

BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE | JUNE 2021
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PRESIDENT'S SHOUT-OUT

Last week we held the BTC Employee Recognition Event. It was virtual, of course - a series of Zoom screens filled with almost 150 faces. We've become used to the virtual environment by now, and it was less challenging and more unalloyed fun than it might have been in the past. We had raffles, played trivia games, recognized longevity with then-and-now photographs, and enjoyed video interviews with retiring (but not shy) colleagues.

But most of all, we spent time with each other, smiling, laughing, sharing compliments and wisecracks, enjoying each other's successes and celebrating each other's talents. And I was struck once again with the power of the BTC community and how much we share: the frequent struggles and the sometimes-elusive triumphs, the seemingly endless valleys and the hard-to-reach peaks.

We are going to be embracing that sense of community and holding it tight in the months to come. There's work to be

done: we've talked before about the heavy lifts of ctLink, Accreditation, and Guided Pathways. And even more weighty is the upcoming Fall re-entry, and we'll be relying on each other to see our way through that process.

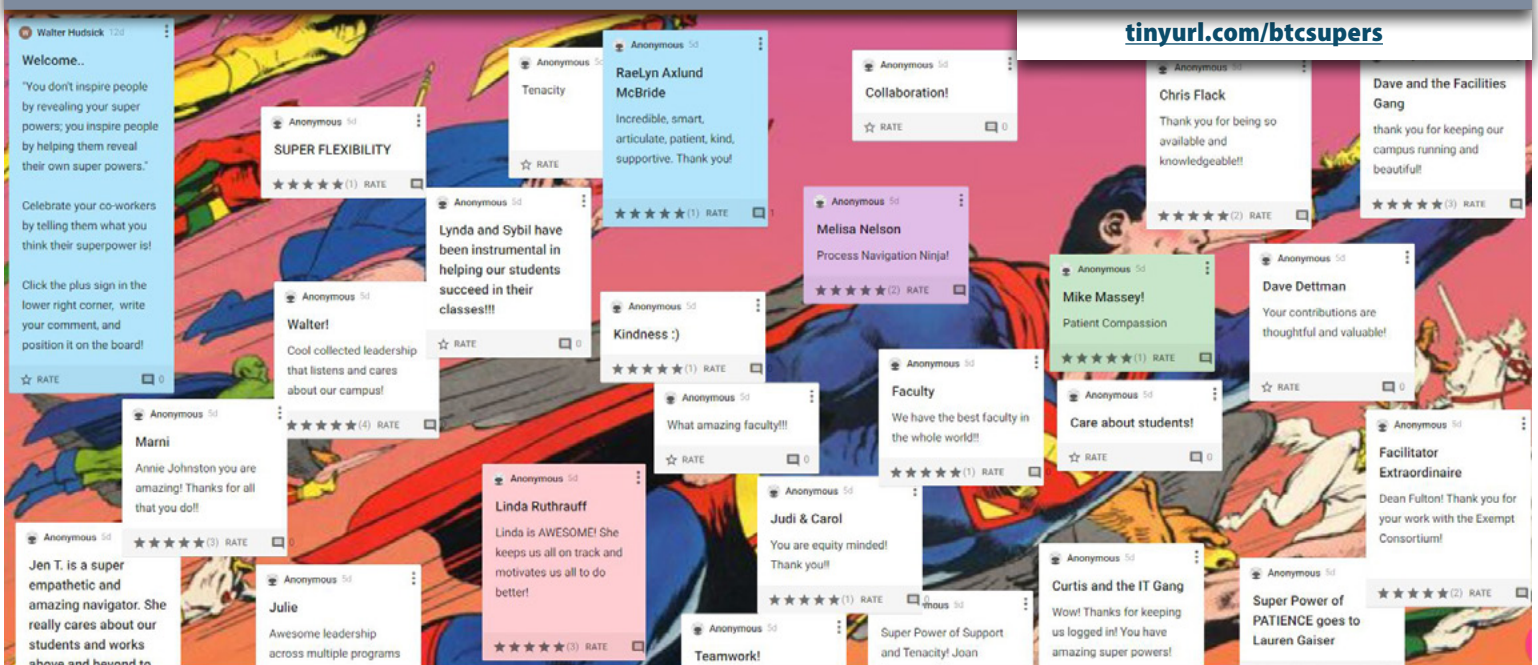
In response to the pandemic, we have each had to find our individual way to a place that felt comfortable to us. Many of us, separated in our home offices, developed routines and practices that created a safe space in our minds and in our hearts as well as in the physical world, ways and means that helped us get by.

This Fall, as campus activities ramp up and we start coming together again in real, not virtual, shared spaces and activities, we will be relying on that sense of shared community more than ever. We will meet each person where they are, knowing they are doing their best to make the journey into the new normal. Some folks haven't been on campus in a long time; some have never left. Some of us will relish the thought of being in rooms with others again; some of us will want to remain masked and distant for a while. Some people ran for the vaccine as fast as they could; other people haven't or couldn't get the shot.

And all of that is okay.

Wherever our colleagues are, we will meet them there with compassion and support and we will work together to write this new chapter.

Because that's how BTC works. Together.



STUDENT LIFE / ASBTC

Commencement Committee: **Commencement Kickoff Parade:**

Calling All Spectators – Our Grads Need You!

The BTC community will be celebrating our Class of 2021 graduates at a Commencement Kickoff Parade on Wednesday, June 23, at 4:00 p.m. This celebration is an opportunity for our entire campus community to come together and congratulate our graduating students on their accomplishments as we send them to their next adventure.

All employees are encouraged to participate in this fun and celebratory event. All you have to do is stand with your program/department along the parade route, in the lower Student Parking Lot, and cheer, clap, and make noise as the graduates are parading by. Create your program/department sign at the Creation Station so the graduates can easily spot you. Poster and signage creation supplies will be available for you beginning at 3:00 p.m. between Campus Center and R Building.

All campus social distancing and masking policies will be in place. It's time for us to get together, show our support, and have some fun!

Commencement Ceremony, Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.:

Celebrate our Class of 2021 graduates! Our Virtual Commencement Ceremony will be on BTC Publications YouTube channel on June 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us to honor our graduating students and all their accomplishments. A huge shout out to the Commencement Committee (Laura Fornalski, Amy Redfern, Kelly Vogel, Mark O'Connor, C-Anne Savage, Mary Gerard, Kristina Daeley, Chris Eder, Linda Ruthrauff, Karen Ridl, Kyle Miller, Tracy Reilly, Katie Honeycutt) and Craig Perry-Ollila, media technician extraordinaire. Thank you all for making our virtual commencement ceremony happen. Thanks for all the employee congrats and program intro videos! And a special thanks to all the speakers who agreed to be filmed for this ceremony. We can't wait to watch it with you!

ASBTC Recent Activities:

The Associated Students of Bellingham Technical College (ASBTC) collaborated with several community and technical colleges in Washington on events recently. One highly attended event was The Office Trivia with Kevin, the Accountant. BTC's very own Kristina Daeley, ASBTC Director of Legislation, was the BTC student host. Kristina is seen here in the blue Dunder Mifflin hoodie, with Brian Baumgartner, the actor who played Kevin, and the other student hosts representing their colleges. We had over 157 participants, and 110 of them actively participated in the trivia contest. This event was a CUSP Zoom collaboration record!

**CLASS OF 2021
COMMENCEMENT
KICKOFF PARADE**

Bellingham Technical College
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD | 4:00 PM
BTC STUDENT PARKING LOT

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!

- Wear regalia and decorate your vehicle/bike
- Line up begins at 3:30 p.m.
- Faculty and employees will cheer you on!
- BTC President will hand out swag!
- Grads in vehicles: Vehicles line up at upper Student Parking Lot, accessed from West Illinois Avenue. Sit in the front passenger seat and have somebody drive you for the best experience
- The parade route will go down into and through the lower Student Parking Lot
- Must follow all traffic laws and social distancing guidelines, remember to wear your mask!
- On foot or a bike? Line up between Campus Center and R building
- Email commencement@btc.edu if you have any questions

Bellingham Technical College is an equal opportunity institution. If you have a documented disability, contact BTC Accessibility Resources at ar@btc.edu or 360.782.8450 for any accommodations for programs, classes, activities, and more.



Bike Repair Station

ASBTC supported the purchase of a bicycle repair station, in the newly repurposed "Cycling" station at Campus Center. The incredible Facilities folks, led by Chris Glatz, BTC Facilities, installed the bicycle repair stand. As Chris said, "this was a fantastic collaboration between multiple departments and checked off a few key strategic goals in the process". The ASBTC were also lucky enough to have a second-year Machining student, Russel, who designed and created a security nut that was inadvertently not sent to us by the supplier! (see example!)

Jeff Halfacre and Russel volunteered to make one for us and did it within a few hours, allowing Facilities to install the station without another two-week delay for shipping. This was an amazing collaboration. Chris Glatz added, "We simply would not have been able to purchase such a useful amenity without ASBTC's help and their desire to put BTC students' needs as priority. We hope this repair station will help many bicycle commuters' trips easier in the years to come!" Thanks everybody for this collaboration and support for our students!

ASBTC collaborated with several community and technical colleges, and four-year universities, across the state to celebrate Pride month, with speaker Yosimar Reyes. Yosimar is a nationally acclaimed poet, writer, storyteller, and activist. His work is a visionary, cutting-edge exploration of queer, Latinx, working class, undocumented experiences: joy, struggle, resiliency, and hope. Yosimar was an incredible speaker with a powerful and impactful message of acceptance and awareness.

ASBTC also continued the recent tradition of supporting and facilitating the Share the Love event. This year's Share the Love was with one of our favorite speakers, Luis Ortega. Luis is a multidisciplinary storyteller, empathy educator, facilitator, and founder and director of Storytellers for Change. Over the last fourteen years, Luis has worked with youth, educators, and organizations to co-design storytelling strategies, projects, and programs to foster empathy, inclusion, and equity across communities. Luis shared with us the power of connections and support. His messages are always powerful and just the right message at the right time.



FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE SCIENCES

Hatchery season 2020-2021 has come to an end! The program students raised and released 45k rainbow trout, 500k Chinook, and 1.1 million chum. The program also recently acquired its own oyster broodstock (donated by Taylor Shellfish) and is now breeding oysters at the Perry Center. The Fisheries instructors also worked with local partners to write a grant and received \$43k to help fund the Perry Center water quality improvement project, which is currently ongoing. And Instructor Palm-Flawd will now join Instructor Smith as a National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellow in partnership with Rutgers University, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, and the Oceans Observatory Initiative to create and test data labs for Fisheries students nationwide.

STUDENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Student Financial Resources' (SFR) new Bookings page just went live yesterday. Bookings is a new platform that allows students to make appointments directly with all the offices within SFR including Financial Aid, BFET, Worker Retraining and Opportunity Grant.

Students are able to book appointments from SFR's page on the BTC website or by clicking on this link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/StudentFinancialResources2@btc0.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

MACHINING

Spring 2021 finds the Machining department having added new equipment and processes to the program in an effort to reduce current bottle necks in equipment utilization and improve the student experience. The department was experiencing a bottle neck in the manual milling class causing equipment utilization to be less than optimal. To combat this, Machining instructor Jacen Johnson researched and purchased a new Bridgeport mill, which brings the current machine number up to 7.

On the CNC side of things, instructor Jeff Halfacre applied for PARA equipment funding to help relieve the bottle neck in the CNC lathe training. They added a Haas ST-10 to the stable, which doubles the machines currently used for beginning lathe training.

The Machining department also welcomed the addition of a new software, "Proshop", which is a process management software designed for use in the manufacturing sector. Their first utilization of the software was to integrate our tooling inventory into a searchable and serialized system which may be accessed from any computer within the classrooms. This allows students to know exactly which tooling we stock and the current on hands in the bin.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Katie Honeycutt will be completed her Master's of Education in Adult and Higher Education from WWU Graduation on June 12. Her favorite part was getting to use her work at BTC for case studies and school projects.

David O'Connor is completing/completed the Engineering Technology – Mechanical – AAS-T from BTC degree this spring with a 4.0 GPA. David started as a BTC student with an AutoCAD class 3 years ago, simply with the intention learning a software to create designs for the laser cutter at Bellingham Makerspace. He quickly discovered the treasure trove of knowledge available to students at BTC and just kept taking classes every quarter. David has already applied his new skills to his job in the CISS department. In one notable case, he designed and 3D printed a custom shroud to protect some very expensive sensors in the Dental Lab that was prone to breaking. There had been two failures within a matter of weeks without the shroud, but the newly protected sensors have not had any issues in over a year. He plans to continue taking classes this fall in the BASET program.

Marni Saling Mayer, completed the Yale School of Management, Executive Education: Digital Marketing -- A Strategic Perspective program during winter and spring quarter. This program was a deep dive into transcending silos in organizations, with a concentration on lead integrated, marketing-related digital transformation. It included current studies of how social media, SEO, content marketing, mobile technologies and other key digital marketing tools can be leveraged to create and extract value for the customer and the organization. It also covered Artificial Intelligence advancements and trends as it relates to marketing.

ctcLink - GO LIVE OCTOBER 25

The ctcLink trainings will help you prepare to learn to navigate our new system. Plan on taking trainings either over the summer for some employees and for faculty in the Fall when we return to campus. Chris Flack is your training contact. Our go-live date will significantly affect our services so please act on and add the below dates to your calendars before you leave for summer!!

- **Business Office dates:**

- The last day to have all annual PO and purchase requisitions submitted and approved by the appropriate budget authority is September 10.
 - Faculty and other employees who will not be back on campus before September 10th will need to plan ahead with any ordering before they leave for the summer. Another alternative is to coordinate in advance with their Dean, POC, and Purchasing if any recurring or not-orderable-in-advance orders are needed.
- Purchases with P-Cards will remain available over the course of the system transition.
- Reimbursements will not be processed between September 10th (cut-off date) and November 15th.
- Purchase requisitions and orders will not resume until mid-November.

- **Student Services** – Last date to make student record changes – October 1st

- **Human Resources** – Last date to make employee record changes – October 1st

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

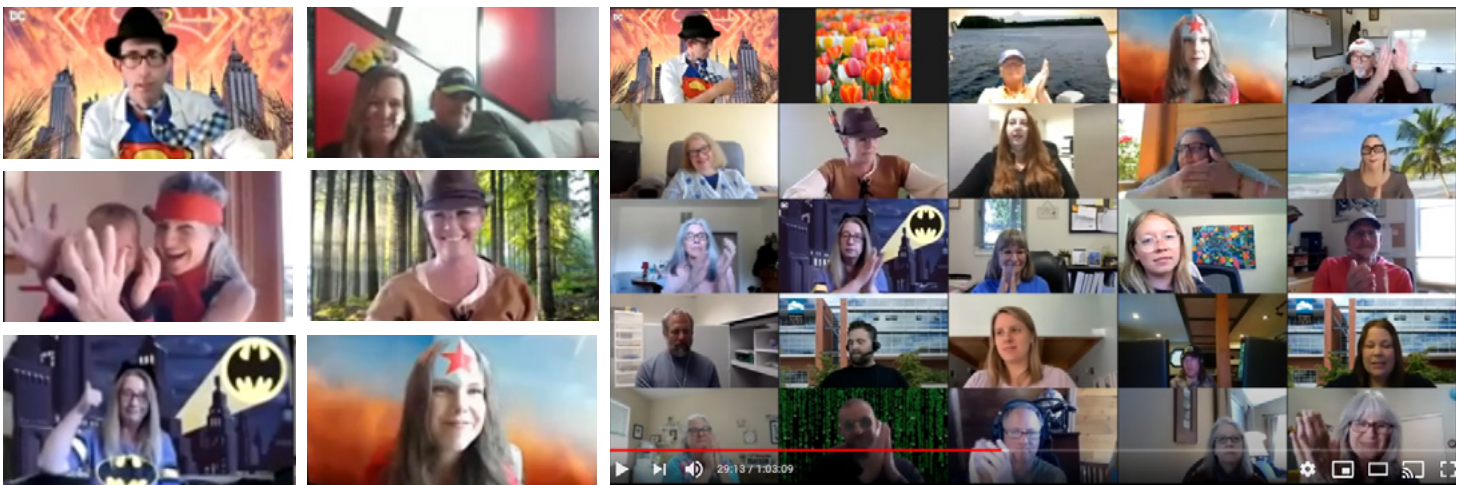
We are celebrating everyone for June! Super Heroes Unite!!

The BTC Foundation purchased gift cards locally for the Employee Awards Raffle, and our 25 lucky winners received gift certificates to Avenue Bread, My Garden, Sunset Car Wash, Yeager's, and Youngstock's Market.

Our Super Hero Unite Costume winners were Dean Fulton (1st), Elizabeth Miller (2nd), and Michelle Smith (3rd). Dean turned his award back to the Foundation to benefit a student.

Have a great summer!

The next Call for Content of NN will be August 10. Plan on sending in your news—you will receive a reminder! Send to Marni Saling Mayer with NN in the subject line.



Notice of Public Hearing

BTC will hold a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom <https://btc-tech.zoom.us/j/87942320267>. The hearing will review the proposed revisions to BTC's WAC 495B-121-350; 365; 370; and 385, of the Student Conduct Code. For more information, please contact Ronda Laughlin, Rules Coordinator at 360-752-8334 or rlaughlin@btc.edu.