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Workshops for Middle Schoolers Focus on Non-traditional Careers

Bellingham, Wash. – Upcoming workshops at Whatcom Community College (WCC) will introduce middle-school students to non-traditional education and career paths. The March 15 “Guys & Guts” and April 19 “Girls Go Tech” programs teach 11-14 year-olds about the worlds of healthcare and technology respectively through thought-provoking activities. The workshops also include information sessions for parents wanting to learn more about access to college and WCC’s professional technical programs.

Students must register by March 5 for the March 15 Guys & Guts held at Whatcom’s new Health Professions Education Center. The workshop’s hands-on activities include a biology lab, campus scavenger hunt, and jump starting a heart of a robotic simulated patient. Participants will also learn about medically-oriented programs and career paths such as medical assisting, physical therapy, nursing and emergency response.

Enrollment is also open for the April 19 Girls Go Tech workshop, which offers an interactive approach to learning more about technology-related programs. Students will participate in hands-on lab experiments, hear from technology experts, and challenge a robotic obstacle course. Instructors from WCC’s Computer Information Systems and Criminal Justice programs and the Ferndale School District lead the sessions. Registration deadline is April 10.

Both workshops are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The \$10 fee covers one middle-school student and his or her parent or guardian, and includes lunch for two and a T-shirt. Registration forms are available at www.whatcom.ctc.edu/guysandguts and www.whatcom.ctc.edu/girlsgotech. Email lgardner@whatcom.ctc.edu or call (360) 383-3193 with questions.

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