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President's Update

Dear college community,

With Fall Quarter in full swing, the first lady's tour, an apprenticeship appreciation event, a tour and workforce education roundtable discussion with Congressman Derek Kilmer, a tour with council member Dave Morrell, and planning for our Veterans Day celebration, it has been a busy month! Let me first begin by recognizing all the people who played a part in ensuring the success of these important events. Thank you, and I appreciate you!

Our Veterans Day celebration will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the South Campus Auditorium, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Please take a moment and join us as we hear from various veteran support agencies and honor our veterans. Faculty, please encourage your students to attend. The theme, Celebrate Our Veteran Community, is an opportunity to join together and honor our student veterans, and employee veterans.

Sincerely,

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Department Updates

Instruction



Mark Wegley, Gen Ed English Instructor

Mark Wegley has been teaching college English courses regularly since 2000. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington (go Huskies!) and his master's from Boise State University (go Broncos!). He was a full-time English instructor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello before moving back home to Tacoma, Washington. He comes to us after several years teaching at Tacoma Community College. Mark is a published scholar of Irish author Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, and his professional interests include composition pedagogy, popular culture in academics, and the history of gothic literature. In his free time, Mark loves traveling the northwest with his family and sampling local coffee shops, wines, and live music. He is a geocacher, a foodie, a corgi owner, and an avid collector of vinyl records.



Rachel Nguyen, Adjunct Nursing Instructor

Rachel previously worked as a Lead Sim Nursing Instructor at Pierce Community College, Puyallup campus. As an Army wife she had the opportunity of working and meeting amazing people in CA, TX, HI, and WA. In her free time, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends.

Aja Cheslik, AMA/CMA Program Director – AMA instructor

Aja has been in healthcare for 10 years, starting as a Medical Assistant, earning a Bachelors and eventually her Masters in Healthcare administration. She has worked in everything from private practice to federal service for the VA. The first 10 years of her career was spent as an auto body restoration tech & wholesale parts sales. In her free time, she is in the kitchen, hanging with her dogs and family, or snuggling her pigs (yes, she has two pet pigs). She loves fishing, hunting, working on her house and yard.



Leah Thompson, COTA/L, Adjunct Instructor OTA program

Leah graduated from Bates OTA program in 2014 and has served on the Bates OTA Advisory Board since graduating. She serves currently as the chairperson. Her career has included clinically treating clients, leadership roles including Director of Rehabilitation and Area Manager for several companies in the Puget Sound region. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business-Healthcare Management. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, traveling, and spending quality time with her family and her dog, Huckleberry.



Varing Duarte-Duffy, Adjunct Occupational Therapy Assistant Instructor

Varing has been a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant for 10 years. She has been a Director of Rehab, a full-time employee, and worked as a PRN in many different settings. She has learned many useful skills that will help guide and shape the students at Bates Technical College.

Open office hours with the VP of Instruction

Vice President of Instruction Dr. Johnny Hu would like to invite Bates faculty and staff to his open drop-in office hours for Fall quarter. Below are the dates and times. The Zoom link is embedded in the date.

- [November 4, 10:00-11:00](#)
- [December 2, 11:00-12:00](#)

If you would like to request a one-on-one meeting with Johnny or to meet as a group/department, please reach out to Jenifer Keltto.

Student Services

Staff Updates

Student Services welcomes Charlene Floyd, who begins on Nov. 1, as the Student Records Specialist at the Downtown Campus. Charlene Floyd comes to us from Central Georgia Technical College, where she has worked in their library for the past eight years. There, she has served students from various educational and socioeconomic backgrounds, assisting students in navigating financial aid applications, registration, and using campus technology. She is completing her Master of Library and Information Science in December 2022. We welcome her to our fantastic Student Services team.

Registration

Processes required by Washington State law have been updated in ctLink, which prevents students from enrolling with outstanding financial balance obligations. Students with a balance owing to the college will be blocked from enrollment until these balances are satisfied. Students are encouraged to check amounts owed in ctLink or by contacting the Cashier. Holds can be removed when balances are paid in full.

Financial Aid

[Veterans Benefits](#)

The Communications and Marketing office created a QR code for VA students to scan and submit their VA quarterly requests right from their phones! The VA Benefits flyer is on the interior TVs on all three campuses for the next two weeks and emails will be sent to students.

[“Ways to Pay 101”](#)

The Financial Aid & Workforce Education Services staff will be providing in-class presentations. We look forward to working closely with our faculty to provide information to students. The presentation will cover FASFA/WASFAs, grants, scholarships, WES (Workforce Education Services) programs, Gi Bill® benefits, Financial Literacy, and Education Opportunity Center. Please click [Bookings](#) and schedule a time for your classroom visit.

[Update on the Joint RFP: Community Based Organization Support for Financial Aid Services](#)

We reported in the last issue that Pierce County’s five community and technical colleges were pursuing interested Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to provide financial aid access and support services within our region. The stakeholders conducted interviews with six CBOs and narrowed it down to three organizations to be considered in the final selection process. The goal is to increase adult FAFSA completion and student retention among the under-represented population in the region.

Campus Life and Activities (CLA)

A Haunted Open House was hosted by Campus Life on October 26th. Games, scary movies, hot dogs, Halloween cotton candy, bobbing for donuts were among the fund activities offered during the event. The goal was to encourage students to get involved and to support campus groups.

The Black Student Union was recently re-launched with their first meeting taking place on Oct. 25. The goal of this club is to provide a safe meeting space and environment where students can voice their hopes and concerns to further a better student experience at Bates. Other clubs are encouraged to form as vehicle to embrace and impact their unique experiences on campus.

In the last newsletter a clerical error unfortunately omitted naming our ASG Vice President from South Campus, Ellington Hunter. Below is the corrected listing of our ASG Leadership Team.

[Associated Student Government has announced updates for ASG positions:](#)

- Maxamillion Shuman - ASG President
- Stacy Coffey - ASG Vice President Downtown Campus
- Trevor Moore - ASG Vice President Central Campus
- Ellington Hunter – ASG Vice President, South Campus
- Jennifer Faidley - ASG Public Relations Officer
- Deborah Mesa – ASG Event Coordinator
- Wyatt Simmons – ASG Records and Finance Officer

Outreach, Advising and Conduct (OAC)

[New Advising, Enrollment and Registration Support Stations](#)

Winter Quarter enrollment and registration began on Oct. 24, 2022, for current students. To support successful admissions and enrollment, a new student support center was created to aid students with onboarding. Hosted sessions were held on specific days and times at all three campuses. Students can access kiosk stations as well as an advisor, a retention specialist and IT Technician to allow direct interaction and guidance. Printed student resource materials are available in addition to information about the Retention Services Team available to new students. While these hosted support center events were launched on a trial run basis, with good outcomes, we hope to continue to provide this resource to students each quarter.

Accreditation Update

In addition to their immediate application to faculty work, professional development activities on November 10th will pay long-term dividends next April when BTC's accreditors visit campus. The hands-on Student Learning Outcomes Assessment (SLOA) workshops, for example, will help ensure that instructors have common, ready answers to any questions about Standard 1C (Student Learning). Likewise, the sessions on student achievement data will help promote greater use of BTC's program-level analysis tools — the focus of Standard 1D (Student Achievement).

Strategic Plan Scorecard Update: Workforce Education

Strategic Plan Scorecard Update: Community Relationships

Continuing the college's updates on the Strategic Plan Scorecard, this month we look at the Community Relationships indicators. This indicator helps us understand the progress we are making toward achieving the goals related to having more effective advisory committees and more apprenticeship opportunities.

Below are details on the goals, objectives, indicators, data and influences for this part of the strategic plan.

Goal: Strong local and global partnerships with business, industry, labor and the public make the college a respected, effective community resource, contributing to local community vitality.

Objective 1: Partnerships enhance instructional programs

Indicator: Effectiveness of program advisory committees

Goal 4 Objective 1

Indicator: *Effectiveness of program advisory committees*

Question

Curriculum Revisions: The advisory committee projects ahead and gives direction on future trends in the industry	3.98
Equipment Needs: The advisory committee projects ahead and gives direction on future trends in the industry	3.95
Have students participated in advisory committee meetings?	2.98
The advisory committee defines the skills needed for successful employment in the industry	3.88
The college prepared me to serve on the advisory committee	3.48
Average	3.65

Data: Survey during 2021-22 that asked advisory committee members a variety of question about the impact they felt they have on the college and the level of involvement they have.

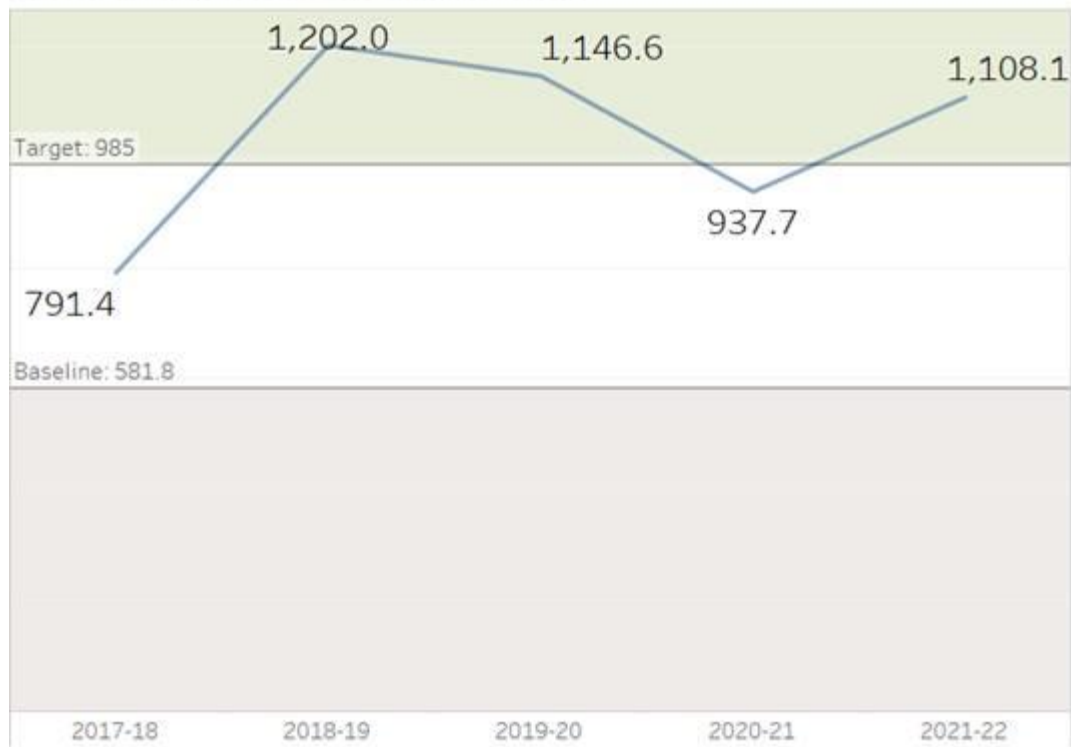
Recent activities: During spring 2022, college reviewed the survey and selected five questions to include as indicators on the college's scorecard. Since this is the last year of the strategic plan, no targets were set since the next iteration of the survey is scheduled for after the strategic plan is retired.

Objective 2: Partnerships have a direct, positive and visible impact to our college and local community.

Indicator: Apprenticeship Annualized FTEs

Goal 4 Objective 2

Indicator: *Apprenticeship Annualized FTEs*



Note: Based on institutional intent 22.

Data: IR Data Warehouse. All institutional intent 22 classes. While this does include non-apprenticeship classes, the bulk are apprenticeship classes and so this indicator is considered a proxy since a better method was not available at the time.

Recent activities: Since the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions have lifted, and there has been a solid rebound in apprenticeship activities, which the college expects to continue in a positive upward trend.

For additional information on the Strategic Plan Indicators, please visit the [dashboard set](#).

This is Bates

Spotlight on Students

Meet Chandler Chatters, Sheet Metal program graduate



“I love the Sheet Metal Technology program! My advice to anyone in a job they’re not happy with is to take a chance. Dive in and even if you have no prior skills, your instructor will help you throughout the program. I was excited to enter directly into the Western Washington Sheet Metal JATC Local 66 right after I graduated with my associate degree. I feel prepared and ready to go out there and do great things!”

Employee Milestones

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

- Brian Umpstead, Architectural Woodworking Instructor, 2
- DeQuan Garnett, General Services Coordinator, 5
- Jon Bolas, Director Institutional Research, 7
- Angela Driver, I-BEST Instructor, 7
- Tom Layson, Editing Production/Host of Northwest Now, 9
- Landon Johnson, Automation and Mechatronics Instructor, 9
- Nicole Hancock, I-BEST Instructor, 13
- Mary Preston, Enrollment Management Office Specialist, 17
- Jeanene Pedee, Project Implement Specialist, 21
- Brain Parker, Digital Media Instructor, 21
- Beth Reichenbach, Library Technician, 22
- Alissa Turner, Early Childhood Specialist 3, 22
- Qiana Velez, Administrative Assistant, 22
- Vasiliy Shkarin, Maintenance Engineer II, 25
- Dave Leenhouts, Electrical Construction Instructor, 27
- Vicki Valdez, Director Financial Services, 31
- Bob Gunter, Commercial Truck Driving Instructor, 31

New Hires

- Charlene Floyd, Student Records Specialist, 11/1/2022
- Kaitlyn Smith, Early Childhood Specialist IV - Family Support Specialist, 11/1/2022

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 Britney Hill, Financial Aid Work Study:** A huge thank you to Britney, who while leaving the parking lot under Building B, at the Downtown Campus, observed an individual checking staff and student vehicle door handles. She immediately called Campus Public Safety while watching the individual unsuccessfully attempt to break into cars. As the individual moved from the lower parking lot to the staff rooftop on C Building, she watched him and provided a great description of him and what he was wearing until I was able to catch and escort the individual off the property. Without hesitation, her quick and calm thinking prevented possible theft and damage to staff and her fellow Bates student's vehicles, and I hope Britney will someday move from Work Study to Bates employee, she would be a fantastic addition to the Bates team.
- **To Lin Zhou, President:** While I was letting President Zhou into the Downtown Campus Auditorium doors early in the morning, she noticed a transient individual walking down the stairs inside the building. When I went to escort the aggressive transient out of the building, she assisted with a "not at my college" like attitude as she and I removed the transient. President Zhou showed me and the transient why she's the President of Bates Technical College. Thank you, President Zhou, for the "back up".
- **To Pam Mclean, Early Child Care Specialist:** Thank you Pam for always and continuously calling Campus Public Safety on unwanted individuals who come into the Child Care area and hanging around the Child Care entrance doors and Loading Dock area at the Downtown Campus. The concern that Pam has for the safety and well-being of her fellow Child Care staff and the kids in Child Care is amazing to see and makes my heart and mind feel good to know people like Pam are helping CPS keep folks safe. She is really good people.
- **To Johanna Brewer, South Campus General Services Specialist and Kim Zapanta, South Campus Student Records Clerk:** While observing an individual stealing out of the student market, both these ladies, again without hesitation, were able to get good descriptions of the individual for Campus Public Safety, which was very important. Even though both could have let the individual continue stealing, they chose not to stand on the sidelines but got into the

game observing and documenting what was going on and happening. Thank you, Ladies.

- **To Chelsea Lindquist, Assistant Director of Communications and Marketing:** Chelsea has assisted Campus Public Safety and her fellow Bates staff with quickly notifying Campus Public Safety when unauthorized individuals are on the rooftop staff parking lot. In a two- and half-week period, she called on and we escorted two people from the roof. When you are a lone officer covering the terrain of a three-building campus like Downtown Campus, you can't put a price on the extra eyes that some students and staff like Chelsea provide on keeping the campus safe for everyone.

Bobcat Bits

Tours at South Campus

Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges checks out the Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology program



Pierce County Councilmember Dave Morrell learns about the Architectural Woodworking and Cabinet Making Technology program



First lady Dr. Jill Biden visits programs, learns about Technical High School



First lady Dr. Jill Biden visited Bates Technical College's South Campus on Friday, Oct. 7 to tour youth apprenticeship and the Technical High School programs that connect youth to hands-on workforce education while they earn their high school diploma. The visit included the HVAC and Welding shops, and a stop at the Technical High School's Back-To-School Night, where students gathered to celebrate the start of the academic year and elect their inaugural student government representatives.

[Read more here.](#) [Check out the photos here.](#)

Annual Apprenticeship Appreciation Reception honors Firefighters JATC



President Zhou welcomed our apprenticeship partners to Central Campus on Thursday, Oct. 13 for an evening of celebration and appreciation. This year's Apprenticeship of the Year was awarded to the Washington State Fire Fighters JATC, where Executive Director David Myers accepted the award. The audience heard from keynote speaker Paul Francis, executive director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Todd Wernet, chief of South Pierce Fire and Rescue; Bruce Dammeier, Pierce County executive; and Marco Montoya, ironworkers apprenticeship student. A huge shout out and special thanks to the college's Culinary Arts program students and chefs for preparing delicious appetizers for our esteemed guests. [Check out the photos here.](#)

Congressman Derek Kilmer tours programs, talks Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the college welcomed Congressman Derek Kilmer to the Downtown Campus for a brief tour of the Denturist, Dental Lab Technician, and Certified Nursing Assistant programs. The visit ended with a roundtable discussion with workforce stakeholders about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), where Dental Lab student Kayla Van Horne spoke about her educational journey and goals. WIOA assists job seekers with accessing employment, education, training and other supports they need to succeed in the workforce. One of the most comprehensive programs in workforce development, the WIOA supports job seekers so they can fulfill their career goals. [Check out the photos here.](#)

High School+ students give back to community with Hilltop Action Coalition



Last Saturday, students and staff in our High School 21+ program participated in the annual Hilltop Street Clean-Up with the Hilltop Action Coalition. Faculty member Kurt Schaefer organized this civic engagement project for the HS+ program, and he reports, "Everyone had fun giving back to our community, despite the rainy and cold weather!" Students gave back to their community and earned academic credit supporting our Classrooms with a Cause effort in the Basic Education for Adults (BEEdA) program. A big shout-out to the following staff and students who participated in this successful community event! Students: Angie Robinson, Jacqui Cooper and family, Cruz Vasques, Chris Lyons. Staff members: Kurt Schaefer and Dana McNutt.

Broadcasting/Video Production program students stream culinary show for Holiday Food and Gift Festival



For the past few years, our Broadcasting/Video Production students have received a festive real-world experience at the Tacoma Holiday Food and Gift Festival, held over three days in October at the Tacoma Dome. Students broadcast the cooking demonstrations, and they set up the entire production and project the shows on the big screen. It is also streamed live for all to see. Way to go, students and faculty!

It's pie time! Culinary Arts program sells pies, and announces traditional Thanksgiving buffet

CULINARY ARTS HOLIDAY PIES

Holiday pie orders are now open!

Save time in the kitchen and order your pies from the Culinary Arts program.

PIES

- **Apple - \$8.50**
- **Cherry - \$8.50**
- **Pumpkin - \$8.50**
- **Pecan - \$12**

CHEESECAKE

- **\$15**
- **Plain**
- **Pumpkin**
- **Cranberry**

HOW TO ORDER:

- Place all of your orders with Kellie Moody at kmoody@batestech.edu or 253.680.7011.
- Orders must be placed by **Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, by 10 a.m.**
- Orders must be picked up by **Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, by 1 p.m.** at 1201 S Yakima Culinary Arts Cafe'.
- We accept cash, credit or debit cards.

Questions? Please email kmoody@batestech.edu.

Our Culinary Arts program students are selling pies for the Thanksgiving holiday! Spend less time in the kitchen and order your delicious, hand-crafted pies and cheesecakes **now through Nov. 18.**

- Order your pies and cheesecakes before Nov. 18.
- Pick up in the Innovation Cafe' by Nov. 22.
- Email kmoody@batestech.edu to place your order!

Thanksgiving Buffet

For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, our in-house culinarians will plan and prepare a tasty Thanksgiving buffet for the community. This year, the much-anticipated Thanksgiving Buffet will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For just \$12 (tax and beverage included), pile your plate high with salads, roast turkey, honey-glazed ham, veggies, potatoes, a healthy dollop of turkey sage gravy, and pies galore.

Broadcasting/Video Production program students earn Northwest Emmy Awards

Congratulations to the students in the Broadcasting program! Their hard work was recently recognized by the National Academy of Arts and Sciences! Their projects earned the college two Pillar (college Emmy) awards for sports programming (NWAC Volleyball) and editing (Graduation Pandemic Style). Way to go, Bobcats! (In picture: Trustees Tom George and Layne Bladow; President Lin Zhou; faculty members Ken Witkoe and Roland Robinson; and students Jamie Whitman, Dennis Mclaughlin, Wyatt Simmons, Maighdeline Gordon, Dan Hougardy, Ethan Campbell, Tristen Hepinstall.) Edited to include name of student that was missing from September's edition.



October is [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#).

Whether you or a loved one are worried about developing breast cancer, have just been diagnosed, are going through breast cancer treatment, or are trying to stay well after treatment, [this detailed information](#) can help you find the answers you need.

There is no sure way to prevent breast cancer. But there are things you can do that might lower your risk, such as changing risk factors that are under your control. [You can read more here.](#)

Dates to Remember (find details on the [college calendar](#))

- ASG General Assembly Meeting, Nov. 4
- Veterans Day Event, Nov. 9
- Professional Development Day (Faculty), Nov. 10
- Veterans Day Holiday, College Closed, Nov. 11
- Retiree Luncheon, Nov. 14
- Leadership Listening Session, Nov. 15
- Half day for students and faculty, Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Holiday, College Closed, Nov. 24-25

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