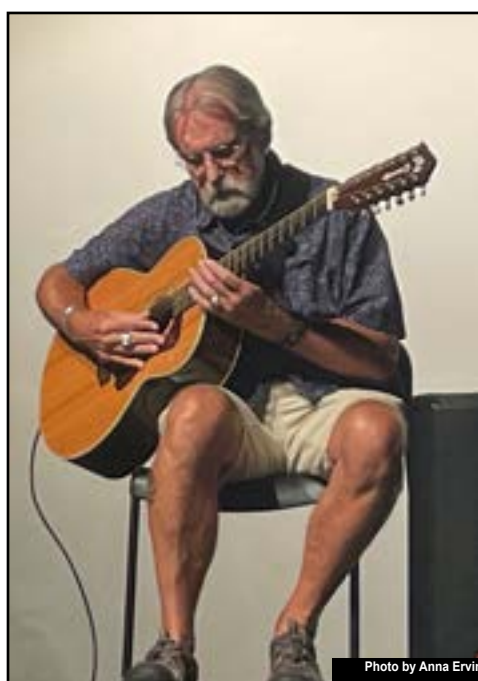


BC really does have talent!



There were some stellar performances at BC's Got Talent! Featured here are some great performers. The winners of the night are Marina Mullin in first, B^3 in second, and Patrick Yang and Gonzolo tied in third.

Disability Accessibility and Inclusivity

By Amy Clyburn
Staff Writer

Disability accessibility and inclusivity are vitally important to me, yet the general public is unaware of these everyday needs. Hi, I am Amy Clyburn and I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when I was born 22 years ago. I am currently a student at Brevard College.

I rely on my crutches and my wheelchair every day. I am constantly adapting to all of my surroundings when I go out in town; even something more simple like a convenience store.

Imagine having to plan your activities, and how you will get around the moment your day starts. Can you imagine not being able to open the door at a gas station to get a bottle of water or not being able to fit inside a bathroom stall because your wheelchair is too wide? What about when you park your car in a handicap spot only to realize another vehicle purposely parked in the Access Aisle, or “No Park Zone,” beside the handicap spot.

Those were just a few examples of struggles that people with disabilities have to deal with every day.

We can use our voices as the student body of Brevard College to take a stand against the ignorance individuals like me have to endure. I believe in respect and equality for everyone. My question to the reader is: does this sound like accessibility and equality to you?

I was talking to a close friend of mine, Ethan Greenough, while writing this article telling him my frustrations. He is working towards a degree in architecture with a focus on the construction and interior design of buildings. I found out that the International Building Code (IBC) is severely behind on The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations for several buildings in his home state.

He told me in his hometown of Christiansburg, VA, many buildings have not been updated with appropriate ADA standards since 2011. I was speechless on the subject. You would think issues like this should be dealt with automatically.

In the past, not all buildings were made accessible and often have one or more steps

going into doorways. The common width of a doorway in the U.S. used to be 28 inches. Now the minimum is 34 to 36 inches to accommodate wheelchairs. Bathroom accessibility is an easy fix. If there are two bathroom stalls, they can be combined to create a wheelchair accessible stall.

Brevard College took me on a tour of the campus to scope it out, and assess anything that might need to be modified. I appreciate the effort the staff put into working towards better accessibility for me as a student.

Imagine a world where every person is accommodated and public buildings are accessible to all people. This article is meant for much more than just a few disability modifications. Simply put, issues we deal with are not fair or acceptable, and I refuse to accept it until something is done.

As a young woman and grown adult, it feels as if my freedom and independence are taken away, completely ignored and cast aside. Every building should be revisited and inspected for the ideal disability standards. No less.

BC Drumline is ready to rock

By Anna Ervin
Editor in Chief

You know them, how could you not love them, the Brevard College Drumline is back for the school year! You may see (or hear) them rehearsing in front of Sims, playing during football and soccer games, or even Tornado Tip-off.

The drumline consists of 10 people, all with varying degrees of percussion experience. Any major can participate as a member of the drumline.

The snares are usually what carries the main melody or rhythm of the ensemble and have a bright sound. This year, our drumline’s snares are played by drumline captain and senior, Mack Douglas, junior Kel McLester, and junior Oreo Ellis.

Tenors add pitch variety to whatever piece is being played. You may also hear them called quads or quints depending on the number of drums. You will see sophomore Jackson Betsill and freshman Olivia Ervin on the tenors.

Bass is used for tone and rhythm keeping and has a sonorous sound. This year, seniors Grace Vaught and Gianluca Graziano and freshman Jaylen Dickerson will be playing Bass. Playing Bass and cymbals will be Miles Felty, a highschool student, and Aiden Kearns, a freshman.

The Drumline this year focus on being an outdoor “jam” line, rather than a marching

Drumline. They play all sorts of tunes, from deathmetal to drum corps style cadences.

Drumline is made up of music and non-music majors, including many students who have never played on a drumline before, some who do not even read music when they first join the Tornado line. Only four of the ten current drumline members had ever played on a drumline before they came to BC.

They serve football, soccer, and other local and Brevard College events, acting as the hype for all students in the fall.

Come out and see them play at the football game Saturday at 2 p.m., or come to the tailgate at 12 p.m. If you can’t make it to the game, make sure to check out the Drumline Facebook page, BC Tornado Drumline Youtube Page, or the soon to be BC Drumline Instagram!



Photo by Dr. Nathan Tingler

BC Drumline meets on top of the Parkway to watch the sunrise!

Kathy Holliday has died

By Clarion Staff

Kathy Brewer Holliday passed away on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023 at the age of 60.

In her lifetime, she was a member of Carr’s Hill Baptist Church and was active in prison ministry. She served our community with her position in Myer’s Dining Hall for 42 years. She also worked for camps over the summer, such as Brevard Music Center, Rockbrook and Illahee.

She enjoyed watching Hallmark movies. She loved hiking, reading, and sewing too. She loved her family and always wanted to spend time with them.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Steve Holliday, and one niece, Shannon Brewer, who lives in Louisville, KY.

During her time at Brevard, Holliday started as a dishwasher and worked as a line-server, a deli worker, a prep cook, a cashier, and countless other necessary jobs.

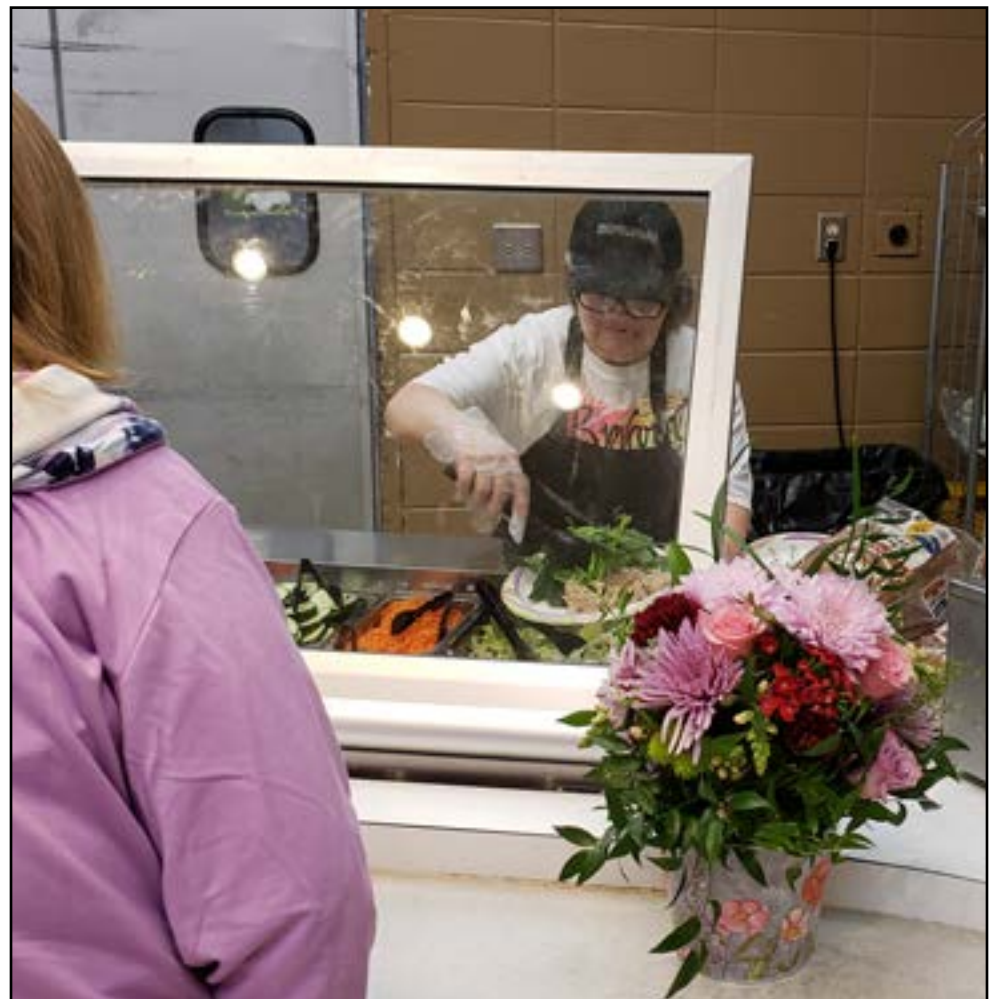
Isaiah Collison said, “Over summer I worked at

BMC as the camera operator. Let’s just say I witnessed enough classical music pieces for a lifetime. I went to the cafeteria for a late lunch and Mrs. Kathy walked over and stood beside me. I asked her if she liked classical music and to my surprise she looked up at me and said, “I like to rock and roll!””

John Padgett said, “After being on the cover of the Clarion for 25 years of service to Brevard College, I couldn’t believe she stayed another fifteen, sixteen years. I recall, a year in advance, she always used to say, “John next year is my 40th year here at the college. Can you believe that?””

“I loved to walk into the caf and see her smiling face. She always had time to talk to all of the students,” said Anna Ervin.

She was a light at Brevard College, and her presence will be forever missed.



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Submit your furry friend for a Campus Critters profile

By Olivia Ervin
Staff Writer

Last week, my sister and I went to Bills before Newspaper Staff, and there was a sheet of paper asking what we most looked forward to this year. I put "Campus Puppies," meaning all the dogs that you see people walking around the campus. Once I had gotten to the actual newspaper meeting and we were throwing out ideas, I thought back to the paper and got the idea for "Pet of the Week."

My family has nine cats, two dogs, two rabbits, and six chickens. Out of all of the pets, four of them are mine: my rabbit, Alfred, my dog, Luna, and my two cats, Stanley and Kelly. I have had experience with a wide variety of pets as well. I even had a bird (which is like the coolest pet) named Bird Puckett. We wrote a poem about him, but that's for another day. Because of my

love for animals, I can effectively understand pets Disability accessibility and inclusivity are vitally important to me. Yet, the general public is unaware of these everyday needs. Hi, I am Amy Clyburn and I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when I was born 22 years ago, and I am currently a student at Brevard College.

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What not to bring to college

By Olivia Hyde
Staff Writer

Hello, Brevard! I hope everyone had a beautiful summer break! I know everyone is very excited to move in and start the new year right.

I remember being very excited my freshman year to move in and start decorating just like all of you. It is a new chapter in your life! I remember watching YouTube videos about what to bring and what not to a college dorm. Many videos were not very realistic for an outdoor school like Brevard College.

So I went around the college asking upperclassmen what they wished they would have left behind when they came to college their first year. The first few people I asked said things like a closet organizer, extra shoes, and large bin organizers. I also had a few odd responses like fishing poles, snow boots, bathroom cleaner, and extra dishes.

I too had brought a few of these things my first year! Honestly, I had never touched half of the shoes I packed. No matter what way you choose to store extra items, they will take up a lot of space.

As hard as it is to downsize, it is necessary because you only have one closet, shelves www(depending where you live), and the space under your bed.

Here are a few things you actually need for college: a fan, one nice water bottle, warm clothes, and a long phone charger.

The fan is for the warm nights early and late

in the school year; the water bottle is to stay hydrated! Warm clothes are for the bitter wind in the winter; the long phone charger is always convenient.

Lastly, I will leave you with a few things I wish I had my freshman year. Looking back, I wish I had hiking boots because we have a lot of beautiful hikes in Pisgah, and if you take any WLEE classes they are essential. I found the best way to make your bathroom less depressing was by adding a shower curtain. Most shower curtains Brevard provides are thin plastic sheets. I believe having a proper curtain serves as decor and good privacy.

I hope everyone has a great school year. Hopefully these few tips will help you in your first year. Go Tornado!



Republican Primary; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; DeSantis leads the charge out of the first Primary Debate

By Jake Thomas
Staff Writer

The Republican Primary debate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin headlined Thursday Night with eight candidates all ready to go in word-to-word combat. Ron DeSantis, Mike Pence and Vivek Ramaswamy led the charge in the absence of former President Donald Trump. We will discuss each candidate's high points and low points and the effect of the absence of President Trump on the debate.

Donald Trump (Former President)

Polling Percentage: 51.6%

The former president decided to skip the debate in turn for an interview with fired "Fox News" reporter Tucker Carlson. It is hard to tell whether this is a good move or a bad move by President Trump, but he is most likely comfortable with his decision as the overwhelming favorite in the polls.

Ron DeSantis (FL Governor)

Polling Percentage: 14.8%

DeSantis comes into the debates as the second leading candidate for the Republican nomination. Though he is still a far way from Trump in polls, behind about 35%, he still has a fighting chance with these charges hanging over the former president's head. DeSantis advocates for reversing "Bidenomics," curbing inflation, lowering gas prices, and emphasizing his role in leading Florida out of COVID-19 lockdowns.

His commitment to strong national defense and securing the Southern Border resonates with many republican voters.

Vivek Ramaswamy (Businessman)

Polling Percentage: 10.3%

Ramaswamy's background as an entrepreneur and his emphasis on putting people back to work make him an interesting candidate. Although, he was called out by Mike Pence and Chris Christie for having no political experience and being a bit childish in his approach at certain times. He is vocal about prioritizing truth over political puppetry and calls for the end of weaponizing justice as he sits at 3rd place in the polls.

Mike Pence (Former Vice President)

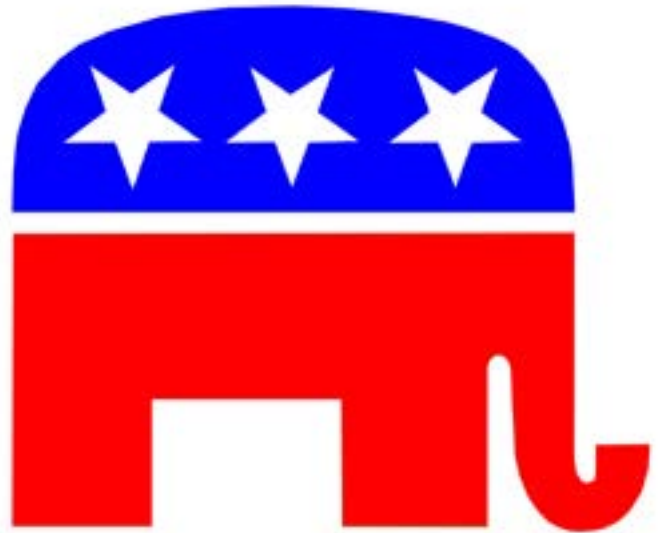
Polling Percentage: 4.2%

Former VP Mike Pence came out strong in the first GOP debate, hitting all his points and making sure to be heard at every opportunity. Pence spoke on his successes while in office with President Trump, but made sure to let everyone know he did the right thing on January 6th, 2021 by not supporting Trump. Pence also talked about his pro-life stance to abortion control, and supported increasing funding for law enforcement.

Tim Scott (SC Senator)

Polling Percentage: 3.7%

Scott proposes reducing Washington's spending, bringing jobs back from



China, and addressing border security by finishing the border wall and enhancing surveillance. Tim Scott is a soft-spoken, country boy who holds those small-town values at heart. He is a good candidate for anyone looking for a change of pace from the usual loud, demanding Republican candidates.

Chris Christie (Former NJ Governor)

Polling Percentage: 3.5%

Christie's record of tax cuts and debt reduction in New Jersey are some of the positives he brings to the table. He emphasizes prioritizing public safety and opposes rewarding illegal immigrants. Christie is fiercely anti-Trump and recommends that the public stops "normalizing Trump's conduct."

Nikki Haley (Former SC Governor)

Polling Percentage: 3.4%

Haley tackles the issue of national debt and environmental concerns. She underscores the need for global cooperation to address emissions, supports pro-life policies, and calls for increased funding for Ukraine.

Asa Hutchinson (Arkansas Governor)

Polling Percentage: 0.7%

Hutchinson pledges to reduce the federal non-defense workforce, enhance adoption services, and combat the Fentanyl crisis. He holds reservations about Trump's moral qualifications for presidency.

Doug Burum (North Dakota Governor)

Polling Percentage: 0.5%

Burgum calls for domestic production and emphasizes pro-life values while advocating for state-level decisions on abortion. He views China as a significant threat to the United States.

Key Issues on the Debate Stage

Economic Concerns: The debate highlighted concerns about national debt, inflation, and the need to address economic challenges affecting housing, food, and gas prices.

Climate Change: Amidst the discourse, questions arose about the Republican Party's stance on climate change, with candidates offering varying perspectives on how to tackle environmental issues.

Law and Order: Candidates addressed rising crime rates, particularly the surge in murders in cities like Chicago, New York, and California. Public safety and criminal justice reform emerged as important discussion points.

Pro-Life Stance: All candidates expressed a pro-life stance, indicating the significance of this issue within the Republican Party.

Foreign Policy and National Security: The debate underscored the importance of strong national defense, securing the Southern Border, and addressing threats from Russia and China.

Cookies Crumble #1:

Pacifier

By Isaiah Collison
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11 Fingers: WGA reports

By Isaiah Collison
Managing Editor

What Happened over Summer:

Nearly 11,500 Hollywood writers walked away from their jobs on May 2, 2023. They were represented by the Writers Guild of America (WGA), a labor union for writers to protect content they intend to sell.

On the 71st day (Jul. 12, 2023) of what is now known as the Hollywood Writers Strike, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) said they would not meet with representatives from the WGA until closer to the fall season. Demonstrating its “waiting for strikers to bleed” attitude.

Two days later, 160,000 Hollywood actors represented by the Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) walked out of their jobs for similar reasons. They too want an increase in compensation, better residuals, staffing requirements, and job protection from AI. Both guilds are now stuck in contract negotiations with the AMPTP.

The fallout is industry-wide and not only

concerns writers and actors. From directors to production assistants, from hairdressers to the props department, nearly everyone behind the scenes is either being affected or losing their jobs altogether.

Not many strikers want to continue nor do they want to fold. In an interview with “Vox,” Nicole Conlan, a staff writer on “The Daily Show” said, “It’s such insane corporate greed — they’re always looking for ways to cut costs, and we are very easy targets.” The industry is counting on them going into debt, losing the roofs over their heads, and then dragging themselves back to the negotiating table *bleeding*.

In the meantime, many writers have had to pick up side jobs to keep eating. Some have had to start taking out loans. Too many of the workers affected who aren’t writers have been laid off.

Summary:

The film industry largely turned into a streaming service industry. The streaming service has been squeezing writer’s rooms (a room where a team of writers on various professional levels

work together to develop a story script usually for a television series) and reducing the amount of residuals writers earn for working and writing.

In essence, the film industry in Hollywood is trying to find a way to eliminate the necessity for writers and actors to save money.

Do not be confused: this is not only about writers!

The industry is currently teaching AI a new trick: capture the voices of actors and their attributes during voice acting sessions. Having this will allow the company to use an actor’s voice with accurate tones at the company’s leisure. Again, the goal is to never have to pay the actor or anyone for the privilege at all.

Capitalism is devouring creativity and enjoying the taste. As a creative writer and a scribe, I take this attack personally. My heart goes to the casualties; I’m on my way to the front.

It’s on.

Come back next week.

Why I chose to become a commuter

By Sabrina Ortiz
Staff Writer

I was a resident at Brevard College for the first two years, but I am now in my second semester of being a commuter.

My hometown is Black Mountain, North Carolina. I live within the 50-mile radius that is required to be a commuter. My commute is long. However, I do find it to be a pretty relaxing one after a long day of studying and taking notes.

During my first two years at Brevard, I had two roommates. I personally didn’t mind having roommates, although, sharing a single room with anyone is difficult. While some roommates thrive in dorms, my past roommates and I did not.

I had the option of rooming with my best friend or requesting a single room. I took the time to consider and decided that I missed living at home. I missed my dog and my own bed. Therefore, I made the decision to become a commuter. It also doesn’t hurt that I do not have to pay for room

and board or the Caf. Throughout my life, I have always struggled with time management. Living on campus and being surrounded by other students didn’t particularly help me develop this skill. My morning and afternoon classes started with me rolling out of bed two-three minutes before classes. This obviously reflected not only in my grades but also in my mental health. I was not performing how I would have liked.

However, now that I am a commuter. I am able to give myself structure in a way I’ve never had before. My day is very well planned out. I wake up at 5:30 to go to the gym and never have to worry about waking up a roommate. I used to be notoriously late to all of my classes, if I even showed up at all. Now, I’m in most of my classes ten minutes before they start, and I can get to know my teachers. I got over being scared to ask them for help because I need it.



The Tornados are back spinning

By DeVon Taylor
Staff Writer

I know we're all ready to get this season kicked off for the year. We want to see who's new in town.

As I take a quick look over the schedule, there are familiar faces every year. This past season, the Nados ended their season on the boardline. The team went 5-5 overall, and 5-2 in the conference. Their best win came in the fourth game against Greensboro College taking a 31-13 win at home.

The Tornados have lost a max of 5 seniors who were all key pieces, but the players in their positions now will step up for the team.

For the offense, there are plenty of returners. Freshmen become sophomores; juniors become seniors. We highlight our starting running back, Chance Lee-Parker. He was the team's number two last year at the Running Back position, rushing 49 times for 361 yards (second on team) but earning a team-high four rushing touchdowns. His longest attempt was for 73 yards in his debut season with the Tornados after transferring from

Mars Hill University.

On the defensive end, roughly three-fourths of the whole defense returns from last season including two 5th year seniors; Toby Naylor and Wyatt Lankford. Toby has been with Tornados all 4 years, and was an USA South All-Conference selection last season. Toby led all Tornados with 78 total tackles (37 solo, 41 assisted) and had a team-best 10 and a half tackles-for-loss. He notched two quarterback sacks with an interception, two pass breakups, and a forced fumble.

Wyatt has also been a 4-year player for the Tornados, and is looking to finish off his last year to win the USA South Championship. Last year, Wyatt played in all 10 games for the Tornados, ranked third in tackles with 43 (14 solo, 29 assisted) and logged two TFLs and a pass breakup. Show out for the fireworks these players will bring to their first game Sept. 2nd against Warner College at Ives-Lemel Family Field at 1 p.m.

Get ready for gameday

By DeVon Taylor
Staff Writer

Running, tackling, kicking and whistles is all you will hear come Sept. 2nd when the Tornados finally kickoff. They will kickoff at Ives-Lemel Family Field in Brevard, North Carolina against the Warner Royals from Lake Wales, Florida. Warner University is in the NAIA College Conference in the Sun Conference. Last year, Warner had a disappointing season, finishing 1-9 under the coaching of Dialleo Burks. Running Back Kyle Metiam led their team in rushing with 59 attempts for 215 yards. Their quarterback, Cohen Begue, led their team in passing going 49-96 for 490 yards. Both players returned and will suit up this upcoming Saturday against the Tornados. Only this time, Begue will be lined up at Wide Receiver.

Though the Tornados had a mediocre season last year, they look new and refreshed. Head Coach Bill Khayat and Defensive Coordinator Martin Bayless saw 80% of the team return alongside some newcomers. In my eyes, their chemistry will carry our Tornados to victory. With a goal of starting this season 3-0, something that has never been done in Brevard Football history, each player has a big chip on his shoulder. The Coaches Poll released earlier this week places Brevard tied for 4th with Methodist University. This judgment insulted our team. Their response? There will be sparks flying and pads popping this Saturday!

The Tornados are holding a team fundraiser to raise money for travel, gear, food and any other team expenses. If you go to the Brevard College Football team page, there is a link you can use to donate to the team. The goal is to reach \$25,000 and right now they've raised \$8,382 as a team. All of your donations will help support our Tornados!
<https://bctornados.com/sports/football>



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