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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

Bates Technical College | July 2023

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President's Update

Dear college community,

I am excited to share with you an update on the progress toward developing our first Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree, focusing on Public Safety Administration. We successfully submitted the Statement of Need in May, which was the initial step of the approval process for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC).

The next step is to work with college and community stakeholders to draft a program proposal. Doug Emory, who helped write the Statement of Need, is hard at work drafting the proposal. Doug will be reaching out to various stakeholders to obtain input on required sections, and he will complete the work by the end of 2023. This will allow enough time for the SBCTC and the Northwest Commission on College and Universities (NWCCU) to review and provide final approvals

on the proposal.

I am proud of the progress we have made toward this significant milestone, as we are the last of the state's two-year colleges to offer a BAS. This achievement also represents one of my goals as president, and I am excited to see it come to fruition. This BAS in Public Safety Administration will offer a comprehensive program that prepares students for leadership roles in this dynamic field. Offering this degree opportunity will not only meet the evolving needs of our students but also cultivate skilled professionals who can make a positive impact and contribute to the greater community.

Our vision is to welcome the first cohort of students to our BAS degree program Fall Quarter 2024. This is an exciting endeavor, and I am grateful for the opportunity to witness the incredible progress we are making.

On a separate note, I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Bates Social Committee for planning and organizing the fun upcoming Employee Yearend Cookout at South Campus on Wednesday, Aug.9, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. I'm excited to celebrate a successful end of the year with you!

Sincerely,
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Department Updates

Instruction

Central Campus

On July 6, students in the Broadcasting/Video Production (BVP) program aired their first live episode of *The Stack*, a variety show that features various aspects of life in Pierce County such as entertainment, lifestyle and sports. You can watch most BVP productions on the College Vision channel (Comcast 28 or Click 26 in Pierce County). Two additional live episodes are scheduled for Summer Quarter 2023. BVP is the only program in the area certified by the Society of Broadcast Engineers, and the program is responsible for supplying many employees for this high-demand field.

Downtown Campus

On July 5, Bates' Advanced Machining program, led by instructor Tim Bacon, held a tour for Baker Manufacturing. The company highlighted the tour and our partnerships in their LinkedIn post stating "Bates' partnerships with NIMS - National Institute for Metalworking Skills, AJAC, and regional manufacturers are good indicators of how we're going to succeed with Industry 4.0 - leveraging "micro-vertical" capabilities and expertise to compete globally, especially for aerospace and defense.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program underwent a successful re-accreditation process during their July 12-13 site visit. At the presentation of the ROSE report, it was heartening to learn that accreditation will be provided without any further recommendations for improvement. The program is slated to have its accreditation for the next 7 years with the possibility to submit a request for 10 years. Director **Andrew Min**, along with the OTA employees, have worked tirelessly to fulfil the accreditation requirements during the previous 10 months.

New faces and new roles…welcome to Bates!

Oleksandr Burlakov, Director of Pre-College Pathways

Oleksandr is a passionate advocate for positive change and community development. With a master's degree in law and nearly a decade of experience as a lawyer, he is excited to take on the role of Director of Pre-College Pathways. His primary focus is to provide dedicated support to our technical high school staff and deliver high-quality services to our students. By creating a welcoming and safe learning environment, he empowers students to fully showcase their potential and thrive. Oleksandr finds joy in exploring the world through travel, hiking in nature's beauty, swimming, and engaging in various sports like soccer, volleyball, rollerblading, and snowboarding. Through these diverse pursuits, he aims to make a lasting impact and inspire others to lead active and fulfilling lives.

Sophally Chan, Clinical Placement Coordinator

Sophally (*so paul lee)* is the new Clinical Coordinator for the Practical Nurse program. She has a bachelor's in health care leadership and a minor in business data analytics. As a first-generation student, Sophally understands the challenges of navigating the health care industry and is committed to using her experiences to support marginalized communities. She hopes her expertise in business intelligence, data analytics and healthcare will drive meaningful insights and transformative outcomes at Bates. Sophally enjoys listening to music, reading, film photography, yoga, and spending time with her loved ones.

Abbie Cozzi, Nursing Instructor

Abbie graduated from Bellin College with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and is currently working toward obtaining her Master of Science in nursing education at the University of Washington Tacoma. Abbie has been an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) nurse her entire nursing career, which has been eight wonderful years so far. While working as a bedside nurse, she also helped teach clinical at Highline College for two years. When she is not working or doing homework, she enjoys spending time outside gardening, biking and hiking.

Michelle Earthwright, Technical High School Counselor

Michelle previously served students as the I-BEST Instructor for the Fire Service program and has transitioned into the Tech High Counselor role. Outside of Bates, her career has consisted of serving students as a high school teacher, an advisor at South Puget Sound Community College, and an advisor and instructor at UW Tacoma. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in linguistics at the University of California Davis and her Master in Education at Loyola Marymount University. She enjoys making art, hiking with her dog, foraging, gardening, playing tabletop games and spending time with friends and family.

Kevin Gibson, Digital Media Instructor

Kevin is returning to Bates this quarter as full-time faculty after serving three years as an adjunct faculty member teaching in the Digital Media program. He holds a BSBA from CWU and is a Bates Digital Media program graduate. He co-founded a small business with his brother in 2012 to develop and produce animated web cartoons and continues to do design work for clients and creative works today. His interests include music composition, computer science, film and game design.

Darrell Haynes, Dean of Instruction, Central Campus

Darrell Haynes' professional career began as an English language instructor at his alma mater, the University of South Carolina, where he graduated with a B.A. in English Composition and Rhetoric. He earned a Master of Education degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Anaheim University and is near completion of a Doctor of Education from Oregon State University's Department of Adult and Higher Education. After many years in the college classroom at home and abroad, Darrell later transitioned into education administration including stops at Pacific Lutheran University and Bellevue College before joining the Bates Technical College family. He enjoys family outings, learning languages, playing sax, and playing sports like basketball and ping pong in his spare time.

Rob Runn, Culinary Arts Instructor

Rob has been in the culinary field for nearly two decades with a career that has spanned across the military, restaurant line work, as sous chef for a corporate dining facility at a college, a private cruise vessel in Alaska, and catering operations both small and large. He graduated with an Associate Degree from Le Cordon Bleu and a Bachelor's Degree from New England Culinary Institute. When he's not cooking, he enjoys spending time with his family, attending the myriad of his daughter's softball games, gardening, beer and ice hockey.

Ace Wheeler, AV Broadcast Engineer Instructor

Ace Wheeler is a former student and graduate of Bates Technical College's Broadcast/Video Production program. He worked at Z-transform building A/V and broadcast systems for clients. Some projects he worked on included Starbucks, Amazon and KNKX. Also, with Z-transform, he produced live city council meetings in Woodinville. Working with Z-transform, he learned to pull cables, terminate cables, and proper placement of equipment. He enjoys lifting weights, martial arts, outdoors, hunting and fishing, and traveling the world

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Student Services

1. **Staffing**
    a. Campus Life and Activities would like to welcome Nat Giovengo, to the role of Assistant to Campus Life and Activities. She comes to us with a solid background that includes being a Resident Assistant and a Residence Hall Council President at PLU as well as Bachelor's Degree in English. She will do well supporting students here at Bates.
2. **Outreach and Advising**
    a. The Strategic Enrollment Management Team has ramped up efforts to strategize ways to make improvements in Outreach and Enrollment. They are aggressively reviewing and updating the "Steps to Enrollment", Website Access Points and looking at ways students can obtain needed information to navigate to program through to completion of enrollment.
    b. We have been able to pull reports from ctcLink listing students who have applied but have not yet enrolled for a program. This list will allow Career Advisors to reach out to those students to provide extra support to further their educational goals here.

3. **Financial Aid**
    a. The Financial Aid and Workforce Education Services Office has been busy finalizing summer quarter awards, preparing annual year end reports, and closing out the 2022-2023 award year. The deadline for students to complete a 2022-2023 FAFSA/WASFA was June 30. We are also updating ctcLink and business processes to begin awarding for the 2023-2024 academic year. Some staff members recently attended the 2023 Passport to Careers Annual Conference, a two-day event for professionals actively supporting youth with foster care and/or unaccompanied homeless experiences. This year's theme was 'Rise Up': Resources and Inspiration for Student Success and Engagement. With the transition of Tawnya Lea into the Director role, the FA/WES Office is recruiting a Title IV Officer as well as a Financial Aid Specialist. We look forward to welcoming a new team member in August to fill the Office Assistant PTE II role.

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Total awards- 1760, Total funds Awarded - $1,657,927.32

- **Federal Grants -** 330 awards totaling $527,621.08
- **State Grants -** 428 awards totaling $455,524.50
- **Student Emer. Assistance Grant -** All funding was depleted in fall, using 3.5% now
- **Bates 3.5% Grant -** 45 awards totaling $61,585.84
- **Scholarships & 3rd Party funding -** 108 awards totaling $149,852.31
- **Worker Retraining -** 153 awards totaling $132,125.42
- **BFET-** 52 awards totaling $74,188.12
- **Early Achievers Grant -** 146 awards totaling $89,810.48
- **Opp. Grant & Opp. Health Grant -** 74 awards totaling $62,464.33
- **WorkFirst -** 30 awards totaling $16,267.11
- **CDL Grant -** 1 award totaling $1,979.54
- **Loans -** 115 awards totaling $135,839
- **VA & Military Students Certified -** 101 awarded totaling $166,666.14
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Total awards-2141, total disbursed - $2,117,624.27

Disbursements for Winter Quarter

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4. **Registration**
    a. The top focus for our Registration Team is familiarizing ourselves with the two new SMS platforms, Legacy Link and Legacy Transcript July 3, our teams received access to the new platforms. We are in the testing phase, with a go-live date of August 1. SMS will sunset on August 30. Our team has been working with Parchment to ensure there will be no service disruptions to Official Transcript orders. Because only the previous 6 years of enrollment records were converted into ctcLink, we continue to receive Official Transcript requests for records older than 6 years.
    b. Registration distributed all letters and certificates to our Spring Quarter President's List and Dean's List students by July 5. Due to the short break between the Spring Quarter and the start of the Summer Quarter, plus Juneteenth and 4th of July holidays, this date was later than we had hoped. Congratulations to our 122 President's List and 171 Dean's List students.
    c. Enrollment Requirements, ctcLink functionality that enforces completion of prerequisite courses upon enrollment, were built for the new courses to be offered for Fall 2023-2024. A total of 43 new Enrollment Requirements were configured in ctcLink.

5. **Campus Life and Activities**
    a. Campus Life ASG Assistant starts on Monday, July 17, 2023.
    b. 5 ASG Executives walked during Commencement; which will leave 5 open positions after summer quarter (3 members are continuing – ASG President Adrian Benton, ASG VP Central Deborah Mesa & ASG Event Coordinator Maylea Krause); The team just interviewed and brought on Nicholas Ramirez in the Records and Finance position.
    c. Student Appreciation BBQ – Wednesday, July 26, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the South Courtyard; BBQ will be served, and the students are planning to have a DJ, photo booth, yard games and more!
    d. The Student Leadership Conference is September 6 – 8, 2023, at Green River CC.

Finance and Admin Services

The Finance and Administrative Services Office is proud to welcome Dan Timmons as the new Director of Facilities and Operations. In addition to welcoming our new member, ECEAP & Childcare

relocated back to Building A after a series of renovations.

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Employee Milestones

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

Name	Job Title	Years of Service
Andrew Min	Director OTA	6
Steve Ashpole	Vice President of Student Services	4
Liberty Olson	Welding Instructor	4
Nick Lutes	Vice President of Administrative Services	3
Jenae McCabe	Finacial Aid/Worker Retraining	3
Heath Majors	Maintenance Engineer III	2
Niraj Swami	Dean of Instruction	1
Jessyka Bridges	Admissions Coordinator	1

New Hires

- Dan Timmons, Director of Facilities and Operations
- Ace Wheeler, Audio Visual Broadcast Engineer Instructor
- Edgar Velasco, Campus Security Officer
- Rylie Hart, Early Childhood Specialist 3
- Merrice Nash, Early Childhood Specialist IV-Family Support Specialist
- Krystina Hansen, Early Head Start Specialist 3
- Amy Reed-Ferguson, KBTC- Education Outreach Coordinator
- Kim Swift, Practical Nursing-Instructor Full Time
- Natalia Giovengo, Campus Life ASG Assistant

Congratulations to the following employees with new positions!

- Niraj Swami, Dean of Instruction, Downtown Campus
- Tawnya Lea, Director of Finacial Aid

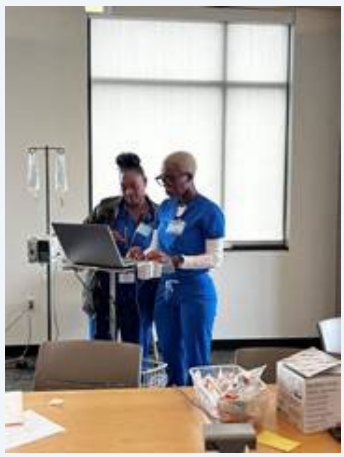
Peer Appreciations

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 Beth Reichenbach, Lead Library Technician**: I would like to give a peer appreciation to Beth Reichenbach for her amazing service on the College Council. She has done incredible work, serving as chair and the de facto organizer of all policy information. She asks great questions and always looks to make the college a better place. Thank you, Beth, for your amazing service.
- **To Jessyka Bridges, Admissions Coordinator:** She continues to fill in for other areas as we fill our open positions for those areas. What's fantastic is that she is ready to help whenever we ask. Thank you for supporting our Info Sessions and Downtown Campus front desk!

Congratulations to those who made it on the Presidents List for Spring 2023 Quarter!
At Bates, we take pride in acknowledging and applauding the academic accomplishments of our exceptional students. With a grade point average ranging from 3.75 to 4.00 and a minimum of 12 quarter credits earned, these students have demonstrated their incredible potential for growth and surpassed their academic aspirations. As a token of recognition, any student who fulfills the GPA and quarter credit requirements for the Dean's List or President's List during an academic quarter will be eligible to receive a certificate. Join us in celebrating their remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication to their academic goals. View the Spring Quarter 2023 President's List Recipients.

Practical Nurse students participate in Escape Room challenge



Practical Nurse program instructor Rebekah Heath held a learning challenge on Wednesday, July 12 so students can better prepare for the clinical setting. "When preparing our students to enter the clinical setting, the nursing instructors typically have the students spend the day reviewing all the nursing skills they have learned up until this point. I was trying to think of a way to connect the students to the skills practice in a way that would be fun, engaging, and valuable to them. I developed the escape room, utilizing the same skills we would normally have them do, but set up in a room with a scenario that they had to 'solve' by completing that skill. Faculty as well as students from the previous cohort led each of the skill scenarios. These student volunteers noted that they had a great time helping the new students learn and mentioned that it also was helpful for them to

review many of the skills as well. The event was an overwhelming success, with the students coming together for a multicultural potluck after everyone 'escaped'. Several students asked if they could come back and volunteer for the next cohort!" Way to go, Nursing program!

M.A.S.H. Camp descends upon Center for Allied Health Education

The MultiCare Academy for Students in Healthcare camp, a program for high school students to experience the diverse health care professions, was held the week of July 10 at Bates' Center for Allied Health Education. Students experienced several hands-on learning opportunities in the classroom labs, including creating casts, and were able to gain first-hand, behind-the-scenes view of the multifaceted world of healthcare.

Bobcat Bits

Meet Business Administration (DTA) program student, Debra Velez.

For the past six years, I have been a stay-at-home mom to my six children. However, in the fall of 2022 I decided to pursue my career goals and go back to school. At my high school graduation, I was 17 and 8 months pregnant. It has now been 16 years, and I am 34 years old. I want to be an example to my kids that it is never too late to accomplish your goals, and nothing should stand in your way. Sometimes it takes time, and that is okay! I found the business administration program at Bates and was eager to enroll. After graduation I hope to seek a career as an office manager at one of the schools in our local school district. Later, my husband and I hope to open our own business down the line. I am excited to see what the future holds once I graduate and earn my degree!

Dates to Remember (find details on the **college calendar**)

- ASG General Assembly meeting, August 4
- Leadership Listening Session, August 8
- Employee Yearend Summer cookout, August 9
- Summer Quarter Ends, August 16

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