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Dear college community,

Fall Quarter is right around the corner, and I would like to recognize our Student Services staff who are on fire, blazing a trail of excellence as we prepare for a great start to the new academic year.

- Career Advisors and Retention Specialists have been working their magic with returning students to simplify the registration process, including hosting open lab time for registration assistance.
- Outreach, Admissions and Career Advisors have been adjusting, adapting and making changes to ensure that every student has a smooth onboarding experience.
- Executive Assistant to the VP of Student Services Cynde Guidi and College

Receptionist and Operator Melinda Gauley have been hard at work with a new intake process capturing incoming student info, whether it is from walk-ins or via telephone.

- The Registration team has streamlined and built out several processes in ctcLink, including requisite checking, automating satisfactory progress, and crafting messages that support and encourage our newly admitted students.
- Financial Aid staff have been diligently working through challenges and building out ctcLink systems as well, ensuring our students receive their disbursements.
- Workforce Education Services staff have been serving and helping those who need it most. From funding for underserved populations to collaborating with state agencies, they are making the college journey much easier for our students.
- Campus Life and Activities staff have been training future student leaders who are ready to step up. They have focused on strategizing fun activities and clubs for the next year.

I am proud of all our faculty and staff, including our hard-working student services. Way to go!

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we have begun to review and assess how we attract new students and their experience as they move through the enrollment process. I've tasked Vice President of Student Services Steve Ashpole and Director of Communications, Marketing and Advancement Chelsea Lindquist to lead the initiative. Stay tuned for more information.

Before I close, I would like to remind our employees that we have a wonderful Opening Day planned for you on Tuesday, Sept. 19 starting with refreshments and registration at 7:30 a.m. Read more about the day on the intranet here. Special thanks to the planning committee for their dedication and hard work on the event and logistics.

Sincerely,
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Department Updates

Instruction

Opening Day
We are excited to share the Opening Day 2023 agenda! On September 19, the college will be closed to the public and all staff and faculty will come together as a community to prepare for the upcoming year.

Central Campus
In case you haven't seen or heard, first-quarter Mechanical Engineering student Jason Walker in AMATH 170 produced an amazing project called the *JWalker Rube Goldberg Machine*. Check out his amazing video here. Kudos to Mechanical Engineering Technology program faculty Curt Meyer who continues to work his magic with students.

Cybersecurity program students Krystina Attanasio and Trystin Peterson took on the monumental task of starting a cyber lab here at Bates. Led by instructor Joseph Kauer, they had to plan the naming scheme, network configuration, and join the computers to the cyber domain in Room B220. They then had to plan what operating systems to install on 20 computers for the cyber lab with each system set up differently so that future students could practice their skills. Way to go!

Have you seen our Broadcasting/Video Production program student-produced variety show, *The Stack*? Check out the latest episode here!

Downtown Campus
Denturist program instructor Naser Al-Tameemi is excited to announce that 100 percent of his new graduates passed the state board clinical exam on Friday, Aug. 18! Congratulations to Victor Donos, Cole Huber, Taeil Kim, Tesoro Koso, and Michele Ladd.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Courses
Over the summer, the college collaborated with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to provide English language training and education services. Check out the Fall Quarter course offerings, flyers and more details about the program here.

Welcome to Bates!

Rachel Smith, ESL Program Coordinator

Rachel Smith is the Program Coordinator for ESL and an ESL Instructor. Rachel most recently was the International Vice President for a non-profit that worked with women and children in Peru. Previously, Rachel taught at Wichita State University while finishing her degree, and has also worked at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois and the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, Kansas. She has been a math and English tutor for the Boys and Girls Club and other non-profit programs serving underprivileged kids. When she is not working, she

loves playing card and board games with her family, enjoying the many lakes in her neighborhood, and being auntie to her sisters' and friends' children.

Student Services

1. Registration

- Summer Quarter Grades were posted August 21, 2023. If any grades are missing for a student, it is yet to be submitted. Late grades are being monitored and posted as they are submitted.
- Legacy Transcript GO LIVE was postponed again. GO LIVE events are now moved to Aug. 21-25 and Aug. 28-31.
- Accounting AAS has been added back to our Catalog for 2023-2024. SBCTC (State Board for Community and Technical Colleges) is working on correcting an error to allow enrollment by Advisors soon.

2. Campus Life

- Welcome the new Campus Life Assistant, Natalia Giovengo.
- The Adventurer's League will be hosting games every Wednesday afternoon at South Campus, Building B, Room B107.
- We are continuing efforts in recruiting for Student Government, PTK and Student Program Representatives.

3. Financial Aid

- Michelle MacElvain has returned to the college and fulfilled the role of Financial Aid Specialist.
- Devon Brooks has joined our team as Assistant to Financial and Workforce Education Services.
- Grant management is being reviewed to determine areas to improve efficiency.

4. Advising

- Enrollment is looking great with many programs full.
- Advisors and Retention Specialists are working hard to get new students enrolled.
- Outreach has scheduled Enrollment Blitz Events for 8/24, 8/31 and 9/07 which hopes to see additional boost to enrollment efforts.

5. Staffing

- With the help of Human Resources, we continue to recruit and interview candidates for open positions.

Foundation

Welcome to **Michael Cabrera**, the new Interim Foundation Manager!

Michael has transitioned from his role in registration to the Bates Technical College Foundation as Interim Foundation Manager. He brings to the foundation his years of customer service and operations management experience, as well as experience in banking and finance. He has a passion for higher education and student services. “My parents are one of my greatest inspiration. They have worked in the Tacoma public school system for many years. Their service to students is what has inspired me to also seek a career serving students.” A longtime Tacoma native, he is excited to work for the foundation and give back to the community that he has grown up in. He is a graduate of Foss High School and has attended 2 years at Washington State University. This Fall he will be continuing his education and seeking to finish his degree. He enjoys playing board games, video games, supporting the Seahawks, trying new restaurants, and taking care of his two cats.

Congratulations to the following Fall Quarter 2023 scholarship recipients!

The Bates Technical College Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce that 40 students will receive up to $42,000 for the Fall Quarter.

Student		Program	Award	Scholarship
Benjamin	Achuti	Practical Nurse	$750	Ruth Murphy Evans Practical Nurse Scholarship
Tabatha	Boyes	Occupational Therapy Assistant	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Bunsan	Chan	Fire Service	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Dorian	Chennault	Cybersecurity	$750	Boeing Scholarship
Jasmine	Davis	Dental Assisting	$750	Arcora / Washington Dental Service FDN Scholarship
Jasmine	Davis	Dental Assisting	$750	Pierce County Dental FND Dental Aux. Scholarship
DeVante	Denson	Cybersecurity	$750	Boeing Scholarship
Darian	Garrison	Software Development	$750	Boeing Scholarship
Lawsen	Goldsby	Dental Lab Technician	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Everett	Goodnight	Software Development	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Everett	Goodnight	Software	$750	Boeing Scholarship

		Development		
Candy	Kelley	Accounting	$750	BIPOC Scholarship
Candy	Kelley	Accounting	$750	Eleanor Halmo Memorial Scholarship
Michael	Kim	Sheet Metal Technology	$1,500	Henry T. Schatz Endowed Scholarship
Amanda	Langford	Practical Nurse	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Amanda	Langford	Practical Nurse	$750	Ruth Murphy Evans Practical Nurse Scholarship
Resa	Lemon	Sheet Metal Technology	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
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Artemio	Madrigal-Sanchez	Barber	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Jacob	Matter	Electrical Construction	$1,500	Henry T. Schatz Endowed Scholarship
Christ	Moo	Fire Service	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Briana	Munson	Practical Nurse	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Briana	Munson	Practical Nurse	$750	Ruth Murphy Evans Practical Nurse Scholarship
Patrick	Mwichigi	Carpentry	$1,000	Gene Haas Scholarship
Son	Nguyen	Automation and Mechatronics	$1,000	Rottler Manufacturing Scholarship
Julius	Nyangusi	Practical Nurse	$2,500	T'wina Nobles Young Prof. Scholarship
Yoslynn	Olmos	Biomedical Service Tech	$2,500	T'wina Nobles Young Prof. Scholarship
Arika	Palmer	Occupational Therapy Assistant	$2,500	T'wina Nobles Young Prof. Scholarship
Alyssamarie	Perez	Electrical Construction	$1,500	Henry T. Schatz Endowed Scholarship
Alyssamarie	Perez	Electrical Construction	$750	Zach Stewart Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Trystin	Peterson	Cybersecurity	$750	Boeing Scholarship
Trystin	Peterson	Cybersecurity	$750	Information Technology Specialist Scholarship
Melissa	Reed	Digital Media	$750	Associated Student Gov't (ASG) Scholarship
Melissa	Reed	Digital Media	$750	Barbara Higham Memorial Scholarship
Adam	Schloer	Software Development	$750	Boeing Scholarship
Mike	Smith	HVAC-R	$750	Malayna Gale Burns Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Reece	Smoak	Broadcasting/Video Production	$2,500	Washington State Assoc. of Broadcasters Scholarship
Lamont	Spencer	Electrical	$2,500	T’wina NoblesYoung Prof.

		Construction		Scholarship
Earl	Wakonabo	Carpentry	$1,000	David H. Smith Memorial Carpentry Scholarship
Earl	Wakonabo	Carpentry	$1,000	Jeff Wolfson Carpentry Memorial Trades Scholarship

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Employee Milestones

Congratulations to the following **August** employee anniversaries!
August

Name	Job Title	Years of Service
Wendy Newby	ECEAP Director	24
Diana Stone	Child Studies Instructor	23
Dana McNutt	Basic Education for Adults Instructor	19
Treonna Lee	T.H.S. Outreach Specialist	16
Judith Graham	Software Development Instructor	16
Antonia Rolon Lozano	Family Support Specialist	15
Addrienne Loska	On-Air Fundraising Manager	14
Anthony Brooks	Culinary Arts Instructor	9
Brad Hains	Sim Lab Program Technician	8
Anthony Hickonbottom	HVAC Instructor	8
Tawnya Lea	Director of Financial Aid	5
Hongyu Zhan	ctcLink Business Analyst	2
Soreya Steen	Administrative Assistant	1
Stephanie Bussell	Student Financials Cashier	1
Michael Cabrera	Interim Foundation Manager	1

New Hires

Welcome to Bates! August

Janae McCabe, Financial Aid Title IV Officer
Michelle McElvain, Financial Aid Specialist
Wen Pliske, Instructional Designer
Maddie Porter, Communications and Marketing Generalist
Devon Powers, Office Assistant-Financial Aid and Workforce Education

Peer Appreciations

Do you know a stellar student, a fantastic faculty or a superior staff member? Email your Peer Appreciation to communications@batestech.edu to be featured here!

- **To Soreya Steen, Administrative Assistant, Instruction:** In two incidents, Ms. Steen has shown her alertness and care for her fellow staff members and students at Central Campus in the ATB Building by contacting Campus Public Safety when transients have tried to sneak into the building. In one case, a transient was hostile, and Ms. Steen stood her ground until Campus Public Safety arrived. Also, many times, Ms. Steen has helped obtain parking permits for Central Campus students who can't travel easily to Downtown Campus.

- **To Melinda Gauley, College Receptionist and Operator:** Ms. Gauley likely has one of the hardest jobs in the college, often handling student requests by telephone and in person, sometimes both at the same time, and also assisting visitors with directions. In addition, she helps to make sure those who don't belong on campus by promptly contacting Campus Public Safety. She gives her all to Bates Technical College and is truly admired by those who know and work with her.

Bobcat Buzz

Staff Spotlight, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Johnny Hu.

Watch Broadcasting/Video Production students interview Dr. Hu here!

Student Spotlight, Cybersecurity Student Deborah Mesa

Having a technical degree has helped me tremendously when looking for future employment. Employers in my field are looking for either job experience or nothing less than an associate degree. My degree gets me in the door for an interview where I would have been overlooked. My advice for future students is to get involved. I joined the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and had an awesome experience going to conferences and participating in events. I also was active in the Associated Student Government as the Event Coordinator and the VP of Central Campus, all of which look great on your resume.

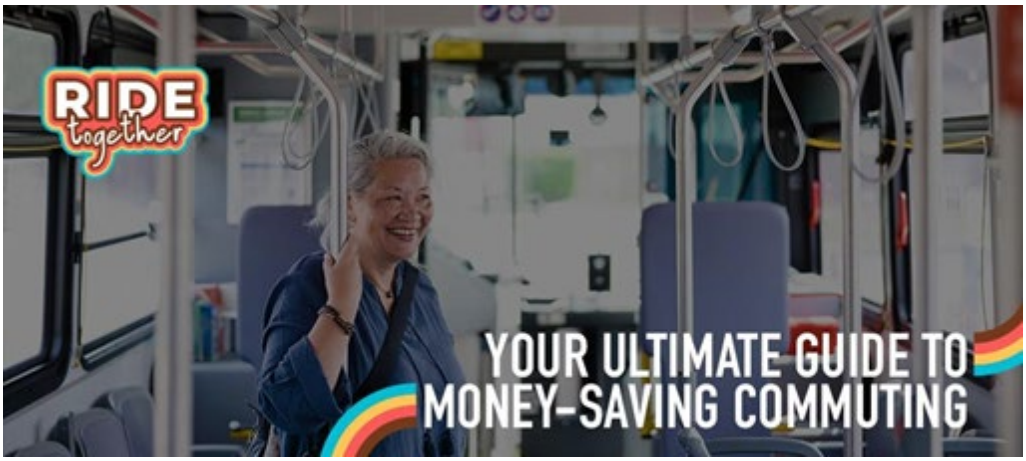
Congressman Derek Kilmer talks Basic Food Employment and Training with college students and staff

Congressman Derek Kilmer hosted a roundtable at Bates on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the Downtown Campus. The group included President Zhou, Northwest Harvest Director of Public Policy Christina Wong, Policy Associate for Student Support Programs Jennifer Dellinger, Electrical Construction student Shane Mack, a student from Olympic College, MDC's Adult Education Advisor Sean Briggs, and Bates employees Patricia Chase, Steve Wood and Machelle Doolittle.

Expanded Sound Transit Hilltop Tacoma T Line opens Sept. 16

Big news: Sound Transit has announced an opening date for the new extended T Line service! Get ready to explore the seven new stations and surrounding communities, from Old City Hall to Stadium to Hilltop starting on Saturday, Sept. 16. Learn more about the festivities here.

Your ultimate guide to money-saving commuting



Get Ready to Ride Together Pierce County!

Looking to make a positive impact on our community by exploring new sustainable transportation options? Ride Together Pierce is your go-to resource hub for all things transportation in Pierce County!

Whether you're a beginner or already embracing money-saving car-free transportation such as biking, ridesharing, teleworking, public transportation, or walking, Ride Together Pierce is your ultimate guide to planet-friendly commuting. At RideTogetherPierce.com you can discover helpful tips, tools, community challenges, prizes and resources to get you started.

Join us in reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and creating a greener Pierce County.

Visit RideTogetherPierce.com today and let's ride together!

Dates to Remember (find details on the college calendar)

- Labor Day, College Closed, September 4
- New Student Orientation, Downtown Campus, September 18
- Opening Day, Employee Event, September 19
- New Student Orientation, Central/Mohler Campus, September 20
- New Employee Orientation, Downtown Campus, September 21
- New Student Orientation, South Campus, September 21
- Fall Quarter Begins, September 25
- Board of Trustees Meeting, September 25

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