

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII
Bellevue Community College
Bellevue, Washington**

OVERVIEW

Team Exceptional Award Presentation

Team Exceptional is an honor that Bellevue Community College uses to recognize significant achievements of faculty, staff and students. Any student, staff or faculty member may submit names of individuals or groups to be considered for Team Exceptional. Submissions are received through a form on an internal website and are forwarded to a recognition committee that selects honorees. The selection committee consists of representatives from the President's Office, Human Resources, classified staff, faculty, exempt staff, and students. Recipients are invited to a Board of Trustee's meeting to receive this special award, will have their names posted to the BCC Team Exceptional website in MyBCC, and their achievement will be highlighted at the Year-End Celebration.

BCC is proud to honor five students:

Amanda Alva

Denise Burke

Vanessa Pantley

Carrie Richardson

Brianne Wood

All five of these students demonstrated a commitment to BCC and the future of our community through their outstanding efforts in supporting SB5575 and HB1726 - Creating Bellevue College. While these measures ultimately did not pass, it was not through lack of effort on the part of these students. One of our legislators commented on their tenacity in getting an audience with various Higher Education Committee members, whether it was a formal appointment or by catching them in the halls, saying they were among the best and most effective "lobbyists" they had ever seen. Some of the students testified in House or Senate hearings or with legislators in hallways or their offices, while another spoke at a hearing before the Seattle Times Editorial Review Board. All gave of their own time and were articulate in conveying the message that increased four-year capacity at BCC would be a tangible step toward providing the bachelors degrees documented by the Higher Education Coordinating Board as needed to remain competitive in the economy.

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