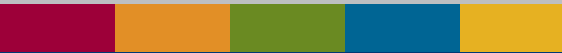




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2007 Annual Report
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Top: BCC Student Union

Bottom: South entrance to campus

Blazing new paths to learning

Vanguard programs and projects launched this year:

› Bachelor of Applied Science in Radiation & Imaging Sciences

*A first for the state, a first for BCC
(Read more on pages 6 and 7)*

› Original DNA sequencing research by students

*Unprecedented opportunity to learn by discovering new knowledge
(Read more on pages 4 and 5)*

› Get Smart About Your Money

A first-of-its-kind model of investor education for people under financial pressure

› First-Year Experience seminar

Raising the odds for student success

› Life Science Informatics Center of Excellence

Skills-training leadership for the nation as part of the U.S. Dept. of Labor's National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce

› Revitalizing Information Technology training

National leadership in curriculum development

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Top: B. Jean Floten, BCC President

Bottom: Students Ignace Hounwanou, Annika Harkonen and Khoa Dang Pham (from left) enjoy a quiet moment in BCC's north courtyard.



To our community of friends:

We pressed hard on the accelerator this year, launching six vanguard programs to lead our students and education nationwide confidently into the future.



Nationally, as one of only five colleges forming the Department of Labor's National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce, BCC published eight seminal planning and curriculum guides to help the teaching community respond to rising demand in bioinformatics – the information-management aspect of life science.

In the field of information technology (IT), our National Workforce Center for Emerging Technologies, fueled by two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants, stepped into a national leadership role in forging new IT curriculum and testing better ways to involve industry and support students.

We revved up student learning by using NSF and donor funds to create a ground-breaking opportunity for undergraduates. Now our students experience the thrill of scientific discovery firsthand by conducting an ongoing, original DNA sequencing project on a federally-assigned microbe, one that holds potential to increase grain yield in Washington and worldwide.

Our response to health-care workforce shortages sped ahead in 2007 as we introduced a bachelor's degree program in radiation and imaging sciences – our first baccalaureate degree and the only one of its kind in the Northwest.

Such pace-setting programs as these can happen only with help from our donors and supporters in the community. Thank you for being part of our strength and forward momentum, and for helping BCC students to *Become Exceptional*.

Sincerely,

B. Jean Floten, President





Our Students Become Exceptional

- › **BCC’s “mathletes” placed in the national top 10** (for the tenth time in 11 years) in mathematics competition. Our team came in seventh, and student Douglas Sherbon tied for eleventh individually, out of 10,000 competitors.
- › **Every one of our Nursing and Radiation Therapy graduates passed their licensing and certification exams** this year. The national average passage rate was under 90%.
- › **BCC students produced a major celebration of diversity, “Cultures of Our Community,”** which drew thousands of local residents.
- › **BCC Science Association students presented their 8th annual Earth Week celebration** — six days of exhibits, lectures, films and habitat restoration.
- › **Our Multi-Cultural Services Leadership Club produced a series of workshops** on the qualities and skills needed for cross-cultural civic engagement.
- › **The International Business Exploration Club set up a fair-trade coffee stand,** with proceeds supporting third-world humanitarian projects.

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Top: Students Donald Wright and Piper Lin (left and right) and Life Science Instructor Dr. Michael Hanson explore BCC’s greenhouse as part of an interdisciplinary class on “Consumption and U.S. Society.”

Bottom: Commitment to pluralism runs as deeply in the hearts of BCC students as it does among faculty and staff.

“There are more opportunities per student here at BCC than at any other school I know of – in music, drama, sports, leadership.... BCC challenges students to ‘Become Exceptional,’ and provides plenty of ways to get there.”

~ Jacob Peltier
President, Associated Student Government

Top: Students Jacob Peltier and Derek Cully (left and right) and others in the International Business Exploration Club set up this fair-trade coffee stand to raise money for humanitarian projects.

Bottom: BCC's stage productions have been honored by the Kennedy Center and play to sold-out crowds.



BCC offers students multiple ways in which to succeed. In addition to unique academic and experiential learning options, sports, drama, music and student organizations help BCC students develop into active, well-rounded citizens.

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- ▶ **BCC Bulldogs baseball and women's tennis teams placed first** in league athletic competition. Men's soccer, men's basketball and women's basketball finished second. Richard Lee took the individual men's golf title.
- ▶ Six BCC students and their staff advisor shared a **national President's Volunteer Award** for their hurricane relief work in New Orleans.
- ▶ BCC's "Celebration!" jazz choir **won first place in all five categories they entered** at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The results included their third victory in four years plus firsts for three soloists and our jazz combo.
- ▶ BCC students took **first place in a national Interior Design competition** and both first and second regionally.
- ▶ Ignace Hounwanou won a Leader of Promise Scholarship – **one of only 30 awarded nationwide** – from the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.
- ▶ Sergey Smirnov won a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation – **one of only 350 Coca-Cola gave nationwide**.
- ▶ Tom Harrington and Tyler Sabin made the 2007 All-Washington Academic Team. Sabin **ranked third overall on the 62-member team**.

Learn more about these and other student achievements in the BCC NewsCenter and our community e-newsletter, "BCC Connection." Visit bellevuecollege.edu/newscenter.

High-Impact Teaching

Not just learning, but learning to love learning

What if you could learn by discovering new knowledge? Would you be intrigued? Even eager?

BCC science students experience exactly that sort of inspiration when they go beyond soaking up knowledge to actually creating it in our labs – sequencing the DNA of a federally-assigned bacterium that holds potential to boost yield for grain farmers in Washington and throughout the world.

Along the way our students not only acquire facts. They experience the excitement of discovery while learning to ask probing questions and think critically.

“Instead of doing ‘canned’ lab exercises that produce a predetermined result, our students get the chance to do something that is all too rare at the undergraduate level: grapple with the complexities and ambiguities of real research,” said BCC Life Science Instructor Dr. Gita Bangera. Dr. Bangera is developing the program in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Joint Genome Institute of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, under a three-year grant of \$478,000 from the National Science Foundation.

DNA-sequencing is but one example of high-impact teaching at BCC. Students experience the same sort of inspiration and intellectual growth when they:

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Dr. Gita Bangera, BCC Life Science Instructor



Top: Students Drew Trusler, Lauren Kearney, Alicia Boyd and Anoy Barr (from left) explore the universe in BCC’s digital planetarium.

Bottom: Astronomy Instructor Art Goss (left) and student David Tong in BCC’s rooftop observatory.

Top: Activist, poet, actor John Trudell keynoted BCC's 2007 American Indian Film Festival.

Bottom: Students April Morgan and John Catron (left and right) pursue original genomics research with Life Science Instructor Dr. Gita Bangera.



“...we support Bellevue Community College’s trailblazing efforts in technology education. We want to help other colleges learn from BCC’s success....”

**Steve Ballmer, Chief Executive Officer
Microsoft Corporation**



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- › travel abroad to study business practices in other nations
- › volunteer in the community through service-learning classes
- › use a scanning electron microscope to see natural structures as small as some molecules
- › fly through the heavens in our digitally-programmed planetarium
- › interact with our international scholars-in-residence, learning first-hand about other cultures’ viewpoints and philosophies
- › debate current issues with community and industry leaders brought to campus through our Center for Liberal Arts’ Hands-On Democracy series
- › discuss with the filmmakers themselves the ideas and issues behind works screened at our annual American Indian Film Festival

Powerful learning opportunities such as these create the sort of educational vitality that Microsoft Corporation honored when it named BCC its second national Microsoft IT Showcase School – behind only the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. The designation recognizes “leadership in preparing students for the digital age.”

Whether in science, technology, business, social science or the humanities, high-impact learning environments at BCC all lead students to something even greater than knowledge in a specific field. They inspire a fundamental love of learning and foster clear, logical reasoning – foundations for a lifetime of successful engagement with the modern world.





Responding to community needs:

BCC doubles health-care offerings to ease worker shortages

The nation's health care system is ailing. Beset on one side by escalating demand from aging Baby Boomers and an expanding population, and afflicted on the other by an acute shortage of health-care workers, the industry is being squeezed. Nationally and locally, it sorely needs more training resources to build the labor pool.

Enter Bellevue Community College. With workforce training as one of our four primary missions, we have more than doubled our health-care skills training programs.

BCC now offers 22 health-care related certificate and degree programs – everything from breast ultrasound to nursing to vascular intervention – and serves more than 1,000 students training for a career in health care.

Most notable is our new Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Radiation and Imaging Sciences, launched with 80 students in Fall 2007 as one of the first four community college baccalaureates to win formal approval in Washington state. Created with detailed input from health-care professionals, it remains the only program in the state and one of just a few in the nation targeted specifically

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Top: Swedish Cancer Institute Radiation Therapist Michael Bailey, a student in BCC's imaging sciences bachelor's degree program, with BCC radiation therapy associate-degree student Janine Edelbrock.

Bottom: Student Paul Resnick discusses nuclear medicine images with Program Director Jennifer Prekeges.

“BCC is known for being the best two-year imaging program in the region.... That's why more than two-thirds of our regionally-trained staff in the imaging department are BCC graduates.”

~ Jim Sapienza

Administrative Director of Diagnostic Imaging
Virginia Mason Medical Center

Top: Jennifer Jones, Tina Semeling and Stephanie Tatum Murphy (from left) discuss new life science informatics curriculum being developed at BCC for use nationwide.

Bottom: Students Erica Hauglie and Ignace Hounwanou (center and right) learn health care techniques from Nursing Instructor Lisa Tedeschi.



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to the urgent need for more technicians with advanced radiation and imaging skills and the ability to manage entire radiation and imaging departments.

BCC was a logical choice to offer this advanced program.

“BCC radiation therapy graduates continually rank high in American Registry of Radiologic Technologists reports, which include not just associate programs nationwide but baccalaureate and hospital-based programs as well,” explained Michael Bailey, a 2005 graduate of our associate degree radiation therapy program. Bailey is now a professional radiation therapist at Swedish Cancer Institute and a student in our bachelor’s degree program.

“Most of this region’s cancer centers already acknowledge the quality of BCC’s program and its reputation for graduating qualified radiation therapists,” Bailey added.

Staff at Virginia Mason Medical Center agree: *“BCC is known both for being the best two-year imaging program in the region and for the high quality of its graduates,”* said Jim Sapienza, administrative director of diagnostic imaging for the Seattle hospital. *That’s why more than two-thirds of our regionally-trained staff in the imaging department are BCC graduates.”*

Making a difference – forever

Friends called Walter Baz “a Renaissance man,” so it makes perfect sense that he would foster a love of learning and the arts in future generations through a permanent scholarship fund at the Bellevue Community College Foundation.

Endowing the Walter Baz Interior Design Scholarship Fund shortly before his death in September 2007, Mr. Baz left a perpetual source of support to enable BCC students to carry on his love for the applied art of interior design. In a career spanning five decades, Mr. Baz served interior design clients throughout the West Coast, Mexico, Canada and Hawaii.

As an endowment, Mr. Baz’ gift will be preserved in perpetuity through prudent investment, protecting the fund’s future earning power and funding annual scholarships.

For information on creating an endowed scholarship or making a personal gift, please contact the BCC Foundation at (425) 564-2386 or foundation@bcc.ctc.edu.



Top: Interior Design student Natalie Cordell presents her concept for Habitude, a retail spa.

Bottom: The late Walter Baz, who has endowed a named scholarship for BCC Interior Design students

How Can I Help?

Use the envelope in the center of this report to make your gift to the Bellevue Community College Foundation today. On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of BCC, we thank you.

Top: BCC Foundation Board of Directors President Mike Humphries

Bottom: Student Aasha Morill consults Circulation Manager Xinhang Hu in BCC's Library Media Center, which provides 24-hour online access to more than 35 major databases and over 30,000 full-text periodicals.

Dear friends of BCC:

Bellevue Community College set new milestones for innovation and community impact this year, and the BCC Foundation produced new levels of support for students and educational programs.



The Foundation's accomplishments are largely attributable to you, our supporters and to the hard work of Board members and staff. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all.

Your gifts paid great dividends this year. For example, your contributions launched a pilot, three-day "First Year Experience" seminar this fall to boost students' chances for graduation – the first step in the college's plan to model a comprehensive student-success program for two-year colleges across the nation.

Gifts to the BCC Foundation are raising the sophistication of the college's planetarium well above that of any other in the Northwest. The advanced digital projection system purchased through your contributions can fly you through the Big Dipper and let you walk virtually on the surface of Mars!

A major corporate gift, coupled with a National Science Foundation grant, is giving our science students an opportunity unprecedented at community colleges nationally: to learn by conducting DNA sequencing research (see the story on pages 4 and 5). What an incredible way to whet students' appetite for science!

The strength of the Foundation's impact grows in direct proportion to your contributions. Again, thank you for all you do to help our students and enhance BCC's impact on their lives and the community in which we live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Humphries".

Mike Humphries
President, BCC Foundation

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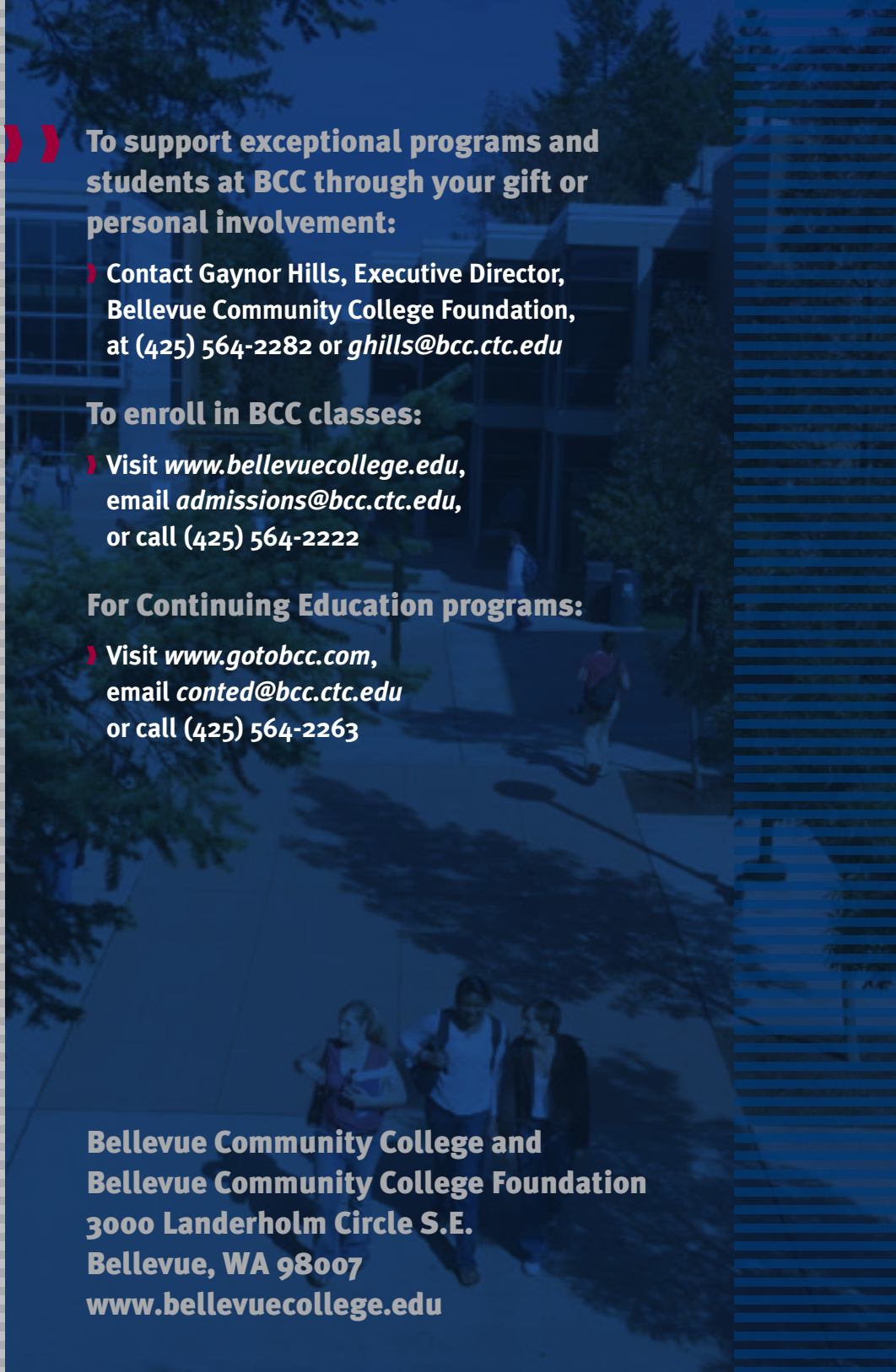
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