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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENT YULIYA DERKACH NAMED COCA-COLA ACADEMIC TEAM SILVER SCHOLAR

Bellingham Washington, April 15, 2021— Yuliya Derkach, a Dental Hygiene student at Bellingham Technical College, has been named a 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion.

“The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges,” said Jane Hale Hopkins, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. “We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving students to achieve their educational goals.”

Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.

“Yuliya is an inspiration to her fellow students and to everyone at BTC. Her hard work and commitment to self-improvement and growth have resulted in her exceptional academic achievement. Along with our staff and faculty, I am very proud of her, and look forward to her continued success at BTC,” said Walter Hudsick, Interim President and Chief Academic Officer, Bellingham Technical College.

Coca-Cola Academic Team members were recognized in both virtual local and statewide ceremonies April 15, and were also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention, [PTK Catalyst](#), that was held virtually April 8-10.

“We thank the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for recognizing these student leaders and for investing in their futures,” said Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa. “Scholarships like these are integral to the success of these students in reaching their educational and career goals.”

About Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as

scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges. Learn more at ptk.org.

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven transfer degrees such as pre-nursing, computer science 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, 55 certificate options and two bachelor of applied science degrees providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

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