

# COMMENCEMENT EDITION

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## 'What rain?'

*More than 100 graduates receive diplomas in BC's 166th commencement*

Rain and thunderstorms were in the forecast, prompting things to start an hour earlier than originally planned.

In the end, though, neither the foggy, earlier hour nor the threat of wet weather could dampen the mood at the graduation ceremony Saturday morning as 111 Brevard College seniors marched to their seats to await their turn to walk across the stage in front of McLarty-Goodson.

"What rain?" BC president David Joyce even said at the beginning of the ceremony, tempting fate and weather patterns in Transylvania County that in just the past few weeks has seen severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings, a freak hailstorm and more than 10 inches of rainfall.

Fortunately, the rains held off and the sun was shining bright as graduates and their families embraced the joy of seeing the fruition of their years of hard work: a Brevard College diploma.

At 9 a.m., the Betty Neal Academic Quadrangle was filled with the sounds of a bagpiper piping while a sea of black regalia greeted beaming parents awaiting the college's 166th Commencement Ceremony.

"The most significant recognition we bestow today is the Brevard College diploma itself—for it signifies a level of education that the vast majority of people in this world, and even in

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The Brevard College class of 2019, along with BC president David Joyce and his wife, Lynn, let loose for a class picture on the steps of the Jones Library early on Saturday morning. Commencement exercises began at 9 a.m., an hour earlier than originally scheduled, to avoid rain and thunderstorms forecast later that day. Top: Mai Sakuma, an exercise science major from Japan, was one of several international students who graduated from Brevard College on Saturday.

# Graduation Day at BC

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this country, will never have the opportunity to reach,” Joyce said in his welcome to the graduates.

“We come here this morning to salute the outstanding achievements of the graduating class of 2019, a class that has clearly made its mark on our college in so many important ways,” Joyce said.

The 2019 graduating class has earned an impressive collection of accolades too many to mention, both as seniors and throughout their years at Brevard College. During their tenure, this class took Brevard College’s motto, “Learn in Order to Serve,” to heart and provided the community with more than 10,000 hours of community service in their four-year span. As students, they replicated scientific studies, wrote manuscripts, produced films, and built communities through clubs and service organizations, and so much more.

Brevard College student-athletes showed their strength in numbers. The women’s soccer team, graduating six seniors, earned the highest GPA for all athletic teams. Two seniors were inducted into the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honors Society. Both male and female Athletes of the Year broke career and single-season records and received honors for their performances on and off the field.

The direct, hands-on experiences and focused reflection these graduates received has led to an internship at Disney, acceptance to and assistantships at several esteemed graduate schools, and jobs within a police department,

touring with a theater company, and positions at the Brevard Music Center.

Transylvania and nearby counties can claim 18 of these newly minted graduates, while the rest traveled from 15 states and at least five foreign countries—Canada, Japan, France, Mexico and Germany—to make Brevard their home.

While most colleges invite a prominent guest speaker at graduation ceremonies, Brevard College stays true to its mission to engage its students in the process and encourage personal growth by choosing two outstanding seniors to speak at Commencement.

Haley Putnam and Megan Orr were this year’s commencement speakers.

Putnam, a native of Brevard, earned her degree in psychology with minors in health science studies and environmental studies. She is a member of the Institute for Women in Leadership and the Brevard College Honors Program, Psi Chi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Alpha Chi. Putnam will pursue a Master of Public Health degree at Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta.

“As I stand here looking out at all of you; my fellow classmates, faculty, staff, and all of our friends, and families, I feel nothing but joy and gratitude,” Putnam said. “The many experiences we’ve had here have allowed us to learn new skills, and establish friendships and connections



Graduate Megan Shina (pictured with President David C. Joyce and Lynne Joyce) will be working for Brevard College as the Manager of Annual Giving and Special Events starting this summer.

that will last a lifetime.

“Thanks to the amazing people here at Brevard College, this place has truly become our home.”

The second speaker was Megan Orr, a biology major from Cullowhee who also minored in health science studies and natural history. She is a member of the Institute for Women in Leadership and has served on the steering committee for two years. Orr is an honors student and a member of Tri-Beta, Alpha Chi, and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. She has served as a teaching assistant, peer tutor, and supplemental instructor in the Sciences. She is



Flag bearers in Saturday’s commencement ceremony were, left to right, Luz Maria Hernandez (carrying the flag of Mexico), Mai Sakuma (Japan), Tim Oliver Hengst (Germany), Thibault André Tranchant (France), Peyton Michael Allan Mooney (Canada), Jessica Patricia Wiegandt (Brevard College Alumni Banner), Hayley LeAnn Putnam (Christian flag), Ke’Vel Dijion Kingsberry (North Carolina state flag) and Ashley Kristin Elizabeth Hughes (United States flag).

# Commencement Ceremony

a founding member and Vice President of the Brevard College Biology Club.

“Make no mistake about it: while we are ready for small moments which are the building blocks of our relationships, the class of 2019 is ready to face those challenges that confront us,” Orr affirmed to her classmates. “It is all these moments which add up to make a life worth living.

“Right now, we all have a unique opportunity to do new things. Maybe, we will not all change the world, but we can change our lives, the lives of others for the positive every day. We are the class of 2019!”

Several graduates were recognized for additional accolades by Dr. R. Scott Sheffield, vice president for academic affairs. Haley Putnam, Caroline Safford and Jessica Wiegandt all won the Presidential Award for Scholarship, given each year to the graduating senior with the highest academic rank.

Lance Perl received the C. Edward and Brona N. Roy Good Citizenship Award, given to a student who shows exemplary moral character, citizenship, leadership and is a positive influence



Jeni Welch, editor in chief of The Clarion for 2018-2019, poses with her parents, Tammy and Dale Welch after receiving her diploma.

on campus.

Haley Putnam and Jessica Wiegant both received the Presidential Award for Distinction. This special award goes to graduates who show outstanding leadership, service and academic achievement.

And then one by one, each member of the class of 2019 walked across the stage to shake Joyce's hand and receive their diploma.

Prior to the singing of “Guarded Well by Mountains,” the Brevard College hymn, President Joyce offered his traditional charge to the newest BC alumni:

“And now, members of the class of 2019, it is time for you to head off to the new careers and the new lives you will be fashioning for yourselves,” Joyce said. “We trust that you leave here a better version of yourself because of your time at Brevard College.”

## Baccalaureate and Hooding Ceremony

Saturday's commencement ceremony was the culmination of two days of celebration that began Friday afternoon with the baccalaureate and hooding ceremony in the Porter Center. During the ceremony, graduates had their academic hoods placed around their necks by a staff or faculty member chosen by the student, a tradition dating back to medieval Europe to signify a student's success in completing an academic program.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Lauren Sims-Salata, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Brevard. Her sermon, titled “Life Skills,” focused on the beatitudes in the New Testament.

Also speaking at the baccalaureate service was theatre professor Andrea Boccanfuso, this year's recipient of the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award, an honor bestowed annually to an untenured Brevard College faculty member. Boccanfuso, a theatre design specialist whose career has included major stage productions in New York and lighting design for Olympic telecasts on NBC-TV as well as summer work at the Brevard Music Center, recounted how she came to be hired for a teaching job at Brevard College.

Before joining the faculty at Brevard, she said she had never taught in an actual classroom, but when she was offered a full-time teaching position here by former Fine Arts Division Chair Laura Franklin, and with the help and mentorship of Franklin, theatre professor



Radeem Brown receives his diploma from Dr. David C. Joyce, President of Brevard College.

Brandon Smith and others, “I embraced the experiential and got to work,” she said.

“Where I once found professional satisfaction in pulling off seemingly impossible events for famous people against insurmountable odds, I now find fulfillment in bearing witness to the transformation of students during their time at BC,” she said.

She urged graduates not to shirk their responsibilities. “Don't be afraid to speak your truth,” she said. She closed with a passage from motivational author Jon Gordon's book “The Power of Positive Leadership,” telling the seniors that no matter what anyone does or says, “just show up and do the work.”



Theatre professor Andrea Boccanfuso was this year's United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award recipient.

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# BC Wind Ensemble ends on a high note

By Chloe McGee  
Layout and Design

On Thursday, April 25 at the Porter Center for Performing Arts, the Brevard College Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Eric Peterson, performed its spring finale concert alongside the Blue Ride Symphonic Brass led by Maestro Jamie Hafner.

The combined band's repertoire exhibited a wide array of musical genres. Each group performed both separately and collectively.

For graduating seniors in the band, this was a bittersweet concert as it was their last time performing for Brevard College's music department. Stephen Healy, Whitney Ward, Gryphen Blackwell, Ryan Burnette, Daniel Ethridge and Arianna Ruiz were all recognized at the concert for their tremendous devotion to the ensemble.

The opening number was a nature-inspired composition written by Tyler S. Grant titled "Panoramic Landscapes" that was rich with harmonic color and vivid imagery.

Next the band performed Richard Saucedo's arrangement of Samuel Barber's composition "Sure on This Shining Night." Beginning with long, warm tones, the piece grew to a climactic peak before slowly tapering to a quiet ending.

Then the BC Wind Ensemble exited the stage so that the brass choir could present several composes independently before intermission.



Photo courtesy of Eric Peterson

Graduating seniors performing in the wind ensemble concert were front row, left to right: Stephen Healy, Arianna Ruiz; back row, left to right: Ryan Burnette, Daniel Ethridge, Dr. Peterson, Whitney Ward, Gryphen Blackwell.

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# After numerous delays, Chiaroscuro finally to be printed, released in fall

At long last, Chiaroscuro, the Brevard College literary and arts magazine, has made it to print and can even be purchased online—though if you can wait, you'll be able to get a free copy on campus this fall.

This year's Chiaroscuro is officially a combined issue, featuring two separate editions in a single volume: for 2016–2018 and for this past year, 2018–2019. Both editions were edited by a 2019 BC graduate: Sarah Haga for the more recent one, and Ashley Kate Stephens for the earlier edition.

For various reasons, the magazine has not been in print since 2016, but student staff members have nevertheless been working diligently the past several years to make the magazine a reality, including writing and editing creative submissions, laying out the issue, and trying to get the issue printed for distribution on campus.

The magazine features creative work by students, including poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, drama, and works of visual art.

The 2018 edition edited by Stephens was dedicated to Rakeem Sweezy, a much beloved Brevard College student who died unexpectedly on the last day of the fall 2017 semester. Several works in the issue pay tribute to his memory, including the first poem in the collection,

"Sweezy," by 2017 graduate Kirsten Lucas.

Associate editors of this 2016–2018 edition include Huntley Davis, Kelsey Kushner, Ivy

Pope, Morgan Shepard and Jeni Welch, all of whom graduated from BC on Saturday.

In addition to Haga, graduating seniors on the staff of the 2018–2019 edition are Shane Sentelle and Oscar Sifuentes. Like the earlier one, this edition also features poetry, short stories, theatre and music, and various visual arts.

Copies of the magazine have been ordered and will be mailed to graduating seniors who contributed to the magazine. An official launch party for this issue is planned for early in the fall semester. Copies of the magazine will be free to anyone on campus who wants one.

The issue is being printed by Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) service. The magazine's Amazon page lists a publication date of April 30, but because of a backlog of other titles in production, the title was not available for purchase on Amazon.com until May 8.

Copies of the magazine will be available for free on campus, but anyone who wishes to purchase a copy from Amazon.com may do so for \$17.98—the minimum price allowed by the KDP service. It can be found on the Amazon.com website by searching for author "Sarah Haga," or by the publication's ISBN number, 1096006472. (The website address is [www.amazon.com/dp/1096006472](http://www.amazon.com/dp/1096006472).)



## Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference

# Public invited to writers' readings at 4th annual literary workshop

Brevard College and the Transylvania County Library Foundation are once again serving as co-hosts and platinum sponsors for the Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference, which opened last night on the Brevard College campus and will continue through Sunday.

Now in its fourth year, the conference explores the theme "A Sense of Place" as a small, select group of conference attendees from around the country work under the guidance of notable writers Robin Wall Kimmerer, Wiley Cash and Frank X Walker. Conference attendees competed for just one of 12 slots in each of the genres of nonfiction, fiction and poetry. Among those who earned a spot at this year's conference is BC student Alexis Henley.

In addition, the writers will give public presentations on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11. Highland Books will be on hand both evenings with books for sale and signing.

Plant ecologist and award-winning author Kimmerer, who is leading the nonfiction group, will have her public reading and presentation today at 7:30 p.m. in Ingram Auditorium in Dunham Hall on the BC campus. There is no charge to attend, but seating is first come, first served. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

Dr. Kimmerer is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y. She is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and serves as the founding director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, whose mission is to create programs which draw on the wisdom of both indigenous and scientific knowledge for our shared goals of sustainability. She is the author of numerous scientific papers on the ecology of mosses and restoration ecology and on the contributions of traditional ecological knowledge to our understanding of the natural world.

She is the author of "Gathering Moss," which incorporates both traditional indigenous knowledge and scientific perspectives and was awarded the prestigious John Burroughs Medal for Nature Writing in 2005. Her latest book, "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants," was released in 2013 and was awarded the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award.

She has served as writer in residence at the Andrews Experimental Forest, Blue Mountain



Wiley Cash



Robin Wall Kimmerer



Frank X Walker

Center, the Sitka Center and the Mesa Refuge. More information is available at <http://www.esf.edu/faculty/kimmerer/>.

Saturday's event begins at 7 p.m. and will feature authors Wiley Cash and Frank X Walker, who are leading the sessions on fiction and poetry, respectively. The readings and presentations will be held in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Library. There is no charge to attend, but seating is first come, first served.

Cash is the New York Times bestselling author of the novels "The Last Ballad," "A Land More Kind Than Home," and "This Dark Road to Mercy." The founder of the Open Canon Book Club and co-founder of the Land More Kind Appalachian Artists Residency, he has been a fellow at the MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, and the Weymouth Center. He serves as the writer in residence at the University of North Carolina-Asheville and teaches in the Mountainview

Low-Residency MFA program.

Cash lives in North Carolina with his wife and their two young daughters. More details are available at <http://www.wileycash.com>.

Walker is an African-American poet from Danville, Kentucky. Walker coined the word "Affrilachia," signifying the importance of the African-American presence in Appalachia: the "new word ... spoke to the union of Appalachian identity and the region's African-American culture and history." He is a professor in the English department at the University of Kentucky and was the Poet Laureate of Kentucky from 2013-2015. Complete details are available at his website, <http://www.frankxwalker.com/>.

For additional information or questions, visit <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/lgrwc/> or contact the Transylvania County Library at (828) 884-3151.

## Ensemble ends on a high note...

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Members of the Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass were accompanied by BC faculty member Vance Reese playing the \$1.2 million Kirkpatrick-Coleman Pipe Organ.

Following intermission, the group performed a contemporary arrangement titled "Gershwin Prelude Suite" written by Roussanova Lucas. As an ode to the famed composer and musician George Gershwin, the piece brought new life to his timeless works.

The group then performed Steven Reineke's "The Witch and the Saint" that is based upon a German folklore about twins Helena and

Sibylla. Ironically, the piece began with twin sisters Whitney Ward, on french horn, and Britney Ward, on euphonium, playing a solemn, Gregorian chant-like duet.

To end the night, the band played a familiar arrangement of John William's score titled "Music from Star Wars" by composer Robert W. Smith. During the opening movement, "The Imperial March," Dr. Kathy Gresham and Dr. David Gresham's son Jack, dressed as Darth Vader, initiated a theatrical lightsaber duel with band director Dr. Peterson. The audience surely enjoyed the performance accompanied by the ensemble's rendition of the popular soundtrack.

## Campus Life honors student leaders

The Office of Campus Life recognized a number of students for their service and leadership at the Campus Life Student Leaders Awards Ceremony on April 16.

New this year is the Sweezy Award. Named after Rakeem Sweezy, a much beloved student and RA who died as a consequence of complications from a previously undiagnosed diabetic condition on the last day of the fall 2017 semester, this award is given to the student who shows a love for BC, builds community and brightens a room when they walk in.

The first recipient of the Sweezy Award is **Josh Romero**.

Other Campus Life Student Leaders award recipients are as follows:  
Rising Star: **Hope Jackson**

Above and Beyond: **Rebecca Rojas**

BC Radar: **Tychawan Scales**

Richard A. Adams Outstanding Ambassador: **Marias Watson**

RA of the Year: **Kaylee McRae** and **Mckayla Robinette**

Peer Leader of the Year: **Kat Cloud-Morton** and **K'Nique Echelberger**

Work-study of the Year: **Solomon Turner**

Service Award: **Madison Smith** and **Mariah Grande**

Freshman Leader of the Year: **Kalli Hollingshead**

Sophomore Leader of the Year: **Hannah Weatherall**

Junior Leader of the Year: **Audrey Cardwell**

Senior Leader of the Year: **Daniel Ethridge**

## Faculty/Staff Luncheon honors retirees

*Employees' years of service to the college also recognized*

Five retiring faculty and staff members were among the Brevard College employees who were lauded at the Faculty and Staff Award Luncheon on Monday, May 6.

Three faculty members are retiring at the end of this year: political communications professor **Ralph Hamlett**, geology professor **Jim Reynolds** and health science studies professor **Mary Kay White**.

All three have been named faculty emeriti by the Brevard College Board of Trustees.

Also retiring this year are staff members **Caron Surrentt**, director of financial aid, and Fine Arts Division administrative assistant **Mary Wellborn**.

Faculty and staff were also recognized for their years of service:

30 years

- Clyde Carter**
- Kathy Holliday**
- Marvin Whitmire**

10 years

- John Buford**
- David Volrath**

5 years

- Donald Hudson**
- Kaylin Johnson**
- Brad Perley**
- Kristin Rosato**
- Jason Grassi**
- Alvin Gravley**
- Leigh Koffman**
- Johny Searcy**
- Cindy Thomas**
- Burke Ulrey**
- Regeina Wells**
- Marie Jones**
- Michael Castelaz**
- Maureen Drinkard**

25 years

- Dee Dasburg**

20 years

- Cameron Austin**
- Beth Banks**
- Robert Dye**

15 years

- Cherie Tinsley McGaha**
- Marvin Metcalf**
- John Padgett**
- Jay Trussell**
- Myra Cooper**



Retiring faculty Mary Kay White, Ralph Hamlett and Jim Reynolds pose for a photo in their regalia on graduation day May 4. All three have been named faculty emeriti by the Brevard College Board of Trustees.

## The Brevard College Class of 2018-2019

### FALL 2018 GRADUATES

Faith Caroline Alexander**	Theatre
Kathryn Stewart Beasley	Exercise Science
Alexis Rebecca Burrell	Psychology
Caroline Elizabeth David**	Criminal Justice
Catherine Rose Eagan**†	Integrated Studies
Tyler Horton Gregory*	Business & Org Ldrshp
Stephen Earl Healy*	Music, General
Jose Omar Jimenez-Tweed	Criminal Justice
Ryan Leif Jordan	Criminal Justice
Ricki Lea Kuhn	Business & Org Ldrshp
Brandon Placido Loran	Business & Org Ldrshp
Luke Steven Lundquist	Integrated Studies
Emma Jean Moore*†	History
Taylor Christine Morris	Exercise Science
Sydney Marie Shaw*	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
Kaylee Alese Smith	Environmental Studies
Michael Eugene Terry	Integrated Studies
Dora Kathryn Wiesecke**†	Biology

### SPRING 2019 GRADUATES

Stephanie Nicole Ball*	Health Science Studies
Christiana Maria Beltran	Integrated Studies
Taylor Paige Benson	Integrated Studies
Lane Weller Berchtold	Business & Org Ldrshp
Anna Lee Bollinger	Exercise Science
Olivia Nicole Brock*	Environmental Studies
Daniel Trey Brown***	History
Paxton Mulligan Brown	Environmental Studies
Frederick William Burkey	Philosophy & Religion
Branden Jamarde Dagley	Exercise Science
Callie Paige Darress	Art
Dal Jeremiah Davis	Music, General
Huntley Charles Jackson Davis	History
Matthew Edward De Rosa**	Criminal Justice
Hunter Grace Denney***	Health Science Studies
Katelyn Marie Didio*	Theatre, Music
Corey William Diehl	Business & Org Ldrshp
Axel James Easter	Business & Org Ldrshp
Christopher Michael Efenecy*	Criminal Justice,
	Business & Org Ldrshp
Daniel Mark Ethridge**†	Mathematics, Music
Kenneth Hewitt Farr, II	Business & Org Ldrshp
Christopher Michael Gempfert	Biology
Kathleen Rebecca Gillespie	Environmental Studies
Kyle Michal Grau*	Environmental Studies
Sarah Elizabeth Haga**†	Theatre
Tim Oliver Hengst***	Business & Org Ldrshp,
	Mathematics
Luz Maria Hernandez‡	Integrated Studies
Natalee Ann Highman	Music, General
Derrick Lamar Hill	Theatre
Elizabeth Bronwyn Hill	Biology
Amber Nicole Hong	Exercise Science
Rayquan Marquis Hope-Evans	Psychology
Parker Samuel Hudgins	Criminal Justice
Ashley Kristin Elizabeth Hughes***†	Health Science Studies
Kiara Alivia-Jewel Jordan**	History, Theatre
Molly Christina Joseph	Environmental Studies
Darden Kennon King	Health Science Studies
Ke'Vel Dijion Kingsberry†	Exercise Science
Kelsey Lynn Kushner***†	Criminal Justice
Daniel Paul Ligon***	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
Zachary Tyler Lowden	Environmental Studies
Scott Guyon McGill	Biology
Jackson Kyle McKaig	Business & Org Ldrshp
Michael Alexander Merryman	Business & Org Ldrshp
Thomas Wolfgang Mittring*	Psychology

Peyton Michael Allan Mooney*	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
Bry-Kendrick Alexander Moore	Integrated Studies
Hallie Elizabeth Moore**†	Theatre
Megan Samantha Orr***†	Biology
Breyer Alexander Owen*	History
Mathew Alan Parrish	History
John Andrew Pate	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
Justin Riley Peck	Criminal Justice
Lance Joseph Perl***	Theatre,
	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
Ivy Elane Pope	Integrated Studies
Sean Michael Pratt	Business & Org Ldrshp
Haley LeAnn Putnam***†	Psychology
Molly Grace Riddle**†	Environmental Studies
Emily Keita Robinson	Psychology,
	Criminal Justice
Alexis Barbara Ross*	Business & Org Ldrshp
Caroline Huntley Safford***	Biology
Mai Sakuma**	Exercise Science
Ashley Taylor Scovel**†	Biology
Gregory Shane Sentelle***	Psychology
John Martin Shade	Exercise Science
Morgan Win Shepard	English
Megan Kate Shina	Business & Org Ldrshp
Oscar Aldair Sifuentes**	Integrated Studies
Hnina Siu-Ayun	Exercise Science
Kyle Harrison Spear	Art
Ashley Kate Stephens‡	English
Shannon Nicole Summitt***	Integrated Studies
Brianna Taylor Thomas	Biology
Thibault Andre Tranchant	Business & Org Ldrshp
Brock Thomas Lee Tuttle	Business & Org Ldrshp
Whitney Nicole Ward	Art
Marias Orlando Watson	Business & Org Ldrshp
Jenifer Aileen Welch**	English, History
Stewart Alexander Whisnant	Exercise Science
Zachary James White	Environmental Studies
Jessica Patricia Wiegandt***†	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
	English
Teila Dorothy Witham Vochatzer**†	Theatre
Elise Mary Youmans	Exercise Science
Megan Aleen Young	Criminal Justice

### SUMMER AND FALL 2019 CANDIDATES

Carli Michelle Batson	Health Science Studies
Layton Louis Boyce	History
Raheem Derrall Brown	Criminal Justice
Ryan Edward Craven	Criminal Justice
Anna Marie Denko	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
Austin Dean Fisher	Criminal Justice
Shayna Marie Landreth	Art
Laura Grayson Lowe	Integrated Studies
Hayleigh Jessica Mann	Integrated Studies
Samantha Jane Munson	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped
Harrison Jennings Roberts	Criminal Justice
Kayce Marie Robinson	Criminal Justice
Peter Miles Trench, Jr	Applied Physics,
	Mathematics
Chadwick Joseph Young	Wilderness Ldrshp/Exped

\*\*\* Summa cum laude  
 \*\* Magna cum laude  
 \* Cum laude

† Honors Program Graduate  
 ‡ Institute for Women in Leadership Graduate

*By policy, summer and designated fall candidates may march in the spring commencement ceremony, but GPA-based honors may not be bestowed until all of the student's final grades have been posted.*

# BC Memories...

*What do 2019 graduates most fondly remember about their years at Brevard College? What plans do they have after graduation? What advice would they give to future graduates?*

*The Clarion invited this year's seniors to ponder those questions. Over the next few pages are some of their answers. We also invited them to send pictures of their time at BC, most of which are here, too.*

*Many thanks to all the seniors who responded to The Clarion's survey. And congratulations to all of this year's graduates!*

VOR was one of the best memories. Also, all the connections I made with my professors.  
—Olivia Brock

The bonds I made with professors I will never forget.  
—Daniel Trey Brown



Spring in Brevard - 2018 (sunrise on the Blue Ridge Parkway).  
Photo courtesy of Caroline David

My favorite memories are the accidental adventures, like getting lost on the way to DuPont my freshman year and exploring this cool creek area near Rosman or walking around downtown Asheville only to realize we had stumbled onto a big festival in the park. Brevard College gave me spontaneity and flexibility.  
—Emma Moore

I can't choose just one but every time that I got to perform on the Porter Center Stage with my peers & colleagues.  
—Natalee Highman



"This sums up my college experience." (Courtesy of Lance Perl)  
Photo by Matthew Queen



Welcoming new freshmen to the best four years of their lives.  
Photo courtesy of Olivia Brock



# Friendships...

My favorite memories is hanging out with my friends and making fun out of anything we do.  
—Brandon “Puffy” Loran



Photo courtesy of Teila Vochatzer

Shannon Summitt, Faith Alexander and myself eating hot dogs while working Mountain Song music festival, Fall 2018.



Photo courtesy of Haley Putnam

Haley Putnam & Dee Dasburg at the Pinning Ceremony in September 2018.



Photo courtesy of Daniel Trey Brown

Graduation: Daniel Trey Brown and education professor Megan Keiser.

met fiance  
—Mathew Parrish

Hanging out with my closest friends  
—Ke’Vel Kingsberry

Living with my best friends  
—Grayson Lowe

Samantha Sepe and I played doubles in tennis together this season. We went undefeated in the USA South Conference!!  
—Kelsey Kushner



Photo by David Griffith

Left to right: Elise Youmans, Natalee Highman, Grayson Lowe and Megan Shina. This was taken April 2019 for our graduation photos. (Courtesy of Natalee Highman)

# Fun times...



Photo courtesy of Corey Diehl

Relaxing at the top of John Rock with Bliss Joseph, during our first year at the college.



Photo courtesy of Teila Vochatzer

Theatorama 2019, theatre department, everyone being surprised with buckets of water being thrown on them, Spring 2019.

Casino night! It was so fun to play blackjack with friends, and even Dee, the school counselor. I even learned how to be the dealer, so that was cool.

—Haley Putnam

That time when there were chicken nuggets AND mozzarella sticks in the Caf on the same same day.

—Teila Vochatzer



Photo courtesy of Teila Vochatzer

Caroline Vargas, Amber Blanton and myself on our way to see an opera for our Music, Myths and Dreams class, Spring 2019.



Photo courtesy of Olivia Brock

Being with my team at a football game.

Spring breaks  
—Thomas Mittring



Photo courtesy of Corey Diehl

First time seeing the Grand Tetons on my road trip around the country this past summer!

# Experiences...



Photo courtesy of Grayson Lowe

Graduation! On the Blue Ridge Parkway (with Grayson Lowe, Megan Shina, Natalee Highman and Elise Youmans).



Photo courtesy of Corey Diehl

Looking out at the beauty of our first huge snow this past winter!



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Kushner

BC Women's Tennis Senior Day!

Being so close to the forest and having wonderful music opportunities

—Stephen Healy

One of my favorite memories at Brevard is going ziplining with the Outgoing Club. I was in fear the moment I signed up until we were finished, but the individuals I was with helped me overcome that fear.

—Marias Watson



Photo courtesy of Corey Diehl

Breaking in my new mountain bike on some amazing DuPont trails.

Getting selected into the ECAC postseason tournament and traveling to Westminster, Maryland.

—Ashley Hughes

# Learning...



Photo courtesy of Ashley Hughes

Brevard College Women's Soccer Team exploring Washington, DC in November.

Every spring I spent there includes most of my favorite memories. That's when the sun comes out and classes are winding down so we're able to go into Pisgah or just down to Brevard beach with friends. The campus and the town comes alive then.

—Caroline David

Visiting the morgue for my death investigations class

—Megan Young



Photo courtesy of Teila Vochatzer

At a waterfall in Pisgah with Daniel Ethridge, Claire Wylie, Amber Blanton and Elizabeth Clevenger. Spring 2019.



Photo courtesy of Haley Putnam

Haley Putnam, Megan Orr, Taylor Scovel. Dee Dasburg in back row. At the 2019 IWIL closing ceremony after receiving our cords.

One of my favorite memories during my time here at Brevard College was the white water canoeing trip down the Green river during my WLEE class. It was a trip I'll never forget!

—Corey Diehl



Photo courtesy of Jeni Welch

History senior project presentations.

# Accomplishments...



Photo courtesy of Thibault Tranchant

Beating Wingate in the SAC Championship Quarterfinals. They were undefeated and ended up winning the NCAA National Championship.

—Brock Tuttle



Photo courtesy of Corey Diehl

After four years, I finally achieved my goal of graduating Brevard College with a degree in Business and my family by my side.

Athletics

—Thibault André Tranchant



Photo courtesy of Grayson Lowe

Graduation! At the Bell Tower (with Grayson Lowe, Megan Shina, Natalee Highman and Elise Youmans).



Photo courtesy of Ke'Vel Kingsberry

Graduation picture.



Photo courtesy of Olivia Brock

Winning an award at a College Cheer competition.

# Living at BC...



Photo courtesy of Teila Vochatzer

Justin Mosher, Ida Bostian, Caroline Vargas and myself stuck in traffic on our way back from USITT, Spring 2019.



Photo courtesy of Daniel Trey Brown

Baccalaureate - Daniel Trey Brown and history professor Joshua Wilkey.

I don't know if I had favorite moments. It was more of a feeling though, the feeling of going back into a new semester with new classes, but having most of the same people in class was comforting. Presenting final presentations was one of my overall favorite memories. Throughout the year we supported each other. What we had worked on for so long had finally been completed and all our hard work had paid off.

—Luz H.



Photo courtesy of Caroline David

Spring in Brevard - 2017 (Polaroid at the rope swing with Sydney A. and Sallie R.).



Photo courtesy of Jeni Welch

English and Philosophy and Religion senior project presentations.

Freshman year, I repelled out of the third story window in Beam Resident Hall with one of the coolest people I know.... At that point I knew we were in the right major....

—Lance Joseph Perl

# What are your plans after graduation?

Graduate school, Clemson U.  
**Olivia Brock**

Middle school social studies teacher at Summit Charter.  
**Daniel Trey Brown**

I'll be attending Gonzaga University School of Law in Washington state.  
**Caroline David**

Having just accepted the job as an admissions counselor with Brevard College. I look forward to helping others find their home here in beautiful Brevard.  
**Corey Diehl**

I decided I wanted to join the Peace Corps after graduation and I got an invitation to serve in Costa Rica starting late summer. After I finish serving, I plan to continue pursuing my graduate degree.  
**Luz H.**

I am going to graduate school at App State for Vocal Performance with an assistantship!  
**Natalee Highman**

Finding a job in my major.  
**Liz Hill**

Assistant coaching at Louisburg Community college.  
**Ke'Vel Kingsberry**

I will be working at a summer camp, Camp Carolina, until August. I plan on attending law school starting in the fall of 2020. My dream school is Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee!  
**Kelsey Kushner**



Photo courtesy of Ke'Vel Kingsberry

Graduation photo.

I got a conditional offer to be a financial adviser for Axa Advisors.  
**Brandon "Puffy" Loran**

Traveling.  
**Grayson Lowe**

Live life!  
**Thomas Mittring**

I will be moving to San Francisco, CA to attend San Francisco State University to earn my MA in Museum Studies.  
**Emma Moore**

Work.  
**Mathew Parrish**

I will be pursuing a Masters in Sound Design at The University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
**Lance Joseph Perl**

I'm going to be attending Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health for my Master of Public Health in Global Health.  
**Haley Putnam**

Pursue a master's in music at UNC-Greensboro.  
**Stephen Healy**

Grad School (MBA Program)  
**Thibault André Tranchant**

Figuring out what I want to do with my life.  
**Brock Tuttle**

I will be working at the Brevard Music Center as the Company Manager/Purchasing Agent. In the fall I will be attending the University of Alabama for an MFA in Theatre.  
**Teila Vochatzer**

Work as an admissions counselor for the college.  
**Marias Watson**

I am looking into a couple of local job opportunities, but I am debating graduate school in the future.  
**Jeni Welch**

Trying to find a job in Law Enforcement  
**Megan Young**



Photo by David Griffith

Natalee Highman - April 2019 Graduation photo. I will be attending App State in the fall for graduate school.



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Kushner

I graduated college with a BA in Criminal Justice!

# What advice would you give to other Brevard College students (and future graduates)?

*Graduates (and one faculty member who is leaving after this semester) were asked what advice would they give to other Brevard College students? Here is what they had to say....*

“Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.” -Earl Nightingale

**Ashley Hughes**

Always keep the main thing, the main thing. By that I mean you can go out and have fun but make sure you wake up for your 8 a.m. the next day and get your work done.

**Brandon “Puffy” Loran**

Be patient with the process and strive to be the best version of yourself, enjoy life and live with no worries. God has a plan for your life.

Marias Watson  
Be smart.

**Mathew Parrish**

DO NOT wait around and expect things to happen. Brevard can be a special place if you put yourself out there and make it what you want it to be. Seek opportunities, join clubs, participate on campus!! Never stop trying to enhance your experience.

**Caroline David**

Do the extra work and be involved in something other than classes.

**Jeni Welch**

Don't be afraid to take risks and get out of your comfort zone. Remember to read your textbooks, and don't ever procrastinate! And don't be afraid to ask for help.

**Haley Putnam**

Don't let school get in the way of your education.

**Liz Hill**

Don't wish away your days in Brevard.

**Grayson Lowe**

Enjoy the Llamas.

**Thibault André Tranchant**

Enjoy your time here. It will fly by.

**Daniel Trey Brown**

Four years may seem like a long time, but it goes by so fast. Embrace every moment, even the bad ones.

**Olivia Brock**

Know what you want to do and do it; don't fall into the groups that don't have good intentions.

**Stephen Healy**

Find purpose in what you do.

**Thomas Mittring**

Go to Dolly's. Go onto the Parkway. Go swimming on warm days. You live in such a beautiful place. Soak it up while you're there.

**Emma Moore**

This journey will be over before you know it. Make sure to cherish every moment, and go out of your way to try new things!

**Corey Diehl**

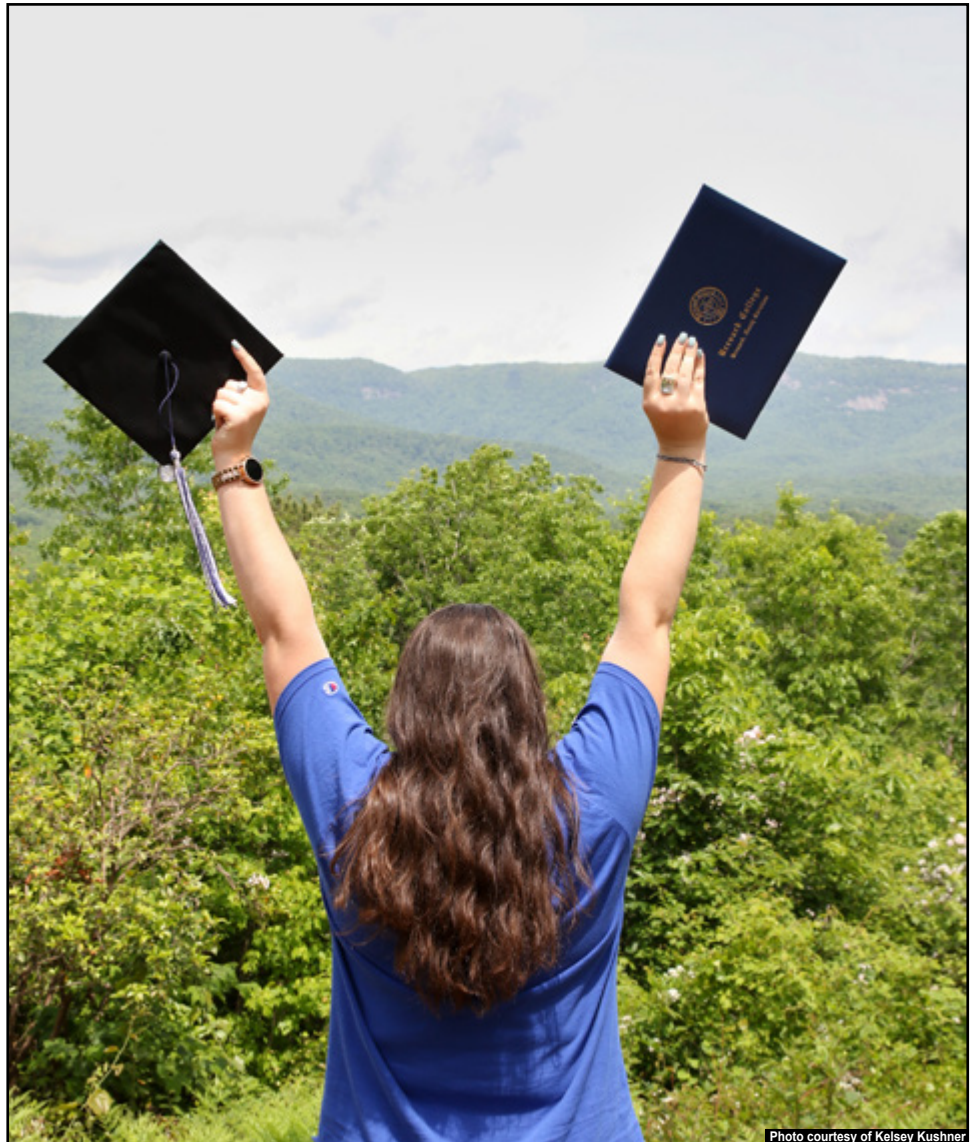


Photo courtesy of Kelsey Kushner

I graduated from college!



# What advice would you give to other Brevard College students (and future graduates)?

I could tell you a lot of things to do, where to go and which class to attend, but there is no fun in doing that. Do what you think is right for you, for your education, because ultimately it's for your future. Graduate with a sense of content and not regret in the things you did or did not do. Good luck to everyone next year!

**Luz H.**

I think an important thing to know, especially for freshmen and sophomores, is that college is really what you make it. Your time at Brevard College can be one of the best times of your life, but you have to decide that it's going to be. The college can plan programs and events, but they cannot make you attend—you have to do that. The college can set you up in an FYE class to meet people, but you have to make friends. It's very easy to sit in your dorm room instead of going to class or going to hang out. It's easy to complain that there's nothing to do or nowhere to go. If you want to have a good time in college, take steps to make that happen. Invite people to go somewhere. Go to an optional event. Make your experience what you want.

**Megan Orr**

Know that you can change your mind.

**Teila Vochatzer**

Life goes by too fast, and your college years will fly by. Take time to slow down and enjoy every moment. What you think is a little moment turns out to be the memories that stick with you. Take chances, try something new and out of your comfort zone. Remember everything the city of Brevard, the community, and the college have to offer; all you have to do is look around as there are so many memories to be made.

**Kelsey Kushner**

Take advantage of the beautiful outdoors around campus. There are numerous places to swim, hike, climb, etc.

**Brock Tuttle**

“No matter what anyone says, just show up and do the work.

If they praise you, show up and do the work. If they criticize you, show up and do the work. If no one even notices you, just show up and do the work.

Just keep showing up, doing the work, and leading the way.

- Lead with passion.
- Fuel up with optimism.
- Have faith.
- Power up with love.
- Maintain hope.
- Be stubborn.
- Fight the good fight.
- Refuse to give up.
- Ignore the critics.
- Believe in the impossible.
- Show up.
- Do the work.
- You'll be glad you did.
- True grit leads to true success.”

*Excerpted from “The Power of Positive Leadership” by Jon Gordon*

**Lance Joseph Perl**

Sometimes college is hard, but even during the sad times and the stressful times, always continue to enjoy the people around you. You will never get this time back. Don't wish your time here away because it is one of the most rewarding times and challenging times of my life and I wish I could do it all over again.

**Natalee Highman**

Make the best of every opportunity.

**Ke'Vel kingsberry**

Try to be involved in some way!

**Megan**

Support the arts at your college and in your community. The arts help us to see the world around us and artists help to define the culture of a community. If you don't pay attention to the art around you, you may be missing out on wonderful avenues for entertainment and enlightenment.

**Peter Savage**

*BC Theatre professor*



Photo courtesy of Haley Putnam

Mai Sakuma, Dr. Mel Bringle and Haley Putnam at the Humanities Awards, April 2019.

Brevard College says goodbye to several faculty members after this academic year, including three—Ralph Hamlett, Jim Reynolds and Mary Kay White—who are retiring after a combined total of more than 60 years of service to the college. On this page are excerpts from profiles published this year in *The Clarion* on two of them.

Farewell, friends, and we wish you every happiness in wherever your path takes you.

# Jim Reynolds

By Aia Andonovska  
Staff Writer

This article originally appeared in the April 3 issue. Use this link to read the entire article: <http://bit.ly/clarion040319>

... In July of 1999, Reynolds answered an ad for a position at the school. His predecessor decided to take a year's leave at the last minute. Originally, Reynolds only applied for a one year replacement position, but ended up staying much longer.

Reynolds received all of his degrees from Dartmouth College. His Senior and Master's theses were based on his fieldwork in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. His Doctoral thesis was about the rise of the Andes in



Jim Reynolds

northern Argentina. He continued field work in Argentina for another 25 years, including two Fulbright Scholarships where he taught a graduate course in Spanish at different Argentina universities. Reynolds also served as the project geologist at an archaeological site in Greece that Dr. Anne Chapin is investigating with an international team of archaeologists....

Reynolds says that he has enjoyed his students the most out of everything during his time here. "Until recently I also enjoyed taking students on international field trips. I've traveled with Brevard students to Costa Rica, Iceland, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. I think it is a pity that the current administration no longer considers exposure to other countries and cultures to be a component of an experiential education. Until recently, I also enjoyed building a strong geology minor. Since a geologist is apparently not being hired to replace me, those efforts appear to have been for naught," he added.

When asked what he strives to instill in his students, Reynolds said, "I strive to instill a passion for the planet we live on. Without geology there would be no planet. It should be revered. I really like the Inca religion. It honors Earth and understands that we are but a component of its make-up."

# Mary Kay White

By Mary Lewe  
Managing Editor

This article originally appeared in the April 17 issue. Use this link to read the entire article: <http://bit.ly/clarion041719>

Mary Kay White has worked for Brevard College since 2000, when several strokes of serendipity allowed her to join the exercise science faculty and to teach anatomy and physiology (A and P).

Before coming to Brevard College, she was living in Oregon. "After I got my doctorate I worked for a government research facility for about six or seven years where I did research on the physiological effects of personal protective clothing," White said...

The scientific testing focused on gear for firemen and items similar to hazmat suits.

"We had an environmental chamber and we did all kinds of tests," she said. "The equipment might have been designed to last a firefighter for two hours in a certain environment, but because of the heaviness of the equipment and the impermeability of it, the person couldn't last that long.

"We were trying to make recommendations for safe practices for hazardous waste cleanup workers," she said. "Through that [research] I realized that I'm kind of an introvert, but I do need contact with people; I'm not a pure researcher. That's when I started looking for a job in teaching."

Her diverse background prepared her for her unique role here at Brevard College.

"My title was always exercise science and I've always taught primarily exercise science and health science students, which is one of the things I really like about my job here," White said. "Some people teach a lot of gen ed classes, I don't teach any gen ed classes but I like that I get a lot of contact with my two main groups of students," she said.

"I'm really thankful that I get to teach exercise science, like fitness appraisal classes and also teach A and P. At big schools you don't get that luxury, they have exercise science faculty, totally separate PE, and separate pre-med classes," White said.



Mary Kay White

# Ralph Hamlett

Ralph Hamlett successfully evaded the press this year for a formal Clarion profile, so what follows are excerpts from a speech about him at Monday's faculty/staff luncheon.

Those of you who have been past Ralph's office door in MG may have noticed the paper on his door bearing an inspirational quote attributed to Ralph....

This is what Ralph said that so moved the student to commit it to paper and post it for all to see:

"I ask what I've always asked of people, to hold yourself to the highest standard so that your degree can be meaningful."

That statement in a nutshell defines Ralph Hamlett: as an educator, as a colleague, as a public servant.

You may not know this, but Ralph could have gone just about anywhere. When he was on the job market after getting his PhD, he was offered positions at several prestigious



Photo by John Padgett

After both of their last oral presentations as teacher or student at Brevard College, Ralph Hamlett poses for a photograph with Natalee Highman.

See 'Ralph Hamlett,' page 19

## Voice of the Rivers 2019



The 2019 VOR crew pose for a group photo on the BC campus Monday morning before embarking on their journey.

The 2019 Voice of the Rivers team left Monday for this year's expedition, following the Neuse River from its headwaters near Durham to Cape Lookout National Seashore on the Atlantic coast.

Team leaders this year are WLEE professor John Buford and physics professor Mike Castelaz, who will be teaching a course titled "The Sun, Planets, and Stars" (PHY 290K).

One of Brevard College's most significant experiential education opportunities, Voice of the Rivers offers students a chance to earn six hours of academic credit while following a river from its source to the sea, all while camping, preparing meals, serving in various leadership roles, and meeting and sharing their experiences with people they meet along the way.

Since the first VOR expedition in 1997, a

three-month expedition that followed the French Broad, Tennessee, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, students and faculty have explored a number of rivers throughout the Carolinas and Virginia, including the Cape Fear, the Savannah, the Broad-Congaree-Santee-Cooper, the Yadkin-Pee Dee, the Neuse and the Rappahannoc Rivers.

## The Clarion staff for spring 2019



Photo courtesy of Jeni Welch

The Clarion staff this semester were front row, left to right: faculty adviser John Padgett, copy editor Carmen Boone, editor in chief Jeni Welch, managing editor Mary Lewe, opinion editor Julie Carter, news editor Zach Dickerson; back row, left to right: staff writers Brock Tuttle, Aia Andonovska, Kenny Cheek, Chloe McGee (who also took over layout and design) and Bry'Kendrick Moore. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to The Clarion this year, and we look forward to serving the Brevard College community again when the new school year starts in August.

## Ralph Hamlett

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universities, including Humboldt State University in California, Penn State, and the University of Notre Dame. He ended up taking a job at the University of North Texas because, and I quote, "It was warmer."

When his father became sick, he moved back to his hometown of Canton, North Carolina, and when he and his wife found themselves expecting their first child, he made a decision to stay in this region ....

During his 20-plus years here, he has been faculty adviser to the Student Government Association, founded the Debate Society when students expressed an interest in creating it, and served two terms as chair of the Faculty Council, during which he led the creation and adoption of a stronger promotion and tenure policy.

But it is as a professor, of both communications and political science, that Ralph has really made his mark at Brevard College.

Over the years, many of us have heard Ralph's self-deprecating sense of humor, most often downplaying himself as a "dumbass." But Ralph is no dummy. Make no mistake: Ralph is good at what he does, and he has shaped the lives for the better for all of us here at Brevard College.

Thank you, Ralph, for your service, for your teaching, and for your friendship, to the students and alumni, to the faculty and staff at Brevard College. Thank you for choosing us for the past 20-some-odd years, and congratulations on your retirement.

—John Padgett

# Cyclers to compete at national road championships

AUGUSTA, Georgia – The Brevard College cycling team will compete at the 2019 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships this weekend in Augusta, Georgia. Five Brevard College student-athletes will make the trip to the national championship event, which begins with time trials today and concludes with the criterium on Sunday.

Hannah Arensman, a USA Cycling Academic All-Star, will represent Brevard College on the women's side of the national championships. Arensman, who earlier this season won a cyclocross national championship as a member of Brevard's team relay, will race in Saturday's women's varsity road race and Sunday's criterium. It will mark the third national championship of the season for Arensman, who finished third individually at the cyclocross national championships and fourth in the individual omnium at the Mountain Bike nationals.

As a freshman at the 2017 Collegiate Road National Championships in Grand Junction, Colorado, Arensman finished second in the individual time trial behind Janelle Cole (Brevard College Class of 2018). She also placed 11th in the road race and ninth in the criterium in 2017. Last year, Arensman competed in the 2018 Collegiate Road National Championships also held in Grand Junction, where she finished fourth in the individual time trial, eighth in the road race, 13th in the criterium and 14th in the individual omnium.

On the men's side, Brevard College senior Scott McGill as well as freshmen Tyler Clark, Tim Coffey and Dalton Collins will make the trip to Augusta. All four male riders will race in the road race and the criterium, with Collins also racing in the individual time trials.

McGill will embark on his final collegiate event after graduating from Brevard College May 4 with a bachelor's degree in biology. The road nationals will mark the third national championship this season for McGill, who



Brevard College cycling team members who will compete at the USA Cycling College Road National Championships this weekend are, left to right, Dalton Collins, Tim Coffey, Hannah Arensman, Scott McGill and Tyler Clark.

finished fourth in the men's individual omnium at the mountain bike nationals and 19th at the cyclocross nationals. McGill then raced for the Tornados in the road season, highlighted by a win in the Men's Collegiate A Criterium at the Tiger Town Omnium in Anderson, South Carolina.

Clark will look to conclude his freshman campaign in all three cycling disciplines with the Tornados, which began with a trip to the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Switzerland and included a national championship in the cyclocross team relay. A USA Cycling Academic All-Star, Clark will be racing in his third national championship this weekend to go along with trips to the mountain bike and cyclocross nationals. Clark finished in 13th place in both cross country and short track at the mountain bike national championships and placed fifth individually at the cyclocross nationals.

Coffey heads into his first USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships after a successful debut to his collegiate career, which included a win in the Men's Category 3 race at the Hincapie Spring Series in Greenville, South Carolina. Coffey also raced this season at the USA Cycling Collegiate

Cyclocross National Championships, where he finished 21st.

Collins, a USA Cycling Academic All-Star selection, will be racing in his second collegiate national championship after making his nationals debut with a 39th place finish at the cyclocross nationals in December. Collins then raced on the road for the Tornados, highlighted by a strong showings at the Hincapie Spring Series Races and the Tiger Town Omnium.

The 2019 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships begin today with the team and individual time trials starting and finishing at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. On Saturday, the Collegiate Female Varsity road race begins at 9:15 a.m. Starting and finishing at Fort Gordon, the four-lap race spans 60 miles (96.6 kilometers). The five-lap, 75-mile (120.7 kilometers) Collegiate Male Varsity road race starts at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday.

Sunday's action moves to downtown Augusta for the Criterium. The 70-minute Female Varsity Criterium starts at 10:30 a.m., while the 80-minute Male Varsity Criterium begins at 1:50 p.m.

For more information on the USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships, go to [usacycling.org](http://usacycling.org).

## Track & Field to send six Tornados to ECAC championships

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Following the conclusion of the 2019 Track & Field regular season, six Brevard College Tornados have qualified for the program's first-ever bid into the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships, which will be held at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut from Wednesday, May 15 to Thursday, May 16.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Darryll Patrick, BC student-athletes CJ Walton, Eddie Dean, Jamerial Parks, Kyle Fennell, and Quentin Jackson will represent Brevard on the men's side, while Ashley Jones represents the

BC women's track & field team.

Fennell will compete in the men's shot put, which is set for Thursday at noon. Jones will represent BC in the women's shot put, slated to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

BC's 4x100 meter relay team of Dean, Jackson, Parks, and Walton will compete at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday. The quartet closed their regular season out with a bang, placing second at the USA South Track & Field Championships in the 4x100 meter relay.

The Tornados will also be represented in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in Connecticut. Parks has qualified for both the

100 and 200-meter dashes after impressive finishes in the regular season. Walton will run alongside his teammate in the 100-meter, while Jackson will compete in the 200-meter for Brevard. The men's 100-meter dash will take place at 2:20 p.m. on Thursday, with the men's 200-meter dash following at 3:35 p.m., closing out Thursday's events.

BC's venture to Connecticut will be the second time that the program has competed in an ECAC championship this season. Brevard's Women's Soccer Team qualified for the ECAC Championships after a record-breaking regular season that saw the Tornados win 11 matches.