



A CREEK week welcome

By Bree Self
Staff Writer

Wednesday morning, Aug. 18, Brevard College welcomed its incoming freshmen with a week full of activities, appropriately named BC C.R.E.E.K. Week.

To kick off the week, Campus Life staff embraced the first-years with introductions to President David Joyce, Dean of Students Debora D'Anna and to the important staff of their department. Here, first-year students were also told about necessary information to make their C.R.E.E.K. week.

Freshmen were also greeted to their first BC Fest! Students stopped by to get their free merchandise and maybe go see the amazing llamas if they weren't scared to be spat on.

Later that night, students experienced their first residential meeting where they were informed about the rules and regulations of their new home away from home.

Moving onto Aug. 19, Campus Life had a fun day in store for the new arrivals. Starting the day

off with a bang, students ate breakfast and met their peer mentors for the first time. Following that, students were split into their F.Y.E groups to attend their first-ever F.Y.E class meeting to meet their F.Y.E professor, and get to know each other through a fun icebreaker.

Speaking of icebreakers, after the class meeting, students joined each other on the turf for the PLAYFAIR. Here, the students interacted with each other following the instruction of comedian guest speaker, Christopher Richards. Under his guidance, students found their 'first college buddy.'

Following the schedule laid out for them, the students were released for lunch and prompted to return for a choice of sessions about campus life, including diversity, sexual and alcohol awareness seminars, or volunteer work.

On Aug. 20, bright eyed and bushy tailed students joined Le Tavoloni at the parking lot in front of the gym to attend the ever so fun day of shooting basketballs while wearing alcohol impaired goggles, to warn students about the effects of alcohol and other substances.

A letter from President Joyce

The first semester of the 2021-2022 academic year has begun at Brevard College! We are excited to welcome all the new students, along with our returning students. The campus is truly alive with the energy, excitement and spirit exemplified by our student body. Our faculty has used the summer to refresh their classes to ensure that they are engaging, challenging and fully embedded in the experiential model.

Our staff has literally worked "around the clock" to get the campus ready for your arrival. We built a new residence hall, made numerous upgrades in the Villages, opened BC Outfitters, a refreshed coffeehouse and air conditioning will soon be completed in both Beam and Jones residence halls.

All of us, especially our students, have had to wrestle with the protocols necessary to manage COVID-19. We have done extraordinarily well under very challenging times by working together to keep the campus safe and almost virus free. We'll have to be vigilant again this year if we are to have in-person classes, athletic competition, concerts, art shows, intramurals and a host of other campus activities that make college life special.

So, please follow the COVID-19 protocols so that you will have a campus experience that surpasses all expectations. We must help keep each other safe and healthy.

Finally, you probably already know that I will be retiring at the end of this semester. While Lynne and I will miss living on campus, we have purchased a home in town and we plan to be active visitors, attending campus events throughout the year. The Board of Trustees will name us "President and First Lady Emeriti," an honorary distinction that will ensure that we will forever be Brevard College Tornados. We love this college, and we love each and every one of you. So, let's make this year the best it can be, and next year even better, and so on. Go Tornados!

David Joyce
President, Brevard College

Letter from the Editor

Welcome back, students and faculty, and to the freshman class, a warm welcome to Brevard College!

My name is Eleanor Flannery and I will be taking on the position of Editor-in-Chief for The Clarion. A little about me: I'm a senior this year, a history major and English and pre-law minor. I also serve as the President of the Pastimes History Club.

I'm a Florida native, but am happy to now call myself a Brevardian. I have been on The Clarion writing staff for four semesters now, serving in many positions, first as a writer,

then as an editor, and then also as a contributor to layout and design. I was eager to earn this role and take over from the previous Editor-in-Chief, and personal friend of mine, Alumna Margaret Correll '21.

I am very excited to get this semester started, and look forward to the many issues ahead of us this semester. I hope to make this year a great one, not only for it being my last year at Brevard College, but for the success of The Clarion.

-Eleanor Flannery

Beam catches cold

By Ann Marie Bates
Arts & Life Editor

First-year students will soon enjoy air conditioning in Beam Residence Hall. Chris Center, Director of Housing for Brevard College, recalls his sweltering time in Beam Hall, initially as a first-year student and then as an RA for his remaining three years. Later, when Center returned in a staff role as Beam Hall Director, he remembers wondering why the delay in making the building climate-controlled. "There was a lot of talk about it, but nothing was happening," said Center.

According to the Winter 1994 issue of Brevard Magazine, Lena Sue Beam Residence Hall was built in 1966, as part of a long-range plan envisioned by Brevard College's fifth president, Dr. Emmett Kennedy McLarty, and named for the wife of Trustee C. Grier Beam. Other buildings that were added to the campus, from 1961 to 1969, as a result of Dr. McLarty's vision, include Moore Science Building, Boshamer

Gymnasium, Beam Administration Building, Jones Library, Myers Dining Hall and McLarty-Goodson, comprising much of the campus as we know it today.

Center was glad to see the ball start rolling this year, with construction beginning mid-summer under the supervision of Burke Ulrey, Director of Facilities at Brevard College. The plan was to have the cold air blowing by the time students moved in, but several delays have pushed the original goal out an additional week or two.

These delays include supply shortages and staffing shortages, possibly due to COVID-19, having to retro-fit the aged building for the new A/C, and waiting on the city of Brevard to install a new transformer necessary for the additional electrical demands. Each hallway and each living area will have its own unit.

With average highs in the mid 80's forecasted during BC's first week of classes, working A/C will likely bring welcome relief to residents of Beam Hall.



Construction of AC outside of Beam Residential Hall.

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COVID-19 policy

By Caroline Hoy
Layout & Design

An email sent out to Brevard College at 1:39 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23 reads, "Now that a Covid-19 vaccine (Pfizer) has been fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), we will begin to implement the Brevard College Covid-19 Vaccination Policy. Effective immediately, Faculty and Staff are required to be vaccinated with more information coming from Human Resources. All students will need to be fully vaccinated by January 2, 2022. More information for students will be sent from Campus Life."

The email from the Brevard College President comes at no shock since there were originally plans to require the vaccination this semester. The decision was made to not require the vaccination this semester because of the 76 to 21 percent vaccination rate to unvaccinated rate, as stated in an email sent on Aug. 19 titled Updated COVID Policy.

On Jan. 2, 2022, Brevard College will require all students to be vaccinated. To help students become vaccinated, Brevard College is hosting free vaccination clinics for anyone who wishes to become vaccinated in the Porter Center.

With the vaccine becoming more available and soon being required for students, Brevard College seems to be lifting a handful of the restrictions from last year. For starters, there is

no longer one-way in the halls or doors.

In the cafeteria, students will still be served their food, but now they can grab their own silverware. Plus, it is much easier for students or faculty to sit with others while eating. Many places on campus have opened up more seating for students to sit together and hang out. For example, Coltrane Underground, with many new social activities like pool, video games or ping pong, to name a few.

Brevard College seems to be becoming more lively again after all the COVID chaos. Of course, some protocols are still in place from COVID. For example, students can only use water fountains for filling water bottles.

The rule for the masks is "The college made a decision... to reinstate the mask mandate for all indoor spaces. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times while inside all buildings. The mandate will apply to vaccinated and unvaccinated community members." As stated by Debora D'Anna in an email to the Brevard College community.

Even though the college has many restrictions in place, students can still enjoy some fun COVID safe activities on campus. According to Le Tavoloni, there will be "...tons of student activities through Student Government, Clubs and Campus Activity Board."

A message from Debbie D'Anna

I am very pleased to welcome you to the 2020-21 academic year at Brevard College. Unfortunately, while we were hoping for a semester free from the anxiety and stress of COVID, that is not the case. COVID is still a part of our daily lives.

Brevard College is committed to providing you with an education grounded in experiential learning. This means face-to-face instruction with dedicated faculty and staff members to assist you in your journey. We need your help to make this happen. We must take care of each other by wearing our masks at all times indoors, remaining at least three feet apart, washing our hands often, reporting symptoms, weekly testing and getting vaccinated. We believe we can create a safe living and learning environment by following these guidelines.

Margaret Wheatley said, "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." So, thank you for protecting yourself and your classmates, our campus community and the larger Brevard Community.

Finally, remember to practice compassion and patience with yourself and those around you.

Go Tornados!

Debbie D'anna is Vice President for Student Success and Dean for Students at Brevard College

Security report

Stan Jacobsen, Director of Safety, Security and Risk Management, reminds students to park only in their designated parking spaces; white spaces are for on-campus residents and green spaces are for commuters. Students should not be parking in yellow faculty spaces, as doing so can result in receiving a ticket with a stated fine.

Some students have been parking in front of fire hydrants. Students are reminded to move their cars if they are parked in these areas, as it is prohibited and a safety hazard in the case of an emergency situation.

A blue backpack was reported missing containing several t-shirts. If you believe you have found this item, please contact Campus Security at (828) 577-9590.

—Eleanor Flannery





Photo from Citizen-Times

First responders at the scene of the accident in Pisgah Forest.

Unfortunate happenings in Pisgah Forest

By Eleanor Flannery
Editor in Chief

On Aug. 14, an oak tree fell on top of two cars travelling down U.S. 276 in Pisgah Forest. One person was killed and three others were severely injured. The U.S. Forest Service was set to perform an assessment to gather what happened to cause the fall.

"There was no storm there at the time," said Brevard Fire Chief Bobby Cooper, who was one of many present among several first responders to the accident. "I think it was just a tree that was rotten at the base that fell."

The Clarion writing staff's hearts go out to those injured in the accident and to the loved ones close to the departed.

Pisgah National Forest has been under strict ruling, as many parts of the forest have been closed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recent severe weather. Several roads, trails and picnic areas are closed, but are expected to start opening up again in the future. As of May 18, the following is a list of roads and trails currently unavailable to the public, from the Pisgah Conservancy website.

Roads closed to vehicular traffic, but open to other uses:

- Lickstone
- Courthouse Creek
- Pilot Mountain
- Bent Creek
- Lake Powhatan Access

Yellow Gap
Wash Creek (Beyond Horse Camp)

Roads open to all uses:

- Avery Creek
- Headwaters
- Bent Creek
- Black Balsam

Trail & Trailhead Closures:

- FS 329 Campground Connector – Bent Creek
- Campground Connector Trailhead – Bent Creek
- Hardtimes Trailhead

ALL FORMS OF CAMPING ARE STILL PROHIBITED

The following developed recreation sites are still CLOSED:

- ALL Designated Roadside Campsites
- ALL Picnic Areas
- ALL Shelters
- ALL Developed Campgrounds & Associated Picnic Areas
- Cradle of Forestry in America
- Looking Glass Falls
- Pisgah Ranger Station Visitor Center
- Sliding Rock Recreation Area

To stay updated with Pisgah Forest and the latest changes, visit the Pisgah Conservancy website: www.pisgahconservancy.org/tpc-news/pisgah-updates.html

BC Outfitters

By Caroline Hoy
Layout & Design

Over the last many years when students have needed a textbook, last minute school supplies, or some clothes to represent their school, they could go to the Brevard College bookstore.

Over the summer, the store got a facelift. Students can still go to the bookstore, now called BC Outfitters, for some last minute school supplies or just some new Brevard College merch, but now, students can no longer buy their textbooks at the store.

BC Outfitters is the cool new hangout place on campus, while still functioning as a store. BC Outfitters can get you all the merch your heart desires. BC merch can be found as t-shirts, hoodies, pants, jackets, water bottles, cups, hats, baby onesies, lanyards or even small stuffed animals. The number of choices is a great new change and I personally will be going for something new soon.

The store does not only sell BC merchandise. School supplies are an easy find in the new store. There are notebooks, writing utensils and much more.

Plus, a very cool new addition to the store are books written by faculty. There is a whole giant shelf of these books. BC outfitters will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will always have someone in there in case anyone needs help with anything.

Textbooks are no longer available because last year, in late December or early January, Follet, the previous textbook company that worked with Brevard College, announced they were moving to online. After looking at multiple textbook companies last year, the school decided to go with eCampus.

ECampus is an online bookstore for students to use. The website seems easy to traverse. A student can easily sell, rent, buy or get an etextbook from the website.

The website also shows the average list price versus what the book cost on their website. One book on the site states that it has an average list price of \$115 while on eCampus, the same book rents for \$40.25 per semester and buying used costs \$47.66 saving \$74.66.

The destruction of Tropical Storm Fred

Tropical Storm Fred has reached North Carolina and Tennessee and has caused severe floods, leading to missing persons and destruction across counties.

Fred made landfall at 2:15 p.m. CDT near Cape San Blas, Florida, with winds of 65 mph. It was the fourth named storm to make a United States landfall this season, following Claudette, Danny and Elsa.

There are at least four confirmed deaths in Haywood County, North Carolina; their names have not yet been released. Several people still continue to be missing. One Haywood County survivor said, "I just saw everything floating away."

Nearly 100 people have been rescued from their homes, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety said in a news release. The flooding of Pigeon River has been categorized as historic.

In Tennessee, rainfall has shattered records of the water levels in the Piney River. At least 11 inches of rain hit Hickman County on Saturday morning. A state of emergency has been declared through Saturday afternoon in Dickson, Hickman, Houston and Humphreys counties. The Nashville Weather Service called this situation "life threatening."

More than 200 rescuers have been searching for people on foot, through water, using K-9

units and in the air in the past week as the number of missing persons rises. Over 500 families have been displaced from their homes in North Carolina, alone.

Workers are using heavy equipment to attempt to clear the debris left. It will likely take weeks to fully clean the aftermath. At least 10 bridges have been destroyed or damaged in Haywood County.

To help, the Franklin Fire Department in Tennessee is asking for donations of things like water bottles, diapers and non-perishable foods. You can call 828-356-2022 to directly donate, volunteer and more.

- Anna Ervin



Chart detailing Tropical Storm Fred's path.

Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin
Layout & Design

For **Aries**, this week is a time of new beginnings! Don't be afraid to start a new project, make some new friends, or start a new relationship. You may be reemerging from a stagnant time, so things are about to blossom.

Taurus, this week may bring on some big emotions. Don't let this lead to self-destructive behavior. Some things are out of your control, and that's okay.

Gemini has choices this week. There are lovely things that surround you, so will you stay planted in safety or take that chance? This week is a good week for you to make those big decisions.

Cancer, this week you may find yourself having very high standards for something, leading you to miss the opportunities already in front of you. You may feel hurt or guarded, but you can't let yourself get in the way of the bigger picture.

Leo, you've got a week of big healing and spiritual growth. Think good thoughts, especially in matters of the heart. Your cup runneth over; embrace it.

Virgo, you're very comfortable where you are this week. This could be to the point of inflexibility and stagnance though. Be a bit more open, and let go of your control before it entangles you.

Libra, this may be a hard week for you. Keep in mind what you love most, and you'll pull through. You have a system of support, so don't be afraid to ask for help.

Scorpio, change is inevitable, so avoiding it can be counterproductive. Things are happening whether or not you like it, so why not embrace the new era?

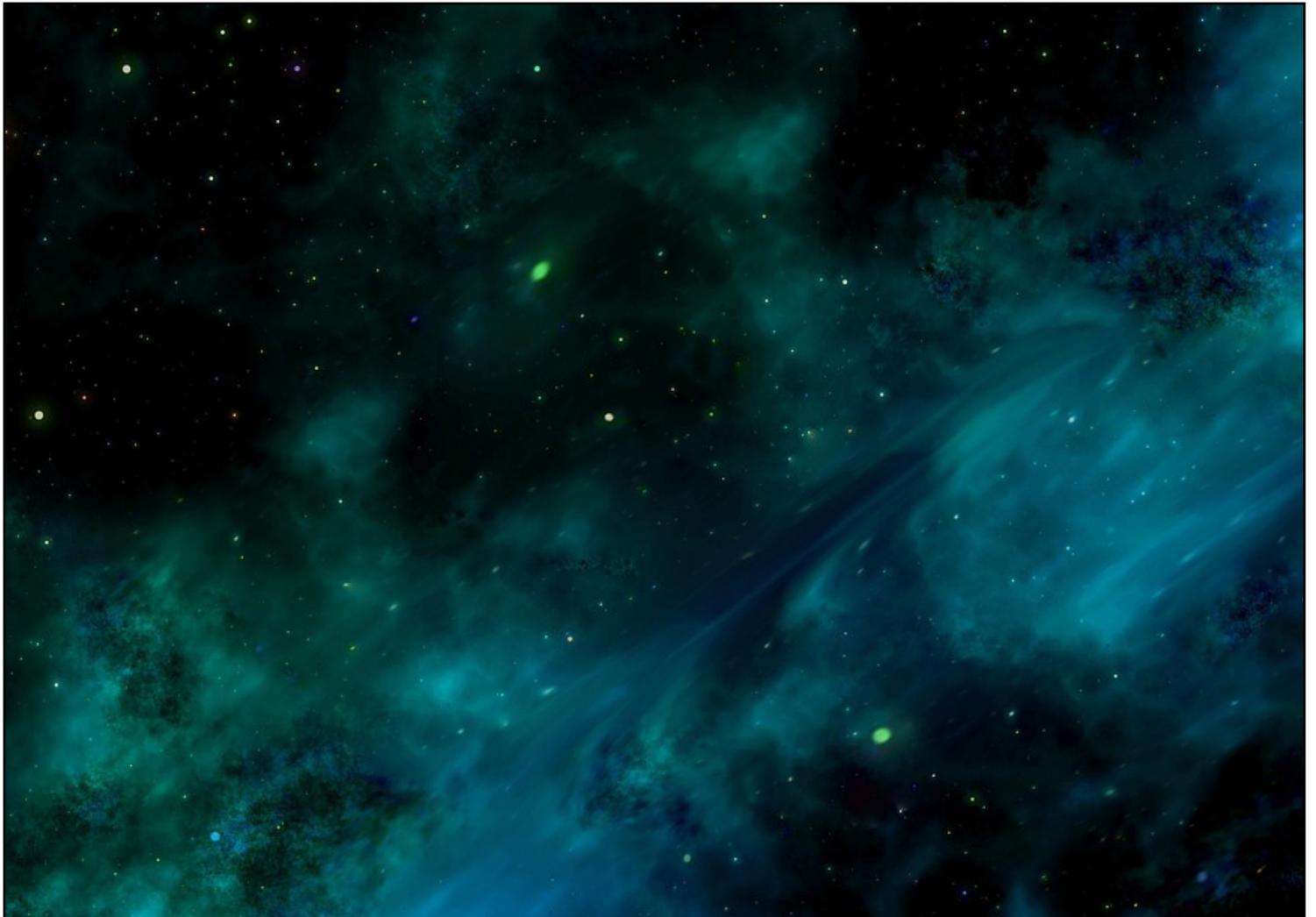
This week, **Sagittarius** may be feeling emotionally insecure. Put some others first, and make sure you're treasuring those people in your life. Putting yourself first is good, but

make sure you're making room for others to shine too.

Capricorn, consider taking it slow this week. You've put a lot on your plate, and if you keep going like this you're going to burn yourself out. It's okay to rest, whether that be napping or doing something for yourself.

Aquarius, if you're feeling unsatisfied, it's time to reevaluate your goals. This cycle of dissatisfaction could come to an end, but that needs change on your part. Find things that you're passionate about and really put in the time and effort to be reliable.

Pisces, patience is not a virtue if you're being patient forever. Take some action, spark some fires. This week you should consider trying something new, talking with someone new and stop waiting for an opportunity to come directly to you.



BC's decision amidst Delta variant surges

Brevard College reinstates mask policy and will require students to be vaccinated, as COVID-19 concerns grow

By Eleanor Flannery
Editor in Chief

Brevard College was set on achieving a maskless fall 2021 semester, after a long year of wearing masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. Last semester, all students were required to wear facemasks while inside any academic building, dorm residence, or public space around campus; the only exception being inside one's own dorm room, or outside, socially distanced. Overall, BC did an exceptional job of caring for its students and providing for those who were quarantined, isolated, or infected with the virus.

The college held numerous COVID-19 testing clinics for students, athletes, faculty and staff. BC even hosted on-campus vaccinations, supplying students with a free shot of the Janssen COVID-19 single-dose vaccine, made by Johnson & Johnson. Students were able to sign up to receive the vaccine last spring, inside Boshamer Gymnasium.

Personally, I was quarantined twice last year; the first time, because I experienced several COVID-19 like symptoms and had to be moved into the guest house until I received a negative test result. As it turned out, I was negative; I merely caught the flu. The second time, last semester in the spring, I was exposed to someone that tested positive, and once again, I was moved into quarantine, that time into the basement of Beam Residential Hall.

Once again, I was to remain there until I had a negative COVID-19 test result; and I did. I am very lucky to have managed to avoid catching the virus, and I am grateful for everything BC did to make my stay in quarantine comfortable. Debbie D'Anna, Vice President for Student Success and Dean for Students, checked in on me, personally, to inquire if there was anything I needed and if there was anything she could do to make me more comfortable.

On top of that, I am proud of how the college operated during such trying times. I cannot imagine how much the faculty sacrificed to make sure students got everything they needed. How much they worked, tirelessly, under

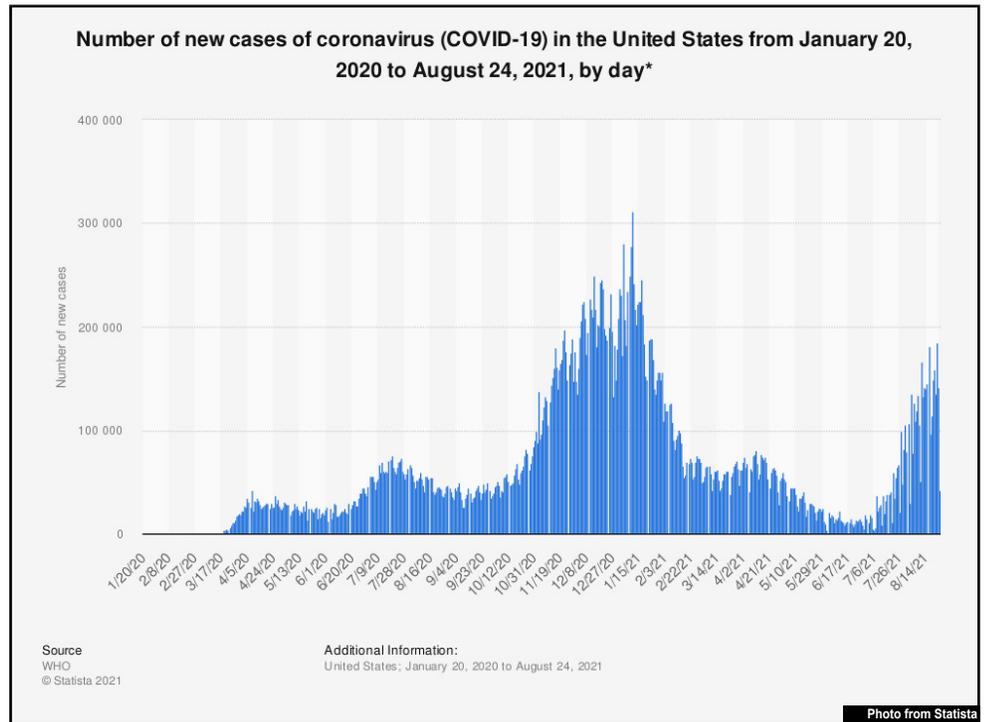


Chart showing new COVID-19 cases in the U.S. from Jan. 20, 2020, to Aug. 24, 2021

immense stress, for us, the students, putting themselves at risk for our wellbeing. I am forever grateful.

Enforcing the mask policy, installing hand sanitizer dispensers everywhere around campus, providing students and faculty with those weird temperature-taking, selfie scanning printers and providing vaccines, only brush the surface of the positive changes made to keep students and faculty safe and on campus.

When I first heard about how it was Brevard College's intention to work toward a mask free, fall 2021 semester, I was worried. First, because I knew that not all students would get vaccinated. Second, there was no guarantee that the country, let alone Brevard, would be in a place where it would be considered safe to be in public without a mask.

And third, athletic teams have been responsible for many of the outbreaks of COVID-19 around campus; to my knowledge,

BC was not planning on restricting sports in the fall. Of course, I could not see into the future, so maybe it was possible that Brevard College could be mask free. I had my doubts, but I was hopeful, especially upon hearing a rumor that vaccines would be required for students to return to campus in the fall.

Lo and behold, on Aug. 2, Debbie D'Anna said the following in an email: "The College decided not to require the vaccine until the Emergency Use Authorization is lifted and strongly encourages everyone to get the vaccine. The College will require the vaccine once the Emergency Use Authorization has been lifted. Brevard College will host several vaccine clinics on campus to make getting vaccines very easy. We urge you to consider getting the vaccine before arriving on campus."

With the Delta variant surging across the country, and COVID-19 becoming

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BC students need to follow COVID-19 protocols and mask policies to keep campus virus-free

more transmissible and insidiously deadly (particularly to unvaccinated individuals), this email made me consider not returning to campus this semester. But alas, here I am, and the FDA has fully approved the Pfizer vaccine.

On Aug. 23, President David Joyce said the following in an email, about how BC "...will begin to implement the Brevard College Covid-19 Vaccination Policy. Effective immediately, Faculty and Staff are required to be vaccinated with more information coming from Human Resources. All students will need to be fully vaccinated by January 2, 2022."

I cannot put into words the relief that I felt after reading that email. I know many students felt the same feeling I did, as well. And I am thankful Brevard College made the decision that it did.

COVID-19 is real. The Delta variant is real, and is an active threat. Where I am from, in Polk county, Florida, nearly 80 percent of inpatient

hospital beds are in use.

At my local hospital, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, 85 percent of ICU beds are in use. Just this past month, 19,346 new COVID-19 cases have been reported in Polk county, Florida, alone, bringing the total to 100,347 cases. According to NPR, as of Sunday in the state of Florida, "1 in 4 hospital beds in the state had a COVID-19 patient in it."

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 23,903 new coronavirus cases in Florida on Friday, the state's highest single-day total since the start of the pandemic." In total, throughout the state, hospitals are at a more than 83 percent occupancy rate. In total, 44 percent of Florida's ICU beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients.

I say all of this because I want my peers to understand how serious this pandemic is. I want people to know that others do not have it so lucky. Individuals who are vaccinated can

still catch and spread the virus. Those who are unvaccinated are at high risk of catching the virus and getting critically ill.

To my peers, I urge you all to follow BC's mask policy and COVID-19 protocols, and above all else, I urge you to get vaccinated. Take advantage of the vaccination clinics here on campus. The amount of students I see in MG and in my classes not wearing their masks properly, below their noses and chins, is appalling. Frankly, it's a sign of ignorance, privilege and selfishness.

Per President Joyce's email, "Free Vaccination Clinics are offered on campus from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Porter Center in the mobile vaccine unit Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week." I hope a similar schedule applies for next week, but if not, be checking your BC email for updates. Let's make it a great semester, and do our part to keep our campus COVID free.

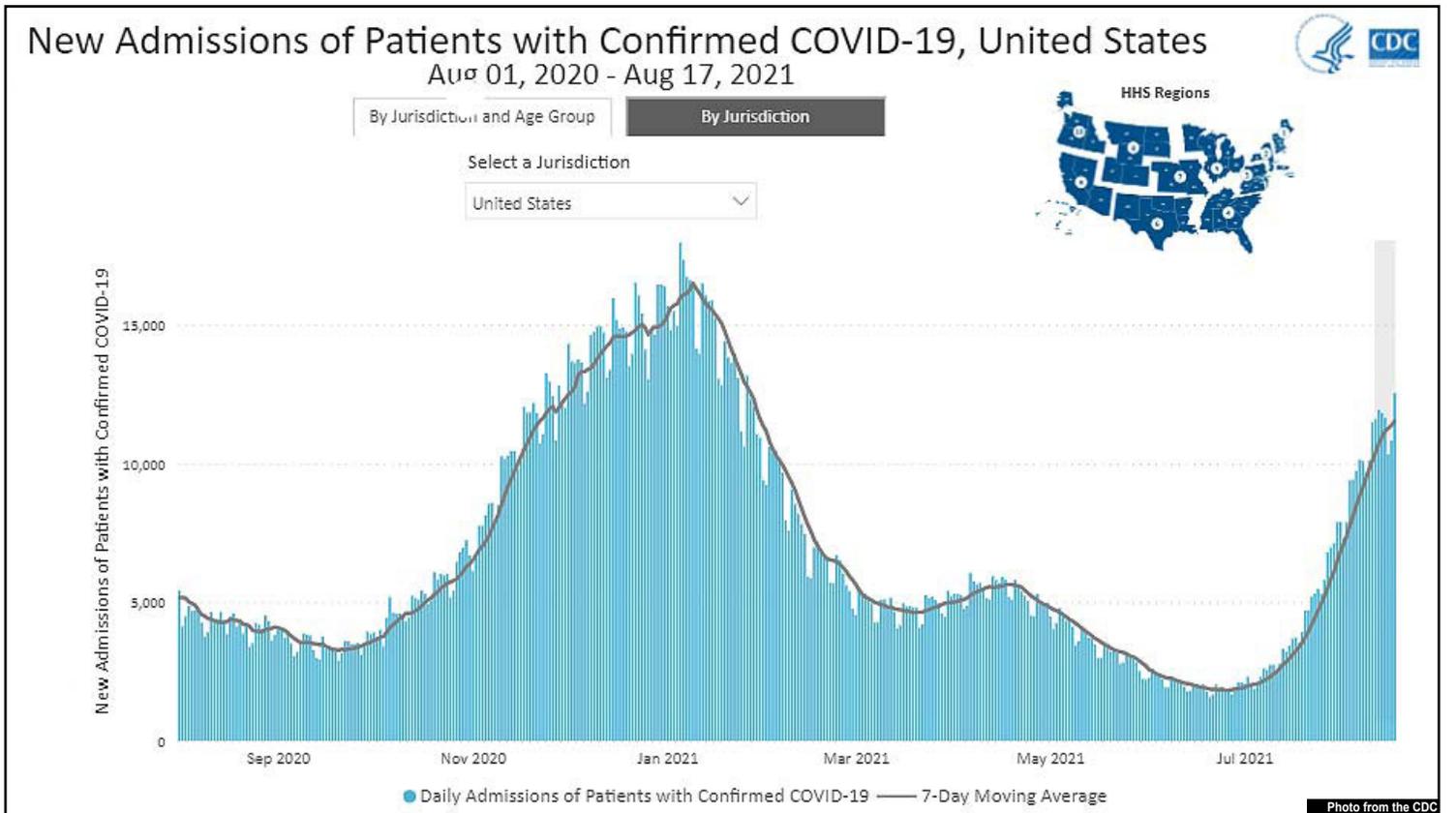


Chart detailing new hospital admissions in the U.S. due to COVID-19.

Photo from the CDC

Football picked second in USA South Conference preseason coaches poll

By Joseph Marvin
Digital Media Director

BREVARD, N.C. – Following the first back-to-back winning seasons in program history, the Brevard College Football team was selected second in the Fall 2021 USA South Conference Preseason Coaches Poll. The selection comes fresh off a Spring 2021 season that saw Brevard finish with a 4-1 overall record and a USA South Conference West Division Co-Championship.

The Tornados earned a pair of first-place votes in addition to its 54 total points in the poll, earning BC the two-spot in the tabulation. Huntingdon College edged out BC, receiving five first-place votes and 58 points in the poll.

The defending USA South Conference East Division Champion Methodist University was slotted behind the Tornados in third place, receiving 48 points. Averett University and Maryville College finished tied-for-fourth in the tabulation, with each institution obtaining a first-place vote and 41 points each.

NC Wesleyan College (sixth, 31 points), LaGrange College (seventh, 21 points), Southern Virginia University (eighth, 18 points), and Greensboro College (ninth, 12 points) rounded out the annual poll. The conference features nine members for the 2021 campaign, with newcomer Southern Virginia joining the field.

Brevard will look to continue to build upon its recent success, as the Tornados compete for a conference championship and their first opportunity at an NCAA DIII Tournament berth. The Tornados, under fifth-year Head Coach Bill Khayat, feature a squad heavy with returners in addition to 60-plus newcomers.

On offense, the Tornados return sophomore quarterback Eli Carr. The local Asheville, North Carolina product by way of A.C. Reynolds High School sparked the Tornado offense while playing in nine quarters of action in Spring, 2021. Carr completed 39-of-55 passes for 462 yards and five touchdowns to help lead the BC offense. Senior running back Aaron Bennett returns after a Spring 2021 campaign that saw the Gastonia, North Carolina native earn USA South All-Conference West Division plaudits. Bennett has accumulated 593 yards on the ground through his three-year Tornado career while scoring four times. BC's leading rusher from a season ago, junior running back Mitchell Yoder, also joins Bennett in a loaded backfield for the Tornados.

Senior wide receiver Dalton Cole returns

following a season that saw the Hendersonville, North Carolina product shift roles, leading to a selection on the D3football.com Team of the Week. Cole amassed 279 all-purpose yards, scoring through the air and on the ground, including three rushing touchdowns in the season finale against NC Wesleyan College. The Tornados also return a majority of an offensive line that was selected as a D3football.com Team of the Week recipient.

Defensively, the Tornados return a majority of its vaunted starting lineup which has produced some of the best numbers in the nation over the last two seasons. Junior defensive back Joc Pledger earned numerous honors after a breakout sophomore campaign in Spring. The Monroe, Georgia native picked off five passes en route to the school's first All-American selection in the NCAA DIII era. Pledger earned a spot on the Spring 2021 D3football.com All-American Second Team in addition to a D3football.com Team of the Week selection earlier in the season. Most recently, Pledger earned a Preseason All-American Second Team honor from D3football.com.

Dante Anderson, a returning senior defensive back from Hartwell, Georgia, racked up 32 tackles and an interception en route to a USA South All-Conference West Division honor and

a D3football.com Team of the Week selection.

The Tornados also return standout linebackers Steffon Canady and Toby Naylor from their Spring 2021 squad. Naylor led all Tornados with 37 total tackles, earning BC's first All-Region selection on the D3football.com All-Region Second Team. Canady returns for his third season in a Tornado uniform, bringing back a resume including 95 career tackles, 13 career sacks, and MVP of the 2019 Scotty Whitelaw Bowl. BC returns starting specialists Stamati Damalos and Damon Hewitt to its 2021 squad as well.

The Tornados are slated to kick their 2021 season off on Saturday, September 4, when Brevard travels to Rome, Georgia to face NCAA DII Shorter University at 12 p.m. Brevard opens its home schedule up at Ives-Lemel Family Field on Saturday, September 11, hosting The Apprentice School at 1 p.m.

To follow the latest news and updates surrounding Brevard College Athletics, follow the Tornados on Twitter and Instagram @bctornados, subscribe to 'Brevard College Tornados' on YouTube, follow 'Brevard College Tornados' on SoundCloud, and 'Brevard College Athletics' on Facebook. In addition, follow 'brevardcollege' on Flickr for photos from Brevard College events.



BC football makes a grand entrance.

Photo from BCTornados

BC men's soccer selected as preseason West Division favorites

By Joseph Marvin
Digital Media Director

BREVARD, N.C. – Following a Spring 2021 campaign that saw the Brevard College men's soccer program capture its first USA South title in the West Division Tournament, the Tornados have been picked as the preseason favorites in the USA South Conference West Division in the conference's annual preseason coaches poll.

Brevard joins East Division preseason favorite NC Wesleyan College at the top of its respective poll, with the Tornados garnering four first-place votes and tallying 34 overall points. BC edged Covenant College, who the Tornados downed in a 5-3 penalty shootout in the Spring to decide the West Division Tournament champion. The Scots received a pair of first-place votes and 32 points in the poll.

Piedmont University, who Brevard defeated twice last season, finished third in the West Division poll, capturing the remaining first-place vote and 27 points. Maryville College (fourth, 17 points), Huntingdon College (fifth, 16 points), LaGrange College (sixth, 14 points), and Berea College (seventh, seven points) round out the preseason tabulation.

Brevard comes into the Fall campaign on the heels of its most successful season in the NCAA era. The Tornados finished the Spring 2021 campaign with a 6-2-1 overall record that included a vaunted 5-1 home mark and a 4-1 conference record. Brevard's West Division Tournament title marked the program's first postseason championship in the NCAA-era, coming in its fifth overall postseason appearance in its NCAA history.

BC featured one of the most dynamic offenses at the DIII level last Spring, logging 31 goals and 24 assists through nine games played. The Tornados were top-10 in goal differential, assists, and goals scored in the Spring campaign.

BC returns numerous key contributors from last year's team alongside an incoming class of 12 new Tornados. Fifth-year senior Adam Spencer returns after a breakout senior campaign that saw the Mooresville, North Carolina product log five goals and three assists for 13 points to help lead the Tornado offense. The forward was honored with a USA South All-Conference West Division First Team selection, and earned a pair of awards from United Soccer Coaches – Men's Scholar All-Region and Player Award of Distinction. Spencer has tallied 10 goals, five assists, and



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BC's men's soccer huddles up before a game.

25 points in his four-year Brevard career.

Sophomore defender Sam O'Callaghan burst onto the scene for the Tornados in Spring 2021, leading all Tornados with four assists en route to a USA South All-Conference West Division First Team selection. Sophomore forward Ryan Lynch was also honored by the conference with an All-Conference West Division Second Team award, as the Charlotte native logged three goals for the Tornados.

The Tornados, led by third-year Head Coach Helio "L" D'Anna and Associate Head Coach Juan Mascaro Jr. wrap up their preseason on Saturday, hosting Southern Wesleyan University at 4:30 p.m. at Ives-Lemel Family Field in an exhibition contest. Brevard's regular season kicks off at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 2 when the Tornados play host to Carolina University at 7 p.m. on Ives-Lemel Family Field.

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