

Remembering RBG

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg dies at 87

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court Justice and feminist icon, passed away in her Washington, D.C. home on Friday, Sept. 18, 2020 from complications due to her metastatic pancreatic cancer. She was 87.

A legendary woman who took on the fight for equal justice for women in the workplace and served 27 long years on the Supreme Court of the United States. She faced much adversity during her years but never failed to have her head held high and showed that she was more than her male counterparts thought of her.

Born Joan Ruth Bader on March 15, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York to Celia Amster and Nathan Bader. Her father was a furrier, a trade that deals in furs, during the Great Depression and her mother worked in a garment factory.

Ginsburg attended James Madison High School in Brooklyn before her mother was diagnosed with cancer and passed away the day before her graduation. She continued her education by enrolling at Cornell University, graduating at the top of her class in 1954.

During the same year of her graduation, she married Martin Ginsburg, who also attended Cornell as a law student. She had her first child in 1955 and her husband spent two years drafted in the military and upon his return she enrolled in Harvard Law.

When her husband was diagnosed with cancer in 1956, she helped him with his studies while also staying at the top of her class at Harvard. She faced some severe gender discrimination while studying at Harvard, being a mother and one of nine women in a 500-person class. She was chastised by many for "taking a man's place at Harvard".

She was the first woman to serve on the Harvard Law Review. Her husband graduated from Harvard after recovering from cancer and accepted a position at a law firm in New York City. Ginsburg had only one year left at

Harvard but she transferred to Columbia Law and graduated at the top of her class in 1959.

She had a hard time finding a job after college, but after being recommended she clerked under U.S. District Judge Edmund L. Palmieri. She had been offered jobs at different law firms but the salary was always significantly lower than her potential male coworkers.

Ginsburg accepted a position with the Columbia Project on International Civil Procedure where she was immersed in Swedish culture and lived abroad for a brief time to do research for her book on Swedish civil procedures.

She accepted a teaching position at Rutgers University Law School in 1963 and stayed until 1972 after accepting a position at Columbia. She became the first female professor to receive tenure at Columbia.

During the 1970s, Ginsburg directed the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union and fought for equality in the workplace for both women and men. She accepted former president Jimmy Carter's

appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1980.

In 1993 she was appointed to the Supreme Court by former president Bill Clinton. She continued her fight for gender equality while serving on the court. She was the second female justice and first Jewish female justice on the court.

She tackled many important cases while on the Supreme Court, one of them being the 1996 case *United States v. Virginia*. She held that qualified women should not be denied admission to Virginia Military Institute.

She used her time well while serving on the highest court in the United States. Even through her cancer, her husband's death in 2010 and her worsening health she proved that she was a capable member of the court and role model to young women who aspire to be equal.

The Supreme Court released an official statement on Saturday, Sept. 19, regarding her death and praising her for her dedication to her work and the United States during her lifetime.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Hurricane Sally follows Laura

A month has passed since Hurricane Laura made landfall on the United States, wreaking devastation on coastal counties in the states along the Gulf of Mexico and causing flash flood and tornado warnings to be issued in landlocked states; however, the long process of recovery that occurs after natural disasters was compounded by the onset of a new hurricane-Sally.

Forming out over the Caribbean on Sept. 10, 2020, Sally developed into a hurricane and was projected to make landfall in the U.S. In anticipation of Hurricane Sally, warnings and watches were issued, and evacuations undergone in threatened coastal counties along the Gulf Coast.

Sally made landfall in Alabama on Sept. 16., lessening in intensity, and weakening into a remnant low on Sept. 17. Numerous areas were affected by flooding and storm surges, particularly in Alabama, and Florida.

Over a hundred thousand people lost power in one Alabama county alone, according to Alabama Governor Kay Ivey in a news

conference on Sept. 18., which could take weeks to restore.

Natural disasters reveal the critical importance of first responders during times of crisis, and local, regional, or national programs or agencies designed to rescue, assist, and assuage those affected, as well as those created to assess damages.

It highlights our human ingenuity in dealing with whatever problems we may face together, as a nation, as a state, or as a community, and is reason for optimism.

— Isaac Ford



Hurricane Sally causes dangerous flooding.

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U.S. News and World Report ranks BC #1

U.S. News and World Report has ranked Brevard College as number one for Best Undergraduate Teaching for Regional Colleges South. This is the first time in history that Brevard College has achieved the number one ranking for the Undergraduate Teaching category. Last year the college came in second.

This ranking was determined by a peer assessment survey which asked college presidents, provosts, and admissions deans to nominate schools that have strong undergraduate teaching programs. “We are focused on our students’ success by providing a distinctive experiential education. We are pleased and humbled by the affirmation from our colleagues across the nation. The success of our students will always be the college’s greatest achievement.” David Joyce, the Brevard College President stated.

“This ranking is just confirmation of the outstanding experiential education that we offer our students here at Brevard College.” said Dr. Scott Sheffield, the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty.

This ranking was awarded right after the Fall 2020 semester started when the college set a new record for enrollment of 767 students. Brevard College is renowned for its experiential education philosophy by many.

— Aia Andonovska

Whistleblower outs alleged ICE improper practices

Allegations of mass hysterectomies and threats of COVID-19

By Aia Andonovska
Copy Editor

A nurse who worked at an immigration detention center in Ocilla, Georgia filed a whistleblower complaint alluding to the lack of medical care and improper work practices that advanced the spread of COVID-19. She also stated that immigrant women underwent the process of having questionable hysterectomies.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Congressman Joaquin Castro, and Senators Cory Booker and Richard Blumenthal are among the Democrats who are calling for the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general to investigate the claims made by the nurse.

"If true, the appalling conditions described in the whistleblower complaint, including allegations of mass hysterectomies being performed on vulnerable immigrant women, are a staggering abuse of human rights," said Pelosi. "This profoundly disturbing situation recalls some of the darkest moments of our nation's history, from the exploitation of

Henrietta Lacks, to the horror of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, to the forced sterilizations of Black women that Fannie Lou Hamer and so many others underwent and fought."

Last week, 168 members of Congress sent a letter to DHS inspector General Joseph Cuffari, urging him to investigate the mass hysterectomies. The Congressmen have demanded an urgent response and briefing by Sept. 25.

Dawn Wooten, the nurse who filed the whistleblower complaint, worked at the Irwin County Detention Center until her sudden demotion in July. Wooten, a licensed practical nurse, said she dealt with "retaliatory reprimand and demotion" in July after she missed work while waiting on her COVID-19 test results. She went from full time to "as needed" and states that she thinks this was because she had been "asking hard questions about testing detained immigrants for COVID-19."

Allegations in the complaint also include: refusing to test detainees for COVID-19, shredding medical requests submitted by detained immigrants, fabricating medical

records, allowing employees to work while symptomatic and awaiting COVID-19 test results, withholding information from detainees and employees about who has tested positive, underreporting COVID-19 cases, and allowing the transfer of detained immigrants, including those who have tested positive for the virus.

ICE told NPR it "vehemently disputes the implication that detainees are used for experimental medical procedures." ICE also said it does not comment prematurely on the allegations out of respect for the process of matters pending before the inspector general.

In the complaint, several immigrant women expressed concerns to Project South about the high rate of hysterectomies and stated that some women did not fully understand what procedure they were having or their ability to consent to it.

"When I met all these women who had had surgeries, I thought this was like an experimental concentration camp," a woman told Project South. "It was like they're experimenting with our bodies." A detained immigrant also told Project South that she had talked to at least five women at the facility who received hysterectomies between October and December 2019 and said they "reacted confused when explaining why they had one done."

The doctor who performs these surgeries, Mahendra Amin, has come to be called as "the uterus collector" by Dawn Wooten. "Everybody he sees, he's taking all their uteruses out or he's taken their tubes out." Wooten said.

To make matters incredibly worse, Amin is not even a board certified OB-GYN, as the Daily

Beast has reported. A spokesperson for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology stated that their records show that Amin is not recognized by the organization. The American Board of Medical Specialties has also confirmed to Business Insider that Amin was not certified by any of its 24 member boards. Board certification is a voluntary process, physicians often pursue certification to expand their skill sets and to establish credibility with patients.

"He is NOT, N-O-T, one of our doctors. He is not certified by any of our boards. That's all we have to say," said Susan Morris, Associate Vice President of Communications at the American Board of Medical Specialties.



Photo from Yahoo News

Alleged mass hysterectomies and improper practices warrant protests outside facility at Irwin county detention center in Ocilla, Georgia.

COVID-19 vaccine halted due to adverse reaction

By Eleanor Flannery
Opinion Editor

British and Swedish pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical company, AstraZeneca, has stopped trials for development of a vaccine hoped to treat COVID-19. The company suspended large-scale trials due to an adverse reaction in one of its participants, however, it is not known whether the reaction was caused directly by the vaccine itself, or if it was a coincidence, according to statements from AstraZeneca. The vaccine was initially speculated to be released for public use by October, 2020, but since halting all trials and further testing, it is unclear as to when further development will continue.

AstraZeneca has since planned to conduct a safety review and launch an investigation into what may have caused the negative reaction in their trial patient. The company had made its priority to safely move forward and find out if their in-trial vaccine is responsible for the illness. The trial's halt was described by AstraZeneca as a "routine action which has to happen whenever there is a potentially

unexplained illness in one of the trials, while it is investigated, ensuring we maintain the integrity of the trials." Unfortunately, the investigation will cause an indefinite hold on continuing testing for a coronavirus vaccine.

Many other pharmaceutical companies are working to create a cure for COVID-19, though AstraZeneca has pulled ahead of the others. The news of an inverse reaction has caused concern for many hoping for a vaccine and has thrown a wrench in the works, however, the company is handling the situation properly, and highlights the importance of conducting extensive research and trials. "This is the whole point of doing these Phase 2, Phase 3 trials," said Dr. Phyllis Tien, an infectious disease physician at the University of California, San Francisco. "We need to assess safety, and we won't know the efficacy part until much later. I think halting the trial until the safety board can figure out whether or not this was directly related to the vaccine is a good idea."

Pressure from President Trump has been placed on pharmaceutical companies, as he is actively pushing for the completion and release

of a vaccine by election day on Nov. 3rd. AstraZeneca was one of nine pharmaceutical companies that pledged to stand with science in order to find a cure. However, the company made it clear "...that they would not move forward with such products before thoroughly vetting them for safety and efficacy," according to the New York Times.

"At this stage, we don't know if the events that triggered the hold are related to vaccination," said Dr. Luciana Borio, who oversaw public health preparedness for the National Security Council under President Trump and who was acting chief scientist at the F.D.A. under President Barack Obama. "But it is important for them to be thoroughly investigated."

As of now, AstraZeneca is one of three major pharmaceutical companies to be in the late stages of clinical trials that hope to develop a vaccine. Once they have completed their investigation and determination of the cause of the adverse reaction, they will be able to resume trial testing. It is in civilians' best interests to remain patient during this time and stay hopeful for a cure.

IWIL hosts 'Get out and VOTE week'

By Caroline Hoy
Staff Writer

This week Brevard College's Institution of Women in Leadership, or IWIL, is hosting a string of events to promote awareness of registering to vote. One way they are spreading this awareness is by offering help on how to register to vote.

Any BC student that will be 18 by November third or older can receive help. A member of IWIL will be outside the Myers Dining Hall, Monday, Sept. 21 through Friday, Sept. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to help students register to vote.

A friendly reminder that college students can vote for their home state or where they attend college. The location to vote in Brevard will be at the old Kmart next to Ingles on Nov. 3.

The IWIL women speak very highly about voting, this includes IWIL sophomore Haley Flippin, who said when asked why registering to vote was important she said, "Because we are giving the people the opportunity to have a voice and that voice makes an impact on the world we live in. Every vote counts, therefore every voter counts... registering is the first and most important step in making your voice heard," she said. Flippin wants everyone to know that even if a voter is not from Brevard they can still vote with an absentee ballot.

To promote voter registration the IWIL women will be hosting events each of the nights while promoting voter registration. At each of the events the IWIL women will be there to give information and show students how to register to vote. Although the events are to promote registering to vote it is not required to go to any of the events. There will be one event

from Monday to Friday this week.

On Monday night at 7:00 p.m. the women hosted a movie screening of Black Panther in Ingram Auditorium. Yesterday at 8:30 p.m., a game of manhunt was hosted on the porch of Jones Residential Hall. Tonight at 9:00 p.m., there will be a showing of the live action Disney movie Aladdin on the Ives-Lemel family field turf. Tomorrow is yoga night at 7:15 p.m.. Lastly, on Friday starting at 4:00 p.m. there will be mini golf and ice cream. More information about the events can be found on the BC radar.

Hannah Treglia, a sophomore in IWIL, was asked what she thinks about the events she said, "The events IWIL has planned are going to be fun and exciting. There is a wide variety of activities!" So please come register to vote and join these ladies at their events. Everyone involved would love to help anyone with this important issue.

'Mulan' sparks controversy

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

Following the 2020 release of Disney's live action reimagining of the 1996 animated movie, "Mulan," fans and critics alike are deeming this take on the story as disappointing. The live action movie starring Liu Yifei, Donnie Yen, Jet Li fell flat with many at-home watchers after it was released on Disney+ on Sept. 4, 2020.

The movie was supposed to be a hit for United States and Chinese audiences, but has since come under fire for a number of controversial things that have occurred during its production and release. Even though these controversies are the main reason for the overwhelming dislike of the film, many people who forked over 30 U.S. dollars to Disney+ have claimed that it is not interesting in the slightest.

Kelly Hammond, an assistant professor of East Asian history at the University of Arkansas wrote to CNN, highlighting the things that were wrong with the production of Mulan. She claimed that Disney completely missed a great opportunity to make a movie that was appealing to wide audiences as well as representing and appreciating Asian culture.

The first thing Hammond analyzed was the lack of interest and in some cases, disdain, for the movie from the Chinese population. While "Mulan" was in production and before even releasing a trailer, Disney was targeted

with the hashtag #BoycottMulan. This is in reference to the lead actress, Liu Yifei who plays Hua Mulan, and her controversial support for the Hong Kong police during the violent democracy protests happening in the city.

There have also been complaints due to Disney's choice of filming locations. Several scenes in the movie were filmed in Xinjiang, an autonomous region in the northwest of China and home of the Turkic Uyghur people. This area is widely known for its mistreatment and unlawful incarceration of the Uyghur people and, to many, it seemed like Disney was ignoring this fact and just using the area for their gain.

Overall, the content of "Mulan" and the controversy surrounding it has not made it palatable for many viewers. China, the second largest Disney consumer behind the United States has blocked most content about "Mulan" from many of their social media sites, an act to separate them from Disney due to the overwhelming push-back.

"Mulan" is a story, widely loved by those who know the original and those who love the Disney animated movie and it is shocking to many that this version turned out to be not what viewers were looking for. Even though many people will wait until December to watch it, due to the steep fee on Disney+ for "early access", the response to it recently may keep dedicated fans from continuing their love for the story.



Photo from The Observer

Mulan is streaming on Disney+ for premier acces until the public release on December 4, 2020.

Review

'The Batman Who Laughs'

By Kellen McGeorge
Staff Writer

Batman is many things: a vigilante, a hero and a member of the Justice League. Throughout his history, Batman has never killed and has lived by that code for his whole career, however, what would happen if Batman was put against a villain so dangerous, that he might have to break that code to stop him? What villain would be dangerous enough to make Batman have to even consider killing him? What about a dark Batman, corrupted by Joker, and bent on turning the citizens of Gotham into dark versions of themselves.

Set after the events of one of DC's big event comics, The Batman Who Laughs written by Scott Snyder and illustrated by Jock, Batman finds himself tracking a group of criminals who are trying to sneak some contraband out of Gotham. He is shocked to discover that the contraband is an older Bruce Wayne. Upon discovering this Bruce Wayne that is from a different Earth, an Earth where he retired from being Batman, Batman finds out that the way he died might be connected to a dangerous villain he faced during the event; the Batman who laughs. With this corrupt Batman planning something big and running out of time to save the city, can Batman fight his worst nightmare without compromising his own morals and going down the same path?

The Batman Who Laughs story is a very interesting series of comics that will keep you intrigued throughout the story. You'll find yourself always wondering what will happen next and what dangers Batman will have to face in order to take on this new threat. The story moves at a nice pace of detective work and fights to keep you entertained, and if you haven't read the event comic series before this, don't worry, the comic will let you know all that you need to know about this twisted Batman. So sit down with this comic and enjoy Batman take on the biggest threat that Gotham has ever seen.

GOP looks to nominate Justice, refuses to see clear hypocrisy

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

After the devastating loss of Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Friday, Sept. 18, 2020, the Supreme Court of the United States has gained an extremely important vacancy. With six weeks left until the presidential election, the question of when the next justice will be appointed has become a hot topic in Washington.

One of Ginsburg's wishes following her death was to not be replaced until the next president has been announced, whether that be current president Trump with a second term or former vice president and democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden. This does not seem to be what is going to happen, however, with officials in the White House and members of the GOP stating that they want to nominate a replacement as early as next week.

This has become a very controversial topic in the days following Ginsburg's death with the president, Senate majority leader Mitch

McConnell and Senator Lindsay Graham all coming under fire for expressing interest in filling the vacant seat so soon. If this plan is executed as it is planned, the three mentioned, as well as any others that support this act may as well be labeled as hypocrites.

In 2016, before the election of Trump, Associate Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia passed away on Feb. 16. This is a similar situation to what is occurring today; there is an open seat in the Supreme Court in the final year of a president's term.

What makes people like McConnell and Graham hypocrites now is their attitude towards this situation in 2016. They were fully against the idea of President Obama appointing a justice in his last year of his second term.

In front of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2016, Graham is quoted as saying, "I want you to use my words against me. If there's a Republican president in 2016 and a vacancy occurs in the last year of the first term, you

can say Lindsey Graham said let's let the next president, whoever it might be, make that nomination." Graham has now gone back on his previous statement and is supporting the idea of another nomination, even though there are barely two months left in Trump's term.

McConnell, who actively blocked the Supreme Court nomination from Obama in 2016 for over a year before Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch, is also displaying hypocritical tendencies when on this topic. He is stating that the Senate will vote for Trump's nominee even though in 2016 he was against the sheer idea that Obama would try and nominate another justice during his last year as president.

There is blatant ignorance and hypocrisy to ideas that were put in place by the same people who are now deciding to throw them to the side. The American people have the right to decide who fills that position by electing a president in November and if the election year mattered in 2016 then it definitely matters now.



Photo from People of the American Way

A front view of the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C.

Clarion articles should include more staff, admin voices

LETTER to the EDITOR

Editor's note: This letter by SGA co-President Rebecca Rojas refers to a front page article in our Sept. 2 issue and an opinion piece in our Sept. 9 issue. We appreciate constructive feedback from our readers, and we will strive always to use such feedback to improve how we cover the news, features and opinions at Brevard College. However, we feel it important to remind readers that as a college newspaper, not a public relations platform, one of our principle aims in news stories is to represent the voices and concerns of BC students, especially when they contrast with those of others at the college. As for items on our opinion pages, they are just that: opinions of the writer.

My name is Rebecca Rojas and I am a senior this year. I have enjoyed the weekly horoscopes, the fun holiday theme articles, and staying informed about what is going on with campus and the world every Wednesday. As a student, it has been disheartening to read articles about

Brevard College that do not include a voice of representation that correlates with the particular issue that is addressed.

Volume 86, Issue 4 of the Clarion contained an opinion piece, granted it is supposed to be opinionated, with the title of "Where's the Flavor". This piece criticizes Myers Dining hall for not assuming that student's nutrition is a priority through the lack of variety for vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free options for students. It is hard to confirm the assumption with the quote, "While we are experiencing a shift with normal protocols on campus with the current pandemic, one would assume the nutrition provided on campus to students would be a priority. However, this does not seem to be the case." Within this opinionated piece, there wasn't any representation from the staff at Myers Dining Hall to offer a comment or resolution to this proposed concern.

In response to Volume 86, Issue 3, article titled, "Are we safe at BC?" I understand that there are students who may have questioned how BC is handling COVID-19 or feel

unsafe. What my issue with the piece is the lack of information that was provided on how BC has implemented new COVID-19 policies in the dining hall, the residence halls, and in the classrooms to keep us safe. I think it is important for students to have their concerns addressed, by using their voice and resources. What is difficult to understand is how the article included statements from anonymous students and two faculty members expressing concerns, without providing any knowledge of policies for how the college is handling COVID-19. There is a task force, that includes both staff and faculty across departments, that helped the college create COVID-19 policies for this year. I think it is important to bring attention to those policies and to further advocate them to students to continue to abide by them.

I may not be well versed in journalism, but I hope The Clarion can continue to reach out to administration regarding concerns on campus that can benefit the community.

—Rebecca Rojas

Travel shaming during Summer 2020

By Eli Goodhew
Staff Writer

COVID-19 crept into many peoples' planned fun during the summer of 2020, which also brought copious amounts of tough decisions among travelers. Many people had grand plans to go out of the country or even travel within the United States, especially when plane ticket prices lowered. This made it even more appealing for people to want to get out of their house.

The thing that many people already know is when traveling from place to place you have the chance of bringing along sickness from that place. Therefore, you could possibly spread COVID-19 amongst people at the airport or the place you were going to. Also, many people have reported going to very high-risk areas just because it looks like a good time.

In an CNN article written by Terry Ward, she expresses her concerns about how in her situation, she evolved because of social media shaming her for her choices to travel during this pandemic, even when she was following all the proper protocols as best as she could. I myself was shamed for traveling to places like the beach and somewhere that involved going on an airplane, but all you can do is follow proper procedure and do your best to do your part.

With today's time, especially, it is more of a choice as to if people want to share what they do on social media or not. Shaming for not social distancing and shaming for not wearing a mask is a widespread reason people choose not to post what they are doing. This constant worry of travel shaming is being brought into their lives.

This article also delves deeper into social media shaming in general. It is inexplicably simple for people to be shamed on the internet. Once someone puts something on the internet, it is out there forever. These social media users shame people for many reasons that might not even be for what you are doing. It could be driven by other emotions unrelated to yourself.



Photo from GCC Business News

Many people have been experiencing 'travel-shaming' since quarantine started in March of 2020.

Breonna Taylor's family awarded largest police brutality settlement

By Kym Caldwell
Arts & Life Editor

On March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor was killed inside her home as police were executing a "no-knock warrant." Communities have been completely outraged at the injustice Taylor faced and her death has fueled protests against police brutality.

Louisville Mayor, Fischer, made a statement about the protests. "Her death has ignited a movement in Louisville, in the nation, for racial justice, sending thousands into our streets and cities all across the country and the world," he said. "All crying out for justice for Breonna."

Police were allowed to walk into her home in their plain clothes and open fire on her. The shooters, Detective Cosgrove and Detective Hankison were not charged for the crimes committed against Taylor and many came together to demand her killers see the inside of a prison. Months went by with no type of justice except for Detective Hankison being fired until recently, almost six months after Taylor's death.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15., at a press conference it was confirmed that the Taylor family would be given a settlement containing 12 million dollars and promised police reform. It was stated that the settlement was "non-negotiable" without police reform promised.

The reforms will follow the law passed for Taylor called "Breonna's Law" which will ban warrants that allow officers to enter civilian homes without knocking or making their presence known. Other changes mentioned in the reform will be the expansion of random drug testing of officers and social workers will be hired to assist with dispatched runs.

It is said that it is unheard of for such a settlement to be made of a civil lawsuit; this is almost revolutionary. This is only the beginning of justice being served for many more police brutality victims. Taylor's family has stated that this is not all they have worked for; they will be moving forward with criminal charges still in an attempt to give Breonna everything she deserves.

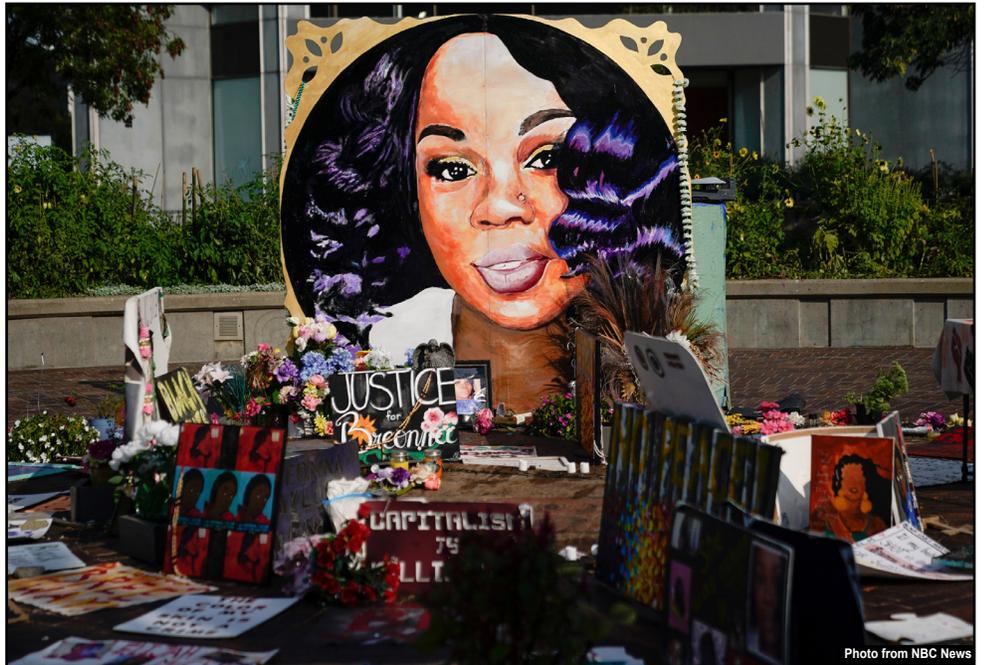


Photo from NBC News

A memorial made for Breonna Taylor located in Louisville, Kentucky.



Breonna Taylor

Staff Highlight

Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach Brad Jones

By Joseph Marvin

Assistant Sports Information Director

BREVARD, N.C. - Throughout the Fall, the Brevard College Department of Athletics will be highlighting its staff members in a tri-weekly Staff Highlight Series, giving members of the Athletic Administration and Coaching Staff the opportunity to introduce themselves to the BC community through a series of questions and biographical elements.

Next up in BC's Staff Highlight Series is Brevard College Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach Brad Jones, a former tennis student-athlete at Emory & Henry College.

bctornados.com: What has been your favorite professional memory?

Coach Jones: Watching kids develop and grow on and off the tennis court.

bctornados.com: What makes Brevard College a special place?

Coach Jones: The support within the Brevard community, the amazing Bob Ross-esque sunrises and sunsets, and of course the white squirrels!

bctornados.com: Who has been the biggest influence in your professional career?

Coach Jones: I can't really pinpoint one person. I have taken something from every single one of my tennis instructors, coaches, and mentors.

bctornados.com: What is some advice you would give to young people looking to get into the profession?

Coach Jones: To enjoy the journey! "Success is in the journey, not the destination."

Brad Jones was named Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach at Brevard College in the summer of 2019 and enters his second season at the helm of the Tornado Tennis programs.

Jones arrived at Brevard College after spending two seasons as Head Coach of NCAA Division III Bethany College, located in Bethany, West Virginia.

In his last season at Bethany College, Jones led the men's tennis team to an 11-7 overall record and a 4-3 record in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC). His women's team

finished 2018-19 with seven overall wins and two conference victories. In his first season as head coach at Bethany in 2017-18, Jones snapped a four-year losing drought before his arrival for the women's team en route to four wins, the most since 2011. On the men's side, highlights included guiding Bethany's Drake Berlin to an impressive 10-5 record in no. 2 singles.

Prior to his tenure at Bethany College, Jones was the Tennis Pro at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia. He also served as the Director of Tennis at the Darnestown Swim & Tennis Club in Darnestown, Maryland, and the Assistant Tennis Coach at the River Falls Swim & Tennis Club in Potomac, Maryland.

Jones began his collegiate tennis coaching career in 2009-10 as an Assistant Coach and then Interim Head Coach at NCAA Division III Emory & Henry College in Virginia. His time coaching at Emory & Henry College was highlighted by a trip to the 2010 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Championship Quarterfinals by the men's team which finished with a 15-6 overall record.

Jones' first experience in coaching came on the high school level where he served as the Head Coach at Abingdon High School in Abingdon, Virginia. As a result of his success at Abingdon High School, he was named the 2009 Southwest District Tennis Coach of the Year.

An accomplished collegiate tennis student-athlete, Jones played at Emory & Henry College where he was named All-Conference as a senior in 2007.

Jones received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Sports Management with a minor in Business from Emory & Henry in 2007 and later earned a Master's of Arts degree from the college in Community and Organizational Leadership. He holds a P2 Certification with the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and an Associate Instructor Certification from the Professional Tennis Registry.

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Staff Highlight

Assistant WR's Coach and Director of Facilities Ellie Rudd

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Throughout the Fall, the Brevard College Department of Athletics will be highlighting its staff members in a tri-weekly Staff Highlight Series, giving members of the Athletic Administration and Coaching Staff the opportunity to introduce themselves to the BC community through a series of questions and biographical elements.

Next up in BC's Staff Highlight Series is Brevard College Football Wide Receivers Coach/Director of Facilities Ellie Rudd, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

bctornados.com: What has been your favorite professional memory?

Coach Rudd: When UNC beat Duke on a last-second interception in 2019 on Homecoming at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill.

bctornados.com: What makes Brevard College a special place?

Coach Rudd: The beauty of the campus and the tight-knit staff and community

bctornados.com: Who has been the biggest influence in your professional career?

Coach Rudd: Coach Chad Scott - the Offensive Coordinator at West Virginia, and Head Coach Mack Brown at UNC.

bctornados.com: What is some advice you would give to young people looking to get into the profession?

Coach Rudd: Do good work when no one's watching and it won't go unnoticed. Treat everyone with the same respect, no matter their job or title.

Ellie Rudd has been named the Assistant Wide Receivers Coach at Brevard College and is entering her first season with the BC Football team.

Rudd comes to the Brevard College Football program after finishing her undergraduate education at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where Rudd worked with the

UNC Football team as a Student Equipment Manager for four seasons. Rudd managed a staff of other student managers, assisting in over 150 practices and 50 games, performing various duties.

Over the course of her last season with the Tar Heels, Rudd worked directly with UNC Football Recruiting as a Recruiting and Operations Intern, working to plan and execute official and unofficial visits to campus while ensuring a positive experience for potential student-athletes while on campus.

During the summer of 2019, Rudd completed a marketing internship with Playmakers Sponsorship and Marketing in Johannesburg, South Africa, where she worked with prominent brands such as Powerade, Coca-Cola, and Adidas. While in South Africa, Rudd traveled across the country, working eight different advertisement-based events.

Rudd worked with USA Baseball in West

Palm Beach, Florida in the summer of 2018 as the East Championships Coordinator where she hired, scheduled, and managed 20 scorekeepers for the events, organized and scheduled catered meals, and assisted scouts.

A native of Brevard, N.C. and a graduate of Brevard High School, Rudd earned her Bachelor's degree in the Spring of 2020 from UNC-Chapel Hill in Sport Administration and Sociology.

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Coach Rudd pictured at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill during her undergrad.