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A brand new grocery store, Aldi, will open Thursday on Asheville Highway next door to Zaxby's.

New Aldi in Brevard

By Anna Ervin
Layout & Design

Brevard has upped its grocery game! The long awaited ALDI is finally here at 165 Asheville Highway, next door to Zaxby's.

On Thursday, Sept. 2, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:45 a.m., and the doors will open at 9 a.m. From this point on, it will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

This store opening is part of an aggressive expansion plan to open approximately 100 stores in 2021 across the country. The new locations, which are part of the company's "coast-to-coast expansion" plan, will be spread out across Arizona, California, Florida and the Northeast.

ALDI is on track to become the third largest U.S. retailer by the end of 2022, currently operating 2,000 stores in 37 states.

"We have served this community for more than 20 years and look forward to continuing to offer Brevard residents high-quality, fresh foods and low prices in every ALDI aisle, every day," said Shaun O'Keefe, Jefferson regional vice president for ALDI.

ALDI says, "we believe our shoppers' money should go right where they want it to: into great-tasting food they can feel good about serving their families. ALDI's mission is to provide high quality food that is accessible and affordable."

ALDI is still currently hiring, too. If you are

looking for positions such as store manager trainee, assistant store manager, full-time and part-time associates, stockers and cashiers. They offer benefits like a 401(k) plan, EAP, employee discounts and more for those eligible. They are looking for motivated people who enjoy competitive pay.

To apply, you can do so directly on careers.aldi.us/jef-store-87-hiring, or you can use an outside source like Glassdoor.

Overall, Brevard is very excited to welcome the new ALDI to the community. If you have time on Sept. 2, you should go get some groceries and support the opening.

Hurricane Ida update

By Anna Ervin
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On Sunday, Hurricane Ida hit the coast of Louisiana, with a title as one of the most powerful storms to ever hit the U.S. and violent winds of 150 mph.

Coincidentally, Ida's landfall came on the same date as Hurricane Katrina crashed through Louisiana and Mississippi. Ida is about 40 miles West of Katrina's landfall. It is very close to one of the country's main centers for drilling and moving oil.

Before power was lost on the Louisiana barrier island, cameras caught the water slowly rising as palm trees were shaken around. When water began flooding out of Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans, officials said Ida's swift intensification from a few thunderstorms to massive hurricane over three days left no time to organize a mandatory evacuation of its 390,000 residents.

Mayor LaToya Cantrell urged residents to

leave, but not all had the chance. The ones left were warned of long power outages amidst the intense humidity. Cars were parked in the medians to help provide a few extra feet of protection against flooding.

Ida began to threaten Port Fourchon, the port that handles a fifth of the nation's domestic oil and gas. Ida was also threatening a region that had already been reeling because of COVID-19. There were low vaccination rates and high hospitalizations due to the Delta variant.

New Orleans hospitals were planning to ride the storm through with the beds mostly full, as most hospitals in the area had little room for evacuated patients. Shelters for those fleeing also acted as a hotspot for the variant.

Forecasters warned winds of 115 mph were expected in Houma, a city that supports oil platforms in the Gulf and Gulfport. Gov. John Bel Edwards vowed Louisiana's "resilient and tough people" would weather the storm.

Louisiana officials were attempting to find hotels for evacuated residents to lower the number of people using shelters. President Joe Biden approved emergency declarations for Louisiana and Mississippi ahead of Ida's arrival, so this act was already in motion once the storm hit.

Ida is said to be stronger than Katrina, but officials stressed that the levee and drainage systems protecting New Orleans had been much improved. Meteorologists said Hurricane Ida is full of "explosive intensification," going from 85 mph winds to 150 mph winds in a matter of 24 hours.

To help with relief efforts of Hurricane Ida, there are more than a few organizations to turn to. Imagine Water Works, Cajun Navy Relief, Another Gulf is Possible Collaborative and NOLA Ready are all places to donate and volunteer, along with many others discoverable with a simple Google search.

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Hurricane Ida wipes out power in city of New Orleans, Louisiana.



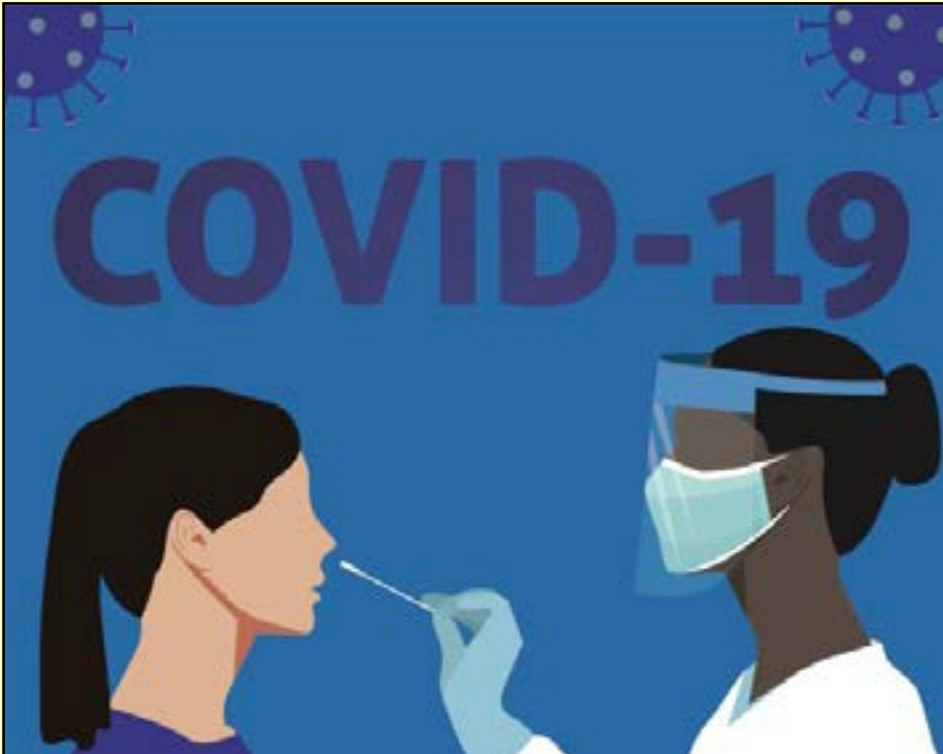
Water damage shown in Lafayette, Louisiana.

COVID-19 testing on campus

Brevard College will host weekly COVID-19 testing every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gym.

Testing is required for all unvaccinated or partially vaccinated campus community members.

— Debbie D'Anna
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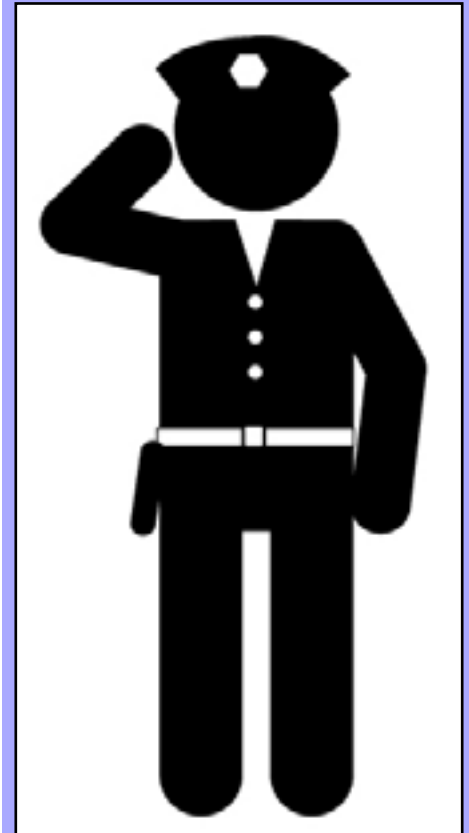
Security report

After speaking with Stan Jacobsen, Director of Safety, Security and Risk Management, students are reminded that between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. they are not authorized to park in any spaces lined in yellow paint, which are reserved for faculty and staff, or those lined in green paint, which are reserved for commuter students. Also, parking is not permitted on the grass.

White painted spaces are for on-campus residents and green painted spaces are for commuters. Yellow painted spaces are for faculty, but students are permitted to park in yellow and green painted spaces between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 am. and on weekends, excluding spaces marked for Hall Directors and Security.

If students ever need help on campus, or want to report any suspicious activity, they can contact Campus Security 24/7 at (828) 577-9590.

— Eleanor Flannery



Senior Profile

Madison Altman to graduate

By Shyvonne Potter
Student Contributor

Brevard College encourages experiential learning, following the experiential learning cycle. The school celebrates the process of learning through past experience, and then proceeding to apply that experience at a later moment. Senior Madison Altman has done just that.

Altman is in her fourth year at Brevard college and has learned a lot in those four years, beyond simply academics. "There are so many things happening in college, and you just have to take in every opportunity." Altman is a big enthusiast on seizing the moment, and when asked what she thought the biggest tip she could give younger students was, she replied, "to just get as involved as you possibly can, from sports teams to campus life activities."

Altman herself is incredibly involved on campus, and is incredibly invested in the school's athletic department. Altman is a dual sport athlete, competing with both the cycling team, as well as the rock climbing team. Not only is Altman playing two sports, she is also on the SAAC committee, which is the on campus committee relating to student athletes. In addition, Altman is incredibly active outside of academics and sports. When asked what her favorite campus life activity was, she replied, "Free climb nights every Tuesday night."

Altman is also incredibly invested in academics, and has made the dean's list every semester she has been in college. She is currently a health science major, and intends to continue her studies in the field by attending grad school at Brevard College post graduation. "I really love it at Brevard, and I wanted to spend more time here, especially because I am still eligible to compete."

After graduating and achieving both her undergrad and masters degrees, Madison wants to start coaching, specifically climbing teams. "My climbing coach [Dan Horne] has been incredibly impactful for me, and I hope to be able to coach at the same caliber one day." These aspirations come from her experience at Brevard College, where she had a positive experience with coaching staff and intends to apply her new experience in the future.

Altman has already begun her coaching career, helping out with coaching at the local rock climbing gym, Brevard Rock Gym. At Brevard Rock Gym, Altman coaches the club



Photo from BC Tornados

Altman pictured hoisting up her bike.

team, as well as teaching some beginner classes for a variety of age ranges. "I'm super excited for the club [team] because I think they're going to get super strong this season." Altman hopes to bring a new dynamic and passion to the club team, in hopes of helping the kids on the team

not only climb harder, but also enjoy climbing.

Altman has had a ton of experience over the past four years, and is excited about the prospect of applying all of these experiences into her future endeavors.



Photo from BC Tornados

Madison Altman



Statue of Chicken Boy.

Photo from Great Bend Tribune

Celebrate Chicken Boy's Day

By Anna Ervin
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Sept. 1 of every year, the world celebrates and honors Chicken Boy on his ceremonial birthday, also known as National Chicken Boy's Day. Read further to learn more about his origin story and celebration.

Standing 22 feet tall and holding a bucket of chicken, Chicken Boy can be seen on Route 66 in California. He is named after the 1960's Chicken Boy restaurant, but he is also referred to as the "Statue of Liberty of Los Angeles."

Chicken Boy remained in place until 1984, when his owner died. He was then cooped up in storage for twenty years after being rescued by the new owner, Amy Inouye, who also worked as the Los Angeles Art Director.

The Chicken Boy fans wanted his face to be public once more. After a time of stagnance, Chicken Boy finally graced the world with his presence again in front of Inouye's design firm. The community surrounding Chicken Boy banded together to pay for his restoration.

In 2010, Chicken Boy was given the well deserved recognition from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger by giving him the Governor's Historic Preservation Award.

To celebrate, there are a few Chicken Boy's Day festivities to choose from. You can wish him a happy birthday using the '#ChickenBoyDay.' You can look up a quick tutorial and learn the Chicken Boy Polka and dance to the coordinating song "Chicken Boy Polka" by Those Darn Accordions. You can also spend your evening cuddled up watching Chicken Boy: The Movie.

If you're ever in California, take a trip down Route 66 to see Chicken Boy and some of his pals, like Muffler Man and collect their trading cards! Don't forget to remind your friends about the day's festivities! Chicken Boy deserves a good birthday, too.



Food for Thought

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

This academic year will mark the third year of the Food for Thought Forum, which is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty.

The schedule of presentations is listed below. I invite you to attend as many of these presentations as possible.

For more information, please contact Dr. Jordan Kuck, Assistant Professor of History, who is the Principal Organizer of the Food for Thought Forum.

September 1, 12:00 p.m. in Boerner Room: Professor Robert Dye, "VOR: Source-to-Sea River Trips and Why They Are a Great Part of a Liberal Arts Curriculum"

September 29, 12:30 p.m. in Boerner Room: Dr. Sarah Maveety, "Beetlemania in the Peruvian Andes"

October 5 at 11:45 a.m. in Boerner Room: Sam Hipp (2021 graduate of BC), "Lesser-Known Facts About World War Two in Europe"

November 9, 12:45 p.m. in Boerner Room: Dr. Alyse Bense, "Citizenship in Practice: Editing, Directing, and Publishing in a"

— Scott Sheffield
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Dean of the Faculty

'No man left behind'

By Sydney Fox
Student Contributor

Recently, the Taliban has regained control of Afghanistan. The US military had control over Afghanistan for 20 years, keeping civilians safe and terrorists out. While many agree the troops should come home, many people are discussing the way this situation was handled and whether or not this is why the Taliban was able to gain control so easily.

Who are the Taliban? The Taliban is a group of former Afghan resistance fighters trying to spread their view of the Islamic law in the country. They are a very dangerous group of individuals.

The Taliban now has control, but they also have access to several American military items. They have more Black Hawk Helicopters than over 85 percent of countries in the world. A lot of people are not happy about this.

With the Taliban having control over Afghanistan and also having access to military equipment, people are wondering what is next. Are we going to go back over and try to regain access to everything and everyone?

The Taliban has access to over 85 billion dollars worth of equipment. As of right now, there is no plan to retrieve the equipment that is ours from the Taliban. We will have to wait and see what our next move will be when it

comes to taking steps to regain Afghanistan access and bringing civilians to safety again.

Along with the military equipment that was left there were also American soldiers and civilians that were left in Afghanistan. "No man left behind" is a common quote you will hear and see throughout the US military. Yet, people were left behind; there hasn't been a plan set in place to get them.

There are civilians and former veterans who are willing to use their own money and supplies to go get the Americans that were left behind. If this doesn't show you how Americans feel about this situation, I'm not sure what will.

Former veterans are not happy to see this happen. This opinion is especially common in those who fought to gain access into Afghanistan, just to watch it get taken over by the Taliban again.

A lot of veterans may be experiencing PTSD due to these recent events, and not many people are discussing it. Service members who fought the first time America had taken control are upset because it was so easily lost.

There is currently no update from administration of whether or not the US Military is going to return to Afghanistan. There are floating plans to return and save the endangered civilians and destroy US military equipment, but nothing has been set in stone yet.

Former felons' voting rights to be restored in North Carolina

By Zoey Jaynes
Staff Writer

The North Carolina Superior Court in Raleigh has ordered a restoration of voting rights for thousands in the state. In what will be one of the greatest expansions of civil rights in recent decades. With around 56,000 individuals regaining the right to vote.

After facing several lawsuits from civil rights groups in NC, on the basis that the loss of voting rights was unconstitutional and stemmed back to white supremacy in the 19th century, the three judge NC Superior Court ordered the restoration.

According to NC state law convicted persons are barred from voting until they are fully released from probation, suspended sentences, or parole. This ruling makes NC the only state in the South where persons released will automatically have their voting rights renewed.

Darryl Atkinson, the Co-founder of a Civil Rights group in Durham called Forward Justice, stated to the Washington Post "This lawsuit was about us making sure that we include the 56,000 North Carolinians living in our community, paying taxes, dropping kids at school are included in 'We, the people,'".

A group of attorneys, representing republican lawmakers, were denied a halt on the restoration. On the same day the panel also published an explanation as to why they reauthorized the ability to vote to the thousands of convicted felons in NC.

Two of the Raleigh Superior Court Judges stated to the Associated Press, "There is no denying the insidious, discriminatory history surrounding voter disenfranchisement and efforts for voting rights restoration in North Carolina."

The Raleigh Superior Court has also amended that felons will not be required to any monetary obligations before the restoration of their voting rights if they had fulfilled all other requirements from their sentencing. Due to the differences in class, in felons, it would have meant unequal opportunity for regaining their rights.



What is going on in Afghanistan?

The plan to pull U.S. troops out of the country is accomplished, but came at a price

By Eleanor Flannery
Editor in Chief

On Aug. 16, 2021 President Joe Biden addressed the nation on the United States' intentions in Afghanistan as war and turmoil has continued throughout the past two decades. In his speech, Biden stressed that Americans stationed or fighting in Afghanistan would be returning to the U.S., as it was revealed that the President's plan was to bring home all of the troops in combat.

"American troops cannot and should not be fighting in a war and dying in a war that Afghan forces are not willing to fight for themselves. We spent over a trillion dollars. We trained and equipped an Afghan military force of some 300,000 strong — incredibly well equipped — a force larger in size than the militaries of many of our NATO allies."

Biden continued: "How many more generations of America's daughters and sons would you have me send to fight Afghans — Afghanistan's civil war when Afghan troops will not? How many more lives — American lives — is it worth? How many endless rows of headstones at Arlington National Cemetery?"

Biden said, "Over the coming days, we intend to transport out thousands of American citizens who have been living and working in Afghanistan."

On Aug. 27, a suicide bomb attack at the Kabul airport killed over 100 people, including 13 Americans and over 90 Afghans, during the United States' evacuation plan. Biden's response



President Joe Biden addressing nation on Tuesday regarding Afghanistan mission.

to the tragedy was the following, "We will hunt you down and make you pay."

The initial bombing took place at Abbey Gate; a second blast occurred outside the Baron hotel by the airport shortly after. The United States then attacked ISIS-K via airstrikes, killing three children in the process.

On Aug. 30, it was reported by the Pentagon that all U.S. troops were out of Afghanistan and back on American soil, effectively ending America's longest war. President Biden is set

to address the nation on Tuesday to clarify why the deadline to withdraw U.S. troops was not extended.

On Aug. 31, President Biden defended his decision to evacuate U.S. troops, "My fellow Americans, the war in Afghanistan is now over," he said at the White House, in a speech broadcasted to the entire nation. Biden was under fire for his decision to leave Afghanistan without executing the full mission. His defense was vehement, as he spoke with an angered tone in regard to the criticism he received. The President explained that his decision was warranted, as the choice in Afghanistan was "between leaving and escalating" the situation, as tensions in the area were high.



American soldier evacuating Afghanistan.

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Spectator guidelines and parking/ ticket info announced for Fall 2021 sports at Brevard College

By Phil de Montmollin
Assistant Athletic Director for Communications

BREVARD, N.C. – Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brevard College has established revised spectator guidelines for Fall 2021 home athletic events. In addition, Brevard College has announced its ticketing and parking options for the Fall 2021 Football season.

Spectators will be permitted at outdoor sporting events in the Fall of 2021 on the campus of Brevard College. At outdoor events, spectators are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings and follow standard public health recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Fall outdoor athletic events held at Brevard College include Cycling, Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer and Tennis.

For indoor sports in the Fall of 2021, specifically Volleyball, spectators will be permitted at a capacity of 75% inside the Boshamer Gymnasium on the campus of Brevard College. Masks are required for all spectators, regardless of vaccination status, inside the Boshamer Gymnasium.

Admission is free of charge to Brevard College cycling, soccer, and tennis events. Admission for volleyball matches is \$5 per person with kids 12 and under admitted free. Brevard College students are admitted free with BC ID.

Single-game football tickets will be available on gameday, beginning when gates open two hours before kickoff. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults with kids 12 and under admitted free. Brevard College students are admitted free with BC identification. Students from visiting institutions will be admitted for \$5 with school ID.

For the first time ever with Brevard College Football now on-campus at the newly expanded Ives-Lemel Family Field, season ticket and parking packages are available for the football season. A \$150 "Field Goal Club" season pass includes two football membership passes which provides chair-back seating and admittance to the pre-game hospitality section. A \$300 "Touchdown Club" season pass includes two game day passes with chair-back seating and

hospitality admission as well as a reserved parking pass with the option of a tailgating space upgrade.

The \$500 Varsity Tornado Club membership provides members with chair-back seats and hospitality entry for four as well as a reserved parking pass with the option of a tailgating pass upgrade at home football games. In addition, Tornado Club members benefit from preferred access to all other Brevard College athletic events and special functions.

Reserved parking, including the tailgating access lot, at Brevard College home football games opens three hours before kickoff. Spots in the new tailgating parking lot must be reserved in advance exclusively through the "Touchdown Club" season pass or a Varsity Tornado Club membership. Full tailgating policies will be provided upon purchase of the tailgating spaces.

For more information or to order season parking and ticket packages for Brevard College Football, email the Tornado Club at tornadoclub@brevard.edu or contact Director of Athletics Myranda Nash at (828) 641-0089.

For those unable to attend in-person, Brevard College home athletic events will be broadcast live, free-of-charge, on the Brevard College Athletics YouTube Channel at youtube.com/BrevardCollegeTornados.

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



2021 graduating seniors line up for senior night

Photo from BC Tornados

UCI World Mountain Bike Championships

By KateLynn Olive
Student Contributor

Beginning on Aug. 24 to Aug. 29, the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Mountain Bike World Championships in Val di Sole, Trentino, Italy, took place, and a record breaking six Brevard College Cycling team student-athletes will be representing their home countries. One will be representing team USA while the other five will be representing Canada.

This will be the fourth year in a row that the cycling team will be representing Brevard College, as well as Canada and USA in the UCI.

The 6 student-athletes that are representing BC are Mazie Hayden (representing USA), Owen Clark, Tyler Clark, Rachel Pageau, Tyler Orschel and Cole Punchard (representing Canada).

BC's Senior Tyler Orschel qualified for the men's elite short track at the UCI worlds in Val di Sole, Italy and placed 28 (+1:22) racing for Canada. While later on the Freshman Cole Punchard placed first and Owen Clark placed fifth at the Swiss cup race in Basil, Switzerland.

Brevard's head cycling coach Brad Perley stated that, "Not only are these students representing their home nations, but also the BC Cycling team and Brevard College. It's

always exciting to support them from afar with this year being a bit sweeter given the lack of racing in the past year and a half. They've earned this opportunity and we are very proud of each of them."

Hayden competed in the Women's Elite Downhill. She is a senior from Pittsfield, Vermont. As well as Pageau, a senior from Chicoutimi, Quebec, Canada. These two are giving it their all out there.

Orschel will compete in the Men's Elite Cross Country. As well as Tyler Clark in the U23 men's cross country as he returns as a senior for Brevard. Finally, in the Junior Men's Cross Country category, Owen Clark and Cole Punchard, both incoming Brevard College freshmen from Ontario, will race for team Canada.

For these student athletes, this is such a big accomplishment and the entire BC Nation is extremely proud of them. They should take pride in what they have accomplished and will accomplish in their future.

For the freshmen who will continue on this journey for the Tornados, as well as for the seniors who should and will take pride in what they did in their 4 to 5 years here at Brevard and they shall continue their journey in the future.



Mayzie Haden racing for team USA.

Photo from BC Tornados

Youtuber Jake Paul defeats former UFC champ Tyron Woodley

On Sunday night, YouTuber Jake Paul defeated former Ultimate Fighting Championship champ (UFC), Tyron Woodley, by split decision. Jake Paul has advanced his record to (4-0, 3 KO), while Tyron Woodley falls to (0-1) after this was his official debut in boxing.

The judges went on to score the fight 77-75 and 78-74 in favor of Paul, 77-75 in favor of Woodley.

This was Paul's roughest battle that he has had to fight. His first three fights we're all won by knockout in the first couple of minutes. After Sunday night that knockout streak ended as this fight went all eight rounds and ended in a split decision.

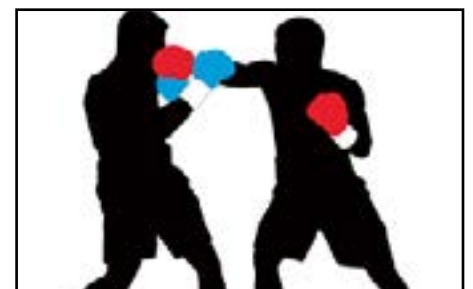
In the fourth round, Paul got hit with a huge hit from Woodley. Paul fell into the ropes but they kept him up. After that hit, Paul was dazed out for a couple of minutes but prevailed in the round. Paul went on to land more punches than Woodley did in the round and that was the key factor that won him the fight.

After the fight, Paul had an interview in which he said, "It was a tougher fight than I expected," Paul said on the Showtime broadcast after the fight. "My legs felt weird, since the locker room. I don't know what's wrong with me, but he's a tough opponent. He put up a good fight. He's a good boxer."

Woodley went on to state "I didn't expect him to go down," Woodley said. "Me and my coaches worked on that. That's why I came in great shape because I knew he could take a punch."

After the interviews the two fighters went on to agree that they will fight again only if Tyron Woodley gets "I love Jake Paul" tattooed on his body.

— Harell Mitchell III



Athletic highlight

Jerome Bass on the Hunt for an All-American Season

By Jordy Wilkinson
Student Contributor

As the Tornado football teams look to kick off the Fall 2021 season, there is one player that all Brevard fans should keep an eye out for. After coming off a big spring covid season, Jerome Bass looks to put up big numbers on his stat line while leading the charge for that tornado defensive front seven.

Senior defensive end Jerome Bass out of Red Springs, North Carolina, looks to have another stand out year for the Tornado defense. Looking at Bass from afar, his appearance and athletic ability give all the defensive coordinators in the USA South conference nightmares.

Coming in at 6'2" and 250 lbs, Bass is faster than most linebackers and also stronger than most offensive lineman, making him a true assist in Luke Jaikes defense. Coming off only a five game season because of COVID-19, Bass racked up 43 total tackles, three point five sacks and seven tackles for loss; he is looking to increase those numbers this season, drastically.

When interviewing Bass, I asked him what he was going to be doing to separate himself from others, "Staying after practice, conditioning more and training a lot harder," said Bass. He



Photo from BC Tornadoes

Jerome Bass. (#8) pictured in a group line up. also goes on to talk about his goals of the year, saying, "I wanna be a first team all conference and all American and lead my team to a National championship run." Asking Bass what he looks forward to most about the upcoming season he said, "the grudge match on Sept. 25 at Ives Lemmel family field."

The Tornadoes look to have a big year as they were picked to finish second in the USA South conference, right behind arch rivals from down south, the Huntingdon Hawks in Alabama.

After the huge dilemma of who was actually the rightful conference champion last year, the contraversal coin flip decided the winner. The Tornadoes look to show that they were the rightful winners of the conference after being devastated over the flip.

It is safe to say that Jerome Bass and his fellow Tornadoes look to have a big year as they start their season next Saturday, Sept. 4, down in Rome, Georgia, where they will face off against a division two Shorter Hawks.



Photo from BC Tornadoes

Jerome Bass.

