



BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE | DECEMBER 2022  
BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION

As I gaze out my window on a blustery, rainy day, fingers hovering over the keyboard at the ready to 'pen' my last Kim's Corner, I find myself reflecting on issues small and large facing our international community. I started searching for seasonal quotes/sayings that might lift my spirits, and came across this from Agnes M. Pharo.

"It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future.  
It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."

All of us at BTC lead lives of service to our students, our community, to one another that help us create and fulfill hopes and dreams. When I think about my time at BTC, the words of Albert Hammond and John Bettis (sung by Whitney Houston) come to mind:

*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*

Thank you for those moments you create, sustain, and fulfill for others. It has been a privilege to serve as your interim president for the past 8 months, a period of time I will always cherish. As Bob Hope famously sung, Thanks for the Memory.

 *Kimberly Peuy* 

## DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

This was put together throughout the DET 202 course of the Diesel Technology Program. This course addresses the basic operation of diesel engines and their systems, with the emphasis on preventive maintenance and logical troubleshooting.

Enjoy the [timelapse video here](#).



## DEI NEWS

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

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office enjoys partnering with you as we constantly strive to make BTC a more equitable and inclusive learning and working community! Please check out the following notable news, updates and opportunities coming up!

감사합니다 Gamsahamnida (Thank you) !

하나 Hannah and Danielle

### **Thank you to our amazing DEI Committee members!**

Some members pictured from left to right are:

Lauren Hatch, Mary Gerard, Andi Zamora, Calhan Ring, Tracy Reilly, Danielle Humphreys, Sarah Leibrant, Cierra Johnson, Brian Green, and 하나 Hannah Simonetti.



### **BTC DEI Fund**

The DEI Committee is excited to support the BTC community in continuing campus wide equity work and is proud to present the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Fund! To fill out a proposal please go to the [DEI Fund Proposal Form](#).

#### **What is the Bellingham Technical College (BTC) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Fund?**

The BTC DEI Fund has been created to provide funding access to the campus-wide community to advance, support, and/or create engaged community around DEI work. Examples of items that the BTC DEI Fund could support include speaker fees, student/employee participation in training/professional development, student program development, and affinity group materials.

#### **How do I apply for funding?**

Proposals must advance, support, and/or create engaged DEI with the goal of bridging the equity gap of historically underrepresented populations in education on the BTC campus. In alignment with Senate Bill 5227, DEI encourages proposals that advance racial justice and support members of our Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

BTC community members looking to receive funding must apply for funding at least 30 days in advance of needed funding. The proposal will be reviewed by the DEI Committee at their bimonthly meetings.

#### **The DEI Committee will prioritize the following proposals:**

- Proposals that help to create connection and commitment to working with Lummi and/or Nooksack nations.
- Proposals that feature collaboration between students and employees, meaning both are involved in the decision-making and planning process.
- Proposals that engage with local community partners.

#### **How much funding can someone apply for?**

There is no set amount that someone can apply for. Funds are limited, and the DEI committee would like to distribute funds to as many DEI projects/programs as possible. The suggested amount is up to \$2,000.

#### **Who is eligible for funding?**

All current BTC employees and students can apply for funding.

Please reach out to 하나 Hannah Simonetti with questions. Information can also be found on the [DEI webpage](#).

### **All My Relations Podcast Conversation**

In case you missed it, on November 22, Guided Pathways, DEI and the Teaching and Learning Academy partnered to host a conversation around the [All My Relations Podcast: "ThanksTaking or ThanksGiving?"](#) Those who attended deepened their understanding of the history of Thanksgiving from an indigenous perspective and considered cultural responsive ways of engaging with the topic. *Participating in this DEI learning opportunity counts toward the DEI Certificate Program requirements.*

## DEI NEWS

### Save the Date for MLK Day 2023!

**Monday, January 16, 2023, 8-11:30 a.m. Western Washington University, Commons and Concert Hall**

BTC, in collaboration with key community partners, honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day on for service, gratitude, and community on Monday, January 16, 2023 from 8–11:30 a.m. hosted at Western Washington University.

**Now is the Time** to promote opportunities to pursue change, further participation in the fight for basic human rights, and amplify systemically marginalized voices. **Now is the Time** for radical change and community action. **“Now is the time** to build a beloved community through democracy, equity and inclusion.”

All are welcome to join the hybrid event highlighting local community advocacy alongside LaTosha Brown, an award-winning organizer, philanthropic consultant, political strategist and jazz singer. Brown co-founded the Black Voters Matter Fund, is the principal of TruthSpeaks Consulting Inc., and is the founding project director of Grantmakers for Southern Progress.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a National Day of Service. A day to participate, advocate, educate, and activate as a community and rethink about who, what and how we want our nation to be 365 days a year. We encourage everyone to participate in service opportunities, support local Black-owned businesses, and reflect with family and friends about Dr. King’s legacy and what he meant by creating a beloved community. **Now is the Time.**

*More finalized details will be sent out via email as the event draws near.*

Participation in this event will count toward the DEI Certificate Program requirements. To learn more about the DEI Certificate visit the [DEI Webpage](#).

### (re)Imagining Equity in Higher Ed Event

BTC is providing folks across campus a DEI education opportunity! Please consider joining us for (re)Imagining Equity in Higher Ed, a day of online learning around the topic of trauma and rehabilitation. The day will include the keynote address, “(re) Discovering Joy in Learning and Teaching: A Discovery Session” from emareena danielles, educator and author of [Building a Trauma-Responsive Educational Practice: Lessons from a Corrections Classroom](#). Please see the information below for details and a link to the full event agenda.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Guided Pathways (GP), and Teaching and Learning Academy (TLA) are sponsoring the registration fee so this event will be free to as many BTC employees as possible, including student employees. If you are interested, please discuss with your supervisor and save the date. **If you plan to participate, please reach out to Tracy Reilly** who will send you an interest registration form. If you would like BTC to cover your registration fees, **do not** register yourself for this event directly with the event organizers.

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### (re)Imagining Equity in Higher Ed

An Interactive Community of Inquiry for WA Educators  
Invites All Staff, Faculty, and Administrators to Participate  
(re)Imagining Equity Winter 2023 Virtual Event

**Friday, January 20, 2023**  
**9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. PDT on Zoom**

### Keynote Address:

**“(re) Discovering Joy in Learning and Teaching: A Discovery Session,”** featuring **emareena danielles**, Educator & Author, [Building a Trauma-Responsive Educational Practice: Lessons from a Corrections Classroom](#)  
*“Joy is what we can bring, no matter our circumstances, and joy in teaching is a revolution” (Daniels, 2022).*

### Afternoon Panels and Workshops:

**“MOCA: Re imagining Rehabilitation, Building Relevant Engagement for My Made Men”**

featuring **Muhamed Selavic, Alex Fidow, Ephriam Garibay, Rashad C. Norris, and Michael Tuncap** of the **Men of Culture Academy (MOCA)**

**“Countering Trauma in Non-Therapeutic Educational Settings: Voices from Staff and Faculty”**

[View the Full Event Agenda Here](#)

## BFET OUTREACH EVENT

Workforce Funding Coordinators hosted a BFET (Basic Food Employment & Training) outreach event to increase awareness about the program and connect with students in person. The event was held in the G Building on four separate days. Traditionally, we rely on referrals or word-of-mouth, and we were looking for new ways to connect with students in a fun and exciting way. Students who visited the table were able to gather information about the many benefits of the BFET program. Current BFET students were able to connect with a Coordinator for a check-in on their progress toward graduation. All students who visited were able to spin the prize wheel for a chance to win one of the prizes that were generously donated. Prizes included BTC T-shirts, headphones, gift cards to Common Grounds, school supplies and lots of candy. We look forward to continuing this event in future quarters.

What is BFET? The Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET) program is administered in the Student Financial Resources office. BFET participants may receive support services and funding to assist with school expenses including tuition, textbooks, tools/materials, bus passes and more. To qualify for BFET, students must be receiving food benefits, also called SNAP. To get more information, students can either schedule a BFET appointment or contact our office at [bfet@btc.edu](mailto:bfet@btc.edu).

Many thanks to the BTC Foundation and Campus Store for donating funds and supplies for this event. Also, shout out to TRIO for loaning their prize wheel.



## SUICIDE PREVENTION AT BTC

In November of 2022, BTC Counselors Emilia Tyminski Holdaas and Nyssa Howell hosted a peer suicide prevention training for BTC students. The training, developed by Forefront Suicide Prevention (a Center of Excellence at the University of Washington), is designed to give people facts, language, tools, and resources they can use to help reduce the risk of suicide in themselves and people they know.

As of July 2022, **988** is the new nationwide phone number to connect directly to the National Mental Health and Substance Use crisis line. People who need to talk to someone **now** can call or text 988 to connect to trained crisis counselors for free 24/7. The [BTC Counseling webpage](#) has been updated to include these new resources in the Additional Resources section.

Additionally, Washington State has launched the first mental health crisis lifeline dedicated to supporting Native and Indigenous people. The Native and Strong Lifeline can be reached by calling 988 and pressing option 4 to reach one of 13 Indigenous counselors who are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Crisis counselors specializing in supporting Veterans are available (call 988 and press 1, or text 838255), as well as help in Spanish (call 988 and press 2) and for ASL users (ASL video: call 1-844-432-2275; TTY users dial 711 and then 988, or use your preferred relay service).

This important resource can help us keep our friends, family, students, each other, and campus safe. If you would like more information, you can check-out:

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline | Federal Communications Commission \(fcc.gov\)](#) and  
[Nation's first Native and Strong Lifeline Launches as Part of 988 | Washington State Department of Health.](#)

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## PROCURE TO PAY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

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What's a P-Card? Where's my delivery? Do we use ACH? These are all great questions! Each month there will be a new question with answers to help with 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](mailto:mnelson@btc.edu) with the subject: Procure to Pay QOM and your question might be answered in an upcoming Notable News!

**December Question:** What resources are there to help me with my purchasing needs?

**Answer:** Great question and we are so glad you asked! Here are some resources to help you out. As always, you can reach out to the Purchasing department through email ([mnelson@btc.edu](mailto:mnelson@btc.edu)) or phone call (x8343) for more information or specific guidance.

### **In-person and Online Office Hours:**

Purchasing holds office hours each week to provide the opportunity for people with questions or who need some assistance with purchase requisitions, P-Cards, contracts, and more. These hours are posted on the [Purchasing SharePoint site](#) and are updated often.

### **How-to Guides and Checklists:**

There are multiple how-to guides on the [Purchasing - Home \(btc.edu\)](#) SharePoint site.

These include:

- [Purchase Requisition Step by Step Basics](#)
- [How to Reallocate Your P-Card in US Bank](#)

For Business Cards and other DES MyPrint Orders:

- [How to Order from DES MyPrint](#)

When looking at educational technology purchases:

- [Educational Technology Checklist](#)

Supporting Small and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises:

- [Office of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises Business Search](#)

BTC's Current and Archived Contracts:

- [Purchasing - Contracts \(btc.edu\)](#)

Current Contracts BTC can utilize from other organizations:

- [WA State Master Contracts](#)
- [WIPHE - Washington Institutions of Public Higher Education](#)

Links to Group Purchasing and Cooperative Organizations such as OMNIA Partners, Sourcewell, TIPS/TAPS, E & I, Buyboard, and more.

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## STUDENT LIFE & ASBTC

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### **2022-2023 ASBTC Executive Team**

From left to right:

Chris Eder, *Student Life Director*;

Ashley Harrison, *Director of Finance*;

Ale Casillas, *Director of Diversity and Inclusion*;

Helena Singer, *Director of Administrative Affairs*;

Miguel Garduno Muñoz, *President*;

Khristopher Osborne, *Director of Clubs and Organizations*

Not in photo: Julián Adame-Núñez, *Director of Legislation*



## STUDENT LIFE & ASBTC

### Destress Open House Event

ASBTC hosted two Destress Events at the end of fall quarter where students could drop in and unwind. Activities included LEGO building, coloring, card making, squishy station, Play-Doh, painting, puzzles, and more! ASBTC provided snacks and freshly popped popcorn. It was nice to see students at the end of the quarter and to provide a way for them to unwind from the stress of finals and end-of-quarter projects.

### Team Building

The ASBTC Executives solved a murder mystery! This quarter's team-building experience was solving a Murder Mystery at the Cryptid Escapes escape room. The Execs learned how to work even better together as a team to solve the clues and identify the murderer!

### Social Hour Make a Turkey Event

We finished up our weekly Social Hour events with a Make a Turkey crafting event. Lots of fun turkeys were made using ye olde hand print as a template. Attendees created fun and festive turkeys, some of which were displayed in the Student Center windows. Hope you got to check them out!

### Blood Drive

ASBTC Executive Team will be hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in G Building, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This blood drive is open to all students and employees. Signing up ahead of time is highly encouraged; make your appointment at the [Donor Portal](#). Thank you for supporting our local patients!

### Student Center New Student Open House

Student Life and ASBTC will be hosting a New Student Open House on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, the day before winter quarter begins, in the Student Center, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Send new students to us to get their student ID, connect with ASBTC student leaders, and learn about on-campus clubs and organizations.



## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Do you have some Notable News of your own? Share it with us!

Your unique perspective is what makes BTC (and this newsletter) interesting.

Submit your articles, news tips, photos, and other fodder for publication in our prestigious academic campus community newsletter using the [Notable News Submission Form](#). Submissions are always open and should be made no less than two weeks prior to publication.

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month's employee spotlight is shining on **Zoe Fraley**.

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

A: I'm the new director of communications and marketing at BTC!

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

A: I'm what you might call indoorsy. I like baking, reading, playing video games and hanging out with my husband and son, as well as traveling near and far with our friends.

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

A: I am a big fan of baked goods, so any time I travel, the first thing I Google is the best bakeries so that I can know where I'll be getting my cookie and pastry fix while I'm in a new place.

**Q: Any pets or pet plans?**

A: I have a Great Dane named Mouse, who is big and beautiful but so weird, and a cat named Sparky, who may or may not be plotting my demise. They keep life interesting.

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

A: This is a tough one! I am a sandwich person, so my food would probably be a really good Italian sub with all the fixings, just to cover all my basic food groups: meat, cheese, bread, pickled veggies. For my book, I've got a mile-long reading list, but I should really bring a survival guide so I don't snack on something poisonous. I'm going to fudge the movie a bit and say the extended version of the Lord of the Rings trilogy. It can't be beat for comfort watching, let alone how many hours it can occupy.

**Q: Anything else we should know about you?**

A: I'm so happy to be back at BTC after a stint at Western during the pandemic! I just started Dec. 1 and am over in Morse for anyone who wants to say hi!

