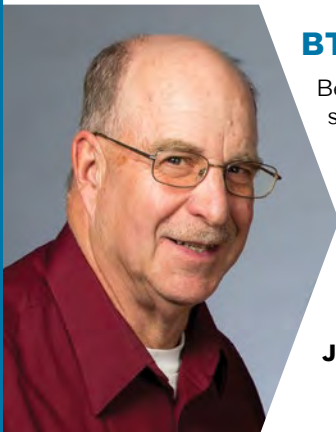
BTC Foundation Board of Directors President

The Bellingham Technical College Foundation is proud to report that it raised more than \$520,000 dollars to support BTC last year. This year concluded our Foundation's three-year fundraising objective (2014–2017) and we are proud to report that we obtained this strategic benchmark by raising more than \$1.6 million dollars – 113% of our goal. We extend deep appreciation to those who made this achievement possible. We could not have accomplished this without the vital support from hundreds of individual donors, businesses, foundations, and BTC employees.

We are proud and grateful to help so many people in our region of Washington. Thank you for your generosity, interest and investment in supporting our Foundation's mission of changing lives by expanding access to quality education.

Handwritten signature of Max Legg in black ink.

Max Legg, *BTC Foundation President*



BTC Board of Trustees Chair

Bellingham Technical College sets itself apart with its focus on hands-on training complemented by strong student support services. This combination – knowledgeable faculty, passionate support staff and labs that reflect the standards of the industry, thanks to strong partnerships with local and regional business leaders – is the secret to BTC's success over the decades, and it's part of why BTC continues to have some of the highest graduation rates of all the state's community and technical colleges. I invite you to read all about the work the college has done this past year.

Handwritten signature of Jim Cunningham in black ink.

Jim Cunningham, *BTC Board of Trustees Chair*

Student Success Story *Hard Work Pays Off*

Alyssa Willis knew from an early age that she wanted to follow her father's footsteps in the oil and gas industry, and she didn't wait until after high school to do it.

Willis enrolled in Running Start at Bellingham Technical College in her junior year at Ferndale High School and quickly joined the Process Technology program.

“Getting to complete a college degree isn't something everyone gets to do, so I feel proud of my hard work and blessed because I was given the opportunity to thrive. BTC has taken a lot of the uncertainty out of my future and I'll always be thankful for all the help I was given along the way.”

“It's fine for what it is, but standard high school isn't a way to differentiate yourself,” she says. “We live in a world where making a living and getting a job is hard to do. It's important to stand out if you want to establish a quality life for yourself.”

Since joining the program, Willis has stood out, both to her instructors, who commend her intelligence and drive, and to employers, who noticed her hard work. She spent a summer doing an essential oil distilling project on campus, learned about the legislative process through the Students for Local Industry club, and was a member of the team representing BTC at the North American Process Technology Alliance-sponsored National Troubleshooting Competition in Texas.

Though Running Start makes tuition much more affordable, students still have to cover costs for books, materials and fees. To help cover those extra costs, Willis applied for scholarships through the BTC Foundation, and was ecstatic when she found out she received two BP Cherry Point Endowment scholarships and another one from the Western States Petroleum Association.



“Getting those scholarships helped me a lot,” she says. “I was able to complete my program almost completely for free because of them.”

By the time Willis graduated in June 2017, she already had an offer of employment from Shell, and she's excited to start her career in process operations. Seeing all of her hard work pay off and getting her start in a field that she's passionate about is something Willis is incredibly proud of. She's grateful for the help she's received along the way and is looking forward to a time when she can pay it forward by donating to the BTC Foundation for scholarships for students in Process Technology and Instrumentation & Control Technology.

“I want to give back to my community in whatever ways I can,” she says. “Charity is important, and when something good happens to you, it's important you keep the ripple effect going. Never let that positive energy die.”



BTC Student Snapshot



Average # of students (per quarter)

3,045*

Average student age

31*

Age Distribution



16% Under age 20*

38% Ages 20-29*

23% Ages 30-39*

21% Ages 40 or above*

2% No Data*

Graduation Rate

BTC has the **second-highest** grad. rate of all public two-year colleges in Washington state**

Graduates (2016-2017)

791*

Running Start students (high school)

112*

Veteran students

212*

Students of color

25%*

First-generation college students

30%*

Students receiving need-based financial aid

50%*

Students receiving any financial aid

62%*

Students holding bachelor's degrees or higher

6%*

2014-2015 graduates employed within 9 months

77%**

Average wage of BTC degree-related careers (WA state) **\$59,203+**

*BTC Operational Data Store, Summer/Fall 2017 **SBCTC 2015-16 Academic Year Report

+Washington State Employment Security Department Occupational Employment & Wage Estimates, 2016

**U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS Graduation Rates, 2015

Questions related to any of the above information may be directed to RaeLyn Axlund McBride, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, raelyn.axlund.mcbride@btc.edu

Institutional Effectiveness Updates

Strategic Planning

BTC identified 12 strategic priorities to guide our work across the 2015–16 and 2016–17 academic years. The Board of Trustees approved these priorities on February 18, 2016.

Sample priorities include:

- **Responding to the changing needs** of business and industry by providing high quality, relevant, flexible, well-equipped programs
- **Establishing educational pathways** and educating students about them
- **Aligning student support services** (such as advising) across campus
- **Providing and encouraging employee participation** in professional development opportunities

In 2016–17, BTC also began the process of developing its new multi-year strategic plan, which will be implemented in Fall 2018.

Grant Development

Grant development at BTC focuses on supporting the college's mission, goals, and strategic priorities. During the 2016–17 year:

- BTC managed or participated in **18 competitive grant projects** with a total value of over **\$10 million**. These grants provided nearly \$2 million in funding for the 2016–17 year.
- The college received **10 new competitive grant awards** worth over \$300,000.

"BTC has had a very positive impact on my life. I feel like it's propelled me much further down the path of success than I could have taken myself. It's given me the skillsets that would have taken me years to learn."

—Steven Oliver, Instrumentation graduate



Accreditation

BTC is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. Accreditation by the NWCCU indicates that the college meets or exceeds criteria for institutional quality and has the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes.

During the 2016–17 year:

- **BTC wrote its Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report in preparation for its Fall 2017 peer evaluation and site visit.**
- **NWCCU approved BTC to offer its second Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Engineering Technology.**

BTC Revenue & Expenses 2016–2017

BTC continues to maintain a robust mix of revenue sources with a continuing emphasis on securing grant funding. BTC's expenditures mix reflects a strong commitment to instruction and student support services.

Revenue Mix



\$28 Million Overall College Revenue
(excluding Student Aid and Capital Pass-Thru funds)

- State Operating Appropriation* **\$11.7 Million**
- Tuition & Fees Revenue** **\$8.2 Million**
- Federal, State & Local Grants & Contracts Revenue* **\$6.5 Million**
- Enterprise Revenue **\$1.6 Million**

*Excluding Financial Aid
**Excluding S&A and Building Fees

Expenditures Mix



- Instruction **50%**
 - Academic Support **8%**
 - Instructional Resources **2%**
 - Student Services **13%**
 - Plant Operation/Maintenance **11%**
 - Institutional Support **16%**
- } Direct Student Services
- } Support Services

The Expenditures Mix is based on the Operating Fund

60 Years of Building Careers at Bellingham Technical College!

The original cost of construction for BTC (then known as Bellingham Technical School) was **\$561,980**, nearly half of which was funded by the Legislature.



The school began on **five acres** of land purchased by the Bellingham School District, which had previously been offering evening vocational courses out of an elementary school.



Bellingham Technical School opened its doors in **September 1957.**

Student Services Updates

Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, and this effort begins through BTC's campus-wide initiatives and support from key elements of our Student Services team. The following departments work together to provide a comprehensive system of resources to ensure students are able to thrive and achieve their full potential at BTC.

- **Accessibility Resources: Access & Disability Services**
- **Admissions & Recruitment**
- **Advising & Career Services**
- **ASBTC & Student Life**
- **Counseling**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Multicultural & Diversity Support Services**
- **Registration & Enrollment**
- **TRIO & STAR (grant-funded student support)**
- **Veterans Resources**
- **Workforce Funding & Student Support**

ASBTC & Student Life

- In January 2017, **a delegation of four ASBTC executives traveled to Olympia** and met with three local legislators to advocate for student issues, include textbook affordability, veteran needs and financial aid and the State Need Grant. ASBTC members were also present at BTC's legislative send-off breakfast to speak with local legislators before the session started.
- ASBTC oversees approximately **15 clubs and organizations**, ranging from program-specific groups, such as the BTC chapters of the Student Nursing Organization and American Welding Society, to clubs and groups, such as the Gender and Sexuality Alliance and the BTC chapter of Student Veterans of America.
- In the 2016–17 school year, **ASBTC sponsored a total of 27 events**, including free movie nights, current issue panels, fun activities, co-curricular learning opportunities and trips.



Student Services Updates

Admissions

Saw increased participation in dual enrollment in 2017: Running Start was up **24%** (112 students); College in the High School enrollment remained steady, and IMPACT! increased **83%** (344 students). A High School Relations Manager was hired to continue promoting and expanding dual enrollments.

Used the **Customer Relationship Management system** to make phone calls and send emails and postcards to prospective students. Over **500** individual prospective students were contacted in nine months.

Seven international students attended the college during 2016–17. A Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences student from Korea graduated spring quarter and an Accounting student from Spain graduated this summer.

Applications for the \$500 Admissions Scholarship increased by **7.5%** compared to last year.

Participation rates for the New Student Orientation Kick-off increased **20%** compared to last year, with 738 students attending throughout the year.

Advising & Career Services

Piloted the launch of **myBTCbridge** for faculty and staff in summer 2017. This Customer Relationship Management technology is a tool that will assist with degree and course mapping, early identification of students in distress, and engagement by students in tracking their own successes and challenges.

Improved Transitional Studies students' progression to certificate and degree programs by providing students with an Academic and Career Advisor and streamlining student orientation.

Increased employer participation in BTC career fairs: **350 students and 75 employers attended the two fairs offered in 2017.**

Launched initiatives to catch students in academic distress earlier. All students were contacted who have been dropped from a course due to receipt of a non-passing grade.

"BTC prepares you really well for your career because they give you job-ready experience and opportunities to actually further your education if you want. There are so many great teachers and so many great resources here; you have so many opportunities to excel."

—Lindsey Bear, Clean Energy student



Student Services Updates

STAR & TRIO

BTC's new grant-funded student support services STAR and TRIO continued to grow and benefit students. **These programs provide personalized coaching, mentoring, tutoring, advising and events** for students who are academically underprepared, first generation, low income or have a disability.

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STAR

Success • Tutoring • Academic coaching
support • Resources

STAR and Student Life co-hosted the **Share the Love event** on Valentine's Day 2017. **Over 250 participants** enjoyed food from around the world, facilitated conversation about cultures, and heard student testimonials.

STAR staff coached, tutored and provided workshops to more than **200** students this past year.

Both programs hosted a **summer bridge program** in 2017 to build relationships with new students and equip students with essential knowledge and skills for a strong start at BTC. The event was co-sponsored by the BTC Foundation.

TRIO's biggest event of the year, made possible by the BTC Foundation, was the **TRIO Graduation and Achievement Awards event**, which recognized 2017 graduates and students who have persisted and performed in an exemplary manner.



Workforce Funding & Student Support

Provided just over **\$689,363** in support in 2016–17 to students, including assistance with tuition, books, tools, bus passes and emergency support.

Workforce Funding and Student Support's AmeriCorp Vista project volunteer **surveyed over 400 students, interviewed 30 faculty and staff, and met with extensive internal and external stakeholders to research how BTC can better support students** so they can successfully access and manage funding for college success.

A plan for improving student financial access and literacy was developed and will be implemented during the 2017–18 year.

"TRIO is like having your own personal trainer to assist you with your goals, not just in school but with your career... The TRIO program is ahead of the game. They let us know what's coming up and they give us lots and lots of support."

—Maria Luisa Soto, Dental Assisting graduate & TRIO student

Student Services Updates

Counseling

Created an online **interest inventory** for student career exploration and program selection.

Financial Aid

Created an **Urgent Funding** process for students.

Improved financial aid processing, awarding, and communication times.

Multicultural & Diversity

Created the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEIC), which was approved as a governance committee in the shared decision-making process. The charge of the committee is to develop, implement, and assess/evaluate a diversity strategic plan informed by the BTC Strategic Plan, designed to promote and protect diversity, equity, and inclusion at BTC.

Held five major campus-wide events at BTC during the 2016–17 school year to celebrate and inform the campus community about diversity, equity, and inclusion. These included Turban Awareness Day and the Share the Love event.

Registration

Collaborated with the Business Office to implement **BTC's first tuition and fee payment plan for students.**

257 graduates participated in Commencement in June 2017. This was a **14% increase** (36 students) over the prior year.

Accessibility Resources

A record 51 graduates at this year's Commencement — 19% of this year's commencement participants — accessed services through Accessibility Resources.

Below is a breakdown, by disability category, of the students we have served this year by primary presenting disability. Many students have two, three, or more intersections of disability. As you can see from the list below, most disabilities are “invisible.” You may not be able to see the disability, but they are present nonetheless.

- Deaf/hearing impairment
- Mobility impairment
- Speech/language impairment
- Learning disability
- Blind/visual impairment
- Chronic/acute health conditions
- Neurological/nervous system disorders
- Psychological/emotional disorders & autism spectrum

Instruction Updates

BTC Degrees & Certificates

Bellingham Technical College offers **two Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, 38 associate degrees** (AAS and AAS-T) and **51 certificate options** in the following fields:

- **Business & Computer Technology**
- **Culinary Arts & Pastry Arts**
- **Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing**
- **Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences**
- **Health Careers**
- **Child & Family Studies**
- **Industrial Technology**
- **Transportation & Mechanical Technology**

Program Redesigns

After evaluation, many of our programs reduced the required credits for their degrees and certificates, substantially decreasing the cost of these degrees for students.

- **Automotive Collision Repair Technology's AAS, AAS-T and certificate were redesigned** to provide students improved sequencing of training, an increase of “real world” experience within the BTC Auto Collision facility, and integrated I-CAR training that will enable students to graduate with both their degree and industry certification.
- In January, the state approved the redesign of eight degrees and three certificates in BCIS – including **Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Computer Software Support, and Legal Administrative Assistant** – with changes effective summer 2017. Degrees were reduced to 90 credits.
- **The Pastry Arts certificate program was redesigned** to reduce credits. Changes are effective summer 2017.

New Programs

BTC launched the first year of the **Engineering Technology: Clean Energy Specialization AAS-T** degree in fall 2016.

The first cohort of **Engineering Technology: Composites Specialization** students graduated in spring 2017.

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Operations Management degree program completed its first year in June 2017.

Program Accreditation

Culinary Arts' American Culinary Federation accreditation was confirmed, and the visiting accreditation team noted that BTC's program was one of the best in the country.

Veterinary Technician's American Veterinary Medical Association accreditation was confirmed.

Four faculty became **Peer Reviewers for Quality Matters**. These reviewers will help other faculty improve their online and hybrid courses.

What's new in BTC's programs?

BTC increased online offerings by 36 courses from 2015–16, bringing in nearly **400 enrollments** more than the previous year.

Information Technology faculty updated professional certifications including COMPTIA A+, Network+, Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate in Windows 10.

Transitional Studies – which helps students with basic academic skills in reading, writing, math and workplace skills – jumped nine spots in the state rankings of Basic Education for Adults programs. This is based on meeting performance targets for students in Transitional Studies. Transitional Studies started a High School Completion program called **High School 21+** that helps adults earn a diploma using their existing credits, work and life skills along with additional learning at BTC. The department also added a **Nursing Assistant I-BEST**, which allows students to learn from both a specialist in basic academic skills as well as a specialist in their field to support their career and education goals.

IMPACT! served over 350 at-risk youth, allowing Whatcom County students who left high school early to earn their GED and transition to college-level courses and degree programs. BTC started this program in 2015, with the goal of removing barriers to higher education and increasing the educational and career success of local students.

Instruction Updates

Here are some of the events we hosted this year

More than 150 community members and stakeholders attended **BTC's Manufacturing Day open house** at the Technology Development Center (TDC) on October 7, 2016, allowing BTC to showcase its composites lab and many of its manufacturing programs.

Automotive Collision Repair Technology instructor Andrew Riggs got to spotlight his program at a **Legislative Open House** on February 28, along with students Alyssa Solari and Vlad Makarov and VPI Frank Powers. The faculty and students demonstrated the program's virtual auto painting system, which allows students to hone their skills on a screen before they put paint to panel on a car.

"I have teachers that know what they're doing and have that experience, because it makes a difference, especially if they're passionate about what they're teaching...I feel like what they teach you here is what you're really going to use out in the real world."

—Lindsey Martin, *Welding student*

BTC IT faculty, BTC IT students, and Bellingham Linux Users Group co-produced **LinuxFest Northwest** on May 6 and 7. This is the largest Open Source festival in the Northwest and the largest annual event at BTC, with over 70 presenters and more than 1,500 people in attendance.

BTC hosted **information sessions for Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Technology and Diesel** in April and May that included program overviews, career pathways and shop tours.

Energy Industry Careers Night brought community members to campus March 7 to hear from refinery employees, BTC grads, and faculty from Process Technology, Instrumentation & Control Technology, Welding, Electrician, Industrial Maintenance & Mechatronics, Engineering, and Machining. The event, sponsored by Shell, included a panel, networking time and tours of BTC's program spaces.

"I feel like I accomplished a lifelong dream. I'm the first person in my immediate family to graduate from college. I felt such pride having my parents and sisters there watching me walk. They were smiling non-stop."

—Emilee Martinez, *IMPACT! student & Pastry Arts graduate*

Campus & Community at BTC

Community Services

BTC's campus serves more than just its students. We offer a variety of services to support the community:

- **BTC's Nursing program hosts free vaccination clinics** each year with support from the Whatcom County Health Department.
- **BTC's Dental program runs a dental clinic** that offers lower-cost care to students and the community. Find out more about the dental clinic and other services at www.btc.edu/publicservices
- **Readers in the neighborhood can sign up to have their library books delivered to BTC's Library** on the third floor of Campus Center for pick up, and there is a book drop-off at the entrance to Campus Center. While you're grabbing your books, enjoy the view of the bay from the library.
- Each Friday in Winter Quarter, BTC's Culinary students serve a rotating menu of world cuisine at International Buffets in **Café Culinaire**. In Spring, Café Culinaire opens up for gourmet lunch seatings. Reservations open to the public online at the start of Winter and Spring quarters, and they usually sell out quickly.

Settlemyer Hall Rentals

BTC's Settlemyer Hall played host to some wonderful community events this past year. You can join this great roster of local organizations holding their special events at BTC. Visit our website at www.btc.edu/rentals to find out more.

- **Sustainable Connections Sustainable Design and Development Conference and NW Washington Farm-to-Table Trade Meeting**
- **Whatcom Literacy Council Trivia Bee and annual breakfast**
- **Northwest Youth Services 40th Anniversary Gala**
- **Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center Peace Builder Awards**
- **Recreation Northwest Summit**
- **Animals as Natural Therapy Healing Hearts Breakfast**
- **Whatcom Reads panel discussion**

Facilities Projects

BTC Maintenance staff worked together on lighting improvements and energy savings on campus over the summer of 2016 and 2017. They were able to replace lighting fixtures in three parking lots and retrofit internal and external light fixtures with LEDs to save **over 215,000 kwh** of power and nearly **\$20,000** in energy costs each year. A grant from PSE covered **70%** of the material costs for the project.



BTC Nursing Program Changing Lives Across the World

When a group of 14 BTC Nursing students visited the Dominican Republic over spring break this year, it wasn't to see the beaches or bask in the tropical sun. They were there to help.



The students, along with two Nursing instructors, made the trip with nonprofit Foundation for Peace to provide medical care to remote and impoverished areas of the country.

"I have never had the opportunity to travel, so this was not only a culture shock for me, but an eye-opening experience. I was very thankful for this amazing opportunity to be able to travel and see things I've never seen, and to help bring healthcare to a population that definitely needed it," says BTC Nursing student Amanda Dickson. "The people were so warm and loving, and appreciative over basic items like toothbrushes or Tylenol. I came home both sad that I couldn't stay and help more, and thankful for all that I have at home in the U.S."

"This was a great experience that I feel will continue to help me on my path for nursing. The time there allowed me to increase my knowledge on simple ailments that can be seen in patients here in the states."

—Breanna Hagen

The Nursing students worked in a mobile medical lab that visited a new village each day, some of which hadn't had access to medical care in more than a year. During their week abroad, they were able to provide medical care to four towns, where they served anywhere from 25 to 47 families in a day. They assessed ailments that ranged from sanitation issues and infections to wounds and parasites, providing medication, vitamins and care packages for each patient. Not only did the experience help their patients, it also helped the Nursing students get hands-on practice with skills they'll need for their careers.

"It really gave me the opportunity to see a variety of patients with a wide range of diseases," Dickson says. "It also helped me to practice my assessment and critical-thinking skills, and practice patient teaching."

The group fundraised for months for the trip, and between fundraising events, donations, and assistance from ASBTC, they were able to cover a little over half of the \$2,000 cost per person. BTC's Foundation provided organizational support for the students, setting up the account to which people could donate, providing funding advice and managing the funds for the students.

"Without the knowledge and assistance from the BTC Foundation, I'm not sure I would have been able to completely financially afford the cost," Nursing student Breanna Hagen says.

The students are grateful for the support they received, the experience they gained on their trip and the perspective it provided on their work and lives.

"The biggest takeaway I got from this trip was that there are simple ailments that to us in the states are easily treated, and down there people continue to live with them," Hagen says. "It placed in perspective the amazing things we have in healthcare that others go without, as it is not as easily obtained. This was something many of us on the trip felt and it has changed our perspectives in our own lives."

Hagen and Dickson encourage other students to dive in when there's a chance to use their skills abroad to make the world a better place.

"I would tell others to take the chance and opportunity to take the trip," Hagen says. "You will be able to learn so much about yourself and have the ability to help others with the things that we can take for granted here in the states."



Foundation Fundraising Accomplishments

The Mission of the Bellingham Technical College Foundation is to change lives by expanding access to quality education.

2016–2017 Fundraising Accomplishments

Scholarships	\$288,702
Direct BTC Program Support	\$154,791
Greatest Need Fund*	\$77,532
Total Raised	\$521,025

**The Greatest Need Fund supports a diverse spectrum of BTC programs and initiatives.*

This total amount constitutes **108%** of the Foundation's 2016–17 fundraising goal!



Dr. Kimberly Perry, BTC President, and Dean Fulton, Executive Director of the BTC Foundation.



The BTC Foundation Board of Directors accepts a grant award from Puget Sound Energy to enhance the college's campus security system.

Foundation Institutional Support



Phillips 66 Instrumentation and Electronics supervisor (and BTC graduate) Keith Koekema and Josh Summers, Phillips 66 Regional Director of Communications, present the Foundation with a \$15,000 contribution to support equipment and scholarships at BTC.



Longtime BTC supporters D.C. Morse and Jan Marchbanks attend the Scholarship Celebration Breakfast.

BTC Foundation Board Member and Shell Puget Sound Refinery employee Robin Yates presents the Foundation with a contribution that supports scholarships at BTC.



Foundation Institutional Support

Thanks to the generous support of area businesses, individuals, foundations and service organizations, the Bellingham Technical College Foundation is able to provide vital scholarship support to our students in the 2017-18 Academic Year.

Student Scholarships Initially Awarded	Amount
255 Scholarships	\$290,000
Other Foundation Institutional Support	
Miscellaneous Campus Support**	\$22,780
Direct BTC Program Support	\$154,791
Total Institutional Support	\$467,571

** Includes BTC Professional Development grants, the BTC Food Pantry, Direct Student & Campus Support (non-scholarship), and Student Urgent Funding contributions.

Foundation Scholarships

**Named scholarships make a profound difference in the lives of our students.
Endowed scholarships leave a permanent and lasting legacy at BTC.**

Endowed Scholarships

Established through the BTC Foundation

Aftermath Club Endowment
Anvil Corporation Endowed Scholarship
Auto Body Craftsman Association Endowed Scholarship
Bellingham Technical College Employee Endowment
Bill Bond Memorial Endowment
Birch Equipment Endowment
Board Designated Endowment
BP Cherry Point Endowment
Brent K Marshall Family Endowment
Brooks Manufacturing Endowment
BTC General Endowment
The Charles and Karen Lauckhardt Family Endowment
Curt Smith Endowment
David and Joyce Morse Endowment
Dawson Construction Endowment
D.C. Morse and Blythe Plumbing & Heating HVAC/R
Endowment (D.C. Morse & Jan Marchbanks)
Douglas Blair Memorial Endowment
Fielding Formway Endowment
Gage Yates Memorial Endowment
Gary Solari Memorial Endowment
Haskell Endowment for Faculty Excellence
Healthy Pet Endowment
Helen DeVries Board Designated Endowment
Jack & May Meyers Endowment
Jack B. Cole Endowment
Jim Zuanich Memorial Endowment
J&R Small Endowment
Karen Louise Pearson Tarter Memorial Endowment
Laidlaw/Wallace Family Endowment
Larry Nace Endowment
Linda Crawford Family Education Endowment Fund
Malia Haglund Endowment
Mary Scott Memorial Endowment – “Scotty’s Fund”
McArdle Endowment for Student Success
The Mickey and Carole Ghio Endowment
Mike McShane Memorial Endowment
Morse Steel Service Welding Endowment
Mt. Baker Imaging Endowment
Patricia McKeown Endowment
Pete and Naida Jane Deitsch Endowment
Phillips 66 Endowment
Rhodes Family Endowment
Rotary Club of Bellingham Endowment
Settlemyer Family Endowment
Sink the Dinghy Endowment (Bellingham Yacht Club)
Suzanne Taylor Lybecker Memorial Endowment
Vietnam Veterans of America, Whatcom County
Chapter 165 – Randy Hansen Scholarship

Annual Scholarships

Awarded through the BTC Foundation for 2017–2018 academic year

4th Corner Elites Car Club Scholarship
Ahl & Ziels Scholarship
American Association of University Women Scholarship
Ann & Rick Kaiser Scholarship
Anvil Corporation Scholarship
ASA/Frank Hanna Memorial Scholarship
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The BTC Foundation is proud to support the acknowledgement of BTC faculty and staff excellence at the annual campus award celebration.

BTC Outstanding Performance Awards

The purpose of this award is to recognize achievements, contributions and/or services that have significantly contributed to the goals, objectives and mission of Bellingham Technical College.

This year's awards were presented to:

- **Cheryl Alvis** (Advising and Career Services)
- **Jeff Curtis** (Diesel Technology Instructor)
- **Chris Eder** (Grants Director, Title III)
- **Caren Kongshaug** (Humanities Instructor)
- **Stefanie LaFave** (Purchasing)

2016–17 BTC Retirements

- **Linda Crittenden** – Veterinary Technician Instructor (25 years)
- **Jeff Curtis** – Diesel Technology Instructor (23 years)
- **Marcia Leister** – Transitional Studies Instructor (27 years)
- **Dave Maricle** – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor (22 years)



"I've been here 25 years. BTC has become an exceptional college. Students are pursuing a specific career here, and as a result the programs have developed themselves to give them that experience and train them so that they in fact do get hired."

—Linda Crittenden, *Veterinary instructor*

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“I graduated from the Surgical Tech Program and I have been working at Skagit Valley Hospital as a manager for the past three years. BTC has amazing programs, and I found the whole process to be streamlined and appreciated the assistance and support that I needed to get me through the program.”

—Angela Abbott, BTC Graduate

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"It's really been an adventure for me because I came here with challenges that I had to embrace and find ways to overcome, and I'm still embracing them...My refusal to quit and my acceptance of help from other sources has helped keep me on the right track. With all the help that I've gotten here, it's moved me right back to where I need to be."

—Darren Norris, *Electronics Engineering Technology student*

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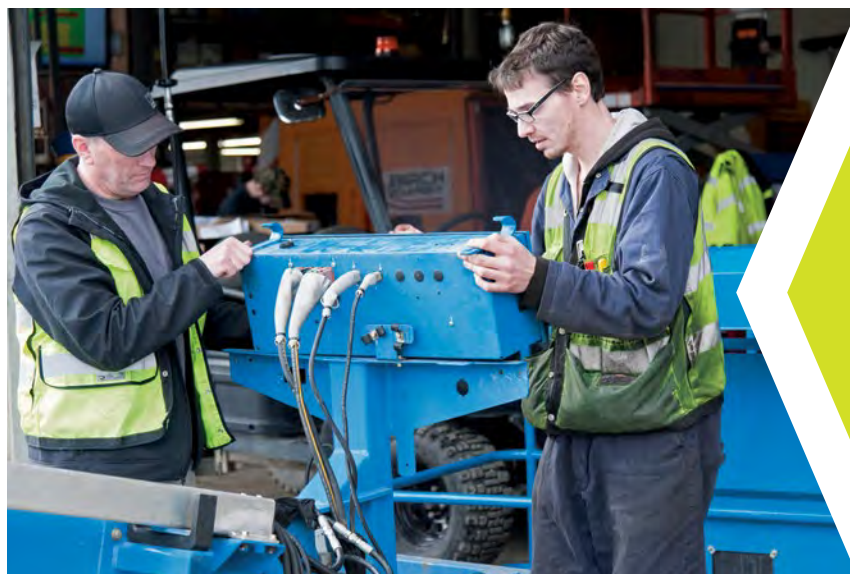
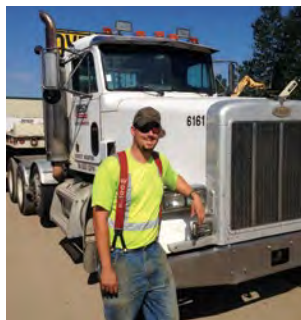
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One of the Foundation's new endowments this past year comes to us from longtime supporter Birch Equipment. This year, the company took its philanthropic involvement with the college to the next step by creating an endowment that would benefit the students they might one day employ.

This new Birch Equipment Endowment provides an annual scholarship of \$1,500 for a second-year student in the Diesel Technology program who demonstrates outstanding leadership, drive and innovation. BTC has been fortunate enough to be the recipient of several donations of equipment from Birch Equipment over the years, and the company has hired many BTC Diesel program graduates.



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"I love how hands-on my program is; for almost any given subject we learn, there is a physical example in our lab, and often an opportunity to learn by practicing and doing. We are not removed from what we study; there is no shortage of tours, lab days, demonstrations, and models to keep us as close to the real experience as is possible.

I hope to graduate before my Running Start tuition runs out and get a job shortly afterwards, and there's no better ally I could have in this than BTC. The entire structure of my program and the college as a whole is built to launch its graduates on a trajectory that will place them in the jobs they want."

—Tate Garrett, Running Start student in BTC's Process Technology program



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