



Connections

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"I was able to complete my AA degree while working full time. [BC] gave me a great foundation for both undergraduate and MBA studies. The foundation has helped me continuously as a professional."

-- Shon Smith (2021), BC Alumni

Intro to Connections

Welcome to the all-new **BC "Connections" Newsletter**, your monthly resource for bite-sized ATD updates! In this first edition, our goal is to provide information and engagement opportunities for students and faculty towards our [Student Success Vision](#). In each volume we will focus on the

accomplishment of one specific ATD work team and how they are working to improve the total student experience.

ATD Resources

What is ATD?

ATD or "Achieving the Dream" is a national framework that Bellevue College adopted to improve its student success initiatives. In alignment with our "[Bulldog Trail](#)" and BC Guided Pathways model, students can clearly outline the requirements for graduation based on their chosen area of study or career objectives, from pre-entry to completion and beyond. Towards this goal, BC has developed several work teams including: **Data**, **First-Year Seminar (FYS)**, **Faculty Professional Development (FPD)**, **Guided Pathways (GP)**, **Integrated Student Support (ISS)**, and **Math Re-design**.

To learn more about BC's Approach to ATD and what goals we have accomplished for students, browse through [BC's ATD Homepage](#).

To stay up-to-date on milestones for our overall ATD work, check out our quarterly [Sway](#) E-report.



September Highlights

Guided Pathways

The focus of [Guided Pathways](#) (GP) is to increase the number of underrepresented students earning college degrees. Towards this goal, **BC's Guided Pathways Team** have gone above and beyond in working with faculty, staff, and students to accomplish BC's 2022 goals.

What's Happening:

Welcome our new course mapping leads, **Katherine Medbury-Oleson** and **Jacqueline Miller!**

- Faculty teams completed **Course Maps**, which are designed to help students make informed decisions about which courses to take to achieve their goals.
- The **Pathways Website Advisory** sub-committee have developed criteria to ensure that course maps are accessible and user-friendly for students. A survey was also conducted in FYS sections so students could weigh in on the possible options.
- Representatives of the **STEM Pathway** held their first event for students interested in exploring STEM focus areas. Students who participated were able to engage with Science Division faculty in informal conversations and hands-on activities.

For more information about Guided Pathways at BC, check out the series of animated videos (one overview and an introduction to each Pathway) on their website, [BC Pathways!](#)

How to Get Involved

We want you to be a part of student success! Three ways to learn more include:

- To connect with this volume's highlighted work team, connect with [Margaret Harada](#) or [Allison Kang](#), Guided Pathways Co-Leads.
- Plan to attend one of our ATD Core meetings held on the second Monday of every month from 3-4:30 pm. The link to join is via MS Teams.

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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- To become involved or connect a student to the work, email us at atdcomm@bellevuecollege.edu.



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