



Connections

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Intro to Connections

Welcome to the all-new BC "Connections" Newsletter, your monthly resource for bite sized **ATD/Guided Pathways** updates! This month, shout-outs go to:

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BC Early Alert Team

The New EA Team

This Fall, we welcomed a compassionate and dynamic team of four Peer Educators: Carmen Pintilie, Greyson Brooks, Lerato Mphahlele, and Zachary Yu to the **Student Success & Retention team**.

- **Carmen** is enrolled in Business Analysis & Technology courses, holds an MBA with Honors from the City University of Seattle, was a teacher abroad after earning her BA in Teaching. She started helping students at BC last year when she worked as a tutor in the Academic Success Center.
- **Greyson** is focused on studying sociology and psychology. His hobbies are reading, writing, and spending time with his best friend and their cats.
- **Lerato** is originally from South Africa where she earned a BA in Strategic Communications and worked in marketing. She is passionate about music and is currently studying Web Marketing.
- **Zachary** is an international student from China who has earned his AA in Art & Science from BC and is currently earning his Digital Marketing BA.
- **Melissa** is currently supporting the academic advising team as interim director and serving as early alert coordinator.
- **Beth** runs the student success initiative program for students that are on an Academic Standing level, is a licensed mental health counselor, and teaches human development courses at BC.

On a bittersweet note, our team would like to congratulate Lerato who graduated at the end of winter quarter! Lerato has been an invaluable member of our team, always with kind words, positive outlook, and calming presence. We are so happy for Lerato and her achievements and are very sad to see her go.

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Bellevue College is a fantastic educational institution. The professors and faculty care deeply about the wellbeing and success of the students, and always go the extra mile. The content of the courses is top-notch and prepares students for the real world.

--- Rachel Auestad(2021)

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ATD Resources: Early Alert Edition

What is ATD?

ATD or "Achieving the Dream" is a national framework for improving its student success initiatives which Bellevue College adopted and made their own

as **Guided Pathways**. To learn more about BC's Approach to ATD, including information on our "[Bulldog Trail](#)", the BC's Guided Pathways model, and other workgroups YOU can become a part of, browse [BC's ATD Homepage](#).



April Highlights

Early Alert Team

What is Early Alert?

Bellevue College's Early Alert for Academic Success, or Early Alert, is an intervention program centered on students' academic goals and performance. The program connects EA students to essential campus services and programs, resources, faculty and supportive staff that will empathetically assist them.

Facts

Student Success & Retention peer educators are responsible for about 80% of outreach to students receiving Early Alerts. The remaining 20% are completed by our campus partners in Workforce Education, Career Education Options, International Education, and Running Start programs. They also met with students to provide additional coaching and support when needed and have worked together to manage our data and identify areas to improve our processes.

The Power of Student Stories

The opportunity to connect with students during the Early Alert outreach process is both humbling and serves as a powerful reminder of the complex nature of being a student and all that they carry with them while working to complete school. We have worked with students dealing with all sorts of trauma: deaths in their family, physical injuries, unexpected medical problems and more. Hearing their stories made us realize how important our calls and emails to each of them were. Many of the students felt so thankful for having someone to listen to and knowing we are calling only to help and guide them through the best way in college.

For more information and to stay up to date with all work teams, check out [ATD Milestones!](#)

How to Get Involved

We want you to be a part of student success!

- **To learn** more about this volume's highlighted work team, connect with [Carmen Pintilie](#) and [Esteban Maldonado](#), ATD's Core Co-Leads
- **To attend** one of our ATD Core meetings held on the second Monday of every month from 3-4pm:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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Conference ID: 297 354 609#

- **To connect** an employee or student to the work, email us at atdcomm@bellevuecollege.edu.



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