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Warmest Holiday Wishes to you and your loved ones

Dear BCIT community,

The end of one year and the beginning of another always sparks gratitude for me. Looking back on 2022, I am grateful for our incredible BCIT community of faculty and staff who ensure students are supported and have the best chance at success. The many stories that we shared over the past 12 months—including the Health Sciences Centre opening, the Trades and Technology Complex announcement, and the inspiring stories of our generous corporate, individual, and alumni donors and their impact—are proof of that.

Truly, students are the heart of BCIT.

When we support our students now, we are helping to set them up for future success as alumni who can change the world. Every day, I hear stories about BCIT alumni who are achieving amazing things—developing innovative solutions, becoming thought leaders in their field, and ensuring the wellbeing of our communities. It makes me so proud to know that each of them started as students right here at BCIT.

As we get ready for the holiday season, I can't help but think about BCIT students who are struggling. Even as the world begins to settle into a new sense of normalcy, the changing economic climate and ongoing pandemic continue to put too many students at risk of not completing their studies. Sadly, they face food insecurity daily, financial strain that makes it hard to make ends meet, and unique challenges that impact their health and wellbeing.

I invite you to consider donating to support our wonderful students. **Your gift will be matched until December 31 or until we reach \$25,000.** That means for every \$1 you donate, another \$1 will be given. Your gift will have twice the impact on a student's life. Please [visit our web page](#) to learn more about the

[Donate to match your gift.](#)

I thank you for the commitment, hard work, and generosity with which you support our students. You are a critical part of their success both during their time as BCIT students and in their careers as alumni.

On behalf of the Advancement team, I wish you and your family and friends a healthy and happy holiday season.

Please note that the deadline to receive a tax receipt for the 2022 tax year is December 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact foundation@bcit.ca or 604.432.8803.

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