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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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President's Update

Dear college community,

Congratulations to our newest alumni, the Class of 2023! During the commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 25, we listed to keynote speaker April Sims, the president of the Washington State Labor Council, Broadcasting/Video Production program faculty speaker Roland Robinson, who is retiring in June, and Certified Medical Assistant program student speaker Megan Adams, who represented the class of 2023. Each speaker spoke from their hearts and offered words of inspiration. Special thanks to our Broadcasting/Video Production program, you can watch the entire ceremony and listen to the speeches on the college's YouTube channel here. I would also like to express my gratitude to the commencement planning committee for organizing the employee event and the evening ceremony. Countless hours of planning, coordination and attention to detail went into making the day a success.

I would also like to say thank you to the Digital Media program for producing the fun parody video of ABBA's S.O.S. song, and Sarah Benavente, WorkFirst Compliance Specialist, who lent her beautiful voice to the project. You can watch it here.

Finally, I would like to mention a very special opportunity for our students. We are offering a Rising

Star Study Tour opportunity to China in October. If you have ever wanted to learn more about a different culture and travel abroad, then please consider applying for this opportunity. Your application is due before June 26. Apply here.

Thank you,

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Department Updates

Instruction

Central Campus

Congratulations to **Brian Parker**, faculty for Broadcasting Video Production, for receiving this year's Exceptional Faculty Award! (Read more about his award below.)

The Advanced Technology and Computer Science department joined the Microsoft Learn for Educators institution-level program. Microsoft Learn for Educators takes the best of Microsoft Learn online learning paths and supporting instructor-led training materials and brings it into the classroom. Eligible educators and faculty members at colleges, universities, community colleges, polytechnics, and secondary schools can access Microsoft ready-to-teach curriculum and teaching materials aligned to industry-recognized Microsoft Certifications. These certifications augment a student's existing degree path and validate the skills needed to be successful across a variety of technical careers.

The cyber lab is working towards completion and eventual Fall 2023 grand opening. It will then work to partner with local middle and high school cyber/IT programs that cannot afford or do not have cyber labs so that they can use the space in partnership with our students.

Downtown Campus

During the first week of April, OTA students participated in a collaboration with Occupational Therapy students at the University of Puget Sound (UPS). This collaboration focused on the intra-professional relationship between occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants by means of shared intervention strategies at the adult on-site clinic at UPS.

Denturist faculty, **Naser Al-Tameemi**, presented at the Washington Denturist Association conference on a clinical and technical system of which he is the only certified instructor in the U.S.

South Campus

The Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology program coordinated and hosted a Diesel Job Fair at South Campus. Recruiters from more than 13 diesel industry partners showed our students the benefits of working for them. More than 100 students met with recruiters and many of them have started the application process. The faculty have received very positive feedback from all participants.

The Child Studies faculty hosted the Alphabet Preschool annual training. More than 90 participants

from various Alphabet Preschools in our area received a full day of training and workshops at Bates Technical College.

Student Services

1. **Staffing Updates:**
1. After years with the college, Enrollment Management Specialist, Mary Preston has announced her retirement. We wish Mary well as she plans and enjoys a wonderful retirement.
2. We are recruiting and interviewing for Financial Aid Specialist and Director of Financial Aid.
3. Congratulations to LeMont Lucas, who has accepted the role as Manager of Campus Life and Activities.
4. We continue to attempt to get work-study recruits to help staff across Student Services Departments.
2. **Outreach and Advising**
1. Advisors for both Downtown and South Campuses are adjusting to their new roles as they are now advising and supporting vastly different programs. They are learning new ways to support students and are partnering with our retention specialists to build support, alerts and personal interactions with students to aid them in overcoming obstacles.
3. **Financial Aid**

Awards for Spring Quarter as of 5/5/23

Total awards- 2116, Total funds Awarded- $2,084,962.33

- **Federal Grants**- 594 awards totaling $652,221.88
- **State Grants**- 509 awards totaling $542,511.50
- **Student Emergency Assistance Grant**- All funding was depleted in fall, using 3.5% now
- **Bates 3.5% Grant**- 43 awards totaling $91,186.71
- **Scholarships & 3rd Party funding**- 160 awards totaling $230,334.99
- **Worker Retraining**- 121 awards totaling $90,029.11
- **BFET**- 57 awards totaling $78,466.52
- **Early Achievers Grant**- 159 awards totaling $95,473.00
- **Opp. Grant & Opp. Health Grant**- 111 awards totaling $66,049.04
- **WorkFirst**- 65 awards totaling $37,533.28
- **CDL Grant**- 17 awards totaling $16,247.32
- **Loans**- 108 awards totaling $136,127.00
- **VA Benefits Certified**- 91 awarded totaling $177637.07
- **GoldStar Stipend**- 20 awarded totaling $3,083.22

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

Federal Data

The financial aid office has received 6,460 ISIRs and 4,459 unduplicated FAFSAs.

4. **Registration**
1. In ctcLink, we have completed the Academic Advisement Report, AAR, for the Machinist AAS. The AAR is a tool that helps students track their progress towards a degree. To date, we have completed 11 AARs. Two additional staff have been trained to build AARs so that we can complete building them for all our programs.

2. Registration has initiated the automated Class Waitlist process for Summer Quarter 2023. This process runs multiple times each day checking for class availability in full sections. As students are added into class sections, we have automated email sent to students notifying them they have been added to the Class. Registration will shut down the process on the first day of Summer Quarter.
3. Having completed the drop for non-payment process for the first time in ctcLink for Spring Quarter 2023, our department has implemented additions to further streamline the process for Summer Quarter. Registration has worked closely with Finance and Financial Aid to coordinate our efforts. An automated communication using Message Center was set up to remind students of the upcoming due dates.
4. Registration supports the Child Studies Department each quarter by completing mass enrollments into class sections. We have completed the mass enrollments for 48 Class Sections for Summer Quarter. That is a total of 660 enrollments processed.
5. **Campus Life and Activities**

1. FY2324 S&A Budget was approved on April 24, 2023, by the Board of Trustees.
2. PTK Magic Show, April 25, 2023 in the South Auditorium was a great hit.
3. Free Student Shop Day offered several students free clothing on May 2, 2023.
4. Mental Health Awareness event on May 3, 2023 had 56 students and 6 vendors from various organizations throughout the area.
5. Student Clubs Handbook updates were completed on May 4, 2023.
6. Esports events: Mario Cart (PTK), May 11, 2023 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Street Fighter 6 Launch Party: Friday, June 2, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
7. Student Appreciation BBQ – Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the South Campus Courtyard.

Finance and Admin Services

Capital Projects Update –
Fire Services Training Center – The project is included in both the House and Senate versions of the 2023-25 Capital budget and is likely to be authorized. Once authorization has been received, the college, along with the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) will start an aggressive process to solicit, receive, review, and award the construction contract (with notice to proceed) by July 31st of this year.

IAQ Improvements at KBTC – This project will be completed in two phases. The first phase will address flooring replacement, abatement of asbestos and biological matter and localized ceiling work to support these activities. The second phase, now in design, will replace the HVAC system, replace all old spline-suspended ceiling and upgrade the old lights and control system to LED. Demoing carpet and moving on to phase 2 waiting for MOD.

South Campus Overhead Exterior Coiling Doors – This project replaces the balance of doors at Building B underfunded from previous biennium. This work is substantially complete with only punch list items remaining to correct. The warranty work seal needs to be adjusted. The contractor will check part delivery. This project is scheduled for completion by June 30, 2023.

South Campus Building E Masonry & Building Envelope Repairs - Water intrusion issues have been identified at the ground floor in two locations. Engineers have provided a design to correct the drainage issues. Final pricing for the project is being developed. This project is scheduled for

completion prior to June 20, 2023.

South Campus Site Safety Improvements – Contractor secured to develop a long-term landscape masterplan to recommend landscape revisions and best practices to support campus safety, sustainability, and maintenance procedures.

This is Bates

Exceptional Faculty Alert!

Congratulations to Brian Parker, Digital Media instructor

A letter of recommendation written in support of Brian's nomination noted that Brian has an inviting and engaging teaching style. "He fosters an environment where students freely ask questions as part of the learning process." The nominator wrote that, "Brian's positive attitude is contagious and his students emulate his enthusiasm. Teaching to the 'whole' student, Brian knows that when students are financially stressed or having other difficulties, it hinders their ability to learn at a high level. He will find resources for his students not just because they are at Bates, but because he knows that sometimes all it takes is one act of kindness to change a person's life."

We are lucky to have Brian as one of our esteemed faculty. Congratulations!

Congratulations to President Zhou!

President Zhou has received the 2023 Chief Executive Officer of the Year Award from the Washington Association of College Trustees (ACT). She was formally honored at the ACT Spring Conference on May 15 in Walla Walla, Wash. The Chief Executive Officer Award, awarded annually, recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in furthering the mission of community and technical colleges.

Board of Trustees Chair Layne Bladow wrote in a letter of support on behalf of the five-member board, "We are extremely impressed by, and grateful for, Dr. Zhou's dedication, leadership abilities, and genuine passion for advancing the mission, vision and values of Bates Technical College. Dr. Zhou has dedicated herself to ensuring the right programs, processes and people are empowered to achieve the mission…This is her hallmark: grounding the college in meaningful diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, while focusing the full college community on student achievement." Read more here.

Commencement Activities

Employees celebrated retirees and our successes of 2023 on May 25 at a fun event at the Downtown Campus Auditorium. You can see photos of that event here.

We also celebrated our 2023 graduates at the Tacoma Dome. Congratulations on your tremendous achievement, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors. See some of the photos here. Your GradImages photos will be available within the next three weeks here.

Tutors Wanted!

Looking to earn some spending cash while helping your fellow students? We're looking for English and Math tutors. You can work up to 15 hours per week. Please email SRS@batestech.edu if you are interested!

June 2nd: Street Fighter 6 Launch Party

STREET FIGHTER 6 LAUNCH PARTY June 2, Noon – 4 p.m. Join us in room CC A 134 in a celebration for the game being added to the Esports League! Refreshments and Drinks are available for participants! RSVP for the event Street Fighter 6 Launch RSVP.

WorkSource Pierce Job Fair – June 15

Attend this FREE event and meet with company representatives to learn about rewarding and prosperous careers with 20+ participating employers. Great opportunities in Healthcare, Government, Education, Hospitality, Transportation, Logistics, Manufacturing, Management, Administration, and others. To pre-register, click here: WorkSource Pierce Job Fair

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship

The WSOS $1,500 scholarships, the Career &Technical Scholarships are now accepting certain Transportation trade programs including: Automotive Technology, Heavy Duty/ Diesel Technology.

Work-Studies are needed

The Bates Technical College Financial Aid Office offers on-campus work-study positions that help provide jobs for eligible students. What is work-study? Work-study employment is a type of financial aid that a student earns in the form of a paycheck. Work-Study employment is meant to be a productive experience for everyone involved: the student, the employer, and the institution as well as the community. The program is either federally funded or state funded and is intended to help offset educational expenses. Wages are earned by working on campus and students are paid $15.74 per hour. For additional information and open positions, visit the Work-Study Program webpage.

The Food Pantry Is Open – Room A 123 of the Downtown Campus

The Food Pantry is well stocked! If you, or someone you know, is experiencing food insecurity, stop by the food pantry and pick up a Nourish Food Box to take home!

Employee Milestones

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

Name	Job Title	Years of Service
Kelli Rice	HR Specialist	21
Katherine Pederson	Early Childhood Specialist	15
Maouo Kone	Family Support Specialist	8
Brianne Knudson	Associate Director of Development	3
Abdalkhuddus Uraiet	EEST/Bio Medical Equipment Technician Instructor	3
Michelle Earthwright	I-Best Instructor	1
Eric Johnson	Welding Instructor	1
Renee Phoenix	Instructional Design	1

New Hires

- Heather Miller, KBTC - Graphic Design Specialist PTE III
- Robert Willis, Campus Security Officer

Congratulations to the following employees with new positions!

- LeMont Lucas, Manager of Campus Life and Activities

Peer Appreciations

- **To John Wesley, student, Motorcycle and Marine Tech:** When coming back from lunch, Mr. Wesley observed a staff member in the program shop lying on the ground having a medical emergency. Mr. Wesley immediately called 911, then Campus Public Safety and the instructor. Mr. Wesley remained with the injured staff member until help arrived and the staff member was taken to the hospital. Mr. Wesley's quick observation and response to the incident probably saved the staff's life.

- **To Maria Mendez, instructor, Practical Nurse:** While walking to her vehicle parked on the roof of building C and talking on her cellphone, Ms. Mendez inadvertently scared off car prowlers breaking into staff vehicles. Even though the thieves broke into three vehicles, Ms. Mendez actions prevented multiple staff vehicles from being broken into and possible injury to herself or any other staff member who came onto the roof.

Send your Peer Appreciations to communications@batestech.edu.

Bobcat Bits

Student Spotlight: LeRyna Basinger

1. **How long have you been at Bates, and what is your role?**
   I started taking classes at Bates during the Winter quarter '21. I started with one class per quarter to meet the prerequisites for the OTA (Occupational Therapy Assistant) program I was interested in.
2. **What is your favorite thing about Bates?**
   By far, the instructors and classmates are the best things about Bates.
3. **What do you like to do when you're not at school?**
   When not at school and not doing schoolwork, I spend my time with my Basset Hound, Baxter.
4. **What is the best advice you've ever received?**
   My favorite advice or rather the phrase I go back to often for comfort is, "It'll all be ok, and if not, that's ok too."
5. **What do you find most challenging at Bates?**
   The most challenging has been balancing my expectations of what I think a "good" student should be and the realities of really "learning." By that I mean, for me, "really learning" is messy, risk taking, embarrassing, hard, and a bit rewarding.
6. **Who is your biggest inspiration?**
   My dad is my biggest inspiration.
7. **What is the most important change you see happening at Bates?**
   I love to see more people taking classes and learning more about Bates.
8. **What three traits define you?**

Optimistic, curious, personable

Bates Library

As you may know, “We’ve Got What You Need” is the informal motto at Bates Library. To ensure that our library can offer more of the services you need, please make your voice heard with this brief library survey. Your answers will guide the decision-making process to make library services better for students, staff, and faculty.

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

- ASG General Assembly meeting, June 2
- Last Day of Spring Quarter 2023, June 6
- New Employee Orientation, June 8
- First Day of Summer Quarter 2023, June 13
- Juneteenth Holiday, college closed, June 19
- Last Day for 100% Refund, June 20
- Leadership Listening Session (open to employees and students), June 20
- Board of Trustees Meeting, June 20

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