

Senior Pinning Ceremony

Graduating seniors honored, celebrated

By Carmen Boone
Arts & Life Editor

On Friday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Francis Pavilion of the Porter Center, faculty, staff, students and their families gathered for the fifteenth annual Senior Pinning Ceremony. It started with dinner and then continued with speakers and the ceremony.

The welcome was given by the Reverend Dr. David C. Joyce, the Brevard College president. After that, Reverend Sharad Creasman, the college minister, blessed the food and the evening.

Dinner was catered by Brevard College Catering who provided a great deal of delicious food. Once everyone had mostly finished eating, Dr. John Padgett, Associate Professor of English and Faculty Advisor of the Clarion, introduced faculty speaker Dr. Ralph Hamlett. Hamlett is the Associate Professor of Political Communication and Advisor of the Debate Society.

After Hamlett spoke, Nacole Potts, the Associate Dean for Career Development, introduced student speaker Haley Putnam who is majoring in Psychology and has a minor in Health Science. The last thing on the schedule was the pinning ceremony, which President Joyce led. The evening ended with an ice cream treat.

Joyce opened the ceremony with some encouraging words, "You are on the final lap to get your college degree," he said. He reminded students that their finishing senior year and getting that degree was one of the most important things anyone could do.

While Padgett was introducing Hamlett, he mentioned a few things about his good friend. One thing he included were several words that students have used to describe Hamlett's classes: "crazy, wild, unique, silly, and challenging." One student described Hamlett as "so intimidating, yet so genuinely kind," Padgett said.

Padgett said one particularly touching thing about his colleague: "To me, but really to everyone here at Brevard College, Ralph is a friend."

Once it was Hamlett's turn to speak, he had many stories and lots of parting words to share. He began his speech by saying, "I'm so honored and so humbled to be able to speak with you tonight." He talked about many things in his speech, such as his interactions here, relationships he has made, events that have affected him, some ideals he teaches about, but most of all, why he loves Brevard College. He said, "I am indeed lucky," to be a part of the Brevard College family.

Hamlett referred to his Communications 110 class to explain a lesson he likes to teach about the many meanings or uses of symbols. "Humans, we are blessed with our symbolism. We can go to magical places of sacrifice, of courage, of villains and heroes," Hamlett said. "Yes we can accomplish great things, to better our condition, to help others, to be of service to others. We have symbolic choice."

Then, he switched gears. He talked about hurricanes, and how we name them, rate them and then try to come to a conclusion about

them. "We're cursed by our symbolism. We're cursed because we lose a sense of presence," Hamlett said. Hamlett then went on to describe how symbols can alter our perception of certain things because of how the past teaches us to use them.

"We miss the present. We gain appreciation for the past though our rearview mirror," Hamlett said. "We are on a carousel of painted horses, spinning through time, past and future, without a glimpse of the present, or the now."

He explained how important it is to make an effort to remember the present as it happens, and not to neglect it for sake of the past or the future. Thinking about the idea of graduation, Hamlett said to the seniors, "You're my colleagues, you're my friends, and yours is the future."

After sharing a story about Hurricane Frances, Hamlett shared with the audience one reason he loves Brevard College. In the hurricane, his home was destroyed. He, his wife and his two daughters had nowhere to stay. "Brevard College

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Photo by Jeni Welch

Students sit in the Porter Center alongside family and friends as Dr. Ralph Hamlett delivers his speech during Friday evening's Senior Pinning Ceremony.

Talent Show 2018

By Kenny Cheek
Staff Writer

On the evening of Thursday, Sept. 13, students from all walks of life came together to share their special talents with the rest of the student body. Ranging from a touching sign language tribute to members of Brevard's Women's Soccer team dancing to a tune from High School Musical, this year's talent show was a major success.

The different participants all came together to perform their pieces for a packed house, earning laughs and cheers during many different parts of the night.

The opening act by Caro Addams started the night off beautifully. Addams began her piece by stating that it was dedicated to her sister, who had been deaf, and that the song "How He Loves Us" was one the two learned together in sign language and loved. She also came back to dance to "Can't Stop The Feeling," and was joined by several others from the audience who loved her enthusiasm and energy. For both acts, Addams was bright and happy, performing her pieces excellently, and earning third place in the finals.

Another participant of the night was Michal Phillips, who impressed the entire audience with his impressions of different cartoon characters and celebrities. His characted ranged from Ernie from Sesame Street, to former President Barack Obama and even a hint of an old January Ugandan Knuckles meme with Black Panther. Michal managed to get the crowd laughing and made them wish they too knew how to sound like Donkey from Shrek.

One other participant who engaged the crowd extremely well and earned plenty of cheers and love was Kendal James, who sang "Believe" by Cher. The energy and passion that he put into his dance moves swayed the crowd to join him in singing after a few lines.

Hope Jackson was another performer who decided to do a sign language tribute piece. Rather than singing, Hope signed the words to "Alexander Hamilton" from the hit Broadway musical Hamilto, showing fury and excitement in every line. The crowd followed along with her, cheering and growing more and more hyperactive as she went along.

The Women's Soccer team even made an appearance to come together and perform a group choreography act along to High School Musicals "We're All In This Together." The crowd clapped along and joined in at times, swayed by the nostalgic and phenomenal act.

Performing alongside his friend, Dal Davis mixed his amazing piano skills and original lyric writing talent in to an amazing piece. Along with his drummer Jaylaan Prioleau, Dal stunned the audience with his original music. The judges loved his combination and his beautiful singing and rapping and awarded him second place in the finals.

Lastly, K'Nique Eichelberger surprised nobody when he came on stage and blew the audience away with his talented singing rendition of "Why I Love You" by MAJOR., dedicating his moment in the spotlight to his late great friend Sweezy. The performances of both K'Nique and Hope Jackson tore the judges in to deciding that they both would win first place.

One of the judges on the three judge panel was Heather Kirkland. "It lets people showcase not what people know them for," she said about why she thought the show was important. "It's inspirational," she said. Many people in the crowd came together to support each other.

All in all, the talent show was not only an inspirational success, but also an amazing way to bring the campus life together to appreciate one another and each others unique abilities.



Winners of last Thursday's Talent Show pose onstage in Dunham. (from left to right) Caro Addams, Dal Davis, Hope Jackson and K'Nique Eichelberger.

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Brevard Faculty

Historian Jordan Kuck

By Jeni Welch
Editor in Chief

New to the history department at Brevard College, Professor Jordan Kuck brings first-hand experiences with the European Baltic States, a variety of new class ideas and a background in agriculture.

Kuck has lived overseas in both Germany and Latvia.

"I think living there [Latvia] has made me more sensitive as a historian to different points of views, and to how emotionally latent history can be," Kuck said. "I have never lived anywhere where history felt more alive."

This personal experience and research makes Kuck one of only a few within the United States that is preeminent in knowledge of the Baltic area. Because of this, a couple of years ago Kuck was asked to testify as an expert witness at Federal Court for an immigration case involving an ethnic Latvian.

Kuck received his doctorate in Modern European History from the University of Tennessee. With the history degree, Kuck also has a minor in Political Science.

He used to visit the Western North Carolina area while studying in Tennessee. He said, "My wife and I had always said after visiting here so many times that we should retire here."

In 2015, he accepted a job at West Virginia Wesleyan College teaching history classes such as world history and European history, as well as political science and sociology courses.

Since arriving to Brevard, Kuck says that the sense of community and the sense of place are the best parts of the college.

"I already know more people here in the three or four weeks I have been here, then I knew after working one year at my last institution," he said.

Along with the community and location, Kuck is excited to start teaching LINC courses.

"You have a student in another major coming into a history class and saying, 'I can actually apply what I learned in the history class for my major,'" Kuck said. Combining classes offers more opportunities to the students.

Kuck is looking forward to teaching a course on global commodities, or as he called it, "a class on the history of stuff."

That class is so much fun because I try to explain world history through the lens of trade goods that have encouraged humans to do things that they might not otherwise do," Kuck said. "It includes the suspected case studies like oil, rubber, coal, water and grain. But then as the class progresses I move from basic level commodities to lumber and food."

Along with teaching a class on the history of commodities, Kuck also mentioned other

classes that have caught the interest of students in the past.

Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing and the Development of International Law was another previous taught class that was thought provoking to students. It looks at specific historical cases and asks the question as to what was done by the international community.

First Age of Total War, the History of Drugs and a History of Environmental Change are a few of the other class ideas. Any of which could be linked up with a different department on campus or stand alone.

Growing up on a farm in Nebraska allows Kuck to see the world in a different light than most scholars. "I don't take climate and geography for granted," Kuck said. "It matters a lot."

Kuck is looking to connect with the college's Sustainable Agriculture Act Program, that is currently in the works, to give students more hands on experience and experiential education.

Recently, Kuck asked students at BC what



Courtesy Photo via Jordan Kuck

Jordan Kuck

kind of history class they would like to learn more about. The history of sports, war, Latin America and climate change were mentioned, but not so much of the classic history classes. These are new trends in history.

"It's proof that maybe it's time that we rethink how we teach history," Kuck said. "It's been a long time since people have really thought critically about what kinds of courses should be offered."

This is important information as the history department, Dr. Margaret Brown, Professor Joshua Wilkey and Kuck, work on the history program for future students.

Homecoming weekend preview

By Jeni Welch
Editor in Chief

Brevard College will be welcoming back past graduates this weekend during the yearly Homecoming events starting on Friday, Sept. 21 and ending on Sunday Sept. 23.

Voting for Homecoming King and Queen ends today at 1 p.m. outside of Myer's Dining Hall and the winners will be announced Saturday before the home women's soccer game at 2 p.m. against Berea College.

Campus will be celebrating all week by asking students to participate in daily contests. Monday was dress like a professor day, Tuesday was represent your favorite sports team and today is tourist day.

The rest of the week hosts twin day on Thursday and BC spirit day falls on Friday. Students are asked to upload photos of themselves on social media with the tags, #NadoHoco18 and #ExperienceBC for a chance to win prizes.

After the weekly events, the Homecoming weekend will officially kick off on Friday at Oskar Blues from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. All of age alumni are invited to attend. The Asheville band, Soul Magnetics, which is composed of BC alumni, will be playing funky tunes, there will also be food trucks and a bounce house for children.

On Saturday, free yoga, being dubbed 'Namaste Ya'll', will be offered at the Patton Track at 9 a.m. Brevard alumna and yoga

instructor, Thea Dunn class of 2015, will be leading the event.

Later that day, alumna Jessica Whitmire and her shop Headwaters Outfitters, will be paddling the French Broad River at 11 a.m. The cost is discounted to \$30 for alumni.

At 7:30 p.m. that evening is the BC Alumni Jazz Band Concert at the Porter Center being led by Jaime Warren class of 2002. Jeff Joyce, the Director of Alumni Affairs, said, "Jamie Warren will lead a full band of alumni musicians and vocalists as they perform jazz standards from across the decades."

The Homecoming weekend concludes on Sunday, Sept. 23 with Rev. Sharad Creasman class of 2006, preaching at the First United Methodist Church in Brevard. The first service will be at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 10:55 a.m.

"Homecoming is an effort between the Alumni Affairs and Development Office, Student Life and Athletics," said Joyce.

Specifically, the Alumni Office focuses on reunion classes. This includes 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 year reunions. Many of these classes create scholarships for students as a form of commemoration to their time spent at BC.

"I am really pleased that the class of 1968 (our big 50th reunion) has created a scholarship and is working to endow it for \$25,000," said Joyce. "It is amazing to see our two-year alumni recognize that the four-year institution still holds the same values and goals today as it did in decades past."

Staff Spotlight

Pat Clacker

By Thomas Wilkins
Staff Writer

It's fair to say we have all gotten those emails. Early in the morning, full of exclamation points, with a cheery outlook and a constant reminder of keeping hydrated, letting us know the school nurse is in town. Her office located in Stamey hall, sandwiched between Jones and Ingram

Our school nurse Patricia Clacker told me she plans those emails out during her 35 minute commute each morning she is here. Clacker has been a registered nurse since 1971, so she has been nursing for well over 40 years!

She first knew she wanted to be a nurse when she was nine years old. Meeting a World War II veteran nurse sparked her interest.

Her father was a Colonel in the Air Force, so it was only natural for her to join the Air Force. She entered the Air Force as a medic and served from 1971-1975.

Clacker met her husband of 22 years, who was an Air Force medic. They moved a few years later and she became a nurse at Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care (now just "Mercy Urgent Care"), where she has worked for about 26 years. In fact, she still works there today in addition to helping out at the college. She has been working at Brevard College for about six years.

Clacker told me that she sees the Urgent Care as her salvation. This stems from her outlook of nursing as not being a job.

Whenever she is talking about the subject of nursing, her smile is ear to ear, she is aglow with passion. Nursing to her is much more than just medicine, but to make connections, to heal not only the body but the soul.

She loves working here, and sees students not as clients, but as an extension of her family. She has two children of her own, plus five grandchildren.

Despite the Urgent Care being her salvation, she expressed concern. Her colleges have become too dependant on computers. She worries that as things become more automated, there is less nursing that actually happens.

She sees Brevard as a reprieve from the more controlled environment of the Urgent Care. At the same time, as long as she can nurse she is a happy camper.

She warns that, much like at the Urgent Care, computers are taking away the most crucial part of nursing — the humanity. She says that computers are the worst part of nursing, more specifically the loss of human interaction.

Sure, computers have made it possible to communicate across the globe in seconds, bringing us closer together. Yet, we might all be healthier if we could put our phones down and talk to one another face to face.

If you have any basic medical needs, Patricia "Pat" Clacker is on campus on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Business and Etiquette Dinner coming soon

On October 4, Brevard College Campus Life & BORG program will host Aimee Symington, CEO of Finesse Worldwide, for a Business and Etiquette Dinner in Frances Pavilion at 6 p.m. for all Brevard College Seniors and BORG majors; specifically juniors and seniors. Students are encouraged to attend and learn more about how to make a first and lasting impression over dinner and in a business setting. The event is FREE but you must RSVP before September 28 at 12 PM to secure your spot.

— via Nacole Potts

Disaster relief effort

Donations currently being accepted at BC to aid victims of Hurricane Florence

Would you like to contribute to the relief efforts in response to Hurricane Florence?

Donations of washcloths, diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, bottled water and wet wipes can be dropped off at Myers Dining Hall this week.

Please bring only the items requested above.

If you are interested in joining a local team to serve in areas of need or looking to volunteer contact Elizabeth Abrams or stop by her office located in Tornado Alley.

— Jeni Welch

Security Report

The most recent security reports for Brevard College have been released as of Monday, Sept. 17 at 12:33 p.m., according to Brevard College Campus Security.

A car was damaged on campus in what appears to be a hit and run. If anyone has any knowledge of this incident, contact the security officer on duty.

Vandalism in the form of graffiti was found on the East side of the South Villages. If anyone has any information regarding who is responsible for this activity, please advise security.

This activity creates extra work for Facilities and takes them away from other duties for them to perform. Give them courtesy and don't create extra work for them.

The Brevard Fire Department was called out on full alarm because someone burned their food while preparing it in their residence hall. Please be careful when preparing food in order to avoid activating the fire alarms.

There have been instances of excessive alcohol and marijuana use on campus.

Use good judgment when using alcohol and keep in mind that alcohol consumption on campus is restricted to those of 21 years of age or older and only in designated rooms (Villages and Green).

Marijuana use is illegal in the state of North Carolina and use of cannabis is not permitted on campus. In every case where marijuana is found it is legally required to call the police and turn the case over to municipal authorities. There will be judicial follow up on the part of Campus Life as well.

Everyone is requested to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if wrongful or suspicious activity is observed on campus.

—Zach Dickerson



Photo by Mary Lewe

A police car leaving campus late Saturday night after a party was broken up in the Villages.

Constitution Day quiz!

Constitution Day was celebrated on Monday, Sept. 17. The holiday marks the final day in 1787 when 39 delegates of the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution.

The signing of the Constitution took place in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House, now called Independence Hall. The Declaration of Independence was also signed here 11 years earlier in 1776.

In honor of the holiday here is a short quiz to test your knowledge of the Constitution.

The answers can be found on page nine.

1. Who is considered the Father of the Constitution?
2. Of the Founding Fathers, which two did not sign the Constitution?
3. How many amendments are in the Constitution?
4. What are the first 10 amendments known as?
5. True or False: It is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world.
6. How many delegates did not sign the Constitution on this day in 1787?
7. Since 1791, how many times has the Constitution been changed?
8. When was Constitution Day established by law?
9. Where is the Constitution on display?
10. How many words compose the Constitution?

— Jeni Welch

Safety tips for college students

By Matt Lynch
Staff Writer

Being on a college campus is fun but it's easy to forget about a good sense of security and safety when surrounded by your college classmates. While we certainly hope that these situations won't occur, it's always best to be prepared for any given situation, just in case.

Whether you're a Freshman on campus or returning for another year, it's important to review and remember top safety tips to ensure you're taking the right precautions for a safe year.

The following college safety tips can help you avoid dangerous situations or help if you find yourself in a risky situation around campus.

1. Lock your Doors

While it's easy to become relaxed here in college, you should always lock your doors. Whether it's the doors to your dorm or your vehicle on campus.

2. Locate the emergency system areas on campus

On campus there are a number of emergency areas to contact help if you feel threatened. Know campus security phone number and contact information. It is important to know the locations and campus security building on campus.

3. Try to Avoid Walking alone

Walk with a friend when out late at night, and walk on designated pathways and well-lit areas on campus. If it's late and you feel threatened, walk with a buddy.

College is an fun experience. But as busy as you'll be with adjusting to independence, new classes, and new friends, don't forget to stay safe and maintain awareness.

Senior Profile Morgan Shepard

By Carmen Boone
Arts & Life Editor

Morgan Shepard will graduate this May with a degree in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing and a minor in Criminal Justice. Shepard was born in California and lived there until she was six, when she moved to New Bern, NC. She went to an early college high school and took most of her general education courses before coming to Brevard. Some of her hobbies include watching Netflix, hanging out with her friends and writing poems.

She chose to come to Brevard because she likes the area. She likes that it's a small school similar to her early college. She also enjoys being able to have a more personal connection with her professors.

Some great mentors Shepard mentioned here at the college are Dr. Kristina Holland, and former English professor Dr. Ken Chamlee. Many courses she has taken here that she greatly enjoyed were taught by Chamlee including Literary Criticism, Poetry and Creative Writing. "Creative Writing helped me decide what I wanted to do," Shepard said. Environmental Literature was another class she enjoyed taking in the Fall of 2017.

A couple of words Shepard used to describe her experience at Brevard were "challenging" but also "rewarding." One of her favorite moments happened with English professor Dr. John Padgett. She said he had asked his Southern Literature class if they were free for an extra credit movie night. Shepard replied, "No actually I'm pretty expensive." She said she had never before seen Padgett roll his eyes until that moment.

At one point, Shepard had decided to leave this school before graduating, but decided to come back. She said that coming back was definitely a high point of her college career at Brevard.

One thing that affected many students at Brevard in the Fall of 2017 was the passing of a dearly loved fellow student named Rakeem Sweezy. Shepard said that was the lowest point of her college career and that she was very emotionally affected by the event, as many other students were as well.

Shepard had two important lessons to share that she has learned since coming to Brevard. She said, "Don't be afraid to be independent." It means don't be afraid to do your own thing and try not to worry about what others think. The second lesson was, "Take care of yourself. It's okay to take mental health days. That's a big one I've had to learn," she said.

After graduation, Shepard plans on either joining the Army or becoming a correctional officer. One of her future goals is to move back out to California; she wants to end up there.

No matter the path that she takes, Shepard will look back on her college experience and think of all the time that enjoyed while at Brevard and all the memories she made.



Courtesy photo

Morgan Shepard

What you need to know about the 2018 midterm elections

By Julie Carter
Staff writer

On Nov. 6, North Carolina will hold its midterm elections for 2018. In a deeply confusing political landscape, it can be difficult to discern what each election means, its repercussions, and what voters can expect.

Here are the basics of what you need to know about the 2018 midterm elections.

If you're currently not registered to vote, you may still register to do so in the November election until Oct. 12. To register, you simply have to go to the North Carolina State Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement and search for Voter Registration where you will find the form you must fill out and mail to the provided address in order to receive voter registration.

As a student of Brevard College, you can either register to vote here or in your hometown. Early voting for the November elections begins on Oct. 17 and ends on Nov. 3. This means, if you are registered to vote in your hometown, you can wait until you are there during Fall Break to vote.

However, if you wish to complete an absentee ballot for the election, you can request one at the NCSBE.gov website under the 2018 Election Information section. An absentee ballot is essentially a ballot cast in advance of an election if one cannot be present at the polls. You can request this ballot until Oct. 30.

The midterm election occurs at the halfway point of the current presidency. A large number of federal offices are up for election during this time, including all 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Though, you're also voting for a lot of local politicians as well.

This means that whoever is voted into these positions, whether they are incumbents or new electives, can heavily sway how the country is ran. If there is a "blue wave" where a majority of Democrats win seats formerly held by Republicans, it would shift how both the executive and judicial branches of government operate.

You can research who is up for election by using Ballotpedia.org to pull up a sample ballot. For example, in this district Representative Mark Meadows is up for reelection against Phillip Price (D) and Clifton Ingram (L).

For further information on the 2018 midterm elections, you can visit NCSBE.gov.

Brevard College alumna makes positive impact on community

Brevard College Alumna, Sara Bell, is making an impact on the business world and the community.

Business North Carolina named Bell a "Trailblazer" for her work growing a successful business in Saluda, N.C. The article also recognizes Sara for making a positive impact in the business community and the outdoor industry. The article states, "Sara Bell's outdoor thrills are adding to Zip and Western North Carolina tourism."

Bell, quoted in Business North Carolina, said, "It felt like this is where I belong, and this place – western North Carolina – just sort of instantly felt like home, and always has."

Bell lives the mission of the Brevard College. She has taken the knowledge and skills learned at the small, experiential liberal arts college and used that knowledge to help build her businesses and transform her local community. Bell has also supported Brevard College over the years by employing and mentoring Brevard College students and graduates.

"I love that she has stayed engaged with the college, and how she takes a personal interest in our students, from mentoring them to hiring them. She is a great leader and wonderful asset for Brevard College," said Robert Dye, Associate Professor of Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education.

To learn more about Brevard College alumni, visit www.brevard.edu.

— BC Communications



Bell on the cover of Business North Carolina.

Weekly horoscopes

By Mary Lewe
Copy Editor

Aries: You've been talking the talk but it's time to walk the walk. Things will begin to seem clearer after a period of uncertainty, and you may find yourself craving significant connections. Sunday will be a great day for those deep conversations.

Taurus: It's time to stop playing hard to get, but be careful not to become aggressive. Instead, take that fiery energy and put it toward something else. Getting a good workout will give you a release both physically and emotionally.

Gemini: Craving comfort? Make your surroundings as homey as you can and in a few days you'll be feeling as adventurous as ever. Put yourself out there when you're ready and you'll be feeling like yourself again, or maybe even better.

Cancer: It's time to find your diplomatic side. Remember in dealing with conflict that you could be part of the problem too. Find some compassion for yourself and others this week.

Leo: Finding yourself talking a lot? Be careful about what you say and to whom, you could create problems for yourself. Instead find a trusted confidant and share your secrets in private.

Virgo: You're entering into a period of austerity, but try to refrain from feeling guilty about past spending and adventures. Remember

the great times you've had and remember that this quiet time is temporary.

Libra: To move forward you need to consult both your logical and intuitive sides. Remember to appreciate yourself in your abilities, because you may need to start talking yourself up soon to convince others.

Scorpio: Although the beginning of the week was a struggle, people are on your side now. Take advantage of this and move your exciting ideas forward with the help of your friends.

Sagittarius: If you're feeling ambitious, run with it! You could make great progress this week without burning out, and you may even find that you aren't chasing your goal alone. Let go of your isolated nature and enjoy the camaraderie and teamwork.

Capricorn: If you had to drop something from your full plate, you probably made the right choice. Don't beat yourself up, and consider the positive benefits. Remember to nurture connections this week.

Aquarius: You've been suspicious, and for good reason. Dig for the truth until your curiosity is satisfied. Go ahead and take the big risk you've been contemplating, especially if it will take you somewhere new.

Pisces: Nurturing yourself is a good thing, don't feel guilty for it. Instead, honor yourself and your pals by only giving attention to the things and people you care about. Give it your all only if it feels like you should.

Video Game Review

'Fortnite': Popular for a good reason

By Chris Phipps
Staff Writer

The popular game known as fortnite was probably the biggest, most popular game of 2018. Fortnite was created by Epic Games, a well known gaming company in the gamer world. Fortnite has over 40 million users a month.

Around 2011 is when they believe epic games started developing fortnite after the release of Gears of War 3. At first the game only had one mode called save the world that was a mix between Call of Duty Zombie mode and Minecraft. Although it had plenty of users playing the game, the game really became popular in Sept. of 2017 when Fortnite Battle Royale was created.

Fortnite Battle Royale features about 100 online players battling for victory. You start out in a bus flying over the map where you jump out and deploy your glider. Next you land at a spot where you hope to find a gun and other useful tools to help you kill other players.

Now you don't have to run around looking for people, because that would get annoying, instead there is a storm that pushes all the players into a specific bubble. If you are wise you find the three materials wood, brick, and metal to build forts to protect and help you spot other players to shoot. Since Fortnite is a free multiplayer game, which is thought to be worth \$8 billion, they make their money by selling characters, pickaxes, gliders and dances in game money called v-bucks.

They have lots of skins to choose, from a pink bear to an all black mega suit. They come up with new seasons every 10 weeks where they add new modes and suits to buy. We are at the end of season 5 as of right currently with season six coming out in the near future. There has been a lot of controversy with fortnite stealing dances from known rappers and youtubers. Some say that these people should get money off of their dance, but it's hard to patent a dance. So, as with all popular games, there is a downfall with

Fortnite.

As of right now Fortnite is still booming with all of their new updated modes and skins it's hard to really say when it will come down from it's boom with all the dedicated fortnite players. But when it does come down will Epic Games have a new game for everyone to go crazy over, being a lover of Fortnite I sure hope so.



Characters dressed in new skins from the game.

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took us in. Brevard College allowed my family and me to live here," he said.

"This is why I know that you seniors will do well in the world as you go forward after graduation, why others are doing well that came before you, why others will do well who come after you," Hamlett said. "[Brevard College] is a home, a permanence, a place that has nurtured you, nurtured us, provided direction, allowed you, allowed us, to grow. Our mission is experiential education.

"You've had the experience of Brevard College. And reflection of that experience to guide you on your journey to come. Brevard College, a place of heart," Hamlett said.

Hamlett left seniors with these words, "In a few months you're going to begin your journey, and what a journey it will be." After another story, he ended with some wise words of comfort. "You will not forget the greater principles that you have learned. You will not forget Brevard College. She will not forget you," Hamlett said. "Take a moment. Look to the person who will pin you. Look to the person who has taught you. Look to the people, who love you. Look to this place, Brevard College."

Once Hamlett finished, Nacole Potts introduced Haley Putnam, who she once thought of as a "shy wallflower." However, she now sees her as a person of many wonderful qualities who has grown so beautifully in four years. Putnam talked about who she was when she first arrived at Brevard College, the struggle she went through, lessons she learned, and those who helped her along the way.

"Before, I thought happiness would always come to me, but in reality, you have to do happy," Putnam said. "Today I can honestly say I am proud of myself and the person that I am, and it feels great to be able to say it out loud. I have

finally created my happy." Putnam continued to talk about some other things she learned from important mentors and some things figured out herself as well. Ultimately she said, "Participate in things that feed your soul, not starve it." She described her four years here as "amazing, painful, fun and fulfilling."

The last topic Putnam talked about was people close to her that have played a significant role in her journey. She said of these people, "They believed in me even at times when I didn't. They saw me before I really even saw myself." She then moved on to say one important thing about graduation and Brevard College. "Everyone in this room, we are a family. This journey that we're on isn't easy, but it is so much better when you have amazing people by your side to help and guide you along the way," she said.

President Joyce went up to commence with the pinning and to close the ceremony. "Live in the moment, make a difference," he said. The senior pinning was a beautiful experience for many of the people involved. It was a very essential part of the Brevard College experience for the seniors who attended.



Graduating Brevard locals pose outside the Porter Center following the Senior Pinning Ceremony.

Student Intern

McRae represents BC at Florida teaching hospital

By Mary Lewe
Copy Editor

Many seniors in college struggle to imagine what they might like to do after graduation, but Brevard College senior Kaylee McRae does not have that struggle. If she was iffy on whether or not she truly wanted to become a doctor someday, it seems that holding a human heart in her hands and spending a summer working long hours alongside medical students and residents solidified her goals.

It isn't easy to get opportunities like that as an undergrad. Luckily, McRae knew a surgeon in her home state of Florida who was willing to oversee her internship. She wrote a paper every week on a different topic relevant to the doctor's specialty, cardiology.

In addition to talking to the teaching hospital, University of Florida Health Shands Hospital, McRae also had to complete paperwork for both Brevard College and UF, take a 12-panel drug test, complete a rigorous background check and obtain special high dollar insurance with the help of Mission Hospital.

The results of that work ahead of time would prove to be beyond worth it.

"I scrubbed in on a total of four surgeries," McRae said. During one, she was even able to tie a suture under the supervision of the surgeon. Most days, however, she spent working on outpatient procedures that help to diagnose the problems a patient might be facing, including angiograms and heart catheterizations.

Luckily, McRae's coursework at Brevard College helped her prepare for some of what she would face during her internship. She says that knowing about anatomy and medical terminology was extremely helpful, and that she sometimes surprised the doctor with what she had already learned as an undergrad. But there was even more to learn during the hours spent working at the hospital.

McRae gained a lot of confidence with reading electrocardiography reports, more commonly referred to as an EKG. "If you have a-fib I'd be able to tell," McRae said. A-fib, or atrial fibrillation, refers to chaotic electrical activity in the atria of the heart and can put a person at a high risk of having a stroke.

McRae also dealt with one stress health professionals face daily — interacting with patients. "It helps being a people person," she said. From an unruly man resisting the doctors orders, to standing by while a doctor explained the realities of a woman's condition to her terrified parents, McRae says she's not sure if she will ever really get used to that part of the job.

"I don't think it'll get easier, I don't think it'll ever get less sad. But I think it will get more manageable," McRae said.

McRae says that her advice to any student interested in an internship is, "Don't wait." She also said that the best advice she heard from a senior last year was to "Ask as many questions as possible and write them all down and write

the answers down."

Despite the long hours and high stress environment, McRae shone with pride and excitement as she talked about her time at the hospital this summer. "I was so tired everyday after work," she said. "But I was so thankful."

McRae is a chemistry, biology and anatomy tutor in the ELC, a senior RA in the Villages, a member of the Honors Program and she plays for the women's lacrosse team. She will be inducted into Beta Beta Beta, a biology honors society and fraternity, this year and also teaches Sunday school at the First United Methodist Church in Brevard.

She will be graduating with a degree in Health Sciences in May and plans to take a year off to study for the MCAT and travel before continuing her education.



(Left to right) Dr. R. David Anderson an interventional cardiologist and McRae's supervisor, Kaylee McRae and Dr. George Arnaoutakis cardiovascular surgeon.

A tropical storm by any other name

By Mary Lewe
Copy Editor

Every year between June and November, people living on the east coast wait with bated breath as they watch news coverage featuring warnings for flooding, strong ocean currents, high winds and huge volumes of rain. The storms they face are tropical cyclones, and if the winds reach speeds over 74 miles per hour, they are given a new title — hurricane.

Hurricane season can be a dangerous and unpredictable time, and conditions are perfect for seeing more frequent and deadlier storms. Due to results of global warming, scientists expect hurricanes to continue to become wetter and more intense, creating a higher risk for flooding and destruction.

After Hurricane Florence this past week, it is important to understand the power of a hurricane and its symbolic name.

Hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones are technically all tropical storms, but are named based on their location. Storms in the North

Atlantic or Northeast Pacific Oceans are called "hurricanes," while those in the Northwest Pacific are deemed "typhoons" while "cyclone" is the word used for such storms in the South Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Already it is easy to see how discussing massive storms that travel the world's oceans can get confusing. Early systems of identifying storms did not help matters, often creating even more confusion by naming storms only by the year and order in which they occurred. In 1953, the United States began giving hurricane names to help keep track of the storms more easily.

Initially, only women's names were used. Some names like Hazel, Edna and Camille would be retired due to the severity of the storms, both out of respect for the victims they claimed and to avoid future misunderstanding. In 1978 both male and female names began to be used to name hurricanes affecting the west coast. By 1979, the practice expanded to the entirety of the United States.

According to the N.O.A.A. (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce) "Storms are given short, distinctive names to avoid confusion and streamline communication." There is a very specific method used to name the storms. A committee of the World Meteorological Organization has created six lists, one for each of a six year cycle.

Each list alternates male and female names in order from A-W, omitting names for the letters Q, U, Y and Z. Currently we are in the second year of the cycle, so the list of names used in 2017 will be used again in the year 2023, with the exception of any names used for storms which were notably destructive (either very costly or deadly), those names will be retired from the list.

No matter the name, hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones all bring destruction and should be treated with respect and caution.

Constitution Day quiz ANSWERS

1. James Madison
 2. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
 3. 27
 4. Bill of Rights
 5. True
 6. 3
 7. 17
 8. 2004
 9. National Archives in Washington D.C.
 10. 4,543 words
- Quiz can be found on page 5.

Covenant tops Brevard 3-1

Lookout Mountain, Ga. - Brevard College (0-4-0, 0-2-0) dropped a USA South Conference road match 3-1 to host Covenant College (5-2-0, 2-0-0) on Saturday night.

BC's Alex Tenjhay scored the lone goal for the Tornados as the sophomore from Conover, N.C. found the back of the net off an assist by Matheus Masukawa, a freshman midfielder from Brazil. The goal by Tenjhay cut the deficit to one goal, making the score 2-1 in the 73rd minute.

The Tornado defense and goalkeeper Patrick Hall held Covenant to just one goal in the first half as Hall recorded all six of his saves in the opening stanza.

With a 1-0 lead at the half, Covenant scored their second goal to take a 2-0 advantage in the 57th minute. BC's goal by Tenjhay cut Convnant's lead in half, but the Scots were able to add an insurance goal in the 89th minute to secure the victory.

The Tornados return to action with a road match at Guilford College on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. in Greensboro, N.C.

— BC Tornados



Photo from BCTornados.com

Alex Tenjhay takes aim.

Late defense propels Tornados to victory over Spirits Tuesday

By Philip de Montmollin
Sports Information Director

Winston Salem, N.C. – The Brevard College Women's Soccer team (3-2) prevailed over host Salem College (1-5) by a final score of 2-1. This result was in large part thanks to an early offensive push and a late defensive stand by the Tornados.

Ashley Hughes got things going early for Brevard as she sailed a perfectly placed ball into the left corner of the net just 45 seconds into the match. This goal marked her fifth on the season, setting a new single-season career high for goals scored. Hughes has now scored in three straight matches, tallying four goals scored during that span.

Salem brought the equalizer in the fifth minute of action, knotting things up at 1-1 as Ellie Montes scored for the Spirits.

Megan Shina put Brevard on top for good as she connected in the 35th minute for her third goal of the season, breaking the tie and

giving the Tornados a 2-1 advantage. Shina has now found the back of the net in back to back matches. The goal came off of a Caroline David assist, who tallied her fourth assist of the season. This marks a new single-season career high for David.

Hannah Weatherall (1-0-0) got her first start in goal of the season in the contest. Despite allowing the early Spirits' goal, she buckled down and helped the defense shut out Salem for the remaining 85 minutes. Weatherall improved her career record to 2-1-0.

The Tornados brought pressure throughout the road affair, as they outshot the Spirits (27-22 total shots), and also found the target more often (11-7 shots-on-goal). Weatherall and the Tornados came up with five critical saves in the second half to hold the victory for Brevard.

The Brevard College Women's Soccer team will return to action as they host Berea this Saturday, September 22 at 2 p.m. as part of Brevard's Homecoming festivities.



Photo from BCTornados.com

Teammates Caroline David (left) and Megan Shina (right) celebrate at Tuesday's away game where they defeated the Salem College Spirits.

Three Brevard College cyclists represent at the 2018 World Championship

By BC Tornados

For the first time in program history, the Brevard College Cycling team sent three cyclists to the same World Championship.

The Tornados sent three cyclists to the 2018 UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Mountain Bike World Championship in Lenzerheide, Switzerland. Team members Carson Beckett (Jr., USA), Nathan St. Clair (Fr., USA), and Tyler Clark (Fr., Canada) represented their countries and Brevard College at this prestigious event.

The UCI is the world's governing body for Cycling competition. This competition hosted some of the world's best riders with competitions in Cross Country, Team Relay, and Downhill events.

"We are extremely proud to have Nathan, Carson, and Tyler represent the United States, Canada and Brevard College in Switzerland," stated Brevard College Cycling Coach Brad Perley following the Championship. "We've had a handful of student-athletes compete at

various world championships over the years, but this is the first time we've had three in attendance for one event. Our students are very focused and driven twelve months out of the year. To accomplish these goals and situations like this really showcase the terrific team and school environment for our athletes."

This was an incredible experience for the student-athletes as well. The riders were very humbled by the opportunity to represent their school and country on the world stage.

"My 2018 World Championships experience was one of gratitude and awe," said Beckett. "It was so exciting to be back on European soil and to have the opportunity to represent the USA at the biggest event of the year in such a phenomenal location. Although my race didn't pan out how I had hoped, I enjoyed every second of the trip with such an accomplished group. Coming away from it, I know that I was capable of more and can be satisfied."

The Brevard College representatives

showcased poise and moxie although things may not have panned out the way they would've liked. This showcases the values that the Brevard College cycling program has instilled in them.

St. Clair added, "To be able to see countries from around the world come to the little town of Lenzerheide, Switzerland for such a huge event is breathtaking. Racing is very tough on and off the bike. Even when you get everything right, sometimes it's just not your day. Unfortunately, I had a severe mechanical in my race which slowed me down quite a bit. I'm very fortunate to have been able to attend this event, and am very excited about getting to my first collegiate race with Brevard College!"

You can support Carson, Nathan, and Tyler, along with the rest of the 2018-19 Brevard College Cycling team as they travel to Lees-McRae for a two-day event on September 22-23.

Brevard College Cycling shreds the REEB

Tornados dominates the mountain at home race

By BC Communications

Putting together four first place finishes and strong rides, the Brevard College cycling teams are looking ahead to a stellar season.

The home racing began with Men's and Women's Cross Country events. Brevard's Men's A cross country competitors took several top positions: Tyler Orschel had a smooth ride to first and not far behind, Scott McGill finished fourth, Tim Coffey 10th, and Zachary Lowden 15th. Brevard's Women's A cross country competitors had just as strong results: Hannah Arensman finished with a strong second, and first-year student, Hannah Dickson, gave a solid performance with a seventh place.

Saturday's afternoon event did not disappoint either. The intense Dual Slalom event, where two racers ride at the same time, side-by-side down the mountain, displayed even more talent by the Brevard College team. In the men's A race, Kyle Grau finished second, followed by McGill in 18th, and Orschel in 19th. For the men's B results, Finn Cullen rode hard for a fourth place finish, and Lowden in ninth. Men's C event gave Brevard College a first place ride by Will Hegedus, while Dalton Collins finished

18th. Arensman had a good run for the women's A Dual Slalom event, with a sixth place finish. In the women's B race, Nicole Rusden finished with a fourth place followed by Dickson in seventh.

"Cypress and I are extremely proud of our team and their performance this weekend. I'm most proud of the way our student athletes act as leaders throughout these race weekends," said head coach, Brad Perley.

Day two showcased extreme athletes, again, with two events: Short Track and Downhill. The Short Track race started off in a fog, but that didn't stop Brevard College from earning two first place finishes: Orschel in the men's A race, and Arensman in the women's A race who had an exciting finish, down to the last stretch!

Everyone loves a good downhill... everyone that has a little crazy in him or her that is, and Brevard College does! Men's A did some major shredding with McGill finishing first, Grau fourth, and Orschel 12th. B class had similar results with a strong second for Hegedus, Lucas Pound in third, Lowden in ninth, and Cullen in 11th. C class for the men also had

good showings by Ryan Sargent with a seventh place finish, and Dalton Collins coming down the mountain in ninth. On the women's side, Arensman was third in A class, and Dickson shredded to first in the B class.

Brad went on to say, "It's great to have a hometown race event and that is made possible with the help of so many individuals and supporters. To top it off with stellar results, four 'A' category wins, is icing on the cake and speaks volumes for their work ethic."



To see more of Brevard College cycling teams in action, come support them at their next race at Lees-McRae, Sept. 22 - 23.