

# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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## Awards Program

The honors recognition program culminates in late April and is sponsored by the Career Services and Leadership Development Office. During the program, individuals are recognized for their academic achievements, participation in student organizations, and contributions within the college community.

## Peer Advisors

Peer Advisors are a select group of students who represent BTC, as well as their own programs, to our student body and local communities. They serve as Advising, Registration and Orientation (ARO) leaders, tour guides and assist with the many events that take place on campus. Peer Advisors have been trained to answer common advising questions and registration processes.

## Student Cupboard

The BTC Student Cupboard (<https://www.blackhawk.edu/Student-Resources/Student-Life/Student-Cupboard/>) provides supplemental food and other necessities for current students and their families who are in need. Our vision is to ensure no BTC student goes hungry because of a lack of income or access to food.

## Student Government Association (SGA)

The Student Government Association plans campus-wide social, recreational and educational activities. This committee is open to all students. Student members are involved in choosing entertainers for campus programs, and marketing and promoting campus-wide events. Students will gain professional experience in marketing, planning, negotiation, and communication.

## Student Organizations

Student organizations provide valuable experience to students by fostering leadership, personal development, career opportunity, and community relations. They are considered an integral part of the total education experience at Blackhawk. To learn more about student organizations, visit [blackhawk.edu/Student-Resources/Student-Life/Student-Organizations](https://blackhawk.edu/Student-Resources/Student-Life/Student-Organizations) (<https://blackhawk.edu/Student-Resources/Student-Life/Student-Organizations/>).

## Student Representative to the District Board

Blackhawk was one of the first technical colleges in Wisconsin to formally have a student representative to the Board. Typically the representative is the President of the Student Government Association or a designee. The student representative serves in a non-voting position and acts as the liaison between the District Board and the student body.

## Student Union

**The Student Union is located on the lower level of Central Campus and is open to all students. The Student Union is the perfect place to meet friends, play games, watch TV, study, or simply hang out. It also features a multi-purpose room and a Unity Lounge. The multi-purpose room is ideal for student organizations or group meetings to gather. The Unity Lounge is a safe place for Blackhawk students and features diverse and inclusive information and resources.**

## University Center

The University Center is located at the Central Campus and provides students with an opportunity to meet with four-year institutions about continuing their education. Blackhawk has partnered with institutions who hold office hours in the University Center.

## Wisconsin Technical College System Student Ambassador

Each year, one student is selected as the WTCS Student Ambassador to represent Blackhawk. The ambassador attends several state-wide events throughout the year, is a spokesperson for the WTCS, and is often a featured speaker at the annual commencement ceremony.

## Wisconsin Technical College System Student Showcase

The WTCS Student Showcase is held annually at the State Capitol Building to highlight academic excellence at the technical college. Each year, a student or group of students is selected from faculty nominations to participate in the showcase. Participants can highlight a class project, a service-learning initiative, or a community service project.