



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Bellevue College was founded in January 1966 as a small community college serving fewer than 500 students, and has since grown into the third largest higher education institution in Washington, serving more than 600,000 students over six decades; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue College provides accessible, high-quality educational opportunities through a wide range of programs, including bachelor’s degrees, associate degrees, certificates and workforce training that support lifelong learning and career advancement; and
- Whereas:** the College’s mission to be a catalyst for lifelong transformation that drives social and economic progress reflects its commitment to well-being, collaboration, accountability, agility, curiosity and integrity; and
- Whereas:** During the 2024–2025 academic year, Bellevue College served more than 21,000 students and continues to support student success through strong faculty engagement and a diverse range of academic and professional pathways; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue College is recognized as a leader in student outcomes, ranking first in Washington state for 10-year return on investment among public institutions and among the top institutions nationally for graduates’ earnings and career success; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue College enriches the community through its media programs, including KBCS 91.3 FM and BCTV Channel 28, and continues to invest in the future through campus expansion and new facilities such as the interdisciplinary Arts Building opening in 2027; and
- Whereas:** The city of Bellevue is a hub for education, innovation and talent, with a highly educated population and strong partnerships between educational institutions, employers and the community, and Bellevue College plays a central role in preparing the next generation of leaders.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the

60th Anniversary of Bellevue College

in Bellevue and celebrate six decades of impact, innovation and opportunity, while recognizing Bellevue College’s enduring role in shaping lives, strengthening the regional economy and building a more connected and prosperous community for the future.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue