

New IWIL members inducted

Institute for Women in Leadership

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Managing Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 5, IWIL (Institute for Women In Leadership) had their induction ceremony for their new members.

In her opening remarks, Rebecca Rojas, co-chair of IWIL, describes IWIL as “an intentional learning community that fosters confident inquisitive young women with a passion for local service through experiential leadership programs.”

Before the ceremony date, sophomore students of IWIL were assigned a new member to connect with and get to know.

Following Rebecca’s speech during the ceremony, each sophomore IWIL member had the opportunity to introduce their assigned new member to the rest of the program.

Zoe Herber introduced Becca Webb during the ceremony, and when asked what her thoughts were, she replied, “I am very excited to see Becca excel in this amazing and empowering program.”

IWIL is a learning program designed to help women gain confidence in leadership abilities for roles of all kinds through group projects, community service and service projects both on and off campus.

Rebecca says, “Leadership is diverse- it can take on many different forms, styles, and approaches.” IWIL is all about finding your unique style of leadership that is “shaped by your experiences and strengths.”

There are many benefits to joining the program. You can learn ways to better your presentation skills, learn how to effectively communicate with peers and professionals, and you even get a \$1,000 scholarship for joining!

Women who join IWIL gain different skills necessary for the workforce, and gain the opportunity to connect with one another as they learn different styles and executions of leadership.

Want to join? Email rojasrm@brevard.edu or josephcm@brevard.edu.



Top: Returning members lead new members during the IWIL program’s pledge at the annual induction ceremony Sept. 5 in the Porter Center. Bottom: Zoe Herber introduces Becca Webb.

Brevard College music faculty perform in showcase concert

By Amy Clyburn
Copy Editor

The Brevard College Music Faculty hosted their annual showcase on Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. in the Porter Center for Performing Arts.

This performance made its debut featuring beautiful classical pieces from well-known musical composers Robert Schumann and Maurice Ravel.

The event commenced with a charming premiere. The audience was treated to an assortment of delightful tunes, like Four French Folk Songs from composer Mátyás Seibers as Dr. David Gresham sang tenor and Lou Mowad played acoustic guitar.

Subsequently, two beautiful piano pieces followed composer Robert Schumann, played by Deborah Belcher, as Dr. Kathryn Gresham sang soprano.

Dilshad Posnock, a brilliant flutist gracefully displayed her talent and technique during her performance of La Flute enchantée, and L'indifférent by composer Maurice Ravel.

Dr. Nathan Tingler took center stage as he surprised the audience with his newly composed drum improvisation full of unique and intriguing tones.

One highlight of the evening was the celebration of Harvey Miller, a notable faculty member who left an indelible mark on Brevard College. Miller was known for teaching voice and various music lessons, such as piano, violin, and many more.

He also taught several academic music classes and is a treasure to all the music faculty at Brevard College. He was honored by a captivating performance from Charlotte Gilmore, a wonderful pianist.

Her rendition of Miller's composition Sonata in G and Sonata and C displayed the depth and extraordinary genius of his work.

For the finale, the audience was treated to an exciting performance by the woodwind quintet, composed of both faculty members and musicians from the Brevard Community Band, featuring Linda Threatte on flute, Wren Cook on oboe, Cole Hairston on clarinet, Leslie Zarnowski on bassoon, and Don Waichope on horn.

The ensemble was able to display their remarkable skill and the rich dynamic sounds of each instrument. Overall, it was such an amazing showcase!

Upcoming performances

On Sept. 23, the wind ensemble will premiere a saxophone concerto alongside a work written by Dr. Hairston.

Dr. Nick Stow will be featured as a soloist for the concert to provide another opportunity to experience the exceptional talent and artistry that Brevard College has to offer.

Other scheduled performances in the coming weeks are as follows. Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in the Porter Center.

Thursday, Oct. 10: Choral Concert, 7:30-9 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3: Daniel Sansone organ recital 3-4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 18: Percussion Showcase

Wednesday, Nov. 20: Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. in Ingram Auditorium

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Dr. Kathryn Gresham singing and Deborah Belcher on piano. (Photo by Amy Clyburn)

Return of the Mountain State Fair

Experience brand new heights and adventures!

Mari Carter
Staff Writer

The Mountain State Fair is returning for its annual event in Asheville, North Carolina. Providing plenty of entertainment and endless enjoyment for every age group. The fair is celebrating 30 years, and spans across an exciting 10-day period.

There are numerous sights and activities to explore. With something for every individual! The Mountain State Fair was absolutely remarkable, and is very affordable as well!

Rest assured, my intention is not to boast, as you still have the opportunity to partake in the fair's festivities, which will be held from Sept.

6, to Sept. 15.

A diverse array of food trucks offered an abundance of enticing options filling the air with mouth watering aromas. The captivating local exhibits showcased various forms of art, while an enchanting assortment of farm animals delighted children, providing educational opportunities. Every aspect of the event radiated a warm sense of love and community.

My favorite highlights are pig racing, the magic show, and the hilarious stand-up comedian. Despite my fear of heights, I couldn't resist the allure of the Ferris wheel and the ski lift as the ride offered a paranoiac view of the fair.

I hesitantly boarded each ride, and my anxiety was quickly soothed as I watched the beautiful

landscape unfurl beneath me. The colorful fairgrounds bustling with activity and excitement appeared even more vibrant from my point of view above the ground.

Although my fear initially threatened to hold me back, the breathtaking scenery proved to be an irresistible reward! If I haven't persuaded you yet, please give the fair a try for yourself.

When was the last time you had authentic fair food like funnel cake or gourmet popcorn? I already see you drooling! Go have fun, and take a trip to the fair before it's too late!

The N.C. Mountain State Fair closes on Sunday, Sept. 15. Visit <https://mountainstatefair.saffire.com/> for more information or to purchase advanced tickets.



A view from the Ferris Wheel at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair. (Photo by Mari Carter)

TV Review

Superhero family dysfunction in 'The Umbrella Academy'

Abigail Callahan
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The TV show "The Umbrella Academy," created by Steve Blackman, begins with 43 women around the world giving birth simultaneously at noon on Oct. 1, 1989. None of the women had shown any signs of pregnancy until the labor started. Billionaire Sir Reginald Hargreeves, played by Colm Feore, adopted seven of the children and formed a superhero team called the Umbrella Academy.

The famous team of seven consist of Luther, Diego, Allison, Klaus, Number Five, Ben, and Viktor. The series established immediately that the family had fallen apart. Ben has died and Number Five had traveled too far into the future and never returned.

After twelve years, the remaining siblings meet up at their childhood home for their father's funeral and they all reminisce of the glory days and dance to "I Think We Alone Now" by Tiffany. Yes, this series is very random when it comes to the dance numbers, but it's something that makes the series unique. The moment was cut short when a wormhole opened up and Five, played by Aiden Gallagher, returned.

Five, looking 13, but in reality is 58, delivered the bad news that the apocalypse was less than ten days away and they had to figure out how to prevent it. Viktor was the cause of the apocalypse and in the process awakened their powers and assumed his White Violin form. This began the first of several attempts to stop the apocalypse through all four seasons.

This series was filled with comedy, drama and fun action. You cannot help but to fall in love with the Hargreeve's family mischief and the chaos they cause in every universe. Each season is set in a different place and time with the final season set in 2024.

On Aug. 8, 2024 the TV Show "The Umbrella Academy" ended with four seasons on Netflix with only six episodes, as opposed to the normal ten episodes. The final season was criticized by some who felt cheated out of the resolution of the many stories the show had developed. The finale did end the stories for the show, but it did not allow for a well-conceived character arc for all.

The series did a phenomenal job at exploring the family dynamic while traveling through time. While it did dive into certain mature topics like trauma and death, that didn't stop the directors from adding the comedic timing to make the audience laugh.

Through four seasons, we have watched this family try to fix the problems that they caused. One of these problems includes ending the world several times and through several realities. The family with extraordinary abilities never seemed to live up to the definition of superheroes.

The criticism the show is receiving is certainly warranted, as many characters had developed deep emotional connections. The writers have done a good job expanding this universe to allow the audience to invest time and interest in the individual instead of just the team. On a positive note, the show did end with a finality that many series and movies no longer receive.

I really enjoyed the series and would recommend to anyone to binge or watch as time permits. It is fun, silly, dramatic, action packed and a real thriller. We have so many options to watch, but I do recommend you add this to your watch list.



"THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY"

Rating: TV-14

Starring: Elliot Page, Tom Hopper, David Castaneda, Emmy Raver-Lampman, Robert Sheehan, Aiden Gallagher, Justin H. Min, Colm Feore, and Ritu Arya.

All four seasons streaming on Netflix



Movie Review

Is 'Beetlejuice Beetlejuice' worth watching?

Kailey Ward
Staff Writer

The cult classic finally got a sequel and it might be the most Spectacular and exciting film I have watched in a really long time. "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" was everything we could have hoped for and more. Tim Burton (Director) really gave us fans an amazing film that gives us more of the most beloved ghost with the most Beetlejuice.

When it comes to the announcement of movie sequels it can be one of the most exciting and nerve racking moments of your life. Is it going to be good or is it going to be as bad as Beetlejuice's breath probably smells. I really started to have more positive excitement when I read it would be made the original way the first one was, with special effects.

It was incredible the beginning of the film felt just as nostalgic as the 1988 classic. The music and the old filmy look just made it all the more perfect. I got to feel like I was going to the movie's in the 80's and experiencing it as my parents did with the first one.

Though the movie really stuck to its roots, Burton did a great job at modernizing it. It wasn't too over the top where it felt like it wasn't even the same movie. We really got to see the characters grow and see what they are up to now in our modern day but, in a style that suits them.

This film was made with a lot of guts (literally) and love. You can feel that from each Actress/ Actor and the way they made their characters come to life.

Winona Ryder reprised her role as Lydia Deetz, absolutely amazing and don't worry she is still " strange, and unusual ". Catherine O'Here (Delia Deetz) is still the same spunky crazy woman we know and love. Jenna Ortega (Astrid Deetz) did an amazing job in this movie and fits right in as Lydia Deetz daughter.

The Star of the movie of course was Michael Keaton's Beetlejuice, he plays this role like it's his birthright. He is absolutely hilarious and even more memorable as a character than before

Just Whatever you do, don't say his name 3 times...

"Beetlejuice Beetlejuice"

Rating: PG-13 | Runtime: 1h 43m

Genre: Comedy, Fantasy, Horror

Director: Tim Burton

Starring: Michael Keaton, Winona Ryder, Catherine O'Hara, Justin Theroux, Monica Bellucci, with Arthur Conti and Willem Dafoe.



"Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" is currently playing at the Co-ed Cinema in Brevard through Thursday, Sept. 19, with showtimes at 1, 4, and 7 p.m. Visit their website www.coedcinema.com for more information.

BC Theatre to present 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)[revised][again]'

First show starts on Sept. 26 at the Porter Center

If you haven't been alerted yet, there is the first main stage show of the season at Brevard College that's coming soon.

The play is "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)[revised][again]." This sketch started as a silly little sketch between three friends at renaissance festivals, which has moved to the Edinburgh festival fringe and now has traveled across the world giving countless communities a literary event that nobody knew was possible.

Three Brevard College performers will take on the task of Shakespeare's 37 plays in 97 minutes in a burst of creative genius that will definitely

leave you in laughter.

The play will have one intermission. Audience members are invited to join the cast and crew for post performance activities. The show opens on on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 and will continue on Friday and two shows on Sunday, Sept. 29. (There will be no show on Saturday.) At the final performance there will be closing the night with a closing night toast and a celebration of the cast to conclude the opening of BC Theatre's 2024-25 season.

The Thursday and Friday shows will begin at 7 p.m.. The two shows on Sunday, Sept. 29 will begin at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets can be

purchased online at <https://our.show/brevard-college/completeworks> or at the door if available. The ticket prices are \$5 for students and staff and \$10 for the general public.

All performances will take place in the Morrison Playhouse at the Paul Porter Center for the Performing Arts on the Brevard College campus.

Content Warnings: Adult language, moments of theatrical violence, pantomime vomiting, a reckless disregard for the sanctity of Classical Theater, bad puns and shameless attempts for laughs/applause.

—De'Von Taylor



Above: BC students Naomi Firebaugh and Sierethene Chepes rehearse their lines for "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [revised][again]." The show premieres on Thursday, Sept. 26 in the Morrison Playhouse at Brevard College's Porter Center.

Harris, Trump meet in first, and possibly only, debate

History made in the Sept. 10 presidential face-off

Mari Carter
Staff Writer

The Sept. 10 presidential debate between Democratic nominee Kamala Harris and Republican nominee Donald Trump was intensely back and forth. In case you missed it, let's get into it!

Former President Trump and Vice President Harris went into the debate shaking hands but left tense and without a handshake afterwards. Harris was reported to get under Trump's skin and he rambled and lost sight of the debate halfway through the 90-minute event.

This debate was reported on by many sources. Moderators seemed to favor Harris during the debate. Many sources from ABC News, who hosted the event, and other news outlets reported Trump supporters were upset at Trump's inability to keep himself collected burning the debate.

Harris made direct critiques of Trump's time in office. For instance, at one point she said: "Let's talk about what Donald Trump left us. Donald Trump left us the worst unemployment since the Great Depression. Donald Trump left us the worst public health epidemic in a century. Donald Trump left us the worst attack on our democracy since the Civil War, and what

we have done is clean up Donald Trump's mess."

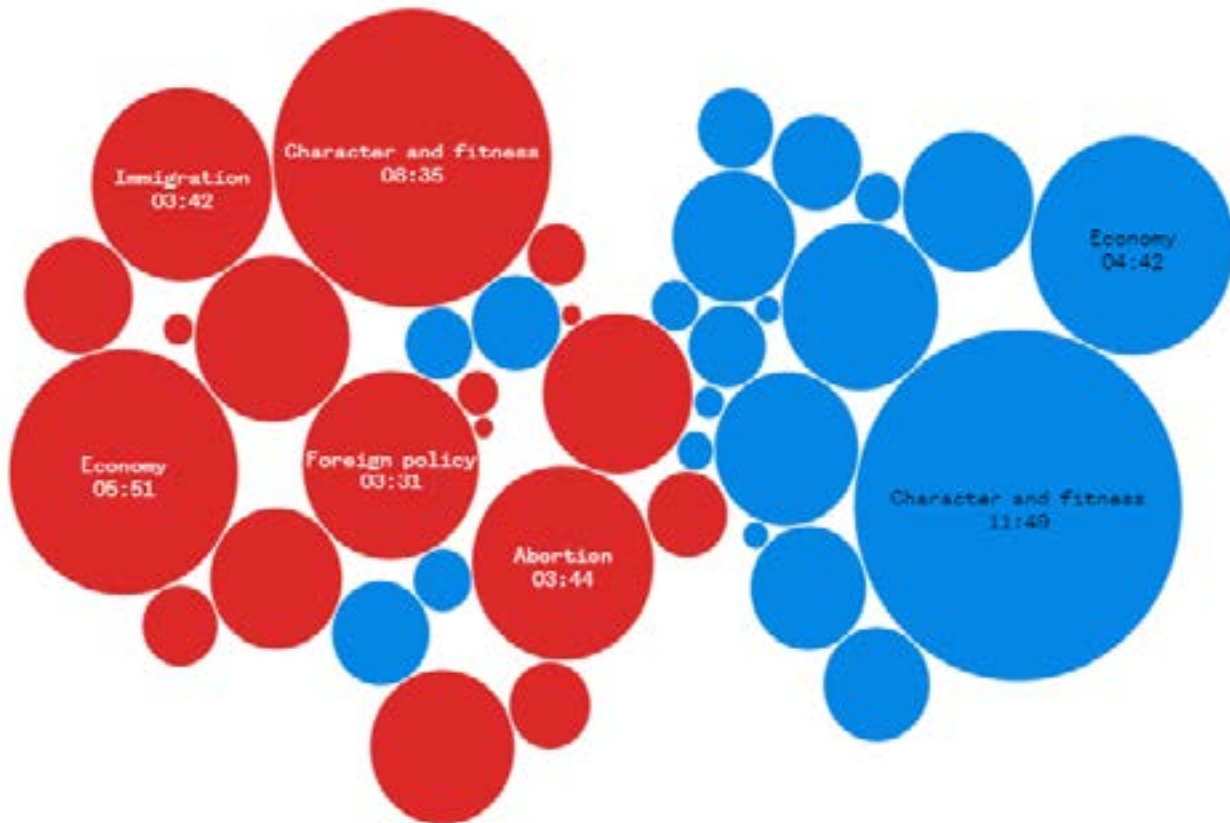
Repeatedly, Harris attacked Trump's record and showed no sign of letting up.

Later, Harris recalled the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, and in particular Trump's role leading up to and during it. "We don't have to go back," she said. "Let's not go back. We're not going back. It's time to turn the page. And if that was a bridge too far for you, well, there is a place in our campaign for you to stand for the country, stand for our democracy, to stand for rule of law and to end the approach that is about attacking the foundations of our democracy because you don't like the outcome."

This and other references to his time in office rattled and upset the former president.

The debate left Americans with many unanswered questions. The debate ended with lots of loose ends as well as untimely rambling without many direct answers. This leaves room for a possible second debate which Kamala's team claims to be "ready for but it is Trump's move now."

For more information and ways to educate yourself, visit NBC News to view the debate as well as the live updates from many different perspectives and statistics.



"Former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris touched on over a dozen topics during the debate Tuesday night in Philadelphia. The graphic below shows the time dedicated to each subject."

Credit to <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2024-election/graphic-tracking-topics-mentioned-presidential-debate-rcna170270>.

Brevard Cycling race weekend results

"Brevard is like a Downhill power house"

Olivia Hyde
Editor in Chief

This past weekend, Sept. 7 and 8, was Brevard cycling's first mountain bike race weekend. The race was held at Truett McConnell University, about two hours southwest of Brevard. The cycling team had a strong presence through the weekend.

Collegiate race weekends feature five races in two days. Saturday, Sept. 7, featured the cross-country and dual slalom race.

In Men's A cross country, collegiate cycling pro level category, Matthew Edwards placed 2nd. This cross country course was a thirty minute loop, based on fastest Men A times. The men raced three laps total. The race start was a gravel road climb and then the course turned into extremely tight forest trails. Making it hard for racers to pass each other. The course also had many rock features which did lead to a few

crashes and mechanicals.

In Women's A cross country, Kiara Lylyk won the race. Nicole Bradbury placed a close second. Ayana Gagne placed fourth. The women raced the same course but were only required to race two laps.

In dual slalom Nicole Bradbury won Women's A and Olivia Hyde placed 4th. The dual slalom was a dusty and fast course. There were many tabletop jumps and hard corners for racers to maneuver. The total time for the course was about twenty two seconds.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, collegiate cyclists raced team relay, short track and downhill.

In the team relay, Brevard teams placed first (Nicole Bradbury, Kiara Lylyk, Matthew Edwards, and Matthew Leliveld), third (Alana Gagne, Madeline Pollock, Cade Pummil, and Liam Smith), and sixth (Mya Dixon, Breanna Goff, Dylan Richardson, and Kyle McDonald).

In Women's A short track Kiara Lylyk placed

first, Nicole Bradbury second, and Ayana Gagne in third. This short track was thirty minutes long and was performed on a three minute course. The loop featured a gravel climb and once racers reached the top they had to do a drop feature and tight corners in the woods. Racers reported doing up to ten laps.

In Men's A downhill Matthew Leliveld won. The downhill was a minute long course, based on fastest Men A times. The course had loose dusty corners to feed racers into technical rock gardens in the first half of the course. The racers then had the option to do a fifth foot creek gap into a rock drop.

For full list of results visit <https://www.chain-busterracing.com/seccc-race-results>

The Brevard team was able to have an amazing weekend of racing and will carry that momentum into the next race. The next collegiate cycling race will be at Lees Macre on Sept. 21 and 22.

NFL, Week 1

By Alex Spangler
Staff Writer

The NFL kicked off on Sept. 5, with the Baltimore Ravens and the Kansas City Chiefs. The game was very competitive all the way to the end. The Chiefs won just by an inch. In the back of the endzone, 20-27. To follow up the game, it was the Green Bay Packers and the Philadelphia Eagles, who played in Brazil for the first time in NFL history. The players were not used to the turf and grass combination field, which led them to slip and fall down all over the field. Eagles winning, 29-34. During the first two games, the penalties have been at an all time high. Mainly due to the various rule changes that affect gameplay. Totaling up to 30 penalties and 237 yards.

Carolina Panthers struggle in an away game against the New Orleans Saints. Bryce Young threw 2 interceptions and had a completion percentage of 43%. Derek Carr threw 3 Touchdowns and went 19 for 23 on the completions. Saints winning, 10-47.

Despite Missing J.J. McCarthy and other key

players to the Vikings pull out the win in New York. Daniel Jones continues to hear backlash from fans after throwing two interceptions and a 52% completion percentage. Vikings win, 28-6.

With the upset of the year, the Patriots go into Cincinnati and take the win, 16-10. Holding Joe Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase to a minimum. New England running back Rhamondre Stevenson had a total of 120 yards and one touchdown.

The Pittsburgh Steelers win a close one over the Atlanta Falcons, 18-10. Despite missing their starting quarterback and guard. The defense is what kept them in the game. Holding the Falcons to one Touchdown just before the half. Chris Boswell scored all the points with 6 Field goals.

Texans Win a close one against the Colts, 29-27. Not the win they were expecting to get week one. Joe Mixon had 150 yards rushing and one Touchdown. Anthony Richardson, coming into his second year as an NFL quarterback, continues to struggle from preseason into regular. Throwing 1 interception and a completion percentage of 47%.

Buffalo Bills comeback and win against the

Cardinals, 28-34 after being down 17-3. The Chicago Bears beat the Tennessee Titans 17-24. First overall Pick in the 2024 draft, Caleb Williams only had 93 yards passing and threw for 48% completion. Dolphins comeback and win with a field goal at home, 17-20.

Broncos lose against the Seattle Seahawks, 20-26. Bo Nix struggles in debut throwing 2 Interceptions. The LA Chargers beat the LV Raiders 10-22. The Dallas Cowboys come out strong against the Browns, after paying their star players, winning, 33-17. Buccaneers win at home 37-20, against the Commanders. Baker Mayfield threw 4 touchdown passes. Jayden Daniels rushed for both of the Commander touchdowns.

The LA Rams go into Detroit against the Lions. Despite being down 17-3, they found a way to come back, taking it into overtime. Lions won the toss and nothing could get in their way, David Montgomery scoring the game winning touchdown. Lions win 20-26.