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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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President's Update

Dear college community,

This month, I would like to address some important items for the college. First, our Winter and Spring Quarters yielded a 14 percent reduction in adult enrollment. This is concerning and we are in the process of evaluating the entire student onboarding experience, from marketing to enrollment.

Second, I am excited to announce that our five-year strategic planning process will begin Fall Quarter, kicking off during opening day activities. This process will involve not only the campus community but also key stakeholders from community organizations and industry partners. We believe that by seeking feedback and collaboration from these external entities, we can develop a strategic plan that aligns with the needs and aspirations of our students, local community and the job market. Your participation and contribution to this process will be instrumental in shaping the future of Bates.

Lastly, I would like to share that the Employee of the Year nomination process will begin soon. This is an excellent opportunity for each one of you to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and

outstanding contributions of your colleagues. Please take the time to nominate deserving individuals who have made a significant impact within our college community. We will recognize and honor these exceptional employees on our opening day, highlighting their achievements and the positive influence they have had on our college.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the college. Together, we can overcome challenges, continue to create a thriving educational environment, and empower our students to reach their educational goals.

Thank you,
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Department Updates

Instruction

Downtown Campus
During the month of May, students in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program participated in a CarFit event, which is a collaboration between AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Students were trained as CarFit technicians and hosted a public event at the Panorama Retirement Community, where they helped older drivers achieve the best "fit" in their vehicles.

The Nursing Commission recently approved the newly-updated Practical Nurse program curriculum. The new curriculum will go into effect at the beginning of the Fall Quarter 2023. The nursing program decreased the prerequisites from 45 to 35 and will now be aligned with the DTA. There will be a full-time and part-time option, which will continue to have two starts per year.

High School+ Testimonial
"After aging out of traditional high school when I turned 21 in 2008, I thought I didn't need a diploma because I found a job. Unfortunately, I needed a high school diploma to find a job with better wages and the potential for more responsibility. I found Bates Technical College's High School+ program and immediately enrolled. I earned my high school diploma in spring 2023, and now my future is bright. It will be easier for me to find better jobs and I can show my kids how important it is to finish school. I recommend Bates Technical College 100 percent! It is an amazing place to improve your life and succeed."- Noberto Cruz Contreras

South Campus

The Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology and Welding programs achieved remarkable success during their participation in the Pierce County Construction Fair in Puyallup. A team of five dedicated faculty members, alongside more than 30 enthusiastic student volunteers, represented the programs at the Washington State Fairgrounds. Their presence created a captivating showcase of the trades, attracting a substantial number of high school students who expressed a keen interest in pursuing a technical education. The event proved to be an excellent opportunity to connect with prospective students, as the team collected contact information from numerous individuals. Many of the interested students have already been contacted, and the necessary steps are being taken to register them for the relevant classes. By nurturing these connections and ensuring a smooth enrollment process, the Diesel and Welding programs are actively contributing to the growth and success of the college.

Student Services

Financial Aid:

Awards for Summer Quarter as of 6/2/23

Total awards- 1358, Total funds Awarded- $1,353,342.32

- Federal Grants- 496 awards totaling $511,252.00
- State Grants- 477 awards totaling $553,803.50
- Student Emer. Assistance Grant- All funding was depleted in fall, using 3.5% now
- Bates 3.5% Grant- 0 awards totaling $0
- Scholarships & 3rd Party funding- 32 awards totaling $32,583.09
- Worker Retraining- 37 awards totaling $39,924.21
- BFET- 18 awards totaling $32,3798.30
- Early Achievers Grant- 21 awards totaling $19,948.46
- Opp. Grant & Opp. Health Grant- 44 awards totaling $32739.44
- WorkFirst- 0 awards totaling $0
- CDL Grant- 0 awards totaling $0
- Loans- 96 awards totaling $122,136.00
- VA Benefits Certified- 66 awarded totaling $109,226.01
- GoldStar Stipend- Not awarded for summer quarter

Disbursements for Spring Quarter

Total awards-2141, total disbursed- $2,117,624.27

Disbursements for Winter Quarter

Total awards-2116, total disbursed- $1,958,507.58

Disbursements for Fall Quarter

Total Awards- 2588, total Disbursed- $2,328,036.08

Staffing:
We are currently hiring three financial aid staff positions. Two positions are office staff that have moved to other positions in the college. We are also in the process of hiring a new Financial Aid Director. Thank you to Kimberly Uphold for her four years of doing an outstanding job leading this department. She will be missed.

Enrollment and Registration:
ctcLink Process Updates
The Registration Office is now running the Dynamic Date Calculation weekly throughout the Quarter. This is the process that calculates critical dates, like Census Date, for our shorter class sections. Previously, we only ran the process one time at the beginning of a quarter's enrollment start. Dynamic-dated classes, though, continue to be built for our unique programs, like Apprentice and Journeymen classes. This will help to reduce end-of-the quarter reporting errors.

Drop for Non-Payment
Registration continues to improve our Drop for Non-payment process. Our first-time dropping students for non-payment was successfully completed for Spring Quarter. We initiated the process for our second time for Summer Quarter. Registration, Finance, and Financial Aid met earlier in the quarter and developed an improved plan for our Summer Drop efforts.

Fraudulent Admissions
Fraudulent admissions applications are currently a large problem across the country, and it has hit the state of Washington as well. Because we require student advice for all new students it has not had a big impact on us directly. However, there have been indirect impacts.

As of June 1, when any college in our system has identified a possible fraudulent student account, SBCTC syncs that code across our colleges. A new process has been added to our Admission's staff tasks. Admissions is developing a process to address outcomes to the new SBCTC process. We will be issuing tickets to SBCTC for records that have been identified in error as fraudulent. To date, 129 Bates records have been incorrectly coded by identified by other colleges.

Campus Life and Activities:
PTK BYO Chapter Advisors Hector Perez and Joseph Kauer are excited to announce that Chapter President Emily Stech was recently elected as the greater Northwest Regional President for 2023! We are sure Emily will do Bates Technical College proud serving the 60 chapters encompassing Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and Alberta for the next scholastic year! For more info, go to Greater Northwest Region for Phi Theta Kappa

Interviews for Campus Life ASG Assistant start the week of June 5, 2023.
5 ASG Executives walked during Commencement; which will leave 6 open positions after summer quarter (2 members are continuing – ASG President Adrian Benton & ASG Event Coordinator Maylea Krause); 2 candidates have completed applications and are interviewing soon.

The Street Fighter 6 Launch Party ran from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and had 5 student participants, with one unique member by the name of "Ty Lewis". The event was simultaneously hosted on twitch.tv where the live stream averaged 4 viewers with a total of 9 unique viewers, not from previous live streams. The event received visitors from Alumni, Instructor staff, KBTC Staff and passing students for approximately 20 minutes at a time.

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, dunk tank, yard games and more

Outreach:

- Boeing Black Employees Association: Boeing in partnership with Bates developed a DEI outreach event with the mission of cultivating an environment that promotes awareness and inclusion of the Black community through our four pillars: Talent Engagement, Cultural Awareness, Business Alignment and Community Involvement. The event was attended by Bates students, community and faculty.
- Tacoma Housing Authority Career Expo: In partnership with Tacoma Housing Authority, Bates created this important event "Tuesdays at the Bay" to provide employment and education resources to Tacoma housing residents and the community.
- Health Careers Academy: In partnership with Tacoma Public Schools and Health Careers Academy, Bates collaborates to provide and prepare high school students for a wide range of careers in the health industry. High school program is offered at Stadium and Mount Tahoma High Schools. Students are connected to Bates and other colleges to learn about healthcare programs, admissions, scholarships, and more.
- Tacoma Community House: Bates is working in partnership with Tacoma Community House to provide next career steps opportunities for ELA (English Language Acquisition) students. I-BEST is a recognized model to be used with students that provides team-teaching to quickly boost students' literacy while learning job skills or academic subjects. Bates will design a cohort model for admissions and easy steps to enroll for TCH students.
- The Rise Center Adult transition career education: In partnership with Bates, the Rise Center, a non-profit organization, aims to help people restore their lives through short term training after having secured housing. Bates collaborates with the center to provide training resources to underserved community members in Tacoma Hilltop.
- MultiCare Academy for Students in Healthcare (MASH) Camp at Bates Technical College July 10 to 14, 2023

Foundation

Student Success & Support
Thank you note from a grateful student:

"I am very honored and excited to be the recipient of your generous donation to the Bates Foundation scholarship program. Currently, I am enrolled in the accounting program at Bates Technical College....At the end of the winter quarter, my mother was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic colorectal adenocarcinoma. School has been my escape from reality and I'm very thankful to receive your generous donation as it relieves some of the pressure of finances towards school. Although I enrolled into school to further my career, a new goal of mine more recently, is to be successful with my education so that my mother can witness me walking across the stage at graduation."

Scholarship Grant Renewal
The Pierce County Dental Society Foundation renewed their grant to support students in Dental Assisting, Denturist and Dental Lab with scholarship funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Employee Milestones

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

Name	Job Title	Years of Service
Chelsea Lindquist	Assistant Director of Communications and Marketing	24
Pavel Samoylenko	Associate Director of Financial Aid	24
Kevin Loveland	IT Specialist	23
Steven MacKay	Sheet Metal Technician Instructor	23
Dan Moxon	IT Specialist	22
Inna Shkarina	Individual Giving Associate, KBTC	20
Yuriy Afichuk	Custodian II	20
Darrell Taylor	Director of Fire Services	20
Keum Pak	Payroll Specialist	19
Vasiliy Russu	Maintenance Engineer	18
Phil Kane	Director Programming & Creative Services	17
Amanda Quintana	I-BEST Instructor	15
Michael Clark	Automotive Technology Instructor	12
Tetyana Sluchych	Early Childhood Specialist 4	8
Daniel Smith	Carpentry Instructor	7
Peter Speelmon	Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator	6
Colin Dory	E-learning Program Assistant	4
Petrina Sims	Associate Director of Payroll	4
Alexander Nicholas	Veterans Affair/L&I	3
Johnny Hu	Vice President of Instruction/CAO	2
Eric Johnson	Welding Instructor	2
Dorali Mitre	Database Analyst	1
Brandon Held	Career Advisor	1

New Hires

- Abigail Cozzi, Practical Nursing Instructor
- Hannah Herber, Executive Assistant to the President
- Michelle Earthright, Technical HS Counselor
- Oleskandr Burlakov, Director of Pre-College Pathways
- Darrell Haynes, Dean of Instruction
- Sophally Chan, Clinical Placement Coordinator PTE III
- Rob Runn, Culinary Arts Instructor
- Kevin Gibson, Digital Media Instructor

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 Michael Cabrera, Student Records Clerk:** I would like to give a shout-out to Michael Cabrera. Not only does he do an amazing job with registration at South, but he is also always willing to help or go the extra mile for both students, staff and faculty. He has been a great addition to SC. I think I can speak for the entirety of SC staff that we are extremely appreciative of him. Thanks, Michael!

- **To Colin Dory, eLearning Program Assistant:** I would like to recognize Colin Dory in online services for his unbeatable customer service. He is very responsive, positive, student and faculty oriented. I especially appreciate his commitment to students and faculty this quarter on the first day when our network went down, and some students and faculty got locked out of Canvas. He was very supportive to faculty and students which helped alleviate stress from my new students who were struggling with Canvas and Outlook. If I have a question or need support with something he is always willing to help and is very positive about helping to support. I appreciate him as do others in our department.

Bobcat Bits

Meet Dental Assisting program graduate T'anna Thomas

I was working in a frozen yogurt shop, and when I graduated from high school, my supervisor encouraged me to pursue higher education. I am a people person and I love making people smile. I learned from a friend's parent about their career as a dental assistant, which encouraged me to enroll at Bates. Being a student in the Dental Assisting program gave me stability and focus, and it was the perfect learning environment. I felt supported and motivated. I flourished during my clinical experience at Willamette Dental Group. Two weeks before graduating, I was excited to become an employee. My advice to those thinking about pursuing technical education is don't be scared to jump into something new. If you push yourself and work hard, you will be successful.

Spotlight on Faculty

Meet retiring academic instructor Tanya Sorenson

1. **How long have you worked at Bates, and what is your role?**

   I enjoy teaching academics classes, such as communications, writing, and Human Relations part-time. I began at Bates 12 years ago, but started teaching 35 years ago.

2. **What is your favorite thing about working at Bates?**

   Helping students in workforce programs succeed when they don't think they can.

3. **What do you like to do when you're not at work?**

   I just finished my term as president of the board of a local non-profit. My husband and I love traveling to other countries and collecting Starbucks mugs if they have Starbucks (not in Iceland or Belize, darn it!). Also, hiking and camping with our dogs.

4. **What do you find most rewarding about teaching?**

   Creating hybrid classes that build community, so students are comfortable learning from each other. Sending students out to industry with better communication and teamwork skills. I want students to have every chance to thrive in the workplace.

KBTC Association Board Members tour programs in the Center for Allied Health Education

A huge thanks to the health science faculty in the CAHE for participating in the KBTC Association

tour on June 14! The group learned a lot and each of the members appreciated learning more about the wonderful programs at Bates.

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

- Non-Instruction, no classes, July 3
- Independence Day, college closed, July 4
- ASG General Assembly Meeting, July 7
- Fall Quarter Registration (Veterans), July 17
- Fall Quarter Registration (Continuing Students), July 18
- Fall Quarter Registration (New Students), July 24
- Annual Student Appreciation Barbeque, July 26
- Board of Trustees Meeting, July 31

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