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**WCC's Non-Traditional Career Workshop Encourages  
Middle-School Girls to Pursue Technology Education**

*"Girls Go Tech" Enrollment Deadline is April 19*

**Bellingham, WA, April 13, 2012** — An April 28 workshop at Whatcom Community College will introduce middle-school girls to non-traditional education and career paths. The "Girls Go Tech" program presents opportunities for 11-14 year-olds to learn about the world of technology through thought-provoking hands-on activities. The workshop also includes information sessions for parents to learn more about access to college and professional technical programs offered through WCC.

Students must register by April 19 for the 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 28 event, which offers an interactive approach to learning more about technology-related programs at WCC. Activities will include hands-on labs, special technology speakers, and the use of technology to solve a mock dog-napping mystery. Instructors from Whatcom's Computer Information Systems, Administration of Justice and Visual Communications programs lead the sessions.

The \$10 workshop fee covers one middle-school girl and her parent or guardian. The fee is waived for students on the free reduced lunch program at their schools. Registration includes the hands-on labs, lunch for two, T-shirt for the student, campus scavenger hunt, presentations, and career and educational information. For more information, email [girlsgotech@whatcom.ctc.edu](mailto:girlsgotech@whatcom.ctc.edu) or call 360.383.3195. A registration form and complete information is available on the event website, [www.whatcom.ctc.edu/girlsgotech](http://www.whatcom.ctc.edu/girlsgotech).

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Whatcom hosted a similar workshop for middle-school boys in March. "Guys and Guts" introduced the students to health-care careers. Both workshops are made possible by funds from the Carl D. Perkins Act and generous donations from the Bellingham Branch of the American Association of University Women and Bellingham Lion's Club. Additional support for lunches is contributed by the College Access Challenge Grant of Washington.

Whatcom Community College is an accredited, comprehensive two-year college with a committed, accomplished faculty and staff who serve more than 7,600 students quarterly. On its beautiful 71-acre campus in Bellingham, WA, and through on-line courses, Whatcom offers transfer degrees, professional and technical training programs, as well as basic education, job skills and Community Education classes. For more information about WCC, please call the Public Information Office at 360.383.3310 or visit [www.whatcom.ctc.edu](http://www.whatcom.ctc.edu).

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