



KIM'S CORNER

'Each day I live

I want to be a day to give the best of me

I'm only one, but not alone

My finest day is yet unknown

I broke my heart for every gain

To taste the sweet, I face the pain

I rise and fall, yet through it all

This much remains

I want one moment in time

When I'm more than I thought I could be

When all of my dreams are a heartbeat away

And the answers are all up to me

Give me one moment in time

When I'm racing with destiny

Then in that one moment of time

I will feel, I will feel eternity'

Albert Hammond and John Bettis

Thank you for those moments you create
and will continue to create for students, the
community and for one another.

The Heart of BTC lives on!

Kimberly Peuy

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ASBTC Executive Team

We have filled some vacant positions and we are excited to announce our ASBTC Executive Team:

Miguel Garduno Muñoz, President,
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Helena Singer, Director of Administrative Affairs,
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Pumpkin Decorating Event

Pumpkin Decorating was a huge hit! Lots of students turned out and decorated pumpkins, enjoyed hot cocoa and hot cider, and had a good time creating community. Some students even brought their children, which made it a fun, family-friendly time.



WA-SEN Virtual Student Summit

Several of our ASBTC Executive Team attended the annual Washington State Student Engagement Network (WA-SEN) Virtual Student Summit on November 5. This student summit helps students learn how to tell their story, support higher education, and connect with local legislators.

DEI NEWS

안녕하세요 Annyeonghaseyo and はいさい Haisai (Hello) Campus Community,

The Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Office is happy to share the work we are doing, in partnership with you, as we strive to make BTC a more equitable and inclusive learning and working community!

The Indigenous Peoples’ Day event recording is now available and can be accessed on [Western Washington University’s webpage](#). If you weren’t able to attend in person, this is a great opportunity to watch this special collaborative community event which had 400+ attendees in person.

Our DEI Certificate Program for employees launched at Fall Kick Off with Module 1. Participants had engaging conversations about BTC’s Equity Statement, effects of socialization, concepts of identities and belonging. For those who could not attend, please plan to attend **Module 1 on 12/6/22 from 11:30-12:30pm at MC 210**. BTC employees are expected to complete at least Modules 1 and 2 of the DEI training program in accordance with [WA SB 5227](#). **Module 2 will be offered at the Winter Professional Development on February 21, 2023**, with additional opportunities to take Module 2 after that date. For more information about the DEI Certificate Program, please check out the [DEI webpage](#)!

**Native American Heritage Month Learning Opportunity: All My Relations Podcast Discussion
 November 22, 8:30-10am, CC233 (In-person and Zoom option)**

DEI is collaborating with BTC’s **Teaching and Learning Academy** and **Guided Pathways** to host a conversation around the podcast, [All My Relations; “ThanksTaking or ThanksGiving?”](#) We hope you will join us as we deepen our learning of the complexities surrounding the first Thanksgiving in relation to Indigenous people, and consider ways in which our relationship to one another, the land, and all our relations foster a practice of giving gratitude throughout the year.

Participation in this event will count toward DEI Certificate Program requirements.

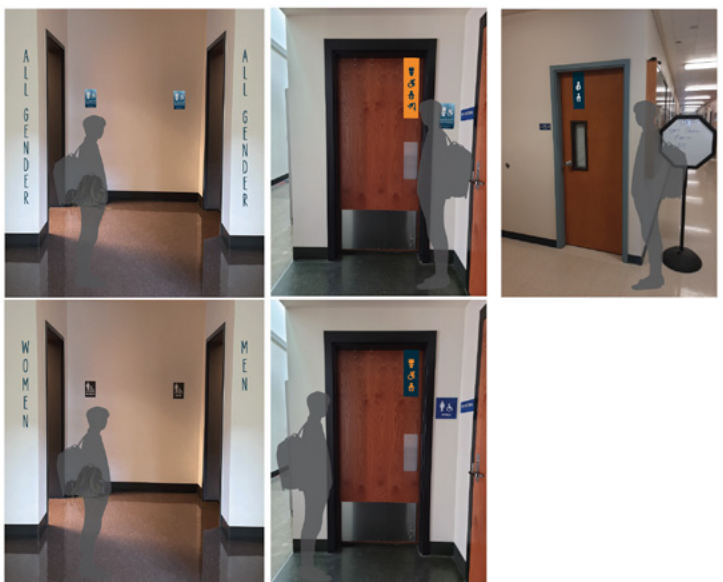
All-Gender Bathrooms Update

Providing all-gender bathrooms at BTC has been a collaboration with the DEI Committee, DEI Office, Facilities Planning Committee, Facilities, and Marketing department as part of an overall effort to increase equity, inclusivity and accessibility for students, employees and guests. To date, the majority of single stall bathrooms across campus have been designated as all gender bathrooms. The team is currently working on phase 2 of the project, which will convert select multi-stall bathrooms to become all- gender bathrooms to provide multiple options for safe, comfortable access to facilities across campus. Included in all of these updates will be new, consistent signage that visually communicates the features that each bathroom has. The team will be working to update campus maps once the project is complete. For more information about all gender bathrooms and the current list of where they are located on campus, please visit the [DEI webpage](#).

Current All-Gender Bathroom Locations:

Building	Room	Single Stall	Accessible
Campus Center (CC)	CC136	Y	Y
Campus Center (CC)	CC137	Y	Y
Campus Center (CC)	CC228C	Y	Y
H-Building (H)	H23D	Y	Y
J-Building (J)	J8B	Y	Y
K-Building (K)	K1D	Y	Y
Morse Center (MC)	MC113	Y	Y
Morse Center (MC)	MC 114	Y	Y
Perry Center (PC)	PC102	Y	Y
Perry Center (PC)	PC103	Y	Y
Perry Center (PC)	PC201	Y	Y
Perry Center (PC)	PC202	Y	Y

감사합니다 Gamsahamnida (Thank you)!
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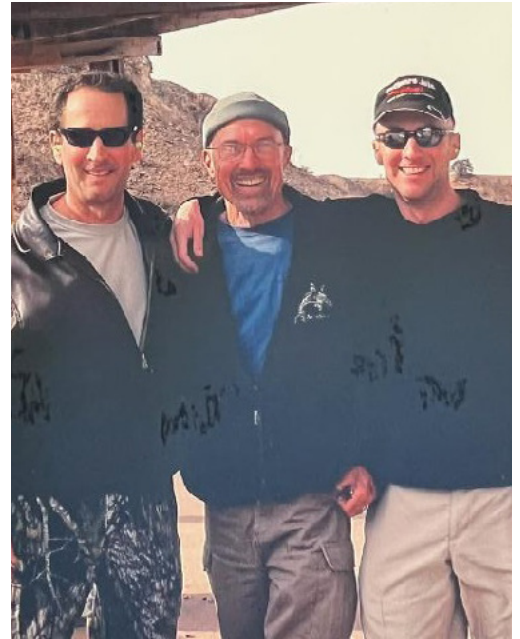
Local Law Firm Supporting BTC Veteran Students

Bellingham-based Shropshire Law Firm is supporting BTC Veteran Students by establishing a new endowed scholarship through the Foundation.

"In the past we have partnered with our friends and clients to raise funds for the incredible men and women serving our great nation. The "Thank You For Your Service Scholarship" was established at Whatcom Community College about six years ago, and in that time we have collectively raised more than \$100,000," said local attorney Steven Shropshire.

"Now, we have started a new scholarship at Bellingham Technical College and are geared up to meet or exceed that same lofty goal. The scholarships are designed to help veteran students with daily barriers as they transition to civilian life and pursue higher education. Our local vets often need assistance beyond tuition with many having challenges paying for housing, food, transportations, book/lab expenses, and things as important as childcare services." "We are grateful for Steve, the Shropshire Law Firm, and the donors to this scholarship," said BTC Foundation President, Lin Nelson. "This new endowment will positively impact our veteran students for many generations to come."

Anyone interested in supporting the new "Thank You For Your Service Scholarship" may do so by visiting www.btc.edu/donate.



L&I VOCATIONAL COUNSELOR WORKSHOP AT BTC

On October 18, BTC held its first in-person Labor & Industries (L&I) Vocational Counselor Workshop in four years, led by Mary Gerard. In addition to L&I vocational counselors from the region, attendees included Ray Kubista, Joan Kammerzell, Rachel Garcia, Laura Singletary, Jack Huls, Lizbeth Gonzalez Vasquez, Becky Cox, and Jessica Munter. Additionally, a three-student panel discussed overcoming their workplace injuries, their retraining process and the positive experience they have had at BTC.

Students who are being retrained through L&I have a unique set of challenges and additional support needs. As the first point of contact for L&I vocational counselors and their students, AR would like to thank everyone who gave their time to support the work being done in collaboration with these community partners. We enjoyed a full agenda including review of the L&I Counselor Survey developed by IPA and administered over the summer, a spotlight of the Vocational Retraining Webpage, and a brainstorming session of how L&I and BTC can partner in the future. We are exploring some exciting opportunities! If you are interested in the survey results, please contact Mary Gerard.

BEING BRAD WILLBRANDT

Who wants to be John Malkovich anymore, when you can be Brad Willbrandt now? Kudos to Will Wells for pulling that one off for Halloween.



AUTOMOTIVE IN LAS VEGAS

11 Automotive Technology students (with Dan and Andrew) attended the SEMA Show and AAPEX trade shows in Las Vegas. Both events are full of networking and training opportunities. They provide a massive view into all aspects of the automotive industry.



OUTREACH: TOUR DAY

Tour Day was a raving success! Thank you to all the faculty and students who participated; we couldn't have done it without you. We had about 400 juniors and seniors from the Whatcom and Skagit Counties who attended; we were thrilled with the turnout. Each program was able to do at least two tours.

All of the students were engaged, and we hope they got a lot out of the event. Here are some great pictures of the event. We look forward to Try a Trade coming up in March!



PROCURE TO PAY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What's a P-Card? Where's my delivery? Do we use ACH? These are all great questions! This is a new section we will be doing each month to help answer your purchasing, contract, shipping & receiving and accounts payable questions. Do you or someone you know have a question you'd like answered in a future installment? Email Melisa Nelson, Director of Purchasing, at mnelson@btc.edu with the subject: Procure to Pay QOM and your question might be answered in an upcoming Notable News!

November Question: What is the process with packing slips, order confirmations and invoices?

Answer: Great question and we are so glad you asked! Here are a few useful pieces of information for you in this process.

Packing slips and order confirmations:

Packing slips from deliveries made directly to your area should be scanned in and emailed to Annie Johnston at mailroom@btc.edu or brought to Annie in the mailroom in A Building within three (3) business days of the delivery.

Order confirmations **for orders placed against annual POs** should be sent to Annie at mailroom@btc.edu. This will assist in providing information, such as pricing, needed for her to receive items into ctcLink. Adding a Receipt in ctcLink is how we know that the order was received on campus. If the order is not received in ctcLink, the invoice will not get paid. These should also be forwarded to Annie within three (3) business days.

P-Card orders have a different system. As always, make sure to identify your purchase as a P-Card purchase and include information about the department (such as your department number) during checkout. PO fields are great for this.

Invoices:

We prefer all invoices to be emailed to AcctsPay@btc.edu from the vendor directly, but if this cannot happen, it is expected to have the invoice to AP within three (3) business days, barring holidays and closures. Failure to do so affects the ability for AP to pay our invoices on time.

All hard copy invoices need to be scanned to Becky Jones at AcctsPay@btc.edu as soon as possible. You may then keep these for yourself in a paper file or keep the electronic version and shred the paper. Do not interoffice mail hard copies to Accounts Payable (AP). We stopped that during the campus closure due to the pandemic and as we are interested in moving towards paperless as much as possible, we will not be reverting to hard copies. For questions, please reach out to Becky via email.

All email invoices should be forwarded to Becky at AcctsPay@btc.edu within the three (3) business days timeline.

Bonus Question: What is Procure to Pay?

Answer: Procure to Pay is the name of the workflow from purchase to payment for goods and services at BTC. It includes the Purchasing, Shipping & Receiving, and Accounts Payable departments.

MARKETING & FACILITIES

It's a great honor to announce that BTC's new Information Kiosks across campus have been awarded the Gold Medallion for Outdoor Media by the The National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR).

Originally conceived by Chris Glatz, BTC's Grounds Lead, and designed and overseen by Sebastian Schoelss, BTC's Graphic Specialist, this project was a highly successful interdepartmental collaboration.



FIRST-GEN CELEBRATION

TRIO participated in the **National First-Generation College Celebration** with BTC students this past November 8th! What is First-Generation College Student Celebration Day? It's a day to celebrate the success of first-generation college students, faculty and staff. This celebration occurs each year on November 8th as the national awareness-raising event specific to the first-generation college student identity and experience. Did you know that over half of degree seeking students at BTC are first-generation students?

Why November 8th? This date marks the anniversary of the signing of the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA). HEA was "intended to help level a playing field that for too long had been weighed against Americans from minority and low-income backgrounds." In addition to creating federal grants and loan programs to help students finance their educations, the HEA created Federal TRIO programs to support students' success in college... Happy B-day, TRIO!

Who are first-generation college students? First-generation college students are those whose parents or guardians have not obtained 4-year (bachelor's) degrees from a US college or university. This broad definition includes

- Students who are the first in their family to attend college
- Students whose parent(s) did not attend college, but older siblings did/are
- Students whose parent(s) attended some college but didn't graduate
- Students whose parent(s) graduated with 2-year degree or certificate but did not complete a 4-year degree
- Students who don't know their parents' education history, such as those who grew up in foster care
- Students whose parent(s) earned a degree in a foreign country

We can define first-generation status, but there is no singular definition of what it "means" to be first-gen! For some students, being first-gen is an important part of their identity. For other students, it's less important. Some students aren't aware that they could be considered first-generation. When we #CelebrateFirstGen, we celebrate students' diverse identities, experiences, perspectives, and strengths!

Are you a first-generation student? Congratulations! You made it and we are proud of you!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month's employee spotlight is shining on **Anya Milton**.

Q: What's your position and title here at BTC? Now and in the future?

A: Director of Corporate and Continuing Education and Work Based Education

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

A: I sing in a band called the Kickabout Hearts. We've been playing for over 10 years together and love making music.

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

A: I'm originally from Chicago, but have lived in the PNW for more than half my adult life. I'm a 1985 Chicago Bears fan, and have been blessed by being kissed on the top of the head by football legend, Walter Payton.

Q: Any pets or pet plans?

A: My family and I have two Labrador retrievers, a 13-year-old, yellow lab, named Uncle Stanley and a 2-year-old chocolate lab named Walter. They're always keeping us on our toes and covered in magical fibers of love...dog fur!

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

A: First of all, I hope it's an island in the fjords of Norway! But here's what I'd take...

Food: "Janssons Frestelse," also known as Jansson's Temptation, is a creamy potato casserole traditionally served at Christmastime in Sweden.

Book: The Poetic Edda: Stories of the Norse Gods and Heroes.

Movie: That's a tough one, either What About Bob or the Big Lebowski.

Q: Anything else we should know about you?

A: I'm super excited to be here at BTC. I'm committed to contributing to the further development of our incumbent workforce here in Whatcom County! Let's do this!



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