

Dear Student,

You are receiving this correspondence from the Bellevue College Disability Resource Center in partnership with the Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology (DO-IT) Center. The purpose is to inform you about many opportunities that are available. We invite you to review these opportunities and participate in activities that interest you.

On page two, you will find information about *AccessSTEM CAREERS* activities, a **disability disclosure workshop**, and **career preparation events**. Page three has information about *AccessSTEM's* scholarship website and the **National Center for Women in Information Technology**. Page four has information about **student services**, the **Autism Spectrum Navigators Program**, **Career Connections** events, the **Disability Resource Center**, and **DO-IT**.

Bellevue College and DO-IT staff wish you a successful and enjoyable college experience.

Sincerely,

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Join Projects for Students Pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) Fields

Funded by the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation and National Science Foundation, the *AccessSTEM CAREERS* and *AccessComputing* projects are recruiting students in STEM fields such as the sciences, math, computing, engineering, psychology and many other social science disciplines.

Career Building, Networking, and Events - Learn about careers, resumes, job fairs, and networking.

Mentoring - Get support from other students, faculty, staff, and professionals.

Free USB Flash Drive - Given to new *AccessSTEM CAREERS* students. Get yours today!

For more information about *AccessSTEM CAREERS* and *AccessComputing*, contact Tami Tidwell at 206-685-3648 (voice/TTY) or tamitha@uw.edu. Student applications are at www.uw.edu/doit/accessstem-careers-application and www.uw.edu/accesscomputing/accesscomputing-team-application, respectively.

AccessSTEM CAREERS Activities and Bellevue College Events

Unless otherwise stated, RSVP by emailing Tami Tidwell at tamitha@uw.edu or calling 206-685-3648.

Job and Networking Fair

Wednesday, May 11th, 9:30am – 1:30pm

Cafeteria, Bellevue College

Bellevue College's annual job and networking fair will feature a plethora of companies.

Come prepared with your resume! To learn more, contact Fabienne Mouton at fabienne.mouton@bellevuecollege.edu or call 425-564-2190.

Disability Disclosure Workshop

Tuesday, May 17, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

TBD, Bellevue College

Discover tips on how to disclose your disability from *AccessSTEM CAREERS* and a guest from Microsoft.

Staying Connected Seattle

Tuesday, May 24, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

The D Center, Mary Gates Hall 024, UW

Join us on Seattle campus to have free coffee and food, share success stories, and talk about challenges and questions. RSVP encouraged to Kayla Brown at kayladb@uw.edu.

Staying Connected Bothell

Wednesday, May 25, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Food for Thought Cafe, UW Bothell Bookstore

Join us on Bothell campus to have free coffee and food, share success stories, and talk about challenges and questions. RSVP encouraged to Kayla Brown at kayladb@uw.edu.



Elevator Pitch Contest

Tuesday, May 31th, 3:00 – 5:00pm

Need to practice your self-promotion and ready to network with a room of professionals? Attend DO-IT's annual elevator pitch contest to practice yours with industry professionals.

DisAbility Career Fair and Lunch

Thursday, June 9th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

(Lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm)

Cafeteria, Bellevue College

A great opportunity for students and alumni to meet employers looking specifically to hire people with disabilities. Hosted by the Washington State Business Leadership Network and Bellevue College. Join us from 12-1 for lunch before the fair; RSVP for location.

Mock Interviews

Thursday, July 21th, 3:00 – 5:00pm

Practice your interview skills and learn how to express the best qualities about yourself. RSVP for more information by July 10th.

Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)

Join WRP, a program that connects students with disabilities with employers nationwide.

To be eligible, candidates must be full-time students (or have graduated within one year each December) and be U.S. citizens.

Interviews will be held in the fall of 2016.

For more information or to find out if you are eligible, contact Michael Reese at the Center for Career Connections by emailing michael.reese@bellevuecollege.edu or calling 425-564-4066.

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Join our DO-IT Friends group on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to stay in touch!

Facebook: [ow.ly/hYm50](https://www.facebook.com/ow.ly/hYm50)

Twitter: @doituw



National Center for Women and Information Technology

NCWIT works to correct the imbalance of gender diversity in technology and computing. Increasing the number of women in technology and computing fields has the potential to improve the design of products and services to better serve a more diverse population. NCWIT is partnered with the National Science Foundation, Microsoft, Google, and a number of other organizations. The program helps organizations recruit, retain, and advance women from K-12 and higher education through industry and entrepreneurial careers by providing community, evidence, and action. Visit the NCWIT website at www.ncwit.org/ to see the many resources, campaigns, and events sponsored that are intended to increase the representation of women in computing and technology fields.

College Funding Strategies

Learn more about funding college with the brochure *College Funding for Students with Disabilities*, which includes information on federal and state aid, scholarships, and other resources. Read the brochure online at www.uw.edu/doit/college-funding-students-disabilities.

DO-IT also hosts a webpage dedicated to finding scholarships for students with disabilities. This page shares information about the scholarship, including eligibility, deadline, and a link to apply. Visit this page at www.uw.edu/doit/resources/scholarships.



Upcoming Scholarships: Spring 2016

The Mouse Hole Scholarship Program; Application Due: May 15

Incoming college students starting Spring or Fall 2016 with a visual impairment can write a prompt-based essay to win a \$1,000 - \$2,000 scholarship.

www.blindmicemegamall.com/bmm/shop/Mouse_Hole_Scholarships

The AbbVie Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship; Application Due: May 27

Students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree with cystic fibrosis can apply for an award of \$3,000 with the possibility of winning up to \$24,000.

www.abbviecf scholarship.com/

1800wheelchair.com Scholarship; Application Due: May 30

Students attending college or planning to attend can submit a “visual poem” about overcoming a personal challenge or mobility issue on campus. The visual poem can be represented in words, images, or both, and include an attached short personal statement.

www.1800wheelchair.com/scholarship/

NASA Space Grant Community College Transfer Scholarship; Application Due: June 3

Students transferring to the University of Washington in 2016 and pursuing an undergraduate degree in STEM are eligible for a \$2,000 to \$5,000 scholarship.

www.waspacegrant.org/for_students/undergraduate_programs/scholarships/uw/uw_scholars_cctransfer.html

Autism Spectrum Navigators Program

The Autism Spectrum Navigators program offers individualized support for Bellevue College students who have an Autism Spectrum Condition.

Students who have met the College admission requirements can apply for services at the Disability Resource Center. The program serves as a reference for Bellevue College faculty and staff, offering information and training in Autism Spectrum related issues and promoting inclusion in academics, the workplace, and in the community. Visit the program's website at www.bellevuecollege.edu/autismspectrumnavigators/ to find information on upcoming events and how to apply.



Disability Resource Center at Bellevue College

Spring hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: D125
Phone: 425-564-2498 (V), 425-564-4110 (TTY)

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is dedicated to service excellence in the provision of comprehensive and flexible accommodation plans, which contribute to the successful academic endeavors of qualified students who have disabilities. The DRC also works to provide up-to-date assistive technology, and many classrooms and computer labs already have technology implemented. For more information, visit bellevuecollege.edu/drc/.

There are new staff in the DRC office!
Learn more about them online and stop by to say hi!
www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc/drc-staff/

Educational Planning Advising Center

Location: B232
Advisors, counselors, and resources are available for students who wish to transfer to a four-year university, pursue a career, or are undecided about their major.

Center for Career Connections Events

Bellevue College offers informational sessions that provide career-related information. To register, call 425-564-2279 or come by B231 during business hours. For more information, including workshops, visit depts.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/students-alumni-and-community-members/classes-and-workshops.

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