

Brevard College has another COVID-19 outbreak

By Anna Ervin
Editor in Chief

Brevard College is facing a serious COVID-19 outbreak right before winter break during finals week.

According to the Brevard College COVID-19 dashboard, there are 23 active cases on campus right now, but the number may rise or lower with time due to the number of people leaving campus and more people testing positive.

This outbreak is said to have been caused by a party held off campus on Dec. 5 that held over 100 people. The dashboard says that 21 of the 23 cases are from the cabin party.

This outbreak has set a few events back. At the pancake break Monday night, students were

required to wear masks and the event was moved outdoors. Professors have also been encouraged to move their finals online if at all possible.

Amidst the panic, there was a mistake in the emails sent about what time the COVID-19 testing was supposed to occur. Several students showed up Tuesday morning with special exceptions from their professors to be slightly late to their finals and ended up being almost forty minutes late.

A few students have also chosen not to report that they have contracted the virus, with one senior wishing to remain anonymous saying, "one of my suitemates tested positive and they

said they aren't going to report it."

This also puts the next semester's plans from maskless classes at risk. Even with the current 90.73% student vaccination rate, there was still an outbreak.

Part of the cause for panic among the members of Brevard College was the lack of updates on the COVID-19 dashboard. Before Dec. 13, the last update was on Nov. 9.

If there is a chance you have been exposed to COVID-19, you should go get tested. It is better to know now than return and expose your friends and family.

The semi-annual Pancake Break is a success

By Caroline Hoy
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A semi annual tradition at Brevard College is the famous pancake break. It is a way for the staff and students to celebrate the end of the semester and the start of exam season.

Pancake break this year was held outside Myer's Dining Hall and had the staff serving the pancakes to the students in two separate lines. Students could get as many pancakes as they liked, but most people had about three pancakes. Toppings to be on pancakes included banana custard, syrup, caramel, strawberries, chocolate chips, whipped cream and more.

The event lasted from 9:00 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Dec. 13 and had quite the showing. Towards the beginning of the event at 9:00 p.m. there were many students crowding around in search of the delicious pancakes, but by the time the



Photo by Caroline Hoy

One of the many delicious pancakes served.

event ended at 10 p.m. almost no students were to be seen.

The excitement could be felt in the air during the event, but it didn't help with how cold the air was. The temperature measured at one point was a nice 31 degrees. Even with the cold weather, there was a nice turn out of at least a hundred people during the hour duration.

The event was originally supposed to be held inside Myer's Dining Hall, but due to a recent COVID-19 outbreak the event had to be moved outside.

Even with the many recent spike in COVID-19 cases and the below freezing temperatures, the much loved famous pancake break was still able to take place.

David Joyce's final Interview

By Anna Ervin
Editor in Chief

The Reverend Dr. David C. Joyce, the 13th President of Brevard College, is retiring from his position as President of Brevard College on Dec. 31. This is his final interview with The Clarion.

When reflecting on the finality of retiring, Joyce said, "you look forward to the time you can do things that you've always wanted to do. But, I'm in my 26th year as a president; I have mixed feelings. I'm ready, but I'm also not ready."

Joyce will remain in Brevard and plans to come to events and remain involved with the campus as he transitions into the next journey of his life. He said that this is something he "really looks forward to."

Joyce has always called North Carolina home, and part of the reason he chose Brevard College was because of this. He was thinking in part about where he and his wife, Lynne Joyce, would want to settle down and former president Jim Davis called him and said, "is there any chance you and Lynne are ready to come home?"

Joyce said this move was "one of the best moves we ever made. For us, this was coming home." The longest place Joyce has ever continuously lived is in Brevard.

Joyce's background reflects in his leadership and he said, "my mission is to help students find their passion through higher education. I am a first generation college graduate, and because of a small college like Brevard College that welcomed me and molded me, I feel that this is the best kind of education for most people."

Joyce is a reverend that initially wanted to be in a parish and did pastor a church for two years for a small church in North Carolina. The Bishop struggled with where to appoint him, and he got an offer at Elon. Joyce took that job instead, and now feels like this is the best place for him to have ministry.

When talking about some of his favorite memories at Brevard College, Joyce said, "This college has a great history and is in a beautiful

place. I was glad to be a part of helping it grow and thrive and move in a great direction. I didn't have a part in teaching, but I was a part of building the process in how we teach."

"We have an eclectic group of students. I love the people I work with, and I love the people I serve. I love not being separated by too much administration."

The Joyce's have served more than 25 years in presidencies at three residential private liberal arts colleges including, Union College, Barbourville, KY, Ripon College, Ripon WI, and Brevard College, Brevard, NC.

Though the Reverend Dr. David C. Joyce is leaving his role as president, this is not a permanent goodbye. After 11 years of service, things must continue to move forward and grow in new ways. We send the Joyce's our best wishes in this new era of life, and we hope to see them again at Brevard College events.



David, Lynne, and Pisgah Joyce stand in front of the tornado statue.

Pet spotlight

Pisgah, the beloved campus dog

Pisgah Joyce is a beloved figure on the Brevard College campus. Pisgah is the beloved pet of President David and Lynn Joyce. She is loved by staff, students, and the community.

Age: Six or seven

Likes: Likes belly rubs and chasing squirrels

Dislikes: The rain

Favorite sleep spot: Under the bed

Morning routine: Sleeps until David Joyce puts on his shoes

Favorite toy: The squeaking toy that can be found

Hair care: All natural rarely needs bath

Breed: Siberian husky, pomeranian, and miniature poodle

Personality: fiercely independent but always down for a good petting session

A recap of the year through the eyes of the Clarion

By Caroline Hoy

Managing Editor

2021 has been quite a year. This is a recap of the most important events from each month the Clarion has covered.

In Jan., it was a welcome back to Brevard college. This month holds the first issue of the Clarion. In an article by Margaret Correll, we learn of the new President, Joe Biden, and President Trump saying goodbye. In the same issue, Eleanor Flannery tells us about rioters in the capitol building.

Thanks to Margaret Correll and Anna Ervin, we were to learn about the North Carolina curfew and a rise in COVID-19 cases at Brevard College. At this point in 2021, Brevard College, "...has reached a semester high with 19 total positive cases for the spring..." according to the article by Correl. On a positive note, in an article by Damon Rouse we learn that the Brevard College football team is back in action.

Cases rise every week and half way through Feb. COVID-19 at this time isn't the only news. On Feb. 17, the community learned about the updated COVID-19 policy during sport events in an article by Margaret Correll. Many parents became quite angry that no community members nor parents can attend sport events. The Brevard College cycling team also announced they had partnered with Sully's Steamers during the midst of this.

In campus news, it was announced that President David Joyce was to retire at the end of the 2021 year. To finish off this month, thanks to an article by Kym Caldwell rats and mold were shown in the Green Resident Hall.

March started off with a bang with anti-violence protests happening in New York City. Harell Mitchell III tells us in his article about a recent influx of Asia hate crimes and the protests being held to stop this. Caroline Hoy also tells of the drumline's debut.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, the Clarion front page was seen by an article about bomb threats in downtown Brevard by Margaret Correll. Thankfully they were only threats. March also held an article by Kellen McGeroge describing hate messages in bags with rocks thrown at windows of houses in Brevard.

The following week saw more positive news to start out with in an article by Caroline Hoy it was announced about changes happening to the Brevard Bookstore soon.

The final week of March was seen with much controversy. By the Flip of a Coin

by Brady Penn was about the Brevard College Football team's game win being decided by the flip of a coin. Brevard College did not win this coin toss.

In April, Brevard College announced their graduate programs that are to come according to an article by Caroline Hoy. Two master programs were announced: Master of Science in Emergency Management (ERM) and Master of Science in Health and Human Performance (HHP). In COVID news, Brevard College provided the Johnson and Johnson vaccines for students.

One week after Brevard College gave students the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, according to an article by Eleanor Flannery the vaccine was suspended due to blood clots. According to an article by Caroline Hoy, Brevard College had 81 positive cases out of a total of 5,641 tests. In international news, President Biden removed troops from Afghanistan. To end off April, SGA, Brevard College's Student Government Association, finished off its elections. "President is Chloe Proffitt, assisting Proffitt as Vice President is Gabriella Galvan and lastly the Treasurer position went to Anthony Padillo," Caroline Hoy said in her article about the election. Also the Brevard BSU, Black Student Unit, marched for black lives.

In May, school is coming to an end for many. The Editor-in-Chief, Margaret Correll, wrote a final goodbye. The class of 2021 graduated in the 168th graduation of Brevard College. While many students were excited about graduation, it was business as usual for many. Brevard College announced that in the future Brevard College will require a COVID-19 vaccine for everyone at the college.

To kick off Aug., college welcomed everyone back with a wonderful CREEK week. Also, Beam Residence Hall welcomed back students with a brand new air conduction system. Air conditioning in Beam wasn't the only new thing to the Brevard College campus this new semester. BC Outfitters opened for the Brevard College campus.

In Sept., it was learned from an article by Anna Ervin that Brevard now has an Aldi. Hurricane Ida hit the gulf coast and caused so much distraction. The hurricane was compared to Katerina displacing 390,000 residents.

Christie Cauble told us in an article, "Brevard College enrolled a record 784 students entering the Fall 2021 semester, according to college officials. This fall marks the third consecutive

year that Brevard College has set an enrollment record." Along with a new record, the fair came to town! Anna Ervin told us in her article about the fair's twenty-seventh year running.

Three presidential candidates visited the campus. Since President David Joyce announced his retirement, the selection had lasted through the summer and the final three candidates were visiting the campus.

In October, Brevard College's next President was chosen: Dr. Bradley J Andrews. The new President will take office in January of 2022.

The Brevard College Theater Department performed "Talley's Folly"! The Brevard College Homecoming included a pep rally where the Homecoming king, Jack Atkinson; queen, Chloe Proffitt; prince, Jamarcus Walker, and princess, Sara Gray Poss, were crowned from the 273 votes.

In other news, students came back from fall break for students to be greeted to a new beach volleyball.

In November, Anna Ervin told us in her article about how fall kicked off fall with a bang at Harvest Fest. In this same issue students were given information about registration for the 2022 Spring semester, which was a sign that the semester was starting to come to an end.

It is time for the Brevard College basketball season to start. The Brevard College Chiaroscuro held a release party for their 2020-2021 edition. The launch party included reading from various students, live music, and food. Information was also given about how to submit to Chiaroscuro.

In December, the Brevard College theater program's much anticipated Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors" was performed.

Also, the WLEE students returned from a 21 long day immersion trip. According to an article from Shyvonnie Potter the trip led the students through the backwoods of Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina.

A very alarming event happened in the Moore Science building. Someone pulled the fire alarm according to an article by Zoey Jaynes. The culprit was not caught nor has the name of the person been released if they have been caught.

Looking back at all these issues really shows one how much news happens from week to week on the Brevard College campus. 2021 has been a fun year, but the Clarion is excited to be here to cover the news for the 2022 year for the Brevard community.

A recap of the years in pictures



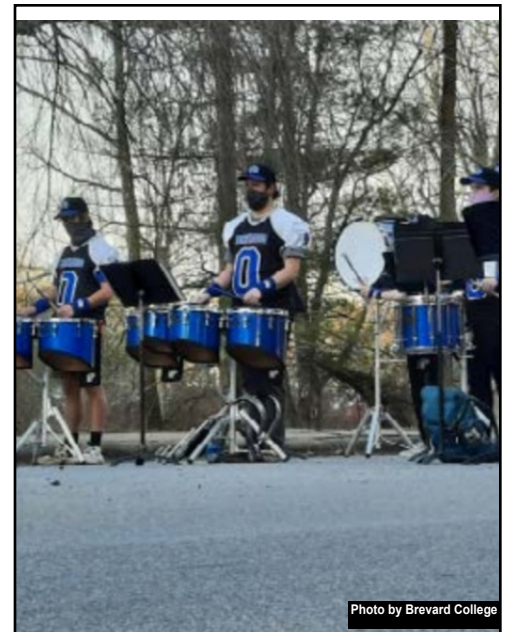
The fair games are ready to be won!

Photo by Anna Ervin



Anna Ervin and Talley Sugg in "Comedy of Errors".

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The drumline practices for the games.

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Ivy Blanton paints Caroline Hoy's face at Harvest Fest.

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The graduating class of 2021.

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