

BC welcomes new, returning students

By Mary Lewe
Editor in Chief

Brevard College welcomed its largest class of incoming freshmen ever this past week. Along with the hustle and bustle of moving televisions and mini fridges, first year students participated in a variety of games and activities facilitated by campus housing staff, residential assistants (RAs), First-Year Experience (FYE) peer leaders and many others around campus during Campus Readiness and Experiential Education Kick-off Week (better known as CREEK Week).

"I thought it was a really good way to meet other people and get comfortable on campus," freshman Breanna Shields said before Monday evening's convocation ceremony.

CREEK Week involved a variety of planned activities, including a campfire courtesy of the BC Outing Club. "I thought it was good to have a bit of unstructured time in the midst of all the structured activities," senior Abi Fuesler said. Fuesler is a member of the Outing Club's executive board as well as an FYE peer leader and freshman programmer.

"CREEK week was a really positive start to the new school year," Fuesler said.

Returning students were also welcomed to campus, with what was — according to many on campus — the best executed check-in in Brevard College history.

"Compared to last year it was much quicker," senior Jason Doroski said at check-in. "I didn't get held up in a line at all. The check-ins prior to this one were incredibly long."

Peer leaders assisting with the check-in process were also impressed with this year's system. "I thought it went a lot better than in my past experience," peer leader Cameron Ranslow said on Monday. "Things were a lot smoother and faster and when there were hiccups, they were resolved quickly," Ranslow said.

Assistant to the Vice President and Dean for Students Margaret Dellinger knows a thing or two about the check-in process. Dellinger has worked for Brevard College for over a decade and has assisted with every check-in since her hiring. Although she too was impressed with

this year's process, she believes it will continue to improve.

"The more automated they can make it the easier it will be," Dellinger said.

The new online "Express Check-In" option for students decreased the amount of paperwork that needed to be completed for many students, easing congestion in the library and streamlining the whole check-in process.

"Thank you to the students who completed Express Check-In," Associate Dean for Student Success Shirley Arnold said, "You made everyone's life better."

Students who completed Express Check-In will be rewarded with additional flex dollars for use in Coltrane and Bill's Boiler House.

Students both new and returning were formally welcomed at Monday evening's convocation ceremony. In keeping with Brevard College tradition, new students were presented with notes handwritten by faculty, staff and student leaders.

"This officially marks the beginning of the semester," President David Joyce said at the start of the ceremony. "On behalf of Brevard College, I welcome the class of 2023," he said.

Following a prayer by campus minister Sharad Creasman, president for academic affairs and dean of faculty Scott Sheffield delivered a speech that took his audience on a journey through time. From ancient Greece to the storming of the Bastille, Sheffield offered examples of revolutionary moments in history lead by young people.

Sheffield urged students to stand for liberty, equality and fraternity, challenging them to have the courage to do what is right in times of unrest and civil injustice. "Can you imagine yourself having that courage?" he asked.

"It's easy to believe all that you've been told and never question things," Sheffield said. Sheffield reminded the audience of their duty to preserve education and justice.

"Continuous learning and freedom can and must coexist," he said.

Artistic additions

New sculptures adorn campus

By Margaret Correll
Staff Writer

Three new permanent sculpture installations were put into motion this past July by local sculptor and Brevard College teacher, Kyle Lusk. They will be fully constructed on the Brevard College campus and the neighboring First United Methodist Church side of Broad Street.

The City of Brevard commissioned Lusk to make three sculptures that would mark the entrance to downtown. This project was spearheaded by Red Wolf Gallery owner, Ann DerGara. She and Lusk worked together to come up with instruments that became the inspirations for the sculptures. "This project started off with several meetings with Ann DerGara and city officials to discuss what they wanted out of this project," said Lusk.

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Photo by Florian Peyssonneaux
Kyle Lusk's Saxophone sculpture.

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Photo by Florian Peyssonneaux

Violin statue positioned at the Brevard College entrance

“Once I felt that I had a good understanding of their expectations, I began the process of creating drawings and maquettes (scale models) for three proposed abstract sculptures of a violin, saxophone and banjo.” DerGara and Lusk felt that these instruments best represented the diversity of music in the Brevard area.

The two completed sculptures on the campus side of Broad Street are a saxophone titled “Park Your Charlie” and a violin titled “Partita.” The largest of the three sculptures will be the banjo, which is not yet finished, titled “Breakdown in Steel.” Doctors David and Kathy Gresham

helped with these titles.

Brevard and the BC Campus have a great respect for the arts and music. When asked about how the sculptures will benefit the college and the community Lusk said, “The intended purpose of these works is to promote and celebrate our artists and Brevard as an arts destination. Music and the other creative arts are an integral part of the BC brand and these works will only reinforce that brand.”

“Breakdown in Steel” is set to be finished the first or second week of September.

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A message from the Dean of Students

Dear Tornados,

Welcome to Brevard College. Whether you are a new or returning student, you are an important part of our campus community.

I am honored to serve as your Dean for Students. I want to continue to create an environment where you can grow and thrive as a college student.

While we all come to Brevard College with different backgrounds and life stories, our commitment to learning is what gives us a common goal. BC has so much to offer. Take time to explore and embrace the opportunities presented to you. From theater and choral performances, art exhibits, clubs and organizations, service initiatives, campus events and athletic competitions, there is something here for everyone.

I encourage you to find your voice and stand up for what you believe in, try something new, meet new people and find out their story, take care of each other and hold each other accountable. Share your time and talent with your campus community and help us to make Brevard College the best it can be.

The faculty and staff are committed to helping you to reach your goals. We are here for you if/when you encounter those bumps in the road. Don't hesitate to reach out for help.

Someone will be there to give the little push you will need to get over those bumps.

Thanks for choosing Brevard College. I am looking forward to a great year.

Debbie D'Anna
Vice President for Student Success/
Dean for Students



Photo from Brevard.edu

Debbie D'Anna

Freshman tips

By Chloe McGee
Arts & Life Editor

1. Your professors want you to succeed and are here to help you do so! Find a reason to speak with them after class or during their office hours. They will remember and appreciate you for your initiative to seek advice outside of the classroom.

2. Be involved around campus! Whether you're the student-body president or you write for the school paper (yes, this is an attempt to recruit new members), on-campus activities are a great way to stay busy and meet new people. You may even discover an unforeseen passion or talent.

3. Take advantage of the library! The academic resources offered at our campus library are incredible. From our student-led ELC (Experiential Learning Center) to the amazing library staff, there are plenty of people excited to help you.

4. Every interaction is an opportunity to grow! College is an amazing chance to learn not only from you professors, but from your peers as well. Use your energy wisely and soak up as much knowledge and wisdom as you can. We have two ears and one mouth for a reason; listen more and talk less.

5. The next four years will be over before you know it! Make the best of your time at Brevard College because the friends and memories you make here will shape the person you are to become.

6. Don't be too hard on yourself! In the wise words of Bob Ross, "There are no mistakes, just happy accidents." College is a time to figure things out, so don't fret if life unfolds differently than you expected. Everything will be okay in the end. And if things aren't okay, then it's not the end.

The 'Little Sliding Rock' secret

As many may know, Sliding Rock is a huge tourist attraction to Pisgah National Forest and the town of Brevard during the summer time. It is known for its cool waters that refresh the skin during the summer heat of the North Carolina mountains and the adrenaline rush one gets while sliding down the giant, smooth rock. But, there are downsides to this natural wonder. The lines and cost to slide, for example. The lines on a busy day stagger down the giant rock and take forever to get up.

However, with a little hiking up a mountain, you can find Little Sliding Rock, everything you hoped it would be but better. There are no lines, it is in a more secluded area of the forest, there is refreshing water and a campsite literally two minutes away from it. Plus, there is no fee. Little Sliding Rock is in a beautiful part of the forest. There are huge trees everywhere, moss covered rocks, a watering hole that is perfect to wade in if you aren't in the mood to go down the rock and a quiet, peaceful surrounding area.

The rock is also great for children who aren't ready yet for actual Sliding Rock. It is a quick, smooth and fun slide that is fast enough to give you a great adrenaline rush that leaves you wanting to go over and over again. Next time you think about going to Sliding Rock, you should check out Little Sliding Rock and hike a little to get a quieter, cheaper and more beautiful experience.

— Lande Simpson

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Brevard College alumni take on the Golden State

By Chloe McGee
Arts & Life Editor

Each year, Brevard College is proud to release its graduating class into the professional world to begin a new chapter of their lives. For BC alumni Audrey Ashburner (class of 2018) and Arlan Parry (class of 2017), that journey began in San Francisco, California — a place that feels larger than life in comparison to Brevard's close-knit community.

This past summer, I had the wonderful opportunity to explore San Francisco for the first time with Ashburner. Together, we attended Outside Lands, a music and arts festival located in Golden Gate Park, where we met up with Parry and some of his local friends.

After Ashburner introduced me to Parry, we began to discuss what it was like for him to drive across the country to a booming metropolis with nearly 5 million unfamiliar faces. With only \$900 in his pocket and one friend in the city, Parry came to SF almost immediately after graduation, but quickly made the right connections to land a job in technology, an industry that dominates San Fran's corporate climate.

"It's all about networking," Parry said, as Ashburner chimed in with affirmation. Because, like Parry, she started her career in San Francisco knowing only her brother and his family before expanding her professional and personal circle.

Ashburner moved to San Francisco just four days after graduation and was determined to succeed, undaunted by the city's competitive atmosphere. She began with a vision to develop her side-hustle — a business where she optimized Etsy shops — into her very own, self-sustainable SEO company, Optmira Marketing.

To say the least, Ashburner's endeavors have been successful, as she and a team of paid interns are now focusing to "improve internal company growth and organization" and eventually become the "go-to marketing company for top-tier interior design and architecture firms," Ashburner said.

"Businesses fail when people give up... every hardship is an opportunity to learn and improve," she said. "Set realistic goals, measure performance, celebrate success."

It seems that in many ways, San Francisco is not as different from Brevard or the rest of the world as we might think. It's all about who you know and being confident in your ability to make something of your life. The people of San Francisco understand this and countless of those I met encouraged me to start believing in this mindset because they understand what it means to be in my shoes.

"They say they built the train tracks over the Alps before there was a train that could make the trip. They built it anyway. They knew one day the train would come," is a line from one of my favorite movies, *Under the Tuscan Sun*. It seems that this quote rings true in the perspectives of Ashburner, Parry and many of those venturing into unknown professional

territory.

"Say yes and figure it out later," Ashburner said.

San Francisco is notorious for its inflated cost of living, which is certainly intimidating to those fresh out of college, especially those from rural North Carolina. However, Ashburner and Parry were not frightened away and assured me that I should not be either.

"I think it's important to jump into the unknown... Believe in your potential," said Parry, who is leaving San Francisco in the coming week to pursue his career in New York City.

Just within the short week I visited, I was able to make multiple connections with people in San Francisco as well as New York City. Though I am currently in school, I am thrilled to have begun a network of my own. This is living proof that all it takes is one relationship to get your hat in the ring.

It was an incredible experience to not only be immersed in the liveliness of San Francisco, but to also witness the success that Brevard College alumni are capable of. Trust your instincts because I have hopes that this can become a reality for all of my peers, including myself, here at Brevard College.



Pictured left to right: Current BC student Chloe McGee, alumni Arlan Parry and Audrey Ashburner at this year's Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival, held at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Photo courtesy of Chloe McGee

Transylvania Co. Democratic Party in Myers Dining Hall this week

Members of the Transylvania County Democratic Party leadership team will be on campus this week from Wednesday through Saturday. They will be in the cafeteria during lunch and dinner.

"We will be conducting a survey of

the issues that matter most to you, sharing candidate information, registering voters and gathering volunteers," TCDP Volunteer Coordinator Victoria Johnson wrote in an email to the Clarion on Monday.

The representatives on campus will also have

information regarding paid positions with the Board of Elections Office.

"The 2020 election may be the most consequential election in history, and we want to be ready!" Johnson wrote.

— Mary Lewe

Pet Profile

Lillie the dog

Name: Lillie

Nickname: Lillie Pad

Age: 3 (on Oct. 30)

Breed: Pit Lab

Favorite treat: Veggies

Favorite toy: stuffed animals

Favorite game: fetch

Favorite spot on/around campus:

Anywhere the squirrels can be chased!



Courtesy photo

Lillie can be shy sometimes!



Courtesy photo

Lillie loves her toys.

Volunteers create new trail for hiking, biking at Bracken Mountain Preserve

A new trail for hiking and mountain biking just opened in Bracken Mountain Preserve. The approximately 1.5 mile trail, called the Pinnacle Trail, offers a steep climb with 500 feet of elevation gain and creates a new loop. It brings the trail system in Bracken Mountain Preserve to nearly nine miles. These trails create a direct connection between Brevard and Pisgah National Forest.

Aaron Bland, a planner with the City of Brevard, says, "Bracken is a valuable amenity the City is proud to provide. It connects citizens to their natural and cultural heritage, promotes healthy living, adds to our area's reputation for fantastic outdoor recreation, and is a prime example of the great things that can be achieved through collaboration."

Volunteers were instrumental in the construction of these new trails. Professional trail builders with Long Cane Trails collaborated with two service groups organized by Conserving Carolina—Friends of Brevard Area Trails and Summer of Service. These trail crews hiked for miles, carrying heavy tools, just to reach the trail building sites. Volunteers with Friends of Brevard Area Trails included many community members who helped build the original Bracken Mountain trails. Summer of Service, an AmeriCorps program for local 17-to-20-year-olds, completed the work needed

to open the new trail to the public. In all, volunteers and Summer of Service members contributed 239 hours to create the Pinnacle Trail.

Todd Branham, the owner of Long Cane Trails, says, "The Bracken trail project has been a great example of how trails connect communities. With the efforts of the community we were able to deliver the trail at 50% less than usually cost to fully construct a trail. Hikers, bikers as well as outdoor enthusiasts joined in the efforts to make the Bracken Trail come to fruition. This project is a model to use as an example of how any community can get more trails on the ground while engaging the members of their community."

On August 19, the Brevard City Council voted to name the new section the Pinnacle Trail, after a historic settlement in this area. Many local families trace their roots back to the Pinnacle community, including the Mackey family for whom the nearby Mackey Ridge Trail is named.

Signage in the Bracken Mountain Preserve marks the history of the Pinnacle community. Among the founders of Pinnacle were Laughing Water, a young woman from the Blackfoot nation, and Tom, an African-American, both of whom had escaped from captivity. Laughing Water and Tom moved their large family to

these mountains in the early 1860s to avoid typhoid fever.

Torry Nergart, Conserving Carolina's conservation easement manager, who organized the trail-building workdays, is a resident of Brevard and an avid mountain biker. He says, "The new trail makes Bracken Mountain more of a destination, not just a way to get somewhere else or a quick after-work ride. Now, you can get in a really good climb and an extended downhill run. Afterwards, you're right there in Brevard's downtown."

Keenan Smith, a member of Brevard's Parks, Trails, and Recreation, and Committee, says, "We are fortunate to have leaders that were able to see the beauty and potential in this property early on. I am encouraged by the continued commitment of the City and its partners to carefully plan and develop Bracken Preserve with attention to stewardship and the user experience. Starting out on a beautiful ridge at the top of the property, the new Pinnacle Trail is an excellent addition to our town trail system, rewarding all users on two feet or two wheels."

Conserving Carolina is a local land trust dedicated to protecting land and water, promoting good stewardship, and creating opportunities for people to enjoy nature. Learn more and become a member at conservingcarolina.org.

How many people will die before Trump finally steps in?

By Breanna Queen
Staff Writer

Twenty-nineteen is almost over and there has already been 225 mass shootings in the U.S.

We will never do anything about this. It's just how America is, we just push our problems to the side and pretend it never happened. We as Americans can never agree on a single thing so we will never resolve this problem. We never take responsibility for our actions.

The mass shooting in Texas left America shook. I can't believe that I live in this world that has so much hate. Just imagine if we shared

love instead of hate; imagine if there weren't any bullies, mass shootings, or people living in fear now.

Americans die more in mass shootings or gun violence than anything else.

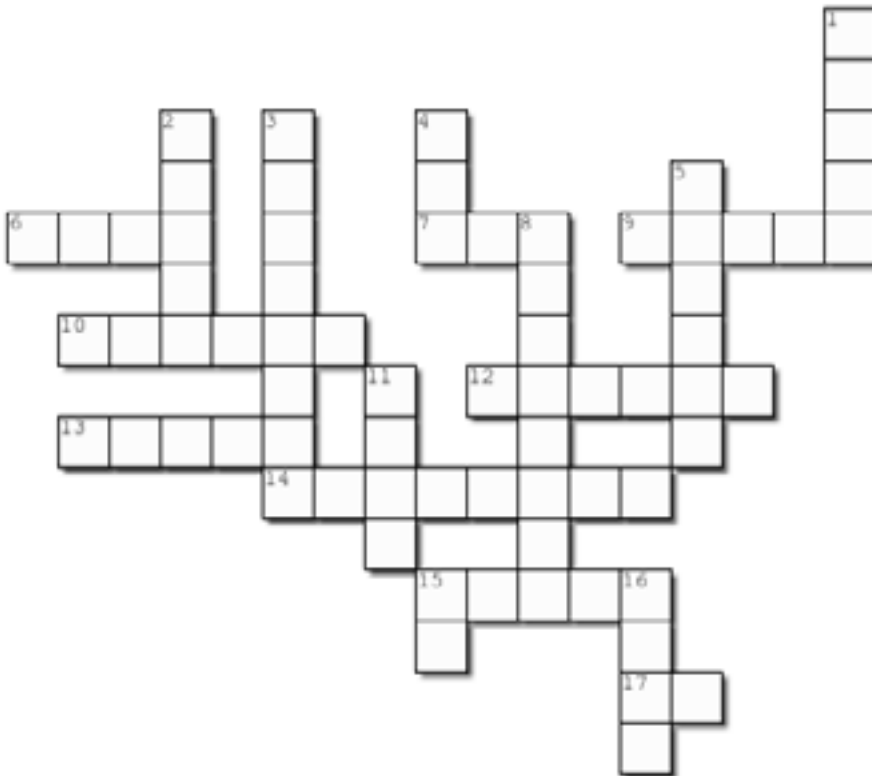
It only took one school shooting in London for Great Britain to change its gun laws. In 1996, 16 children were killed along with their teacher. Before this shooting anyone in Britain could own a handgun. Just imagine if those handguns hadn't been available, then 17 people would still be alive. It only took 18 months after the mass shooting for them to pass a law that bans private ownership of handguns. There has been

a significant fall on gun violence. Around 20 to 25 people are murdered per year by a gun now in Great Britain.

Compare that 20 to 25 in Great Britain to the USA where the count is 13,000. This problem that Americans have with lawmakers trying to change the first amendment is extremely ridiculous. The first amendment was written in 1992 but humans were not walking around shooting innocent victims in 1992 like they are right now in 2019. My question now is when will be the last mass shooting? When is Trump going to demand change in America?

Crossword Puzzle!

Test your campus knowledge by completing the puzzle below



Across

- 6. Wilderness leadership acronym
- 7. Library acronym
- 9. Freshmen dorm closer to the creek
- 10. Situated between Green Hall and Stamey
- 12. Building that contains counseling services and the campus nurse
- 13. BC's president and first lady
- 14. Newest dorms, found near the track
- 15. Dining hall surname
- 17. Where classes in the humanities and social sciences meet

Down

- 1. Creek that runs through campus
- 2. Oldest dorms on campus
- 3. Upperclassmen dorms located near Ingles
- 4. Class required for all freshmen
- 5. Contains the largest auditorium on campus

- 8. Across from the caf; contains the mailroom, Tornado Alley and the Underground
- 11. Administration building
- 15. Where classes in biology, chemistry, math and more meet
- 16. Home of art shows and classes

Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Fritz tabs Patterson as men's lacrosse assistant coach

By Joseph Marvin
Assistant Sports Information Director

Andrew Patterson has been selected as the new Assistant Coach of the Brevard College men's lacrosse program, announced second-year Head Coach Jim Fritz.

"I am excited to have Andrew on staff," remarked Coach Fritz. "He brings a great work ethic and level of commitment to the program and I feel he can really help us as we look to compete for future conference championships and an NCAA bid. I have been fortunate to have had some great assistants in the past, many going on to DI assistant and head jobs. I feel Andrew has that same potential."

Patterson joins the BC Men's Lacrosse program after a successful four-year playing career at The Catholic University of America, where he graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in History. The former defenseman and goalie was named to the Landmark Conference Honor Roll, in addition to making the Dean's List multiple times during his undergrad.

While playing for the Cardinal, Patterson assisted with the team's current and offseason strength & conditioning plan. He is currently working towards a NASM Performance Enhancing Specialist Certification.

Patterson developed coaching experience throughout his time in high school and college. Most recently, he served as the Head Coach of the PA Express 2023 Blue girls' team, part of a premier lacrosse organization sponsoring girl's and women's teams from Southeastern Pennsylvania. Patterson was also the Assistant Coach of the PA Express 2020 Blue girls team, as well as the Assistant Coach of the CBW Club High School boys team.

A native of Philadelphia, Patterson graduated from West Chester Bayard Rustin High School in West Chester, Penn., where he was a four-year member of the lacrosse program and a team captain his senior campaign.

The BC Tornados Men's Lacrosse program is coming off an impressive 2019 campaign that saw 10 seniors graduate from Brevard College. The Tornados finished with a 6-7 overall record,

including three home victories.

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, or like Brevard College Athletics on Facebook.



Andrew Patterson

Hughes joins coaching staff

By Joseph Marvin
Assistant Sports Information Director

Head Women's Soccer Coach Juan Mascaro has announced the addition of Brevard College alumna Ashley Hughes '19 to the BC Women's Soccer coaching staff. Hughes will serve as the team's Volunteer Assistant Coach.

"We are very excited to have Ashley serve us in this role," commented Coach Mascaro. "Ashley was a valued leader on our team throughout her four years at Brevard, and that leadership will continue to have an impact on our 2019 team."

Hughes, a four-year starter for the Tornados, concluded her playing career in the fall of 2018. Her name is scattered across the Brevard College Women's Soccer record books, as Hughes holds numerous single-season and career-high marks.

Hughes holds the BC NCAA-era records for single-season goals scored (19, 2018), points (41, 2018), shots (81, 2018), shots-on-goal (50, 2018), and games played and started (19, 2018).

In addition to these single-season marks, Hughes is the BC Women's Soccer career record-holder for games started (70) and is tied with fellow classmate Megan Shina '19 for career goals scored (25).

Hughes received numerous accolades and

awards during her tenure with the Tornados. She was named to the USA South All-Sportsmanship Team twice (2017, 18), in addition to receiving USA South Second Team West Division honors in 2018.

Regionally and nationally in 2018, Hughes was recognized by the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association (NCCSIA), earning First Team All-State honors. She was also a recipient of the Google Cloud Academic All-District Team honor, awarded to the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom.

Hughes rounded out her collegiate career by being named Female Athlete of the Year at Brevard College's Athletic Awards Banquet, in addition to receiving a spot on the 2018-19 USA South Academic All-Conference Team.

"I'm really excited to be back at Brevard to help Coach Mascaro and Coach Shaughnessy," stated Hughes. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to work with such a great group of players and coaches. I am looking forward to seeing a new side of soccer as I hope to apply what I've learned playing collegiate soccer in the past 4 years to coaching in the upcoming season."

Hughes joins fourth-year Women's Soccer Head Coach Juan Mascaro along with first-

year Assistant Coach Chelsea Shaughnessy, as the Tornados attempt to build upon a 2018 highlighted by a school NCAA-era record for single-season wins (11). The 2018 BC Women's Soccer team followed up its impressive regular season by earning the school's first bid into the ECAC Postseason Tournament.



Ashley Hughes

Coach William Jones joins BC tennis family

By Carmen Boone
Copy Editor

The BC athletic program has hired a new tennis head coach. William Jones is excited to be the head of the BC tennis program.

Jones is from Bristol, Va. and graduated from Virginia High School. He later majored in Sports Management and got his masters in Community and Organizational Leadership from Emory and Henry College. Following this, he moved to Yuma, Ariz. for a year but then decided to live in Arlington, Va. for about six years, teaching tennis. After that, he coached college tennis for two years in Bethany, W.Va.

Jones started playing tennis when he was about four years old. At the age of nine, he began playing in USTA tournaments in Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. It was during this time that he realized he wanted to teach tennis for a living.

After that, he went to several tennis camps every summer and wrote down drills and practice techniques. His mother also videotaped all of his tennis matches so he would have access to video analysis and practice using that.

In college, Jones got his USPTA (United States Professional Tennis Association) and USPTR (United States Professional Tennis Registry) Tennis Teaching Certifications, and has been coaching tennis ever since. His coaching career started with boy's tennis at Abingdon High School in Virginia. Following that, he went back to Emory and Henry College to take on the position of Assistant Coach for men's and women's tennis. After that he moved to the DC area and taught tennis for six years in Potomac and Darnestown, Md. Before taking this position at Brevard, he coached at Bethany College for two years.

Jones has several reasons for choosing Brevard as his new home. The biggest reason is that it's close to where he's from and where he grew up playing junior tennis. "I really liked what I saw not only about the tennis facilities, but the tennis program and college as well," Jones said. The third reason he gave was that Brevard is similar to colleges he has previously attended and coached at, so he knew he would be good at helping with the transition to Division III tennis.

"Brevard is just a really nice area. [...] Brevard has really made a name for itself and all of its attractions as well. There are a lot of different things to do and I believe it's a great setting for a college student-athlete. You really don't get a setting like Brevard at too many other colleges," Jones said. He is also very happy with all the support he has already seen in the past two weeks for the tennis program.

Jones says he plans on picking up right where the program left off last year. "I really think that Coach Evan did a fantastic job with the tennis program in general and I look forward to building on top of the foundation that he had previously set here at Brevard," he said. He doesn't want to make many changes, except for adding his own twist to the successful program we already have.

He is very excited to give back to the sport that has given him so much. Jones is also excited about being able to coach young men and women who love the same game he loves, as well as introducing others to tennis, a sport they can play for the rest of their lives.

Since he decided to coach at Brevard, the athletic staff, the tennis community and some friends who know the area have all been very helpful to him. "I have heard nothing but great things, so I am very excited and

blessed to be a part of such a pretty area and the Brevard family," said Jones.

Jones is very excited for this year's season. He thinks the ladies team will have another great year with lots of experienced players returning and three new freshmen coming in to fill the void from last year's seniors.

The men's team will have six freshmen coming in to fill in the available spots from the seniors that graduated and to join the men returning from last year. Jones says he is very excited to get started after speaking to all the players and "learning about the passion they have for the game of tennis."

Jones would also like to say the following to the students, faculty, staff and community of Brevard: "Anyone interested in learning to play the game of tennis feel free to stop by or email me. Once I get settled, I want to do a few clinics for the students, staff, faculty and community members," Jones said.

"Also, if there are any students interested in playing tennis or just learning a sport that they can play for the rest of their lives, please email me at joneswb@brevard.edu. We also want to invite EVERYONE to our matches. We only have one rule that we ask... we ask for everyone to be as loud and vocal as possible!!! College Tennis is no longer a quiet spectator sport. So the more energy we can have from our fans for home and away matches the better!"



Photo by BC Tornados

William Jones