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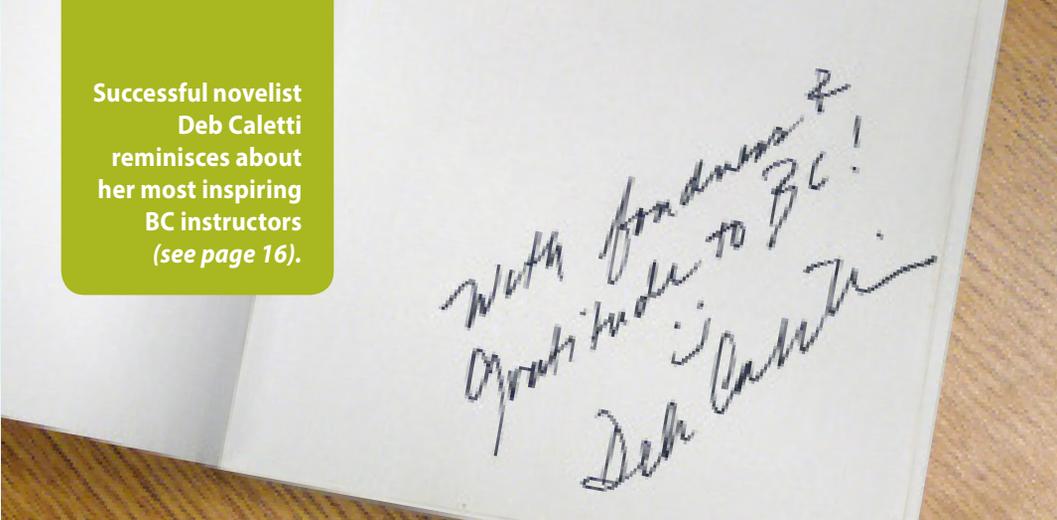


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Successful novelist  
Deb Caletti  
reminisces about  
her most inspiring  
BC instructors  
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With fondness &  
gratitude to BC!  
Deb Caletti

## An Exceptional Past ...and promising future

**Bellevue College is synonymous with innovation and excellence.** From humble beginnings in 1966 when the college originally opened in portable classrooms on the campus of Newport High School to the present, we remain focused and committed to providing educational opportunities that change lives and strengthen every aspect of our greater community. This issue of Exceptional magazine officially kicks off our 50th Anniversary celebration and in true BC style, the stories are poignant and informative.

Experiential learning abounds at BC. Our cover story is both historic and relevant; Whitney King is a role model for women in STEM as one of two students honored nationally as a recipient of the prestigious Terry O'Banion Award, given annually by the Microsoft Corporation. At the forefront of Bellevue's commitment to service is our wellness center's partnership with the Pacific Crest Trails Association that connects students with outdoor recreation via innovative curricula and interactive ecological engagement. A half-century of service and excellence are embodied by the Autism Spectrum Navigator program that is expanding to Central Washington University where BC's unique educational service delivery model will be replicated and enhanced.

Take 5 with Jenn Pang reminds us why STEM outreach to youth is so important from local and regional perspectives and new pathways to success are unveiled as our Bachelor degrees in Applied Accounting and Molecular Biosciences debut.

This historic issue of Exceptional magazine is indeed a chronicle of our diverse approach to making a difference while empowering Bellevue College students to soar to new heights of greatness. As you savor moments with cherished ones during the upcoming holiday season, please consider sharing the spirit of giving with others who may be less fortunate.

At Bellevue College we are dedicated to being the community's college with a joie de vivre that celebrates from whence we've come and where we are going!

From all of us at Bellevue College, happy holidays and thanks for your support of our exceptional students.

Warmest Regards,



Gayle Colston Barge, Ed.D.

Vice President of Institutional Advancement

BC opened the doors to a new state-of-the-art, LEED-certified Health and Science building in September 2015.

# Faces of the 50th

...faculty and staff have grown alongside the campus and community

by Evan Epstein



**Above:** Faisal Jaswal has seen tremendous growth at BC in his 33 years. **Inset:** Jaswal joins students in celebrating the DREAM Act.



Jaswal proposed a for-credit International Student Program to the college and was hired fresh out of school as the program's first coordinator, later becoming its first director for nine years. "Building the International Students Program allowed me to look at serving a global student cohort," he said. "It also allowed me to contrast and better understand the various intersections and needs of the local community. Including access to education for underserved communities."

From International Student Programs, Jaswal served as the college's first director of development, as well as interim vice president of Institutional Advancement and interim executive director of the Bellevue College Foundation. "The Institutional Advancement and Foundation offices

do amazing work to empower students and provide access to education for many," he said.

As an extension of his outreach in the Institutional Advancement office, Jaswal enrolled in an executive leadership program, becoming highly involved in the local community and was invited to serve on the founding board of Leadership Eastside. Armed with this experience and the desire to help create global leaders, he requested, and was granted the opportunity to reimagine and build the Office of Student Programs into a world-class, student life and leadership development entity based on the tenants of inclusive, servant, adaptive, and ethical leadership models.

**As Bellevue College prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2016, it is easy to point out the obvious: we've grown in size and stature, offering a tremendous depth and breadth of programming.** Our college

has grown in tandem with the Eastside – from local commuter campus, to a thriving community on the cusp of building student housing. Bellevue has emerged as a nationally respected institution of higher learning that is increasingly attracting global students.

There is another face of BC's growth however: our faculty and staff.

In no two people is this growth more apparent than Assistant Dean of

Student Programs, Faisal Jaswal and Director of High School Initiatives, Glenn Jackson. Both have become fixtures on campus, having attended BC and moving on up through the ranks. Both with a unique perspective and affinity for the campus and the students, faculty and staff who define the institution.

## Seeing the trees through the forest

Jaswal came to Bellevue in 1982 as an international student from Karachi, Pakistan. As a student, he worked in the cashier's office, during which time, he began to realize the difficulties many international students faced as they tried to make it all work.

Never one to sit back and watch,

***“To effect change; to know that people can change and the power of education... that’s what keeps me here.”***

**~ Glenn Jackson**

“I feel truly blessed to be able to realize a dream and being a part of creating an entity for student engagement that is inclusive of all, and based on social and ecological justice frameworks,” he said. “It is truly my privilege to serve our students with the help and dedication of an excellent and engaged staff as the assistant dean, in-charge of this program.”

Throughout his 33 years on campus, Jaswal says the dynamism and drive for excellence at BC hasn’t changed, though the college has grown in a myriad of ways. “We have grown in our capacities to serve the community in many other ways; from offering a large array of personal enrichment courses, senior programs, civic and cultural engagement opportunities, to our Continued Education Programming, STEM, and Allied Health and Technical fields,” he said. “It’s a huge asset to the surrounding community. The faculty, staff and students help create a global living, learning community that is second to none!”

The identity of BC has remained the same in many ways, says Jaswal. Especially the sense that BC is a large campus with a small campus feel and mindset. “It’s important for us to flex with the needs of our community...The college is truly of the community and for the community, our challenge is always to stay at the cutting edge of providing for the intellectual needs of a vibrant and diverse Puget Sound.”

**Right:** Glenn Jackson has worn many hats during his tenure. **Inset:** Jackson began at BC in the cafeteria kitchen.

### **“I’d never thought of myself as college material”**

Glenn Jackson, director of High School Initiatives, came to BC in 1997 as a food service worker, never thinking that he would rise to the top, let alone spend his career with the institution.

“In the summer of ‘98, the kitchen closed down for a remodel so I decided to take a college class,” he said. “At that point I was 32 with a GED – I had dropped out of high school at 16 – but found out I could take a class for \$5 as an employee. I’d never thought of myself as college material, so I said okay, I might as well give it a try.”

Jackson took a computer science class, thinking it would be an introduction to computers. He quickly realized however, that the class was all math and science. “My worst subjects, but I was too prideful to ask for help, so I slogged through, never asking questions and finished with a C- minus which to me, was like getting an A!”



he said. “In the fall I went back and took a business class and finished with a B, so I was getting better!”

This taste of academic success pushed Jackson to join TRiO, a program which provides individualized academic advising and transfer planning and personal support to students with limited income, disabilities, or who are the first in their families to attend college.

Over the next several years, Jackson continued to work toward his educational goals, all the while, working in the cafeteria kitchens and then in the child care center. With a family to support, he found himself working at all hours and took on supplemental jobs at places like Home Depot and Sam’s Club to make ends meet. He never lost sight of his end goal and went on to receive a bachelor’s in human development from Washington State University and a master’s in human services and counseling from Capella University.

From the cafeteria and child care center, Jackson moved to the registration office. It was while working in registration that he learned about an opening in the CEO (Career Education Options) program, which is designed

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# Pursuing a Lifelong Dream

...Data Analytics student recipient of national tech award

by Evan Epstein



**Above:** King received her Terry O'Banion award during a surprise class visit from President **Dave Rule** and iBIT Dean, **Jody Laflen**.

**Data Analytics major Whitney King received a big surprise at the end of spring quarter: she was one of two students in the nation to be named a 2015 Terry O'Banion Student Technology Champion.**

"Being one of two winners nationwide is a huge honor for Whitney," said Jody Laflen, dean of BC's Institute for Business and Information Technology. "She deserves so much praise for her dedication and hard work."

The League for Innovation in the Community College partners with the Microsoft Corporation to annually

select two students who demonstrate a special talent and interest in technology in honor of Terry O'Banion, Senior League Fellow and President Emeritus of the League.

"I am so honored to be chosen for this award," said King. "I am going to continue to work hard in this program and in technological pursuits, not only for myself, but to show everyone here I am worthy of the award."

It comes as no surprise that King, who began working in the tech industry in 2006, was drawn to the field. Her father worked in an Intel processor fabrication plant, wearing their famous bunny suit to work every day. "To me, that suit was what a super hero looked like,

and their beautiful golden boards were mystifying, concocted using nothing short of wizardry and magic," she said. "I wanted to know how it all worked, and when I grew up, I wanted to build computer brains too."

That passion for computers and an aptitude for software applications, helped King land her first job as a tester at 19. In 2012, after switching jobs to a SQL-heavy data analysis role, King began to realize she would need to develop her skills in SQL, C#, and other languages if she hoped to advance her career.

With employer support, King came to Bellevue College to pursue Information Systems. "I wanted to gain a better understanding of statistics and machine learning," she said. "I've learned that database skills are transferable across fields and am glad to be pursuing a field that will allow

**"I wanted to know how it all worked; when I grew up, I wanted to build computer brains."**

experience in a wide range of areas and applications in the future.”

“I would absolutely recommend the Information Systems program,” she added. “My instructors and the administration have been knowledgeable and helpful, and the course content has been extremely relevant to my real world work experiences. Additionally, most courses have been offered in a format that’s allowed me to continue working full time at my job while also taking three classes each quarter.”

### Supporting women in tech

With recent events shining a light on technology’s predominantly male workforce, King is keenly aware of the need for more women to venture into the tech field and wants to help other women to learn more about the discipline she enjoys. “There are so many doors open to women who are passionate, want to get involved and want to make a difference in this space, and there is room in the industry for anyone who chooses to be involved,” she said. “There are so many amazing things getting made and tweaked because of the involve-



ment of women in the creative and production process!”

She hopes to be able to pick up her pet project that focuses on women in technology when school and work life settle a bit. While she can’t say much about the project right now, she does hope to offer an outlet to empower women and girls in tech, specifically working to make tech interesting and appealing for girls at a young age.

King says she’s found a robust support system of passionate female instructors with real world experience teaching and designing course materials at BC and hopes her experience will resonate with other young women considering a career in tech.

### Life after school

Between her coursework and nine years of work experience, King says there are a myriad of avenues she’s considering when she finishes school.

“I’ve had a lot of ideas over the years about what I might want to do ‘when I grow up,’” said King. “The roles that have sparked my mind the most have always been focused around either making or supporting video games, so it’s really interesting and exciting to think about finding a role tying business intelligence, reporting and data analysis back to collaborative gaming.”

King is currently pursuing her bachelor’s at Bellevue College in data analytics and is contemplating an online master’s degree upon completion at BC. “I’m a bit of a hobby student though, so the thought of finishing school isn’t that exciting to me!”

For more information about an IS: Business Intelligence degree from BC, go to: [www.bellevuecollege.edu/prog/degrees/bi/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/prog/degrees/bi/) or a Data Analytics BAS, visit: [www.bellevuecollege.edu/programs/degrees/bachelor/da/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/programs/degrees/bachelor/da/). 



## BC student appointed to state council

Gov. Jay Inslee has appointed **Eric Pattison**, a Bellevue College engineering student, to serve as the student appointee on the nine-member Washington Student Achievement Council for the 2015-16 academic year.

The Legislature created the Council in July 2012 which provides strategic planning, oversight, advocacy, and programs to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The Council is composed of five citizens as well as one representative from each of the state’s four major educational sectors, i.e. public four-year institutions, two-year community and technical colleges, independent nonprofit colleges, and K-12 schools.

Pattison says his experience within the K-12 system will help him advocate for students who, like himself, use resources like 504s and Individualized Educational Plans (IEP), which are plans developed to ensure that children with disabilities identified under the law receive specialized instruction and accommodations that will ensure their academic success.

“I want to take my experiences and put them to good use.” said Pattison.

As the student member, Pattison’s role is to actively and accurately represent student improvement opportunities while working with the Council and allied government workgroups to advance the student experience at all levels of education in Washington State. 



# with Jenn Pang

...keeping kids on track with science & math

by Evan Epstein

**We live hectic lives these days; between duties at home and at work, it can be difficult to take a moment to catch up.**

With Take 5, we're making it easy for you to learn something new in five minutes about Bellevue College. In this edition of Take 5, we're talking to Dr. Jennifer Pang about the current issues facing science and math education and what BC is doing to keep Puget Sound kids on track. Dr. Pang is the director of the Bellevue College Science and Math Institute (SAMI) which promotes student success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by offering innovative programs and events to BC faculty, staff and students as well as the community.



## 1. What is the biggest trend right now in science and math education and outreach?

One of the biggest movements right now is to incorporate art into science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities. The art aspect allows students to show their creativity; an alternative to the more conventional "following the rules" experience that many science activities lean towards. Less concerned with the "right" answer, these creative activities that encourage students to make something that is truly theirs builds ownership and confidence in students and their knowledge base.

## 2. How is BC responding?

Here at the Science and Math Institute (SAMI), we have been developing more

activities (such as paper circuits and DNA bracelets) where students can personalize their experience by incorporating their name or making their own design. Our public planetarium shows also have a storytelling aspect to them, which is intrinsically related to art and culture. As we move forward, SAMI is looking to partner with new organizations to offer innovative ways to present science and math to our many communities.

## 3. How does BC keep a leg up?

Our SAMI office is very small (just me and our coordinator Jennifer Pritchard), which gives us the opportunity to make real connections with families. Our programming is fun and innovative because Jennifer and I are really kids at heart. We think it'd be great to develop some summer programming for families next summer. Open House is our favorite event of the year, and that's partly because we get to see whole families having wonderful shared learning experiences.

## 4. What are some of the challenges in intriguing and retaining students in the science and math fields?

The challenges of engaging and retaining students, particularly those from low-resource communities, are similar across the country. Often, students don't automatically see themselves as being a scientist. This is why so many of our programs

The Science Division Open House brings science to life for area school children.



are hands-on – to give people the experiences of discovery and thinking through a concept. In addition, we host the vast majority of our programs on campus; by physically bringing students on to campus, and at such a young age, we are saying, “You are welcome here. This place is also your place.”

## 5. What are some of BC’s long-term outreach and education goals with SAMI?

We are planning on expanding our current fifth- and sixth-grade experiences, our very popular Science Saturday program, to involve seventh- and eighth-graders in a similar Science Scholars experience. We are also reimagining ways to get our faculty even more involved in our offerings. In addition, SAMI will assess the interest in developing a festival focused on STEM careers by partnering with both internal and external organizations. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg. 

## Want to get involved?

SAMI offers year-round programming for all ages to explore science, math and technology including the Central Sound Regional Science & Engineering Fair (CSRSEF), Science Saturdays (three-hour workshops for fifth through seventh grade students), Summer Science Camp, and planetarium shows where the nighttime sky is accurately produced. For more information, please visit:



# BC Autism Program Replicated

...helping students succeed in higher education

by Evan Epstein



**Above: Wendy Holden, CWU's director of student Disability Services, Sara Gardner, BC's ASN program sirector, and Dr. Steven Martel, BC's Counseling Center Program chair kick off a day of training in Ellensburg.**

**As our culture has begun to gain a better understanding of the autism spectrum, educational institutions have come to realize the importance of serving this population beyond the lip service of an awareness month.**

Where institutions can stumble however, is in treating autism like something that needs fixing as opposed to something that needs understanding and navigating.

Bellevue College initiated a pilot Autism Spectrum Navigators (ASN) program in 2010 to see if the "roller coaster" that many autistic students

experience in higher ed could be leveled out. The pilot was successful. So successful in fact, that it is now being replicated at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington.

"As a greater number of autistic students enter higher education each year, it is imperative that institutions are prepared with programs that work, and that do not place undue financial burdens on students and families," said Sara Gardner, ASN program director and instructor. "We have over 200 autistic students on the Bellevue College campus, and we know how to serve them. It just makes sense for BC to share this knowledge with other institutions so that other students can also benefit."

BC's ASN program supports autistic students in accessing college programs and services, including

communication with instructors.

Students in the program have access to a network of support, including meetings each week with trained peer mentors and participation in group classes and discussions. Other program elements include parent training and support, faculty and staff training and support and community engagement and education.

The success of the ASN program is rooted in the approach: the program is designed on the social and diversity models of disability, and as such, provides access for students and supports them in discovering their strengths, rather than trying to "fix" them to fit in with typical peers.

BC also works to ensure the ASN program is accessible to everyone. BC students pay only for the cohort class they take each quarter. This results in a modest \$200–\$300 tuition fee per quarter for BC ASN students, rather than the \$1,200–\$8,000 quarterly fee other institutions charge for similar services.

"With this partnership (with CWU), we will be able to share knowledge to continually improve upon the model and grow with our students," said Gardner. "We have the opportunity to truly create best practices across the country for autistic college students." Gardner says interest in the BC ASN program is growing, and is currently in conversation with half a dozen other schools interested in learning about how the program could be implemented at their respective institutions, with requests coming in regularly from across the country. 

# New Degree Pathways at BC

...BC now offers bachelor's degrees in biosciences & accounting

by Evan Epstein

## Students entering Bellevue College now have two additional degree pathways to consider.

The Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities approved bachelor of applied sciences degrees last spring in Molecular Biosciences and Applied Accounting at Bellevue College.

**Applied Accounting** began enrolling students over summer 2015 and classes are currently underway.

The degree prepares students to hit the ground running in their accounting careers as the bachelor's degree, in combination with the applied component of the degree, means graduates will leave the program with a fully developed skillset in accounting software like QuickBooks, Peachtree, Microsoft Dynamics, SAP and Oracle. The degree also serves as preparation for graduate school, as well as certifications like CMA, CIA, CFE, CPA with a fifth-year component.

"Prior to starting the process we did a lot of research in the accounting industry and found that most of the accounting jobs out there require a bachelor's degree," said accounting faculty member, Anne-Mary Nash-Haruna. "Based on survey feedback from local employers, the degree's application component makes our graduates even more employable."

**Molecular Biosciences** will begin accepting students in fall 2016.

The degree provides the opportunity to work as entry-level laboratory scientists in bioscience research with employers such as the Fred



Students enrolled in the Molecular Bioscience bachelor's program will learn industry-relevant procedures such as visualizing DNA samples.

Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; in pharmaceutical development with companies such as Amgen; and in life sciences product development with companies such as LabConnect. The goal of the coursework is to provide students with a thorough understanding of the scientific disciplines underpinning molecular biosciences. It provides extensive laboratory experience using state-of-the-art equipment, and an understanding of the complex regulatory environment surrounding the biosciences. In addition, the business skills needed to manage a project, including the purchasing and tracking of materials for a lab or a study, round out the skill set. The degree differs significantly from the traditional undergraduate science degree in several ways, including:

focus on developing a solid scientific background that becomes the foundation for applied laboratory skills; extensive laboratory work with state-of-the-art technologies to foster the development of independent laboratory skills; familiarity with reading, understanding and discussing research papers in molecular biosciences through participation in the Molecular Biosciences Seminars; exposure to project management and general business skills for laboratory settings; coursework on the regulatory and legal environments within which the molecular biosciences operate; preparation for immediate employment through a capstone project in a laboratory setting. 

# Learning in All Environs

...BC's Wellness Center brings experiential learning to the great outdoors

by Evan Epstein



**Above: Peter Prescott** stands near the entrance to the BC Challenge Course which he uses to teach elements of outdoor leadership and team building.

## During spring quarter 2015, 14 Bellevue College students enrolled in a hiking and orienteering course

led by Peter Prescott, BC's Wellness Center program manager and Bill Hawley, the Pacific Crest Trails Association (PCTA) North Cascades regional representative, headed out to the Snoqualmie Pass ski area for a day of trail maintenance.

"When Bellevue College students come out and work on the trail we get some much needed repair work done, but... it is also central to our mission to educate the public regarding issues of management, funding, and how the trail is really

maintained," said Hawley. "Fewer and fewer agency dollars are available for trail maintenance and restoration.

This makes it ever more important to encourage citizen engagement."

This was just the second year BC students worked on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), but the ninth year Prescott has run the Wilderness Skills Certificate Program, which helps students gain a basic education in all things related to northwest outdoor recreation. Over the course of two to three quarters, students enrolled in the program are offered the chance to make an honest appraisal of where they are as an outdoor recreationalist and what their future in outdoor recreation might look like, from personal trips, through working with residential camps. "It's a good stepping stone for people to see what opportunities are out there," said Prescott.

Classes in the certificate program include one called NW fitness opportunities, which offers one-day snapshots of eight, great northwest outdoor recreation options including kayaking, rock climbing, backpacking, and snowshoeing. Their core curriculum also includes outdoor leadership training, where they learn more about the soft skills of team development, and wilderness and remote first aid where they learn first response skills for back country-related injury.

In addition to tangible skills like biking or rock climbing, students leave the program with a connection to the natural environment. "That sense of self-sustaining, outdoor recreation and what that means on our impact on the environment. This is why partnerships like the one with the PCTA is so important," said Prescott. "Working with the PCTA really helps students see just how much work goes into creating and maintaining these outdoor spaces. Any way that we can give back to the trail system and foster this sense of stewardship is really important."

While the 19-credit Wilderness Skills Certification program is focused curriculum, the BC Wellness Center also offers eight to 12 introductory events every quarter for those interested in learning more about a specific outdoor pursuit. For example, students can show up with no experience or equipment and have a chance to try climbing and it is a challenge by choice – they can focus on bouldering four feet from the ground or they can climb to the top of a 40-foot wall.

“We have students who have never even been on a hike and within a 48-hour period, gain the education they need and go on an overnight backpacking trip – in one case we even summited a peak in the morning as well to get the 360-degree view of the Cascades,” he said. “These are life-changing experiences. I had a student tell me just last week that he’s done something in the woods every single week since taking one of our trips.”

From one-day introduction events to multiple-quarter certificate programs, Prescott aims to keep outdoor recreation available and affordable to everyone. He and his colleagues work tirelessly to give students an opportunity to try outdoor recreation regardless of background and it is not only easy but very affordable: \$5 gets participants a day of instruction and rental equipment.

For Prescott and the Wellness Center staff, it’s also important that everybody is able to learn about and explore the outdoors. Classes are open to everyone and he’s always willing to accommodate different abilities so long as it is safe, for example, pulling a wheelchair-bound student up to the top of Rattlesnake Ridge. “To the extent possible, we try to make sure that the Wellness Center isn’t just open and available to a certain set of abilities,” he said.

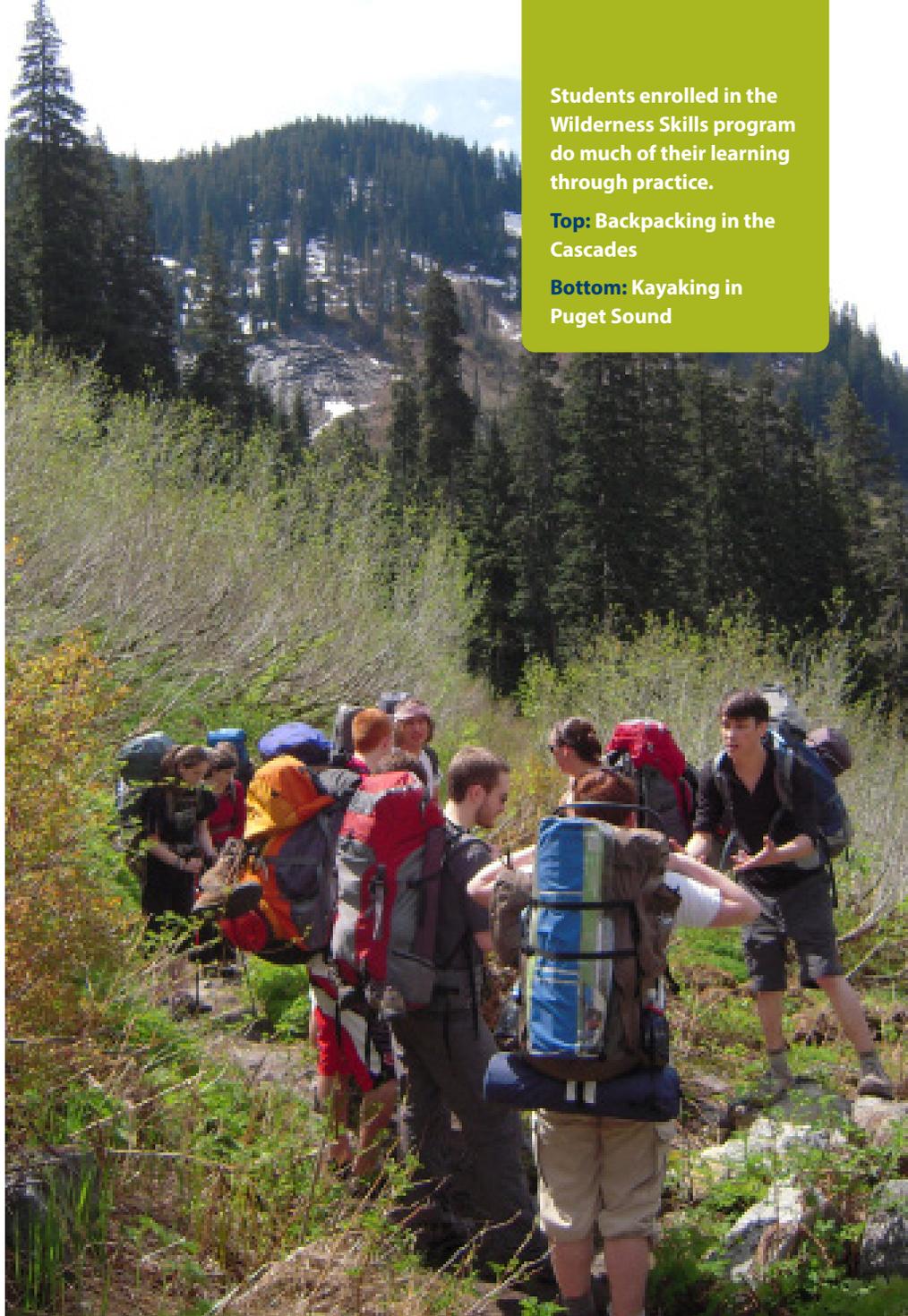
Support for these programs comes from BC Student Programs and partnerships with the Northwest Outdoor Center and Redmond Vertical World and Prescott is always open to conversations to increase the program’s offerings through partnerships and community involvement.

“We get better every single year, our classes are always full and we’re primed for expansion,” he said. “This is my dream job. I get to spend two to four days a week in the woods with students – it’s pretty phenomenal.” 

Students enrolled in the Wilderness Skills program do much of their learning through practice.

**Top:** Backpacking in the Cascades

**Bottom:** Kayaking in Puget Sound



# 91.3 KBCS Community Radio

...more than just a voice on the radio

By Jim Hoehn



**Above: Sonya Green**, news and public affairs director at 91.3 KBCS (left), interviews **Sue Popma**, marketing director of the Crossroads Shopping Center, and **Roz Liming**, Crossroads marketing manager, during a live broadcast from the Crossroads Farmers Market in August, as **Bruce Wirth**, KBCS program manager, looks on.

## At 91.3 KBCS, the station takes the phrase “community radio” far beyond on-air programming.

From farmer’s markets to art fairs to concerts to a musical book club, the FM station on the Bellevue College campus has made the support of community events an integral part of its mission.

Although located on campus, KBCS differs from stations characterized as “college radio,” which are primarily student-run.

“KBCS is kind of a hybrid,” said Patrick Whalen, director of underwriting sales and marketing at the station. “We have some of the qualities like a volunteer, or student, or community station, and we also have some of the qualities of what’s a traditional public radio station with paid staff and that kind of a mission and that kind of programming philosophy.”

At first glance, sponsoring an event where the science fiction writing of Isaac Asimov is put to song might not sound overly radio friendly, but it’s exactly the type of involvement that appeals to the community-minded mission of KBCS.

“Bushwick Book Club, the way I describe them is, they are a songwriters’ collective,” Whalen said. “What they do is not far from what KBCS does. They read a book and KBCS listeners read books. The No. 1 activity among KBCS listeners is reading.

“They write songs inspired by the book”, he said. “So, people who listen to KBCS are deeply engaged in the arts and they act on that inspiration. Then, they perform those songs in an evening-length performance, which is very collective and cooperative and approachable.”

Mike Votava, the marketing director for Bushwick, agreed that it’s a mutually beneficial arrangement, but one that greatly expands the book club’s scope.

“Bushwick is all volunteer run so we’re always short on time and resources,” Votava said. “The scope of what we can do is always limited by that. What KBCS does for us is they help get the word out. And, I think they just love the program and they’re doing a lot more. They’re going out there and trying to get us partners and sponsorships and really taking a vested interest in what Bushwick is about.”

In addition to the Bushwick Bush Club, KBCS presents music shows at venues such as The Tractor Tavern, The Triple Door and Jazz Alley; the BAM ARTSFair (Bellevue Arts Museum); and a live broadcast from the Crossroads Farmers Market.

At the BAM ARTSFair, KBCS programmed the stage, including raising the money to pay the artists, Whalen said.

“We really look for partners where we balance each other out,” Whalen said. “The ARTSFair is a perfect example. Mission-wise, we’re aligned. We serve the same community. So, by working together we amplify what we do.”

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# After Star Turn at BC

...Richard Lee finds PGA success

By Jim Hoehn

**Richard Lee's path to golf success wasn't always down the middle of the fairway, but the journey from GED to the PGA definitely made the turn at Bellevue College.**

Along the way, Lee spent part of his high school career in the Philippines, caught up academically with a GED, parlayed two productive years at Bellevue College into a Division I scholarship, got married at 18 and became a father a year later, earned a spot on the PGA tour, and bounced back from surgery to qualify for the recent U.S. Open at nearby Chambers Bay.

"Everything about me was not traditional," said Lee, who now lives in Scottsdale, Arizona. "Going through the academics, getting married at a young age, playing college golf, and ending up where I am now, playing golf for a living – it definitely wasn't easy. I definitely had the right people around me to support me and help me."

Lee, who did not begin playing golf until the age of 14, left Newport High School in Bellevue midway through high school and moved to the Philippines to pursue his dream of professional golf. After more than a year abroad, Lee returned home, but found himself in an academic quandary.

"The reason why I went over there was because I had a family friend who was a professional playing on the Asian Tour at that time. I kind of saw what he was doing and I literally would be practicing sun up to sun down," said Lee, now 28.



Richard Lee has parlayed his collegiate start at Bellevue College into success on the PGA Tour, including a spot in the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.

"If I had gone back to the same high school, I would have been held back a year, so that's why I took the GED and that's how I ended up at Bellevue College," he said.

Lee's return to the U.S. and his search for how to resume both his academic and golf careers coincided with the resurrection of the Bellevue College golf program under Kirk Johanson.

"It was kind of perfect timing, because the year I got the GED and was going to attend a two-year college, that's the year the golf program started back up again," Lee said. "I wanted to play at a four-year school and the only way that I could play at a four-year school was that I get a two-year degree because I wasn't qualified out of high school academically."

Johanson, who still is an assistant golf coach at Bellevue College, said Lee's presence made it much easier

to resurrect the program. "When you're starting a golf program and you have a kid like Richard Lee coming in, it really was fantastic for us," said Johanson, who also had played golf at Bellevue College in the program's previous incarnation. "Great player, great person and he put us on the map, to be honest with you."

In addition to his academic workload and golf, Lee was married at age 18 and he and his wife, Christine, had their first daughter, Israella, a year later. Israella, now 8, has a 22-month-old sister, Elisabeth.

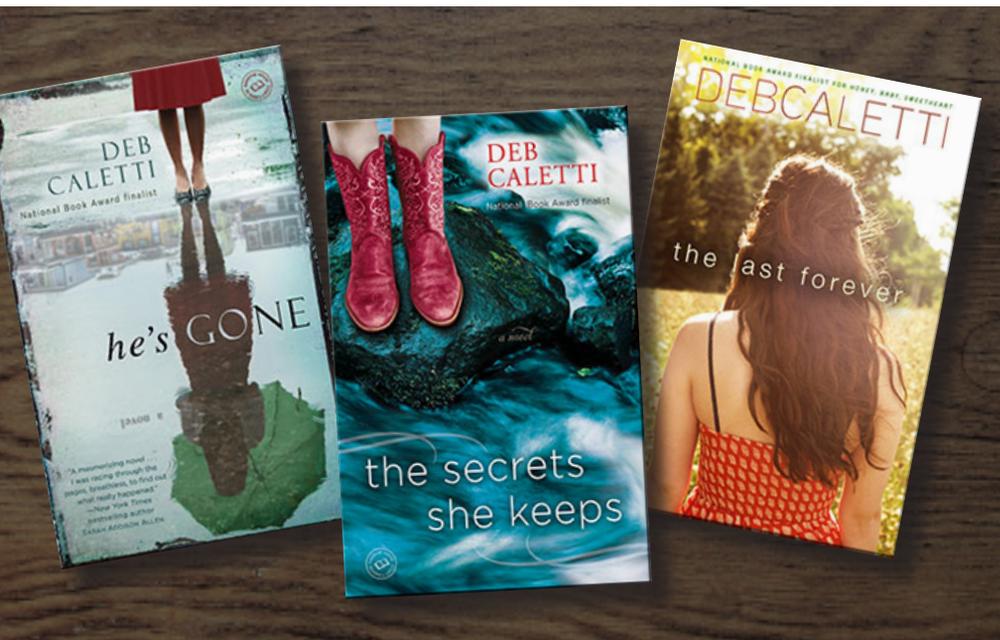
At Bellevue, Lee won the conference tournament in 2007 and 2008, which helped him earn a Division I scholarship to the University of Washington, where he became an All-American and graduated with a degree in sociology.

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# Faculty Fanned Flame

...of writing passion for novelist and BC alumna

By Sharon Berg



**Above:** Deb Caletti is best known as the author of Young Adult books, for which she has won numerous awards including the Washington State Book award, the PNBA Best Book Award, and a finalist for the PEN USA Award.

Her 10th Young Adult book was "The Last Forever." Her first novel for adults, "He's Gone," was nominated for a National Book Award. Her latest novel is "The Secrets She Keeps."

Joan Kotker and Pauline Christiansen. Caletti is best known for her dozen Young Adult novels, which have garnered her numerous awards and a National Book Award nomination for her first adult novel, "He's Gone."

When Caletti was taking a class from Christiansen, she had to stand in front of the class to read her story to all the other students and found it thrilling. It was a defining moment in her life. She made up her mind to be a published writer one day and would keep trying until she succeeded.

Kotker was also supportive of Caletti. "Joan Kotker was the director of the Writing Lab and she hired me to work as a writing tutor," said Caletti, which was another self-confidence booster and put some money in her pocket.

Kotker remembers Caletti with great admiration. "I used to have a writing exercise that asked students to write something in the manner of a famous

writer. Deb wrote something in the manner of Flannery O'Connor and it was incredible," Kotker says. She still has the story.

Caletti also has appreciation for Christiansen, who said of Caletti, "I love, love, love her! She is not only an excellent writer, she is a wonderful person with a terrific sense of humor. We are really proud of her." Christiansen also has kept a story of Caletti's which was a class assignment.

Caletti started writing at a young age, and is a self-described "quiet kid with a stack of books." After attending BC, BCC then, she graduated from the University of Washington in 1985 with a degree in journalism, but journalism was not her passion. Caletti said, "I always wanted to be a writer." But her youngest child was 2 years old when she decided to buckle down and get serious about it. A voracious reader, she credits all the authors she has read for contributing to her training as a novelist.

Her second novel for adults, released earlier this year, is "The Secrets She Keeps" (Bantam). Often her books are set in the Pacific Northwest, but Nevada is the predominate setting for this book. It is the story of a woman who feels lost in what has happened to her life, and then finds larger meaning – and mystery – within her own family and background. The seeds for the novel were planted when she discovered a book called "The Divorce Seekers: A Photo Memoir of a Nevada Dude Wrangler," published in 2004, about Nevada's famous dude-divorce ranch business that catered to wealthy Easterners and Hollywood celebrities, including Ava Gardner and



Novelist Deb Caletti has fond memories of two Bellevue College English faculty members for their

strong support

of her work while a student here:

Rita Hayworth. Nevada was legend as the place to go to get a quickie divorce in the early 1950s. That and dude ranches created a unique culture that Caletti captures in the novel.

"I was shocked to find nothing else written about it, those divorce ranches of the early 1950s," Caletti said. The prospect of mining the unique aspects of those ranches intrigued her, "especially the glamorous women who came there." She loves to write about relationships and that is a recurring theme in her work, but this book also is historical. She did a lot of research for the book, including laws, hair-styles, clothing, even the language. Language changes over time, too," said Caletti. She also researched mustangs, which play a part in the plot, and listened to music of the era.

After years of writing successful books in the Young Adult genre, Caletti's arrangement with her publisher now is to write a book every year, an adult novel this year and a YA book the next. She recently submitted her next YA book and began in September to write her next adult novel. 

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## The Gallery Space Plans First Alumni Art Show

In honor of BC's 50th anniversary in 2016, the College's art department is inviting alumni to submit work for its BC Alumni Exhibition. The exhibition is open to all alumni artists who wish to participate and submit a proposal. It will be a non-juried show.

For nearly 30 years the college has sponsored a student art exhibit, but this is the first exhibition displaying the work of Bellevue College alumni. The exhibit will run from April 20 – May 20 and the annual student exhibition will be held June 8 - Sept. 28, both in the college's art gallery, The Gallery Space.

"The Gallery Space is pleased to accept proposals from group and/or solo fine art exhibitions each academic year," said

**Chad White**, art faculty and Gallery director, "Artists or groups working in any form of creative media are encouraged to submit proposals. We are always looking for new and exciting work." All 2D and 3D, solo or group proposals will be accepted.

### Please send proposals to:

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# Telling Better Stories

...with CE art & design instructor David Perry

By Jasmina Dimic



**Above:** Pictures tell a thousand words, or so the saying goes, but what's behind the photo is key to how well a story is conveyed, according to digital photography instructor, David Perry.

David Perry's life's work has been focused on capturing those perfect moments that encapsulate a world of meaning in just one photograph. He has brought his knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm to his classes for all aspiring or seasoned photographers to experience.

## The Early Days

Perry has photographed for companies like Boeing and Rockwell throughout his career. Perry, digital photography instructor in BC's Continuing Education department, knew early on that if he wanted to succeed as a professional photographer, he needed to move from Walla Walla to the Seattle area. He was always guided by the desire to be a storyteller, and he did so by telling stories for large corporations. One of Perry's specialties is photographing people, and he has a special skill for evoking certain emotions through the way in which he photographs his subjects. Over the years, he honed his craft and decided it was time to pass on what he had learned by teaching.

## Inside the Classroom

There is no "one-size fits all" persona when it comes to professional

photographers, and that goes for Perry as well. He has been teaching at Continuing Education for the past year, and his classes continue to be in-demand by Digital Photography students. Perry strives to inspire through his teachings, "Simple, worlds of information with few things to look at; it makes pictures more powerful." He is an energetic instructor whose passion is contagious. Perry learned what it means to be a great teacher from his father who taught him to, "light a fire in students, inspire, share, and encourage through an open learning environment."

## Discover Your Creative Voice

There's no better time, or weather, than now to take a photography class with Perry. His wisdom and keen eye for beauty in all things will guide you to finding your inner artistic voice. "We take pictures of nouns when we should take them of prepositions, adjectives and adverbs. That's where the real magic starts, and when you have a reason for taking pictures." Perry's goal is to get his students to think beyond the camera and clicking, and to tell a story of what they want to accomplish. 

**Want to take a class?**

**If you're ready to learn from a true professional, go ahead and sign up for David Perry's upcoming classes at [www.BCconted.com](http://www.BCconted.com).**

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Being in a culturally rich and diverse area also helps shape the programming and mission of KBCS, Whalen said.

"KBCS would have a different quality if it was in Spokane or somewhere in another part of Washington or Oregon," he said. "Just the community need would be different. But here, it's an urban environment and with very rich public media choices available."

In addition to its reputation and relationships in the community, the staff at KBCS realizes the importance of its role as an integral part of the college.

"There are a lot of competing demands, but they've been very supportive of the station and we appreciate that a great deal, and we don't take it for granted," Whalen said. "I think the campus supports what we do and we're happy with our relationship with the college. It's only gotten better over the years."

Whalen said the station continually is looking at improving its product and he has a wish list to help KBCS expand what it has to offer.

"No. 1, increase our paid staff. We're



understaffed here," he said. "No. 2, have an endowment. No. 3, have a new broadcasting facility that includes a stage and a forum, integrating some of the other media capabilities of the college and adding some additional value to that."

"Our limitations are based on real resource limitations, not on lack of desire or lack of vision," Whalen said. "But, that's true of every public radio station, no matter how big an endowment they have."

Although community involvement is important, Whalen emphasized that

**Above: Members of the Bushwick Book Club at a performance based on Isaac Asimov's Foundation Series, sponsored in part by 91.3 KBCS.**  
*(photo by Melissa Thompson)*

quality programming remains the focal point at KBCS.

"We're always improving what we do," he said. "We've had a lot of success tuning up our weekdays in general and our weekday afternoons. Some of our focus is going to be on weekday mornings now to try and bring that same focus and success level to some of our existing program." **B**

**Richard Lee continued from page 15.**

He earned his PGA Tour card in late 2011 and played in 24 PGA Tour events the following year, finishing 149 in the FedEx Cup standings. Lee improved in 2013, making the cut in 17 of his 24 PGA Tour starts, with seven top-25 and two top-10 finishes to move up to 96th in the standings.

In 2014, however, Lee was hampered by an injury to his left thumb, which eventually required surgery. Somehow, in his first competitive round in nine months after surgery, Lee tied for second in the sectional qualifier at Tumble Creek Club in Cle Elum to

earn a spot in the 2015 U.S. Open at nearby Chambers Bay in June.

Playing in his first major in his own backyard, Lee shot an opening-round 74, but stumbled to an 80 on the second day and failed to make the cut.

"I wish I would have played better, but I had a blast," Lee said. "We never get a chance to play in front of a home crowd, especially growing up in the Seattle area. Every hole, there was so much support and something that I'll never forget and something I can cherish for a long time."

Johanson met up with Lee at during the practice rounds at Chambers Bay.

"My youngest son and I, we went down and met Richard on Monday morning and hung out with him at the driving range, which was really fun," Johanson said.

Following the U.S. Open, Lee has continued his comeback from surgery on the PGA's Web.com Tour.

"Basically I'm doing my rehab starts on the Web.com Tour, which is like Triple-A in baseball," Lee said. "I just started two weeks ago and I'm playing a tournament this week in Utah. I will play a couple more and then be back on the PGA Tour next year." **B**

# Strong Start for BC Sports

... Bulldogs roll with changes

By Jim Hoehn

Shea O'Brien (3) delivers a shot in BC's first home match, a 3-2 victory over Shoreline.



## An influx of new faces – both in the coaching ranks and on the rosters – has paid early season dividends for the Bellevue College fall sports teams.

Both the men's and women's soccer teams have new head coaches and are off to successful starts. The volleyball team, with 11 freshman, played its first 20 matches on the road and came out with a winning record. And, a trio of freshmen led the men's golf team to the Centralia Invitational title.

Assistant Dan Lock took over as head coach of the women's soccer team in June when Kiko Magana took a position in North Carolina. Magana also had been co-head coach of the BC men's team with Dave O'Neill, who took over as sole head coach.

"What we like is competitive teams and I think these are a little bit better than competitive teams," BC athletic director Bill O'Connor.

## Soccer

The women's soccer team headed into its final match of September with a 4-1-0 record in the NWAC West Division, one game behind Highline, and 6-2-1 overall. Through the first month, BC's Anna Roslander was second in the conference in scoring with 21 points on nine goals and three assists.

After a 1-0 loss to Highline, the BC women closed out the month with three consecutive conference victories, outscoring those opponents 20-1.

The BC men's team was tied for second in the West Division with a 2-1-0 conference mark and 4-2-1 overall.

## Volleyball

The young volleyball team faced a rugged early season schedule with its first 20 matches on the road, closing that stretch with an 11-9 mark and a 3-1 victory at Skagit Valley to open conference play.

The Bulldogs followed that up with a

3-2 conference victory over Shoreline in their first home match on Sept. 25.

"It got them good exposure to the top eight teams in NWAC," said coach Jocelyn Lawrence. "We had a really tough pre-season schedule. And, that's what I wanted, to see the top teams and see where we were coming out of pre-season. I think it got grueling, but they did really well."

Freshman middle blocker Audrey Saelens was the NWAC offensive player of the week in Week 3.

## Golf

The men's and women's golf teams each took first place at the Centralia College Invitational on September 27-28.

The men's team posted a two-day score of 599 for a four-shot victory over Olympic. BC freshman Eddie Abellar was the medalist with a 1-over-par 145, with freshmen Dexter Simonds and Isaac Hill tied for eighth.

With four finishers in the top 10, led by medalist Meg McMullen, BC's score of 504 was 24 shots ahead of runner-up North Idaho CC, after a lead of only three shots after the first day. McMullen finished with a 7-over total of 162, followed by teammate Lindsey Gullickson at 166. Kendra Meeker finished seventh and Cedar Bowman 10th for BC.

"Both teams were steady," said coach Bryan Stevens. "The freshmen on the men's side stepped up. They were 1-2-3 on our team. And, the women had a really good second day."

The BC women's golf team is the defending NWAC champion and has won the title three of the last four years. 

*Faces of the 50th continued from page 5.*

for students aged 16-21, without a high school diploma, to receive education and job skills. The program provides students with a second chance at their education, and provides them with the tools they need to succeed in the college environment and realize their potential as students and members of the community.

Jackson knew the program well – his son went through it a few years prior and he knew he could bring a sense of authenticity and understanding to the enrolled students. He started as program coordinator, then program manager and ultimately program director by instituting improvements and efficiencies and growing participation, which has more than doubled from 137 when Jackson came in, to 300 students with multiple classes.

“To be the director of a high school

dropout program as someone who dropped out of high school is pretty amazing,” he said. “Every graduation I feel rewarded – one student sticks in my mind in particular; he came in at the last minute and class was starting that night and I had one opening left – I let him in and five years later he’s in the second year of his master’s program! It warms my heart that I was able to help him and go from a 16-year-old boy to a man.”

In the past few years, CEO joined other high school programs to create the Center for High School Programs. Jackson now oversees the CEO program, Running Start and Summer Enrichment as the director of High School Initiatives.

Jackson sees the changes on campus as a positive: the location and community esteem have helped Bellevue College become a college of choice. “When you believe in an institution, you want to

see it at its best and that’s the culture that has remained through the years. I’ve seen us fall behind at times but we always catch up quickly,” he said.

We have a ways to go to realize the campus diversity envisioned by college leadership, but Jackson says it is getting better every day.

“I was a black man with a GED and this school came together collaboratively to help me to get to where I am today and get me through the system. I’ve personally witnessed how we can bring students along at BC,” Jackson said. “It’s truly rewarding to see people change their lives. To see growth and development that you’ve had a hand in – to effect change; to know that people can change and the power of education... I’ve seen myself grow here. I look at other schools and think, why would I want to go there? They’re behind us – we’re on the cutting edge.” 

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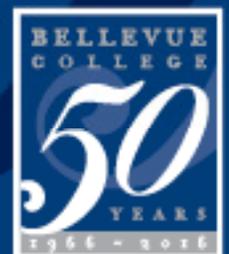
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# Bike-Friendly Campus

...BC encourages two-wheel transportation

by Sharon Berg



*"When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not despair for the future of the human race."*  
~ H.G. Wells

## Cycling programs and infrastructure are necessary tools for a commuter campus.

Throughout the 2015-16 school year, BC's Office of Sustainability will build its biking community with educational programs and new facilities. In concert with programs, infrastructure, and community building, BC continues to work to improve the safety and "bike-friendliness" on campus, creating an inviting place for bike commuting.

Cycling presents a low-impact opportunity for accessing campus and surrounding neighborhoods. "Everyday Bellevue College sees over 3,000 students and staff pass through its roads and parking lots. The congestion, delays, and carbon footprint caused by thousands of cars places a burden on the community and environment," said Patrick Green, director of the Office of Sustainability.

As part of BC's support of bike com-

muting, student and faculty cyclists were invited to submit ideas for advancing bicycle commuting on campus through a Spring Quarter 2015 survey. Green said, "They noted a desire to feel safe on their ride to and through campus. A sense of "bike-friendliness" became clear, and a desire to learn more about bicycle maintenance skills. We heard them loud and clear. Through partnerships with community organizations, campus departments, and student leaders, Bellevue College plans to advance its cycling efforts."

Notably, Bellevue College has collaborated with Bike Works, a Seattle-based non-profit, to offer bike-oriented programs. Four 50-minute classes were held fall quarter: During Spirit Week, they could bring in their bike and have Bike Works perform basic maintenance, getting it ready for winter weather, or just to spruce it up. A bike commuting class

covered laws and rules of the road, staying dry, how to carry your gear, tools necessary, and navigating your bike on transit. "This class introduces cyclists to lessons needed for entering the world of cycling," said Green. The Fix a Flat class, covered a basic but necessary skill for getting from home to campus. Participants in that class received hands-on practice on changing their tubes and fixing a flat. Capping off the quarter was a Basic Brakes class, which covered three different types of brakes and their common issues.

## Want to attend a cycling class?

Additional classes and programs are offered throughout the 2015-16 school year. Visit BC's Sustainability homepage at [www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability) to see upcoming classes and sign up. Also, be on the lookout for improved facilities, such as lockable and covered bike parking, access to showers, bike lanes, signage, and way-finding. 

## BC Bikers Meet Challenge

Bellevue College's team rocked the Cascade Bicycle Club's Bike Month Challenge in May. The 15 active participants logged 272 one-way trips totaling a whopping 1,990 miles and burned an estimated 97,547 calories! The team avoided 1,752 pounds of CO2 emissions. English instructor David Lopez-Kopp pedaled over 417.9 miles of tarmac! Science instructor Jason Fuller led the pack with 33 one-way trips (pictured above).

Happenings, news & events around the BC campus...



**Albert Lewis Jr.**  
Named VP of Economic and Workforce Development

**Albert Lewis Jr.** is BC's new vice president of Economic and Workforce Development. He will work to expand the college's outreach in the business, industry and economic development sectors while responding to local economic development and training needs for both credit and noncredit programs.



**Bangera Selected**  
to National Science Curriculum Committee

**Dr. Gita Bangera**, BC's dean of Undergraduate Research, has been named to the organizing committee for a convocation for Integrating Discovery Based Research into the curriculum. This is a committee of the National Academy of Science/National Research Council. The convocation is funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Sloan Foundation and the Helmsley Charitable

Trust. "This is an amazing opportunity to impact policy and practice at the national level," said Bangera.



**BC's Henry Amaya**  
Honored by YES with Cesar Chavez Award

**Henry Amaya**, interim assistant director of Multicultural Services, was surprised with the Cesar Chavez Award by Youth Eastside Services (YES) in April. He was also a speaker at the event.



**BC Foundation**  
Names Executive Director

The BC Foundation named **Rebecca Chawgo** as its new executive director in July. Chawgo has served as the BC Foundation's director of development since September 2013. Chawgo will work to expand the foundation's annual and programmatic funding, oversee the award of grants and scholarships, engage in Bellevue College's 50th anniversary events, and enhance the college's community engagement.



**Job Search**  
Textbook Published by BC Internship Coordinator

**Tamara Pinkas**, internship coordinator in the Center for Career Connections, just published the second edition of her textbook, "Find Your Next Professional Job: A Guide For Community College Students and Experienced Workers", co-authored with Scott Weighart.



**Essay Supports**  
Liberal Arts Education

BC student **Christopher Borth** won second place in the 2014-15 WaCLA Essay Contest in the First & Second Year category for his essay, "A Plea for Compassionate Education." The Washington Consortium for the Liberal Arts (WaCLA) is an association of Washington state public and private higher education institutions, organizations and individuals promoting the value of a liberal arts education to the people and communities of the state.

**BC Students Chosen**  
Spring 2015 Baden Athletes of the Year

**Nadeen Al-Ali**, BC sophomore is Baden Women's Tennis Player of the Year. She cruised to victory in the 2015 women's tennis championship winning 24 sets to just eight set losses. She went undefeated in league play – her only losses came against opponents from four-year schools.

**Valentin Podgorny**, BC freshman, is Baden Men's Tennis Player of the Year. After a bit of a challenge in the opening match where Podgorny won 6-4, 6-3, he then crushed the 2014 NWAC men's champion in easy fashion 6-1, 6-1. Podgorny's lone loss of the season came against an opponent from a four-year school.

**Dominique Jordan**, BC sophomore, is the Baden Men's Basketball Player of the Year for 2015. Jordan, a guard, is a two-year performer who led the Bulldogs to their second North Region title in a row and to a fifth-place finish at the 2015 NWAC Championship Tournament. Jordan led the Bulldogs in scoring with 16 points a game and turned the ball over only 46 times in close to 1,100 minutes played.

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