



BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE | OCTOBER 2022
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Campus will be closed December 17-26, 2022.

This year's winter holidays are Friday December 23 and Monday December 26. This time is being extended to include four additional days, December 19 – 22.

What does this mean?

- There will be no access to campus buildings beginning Saturday December 17 through Monday December 26. All buildings will have the burglar alarms armed.

- Services to students and prospective students will be unavailable.
- All employees are encouraged to take vacation for all or part of these four days and enjoy an actual winter break.
- Employees may be able to work from home for some or all of these four days – work with your supervisor to make arrangements.
- Campus will reopen on Tuesday December 27th.

I encourage you to take advantage of this break, studies show that taking time away from work increases mindfulness, improves physical health, reduces stress, boosts brainpower, improves sleep, improves family relationships, and many more.

It's also true that the holiday season may bring about feelings of loneliness and depression. If this is the case for you and/or family and friends (it is for me, my father passed away on December 23rd), there are many resources available to help you manage your depression.

As the calendar draws to a close, thank you for your dedication to our students, our community and to one another. The Heart of BTC continues to beat strongly in all of us.

Kimberly Peuy 

NURSING PROGRAM CAREER FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

The BTC Nursing Program held a Career Fair and Employer Panel on Friday September 23rd to kick off the Fall Quarter. Fourteen clinical/hospital facilities from around Washington State were present. This is the first in-person event that the program has put on since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and it was wonderful to see everyone's faces! Employers were eager to get in front of students again and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive with one individual stating that it was the best career fair they had ever attended. Four universities representing RN-BSN programs were in attendance as well, recruiting students to continue their education to the BSN level. The Career Fair was well attended and enjoyed by all!



CHEF STACEY SPARKLES IN CERTIFICATION PRACTICAL EXAM

Pastry Chef Instructor Stacey (Sparkles) Coates recently completed the practical exam portion of her Certified Executive Pastry Chef testing with the American Culinary Federation. After weeks of grueling practice sessions, Chef Stacey completed her 4 hour practical examination session with flying colors! The judges said she was the most exceptional Pastry candidate they have ever judged! Her score reflected a 98.98 overall average on all the categories she prepared. She prepared two cakes, yeast bread rolls, hot and cold plated desserts all within the 4 hour time frame while be watched by three judges constantly.

Congratulations to Chef Stacey Coates, CEPC!



Stacey Coates CEPC Menu

Warm Dessert:

Pistachio and Raspberry

Warm pistachio financier, raspberry and lemon vinaigrette, honey tuile, lemon yogurt ice cream, fresh raspberries

Cold Dessert:

Passion Fruit and Milk Chocolate

Hazelnut sable, milk chocolate cremeux, passionfruit ice cream, caramelized hazelnuts

Celebration Cake

Buttermilk cake, passionfruit and mango gel, vanilla bean mousseline, Italian meringue buttercream

Chocolate Ganache Cake

Chocolate yogurt cake, milk chocolate cremeux, Italian meringue buttercream, chocolate ganache

Yeast Rolls

Milk bread rolls Shapes, kaiser rolls, knots and rounds

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY SUBARU DONATION

BTC's Automotive Technology program recently received a valuable donation from Subaru of America. This fully loaded Outback provides our students access to hands-on training on modern, high tech vehicle technologies such as start/stop, adaptive cruise control, blind spot monitoring, lane keep assist, pre-collision braking, rear cross-traffic alert and rear automatic braking. Additionally, this is the program's first vehicle with Apple Car Play, Android Auto and wireless phone charging, all of which are common areas of customer concerns our graduates will be troubleshooting when working in industry.



BTC FOUNDATION

Foundation provides a record amount of support to BTC students.

Last year the BTC Foundation was very active, conducting a variety of activities to support student and employee success at the college. Here are just a few of the foundation's highlights:

- The BTC Foundation raised a record amount \$1,015,381 to support BTC students, faculty and staff.
- Seven (7) new endowments were established in 2021-2022, bringing the foundation's total number of endowed scholarships to sixty-two (62), including:
 - United Steelworkers Local 12-591 Endowment
 - Thank You for Your Service Endowment
 - Brian Pemberton Memorial Endowment
 - Mount Baker Foundation Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Scholarship
 - Debra Jones Scholarship Fund
 - The Echo Foundation Endowment
 - Betty Young/Terri McMahan Endowment for Women in the Trades

Another notable endowment related achievement was securing one \$50,000 gift and two \$30,000 gifts to be added to already established endowments. The seven new endowments constitute the largest number of endowments added in a single year.

- More than ten (10) new "annual scholarships" were established last year to support BTC students.
- The foundation received a record twenty-one (21) gifts of \$10,000 or more.
- Thanks to the generous support from area businesses, individuals, foundations and service organizations, the Bellingham Technical College Foundation was able to provide vital support to our students, including awarding a record \$830,000 in students scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The foundation board acts as thoughtful stewards of these gifts and directs them to a variety of priority initiatives so that the BTC Foundation can continue to change lives by expanding access to quality education at the Bellingham Technical College.

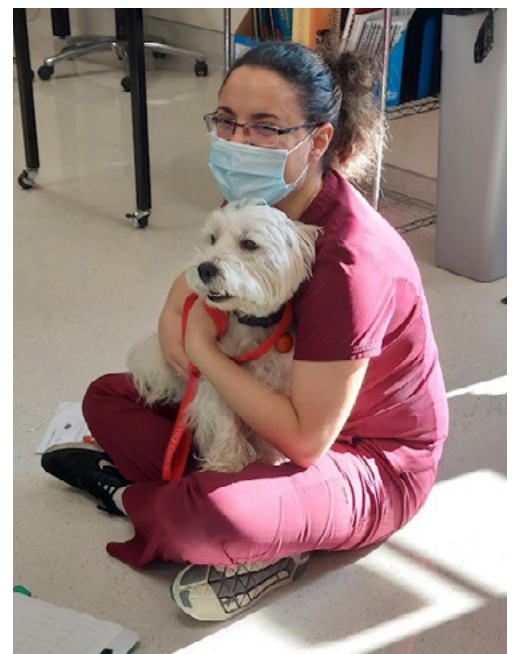
"We are thankful for our Board of Trustees, Foundation Board of Directors, and the faculty and staff who make a difference every day in the lives of our students," said Dean Fulton, Foundation Director.

NURSING SUPPORT SPECIALIST

BTC Vet Tech Program and the Alternative Humane Society of Whatcom County (AHS) are in quarter 2 of a partnership. AHS benefits from high quality vet care and BTC students benefit from hands on learning with rescues. It is a win-win!



Danielle Pruden from Willamette Dental Group presents Dental Faculty member, Alisa Wollens, a check to support the dental program students at BTC.



ASBTC & STUDENT LIFE

ASBTC's Executive Team has started off fall quarter with a lot of great events.

ASBTC was part of a local consortium, with Western Washington University, Northwest Indian College, Whatcom Community College, Skagit Valley College, Bellingham Public Schools, City of Bellingham, and PeaceHealth, **which celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day** at Whatcom Community College. The theme was Keeping the Fire Burning. A traditional Coast Salish dinner was provided. The event also had a screening of the award-winning documentary: *Daughter of a Lost Bird*, which chronicles a woman, Kendra Mylnechuk Potter, exploring her identity as a Native adoptee. Kendra and the movie director, Brooke Pepion Swaney, were in attendance during the screening and had a question and answer after the documentary.

ASBTC celebrated and honored **National Coming Out Day** on Tuesday, October 11. We celebrated all LGBTQI+ identities and distributed promotional materials including stickers, flags, pins, and informational pamphlets on resources and community support.

Grocery Bingo also returned in fall quarter! We had Grocery Bingo on a beautiful sunny afternoon in the Lavender Circle. Students were really excited to participate in this much-anticipated event and to win prizes. Good times were had by all!

ASBTC has started a series of **"Social Hour"** events and games. Every Monday during fall quarter, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Student Center, students are invited to join us for fun and games. Each week has a different theme, which include: Campus Scavenger Hunt, Trivia, Arts and Crafts, Board Games, and more!

We will have **Pumpkin Decorating** on Thursday, October 27, in the G-Building Cafeteria. Pumpkins and decorating supplies will be provided, and light refreshments will be served. Students and their families can join us to decorate pumpkins.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month's employee spotlight is shining on **Lizbeth Gonzalez Vasquez**.

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

A: I am the Admissions & Outreach Specialist. So I help walk future BTC students through the first two steps of the admission process and give general information about all of our great programs as well as doing outreach in the community.

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

A: In my free time, I like to spend time outdoors doing any form of PNW activity (mainly hiking), hanging out with my parents, five siblings, extended family, friends and binge-watching shows with my fiancé and our two dogs, Panther & Roxxy."

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

A: I was born in Minatitlan Veracruz, Mexico and am the oldest of six.

Q: Any pets or pet plans?

A: I have two dogs. Roxxy is a labsky (Labrador & Husky mix) and Panther is a Jack Russell mixed with Chihuahua.

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

A: I cannot remember the last time I read for pleasure and had the contents of the book sit with me for a while... the immediate title that comes to mind is *Of Mice & Men*.

Food would have to be anything mariscos (prepared seafood plates).

I watch movies a little more than I would like to admit so I can't really narrow it down to one, so anything true crime or mystery.

Q: Anything else we should know about you?

A: I'm still at WWU working through my Masters in Adult & Higher Education and my long-term goal is to serve in a top leadership capacity within education.



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