

BC homecoming 2019

By Julie Carter
Opinion Editor

Every fall, the Brevard College community looks forward to Homecoming Weekend. The weekend is a time for faculty, staff, students and alumni to gather to enjoy games, food, entertainment and of course the football game on Saturday.

The Campus Activities Board is always sure to pack the week leading up to Homecoming with plenty of activities to get the campus in school spirit. The Homecoming Spirit Week featured different themed days where the campus community could show their school spirit. The days included a pajama day, a tacky tourist day, "Way Back Wednesday," "Dynamic Duos" and finished with a simple Spirit Day.

In preparation for the game the next day, the Campus Activities Board hosted a Pep Rally in Boshamer Gym on Friday evening. The event highlighted the football team as they prepared for their big game. Football players, cheerleaders and students in attendance competed in brief games for various prizes to keep the energy up.

Saturday acted as the peak of Homecoming Weekend when the football team faced off against Maryville. Prior to the start of the game, the Campus Activities Board hosted a tailgate

that included a raffle and free food. The winners of the Homecoming Court were also announced just prior to the game.

Brigitte Hernandez was Homecoming Princess, Brandon Lewis was Homecoming Prince, Samantha Sepe was Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King was Josh Romero.

Football celebrated a win over Maryville with a final score of 22-10. This continues the football's undefeated record this season. With the main event of Homecoming Weekend finalized, members of the campus community could celebrate in a medley of ways, including an Alumni Jazz Concert.



Photo by BC Communications

2019 homecoming court. From left to right: Lynn Joyce, Brigitte Hernandez (princess), Brandon Lewis (prince), Samantha Sepe (queen), Josh Romero (king) and BC president David Joyce.

Fall Break: procedures and proceedings

By Mary Lewe
Editor in Chief

As students, faculty and staff prepare for fall break, it is difficult to believe the first quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year has nearly passed us by. For some students, fall break may be a chance to dive even deeper into some of the classes offered at Brevard College.

Twenty students will be participating in two four-day whitewater kayaking trips during the week of fall break. The class will be taught by Melissa Vaughn.

"The rivers we paddle will depend on

rainfall, dam release schedules and the instructor's judgement of what river conditions will help meet learning goals," Professor John Buford, Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education major coordinator wrote in an email on Saturday. "Most commonly the WLEE 155 course paddles the French Broad River in Transylvania and Buncombe Counties, Green River in Polk County and Tuckasegee River in Jackson County."

The class is offered during the spring semester as a weekly afternoon class, rather than a four-day class during a break.

Ten other students will be gearing up for

mountain biking with professor Ryan DeGarmo during fall break. DeGarmo is an Instructor for the Professional Mountain Bike Instructors Association and will be leading the class, with help from a teaching assistant, both at Brevard College as well as on the trails of Pisgah National Forest and Dupont State Recreational Forest by a Special Use Permit.

Students in the mountain biking class will be developing six specific skills, which will progress throughout the class and include balance and terrain awareness. "We practice

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Who is Greta Thunberg?

By Lande Simpson
Staff Writer

If you have checked the news recently, you probably have heard the name Greta Thunberg being brought up when climate change is the topic of discussion. Now, you may be wondering, why is she so significant? And how is this 16 year old making all of this happen around the world?

To start, Thunberg is a 16 year old girl from Sweden with Asperger's syndrome. She has done wonders for climate change by bringing the very scary but very real issue to light.

She has organized protests all around Sweden and there have been many more protests

influenced by her to support her beliefs and actions that she has due to climate change.

She started becoming publicly known when she was 15. To make sure Thunberg leaves the smallest carbon footprint she can on Earth, Thunberg became a vegan and does not fly anywhere.

Thunberg started making her statements in society when she skipped school every Friday for her "School Strike for Climate" campaign when she would protest in front of the Swedish Parliament. The whole point of this strike is to shed light on the daunting climate change that is happening everywhere, which inevitably started in August 2018 with the hottest summer Sweden had experienced in 262 years. She decided enough was enough.

Among the many protests Thunberg has organized and been in, she has also done many speeches, talked to world leaders and had her own TED Talk. With many of her speeches leaving the listeners with wandering thoughts and questions, Thunberg is great at keeping the truth blunt and straight to the point.

There is no sugar coating whatsoever and she puts everything that could happen to the world in perspective if we as a human race do not make a change. Thunberg's arguments are fact checked and are incredibly worth taking seriously.

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principles for minimizing impacts on the natural environment while riding, how to interact with other trail users in a positive way, and discuss opportunities for being good stewards of the environment with trail service opportunities," DeGarmo wrote in an email on Tuesday.

Although some students are ready for days of intense fun and learning, most students will be packing up their necessary belongings, hoofing overgrown bags of laundry to their cars and heading home, every residential student should be aware of their responsibilities before hitting the highway.

An email on Friday from Michael Cohen provided students with a link to an online check-out Google Form. All students should double check to make sure they have unplugged appliances (except refrigerators), closed their blinds, tidied their rooms and shut off the lights, as well as all other items on the checklist.

Dorms will be closing on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m., after which RA's will conduct room checks. Students who have not completed all items on the check-out form could incur fines from Campus Life.

Have a safe and happy fall break!

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2019 homecoming kick-off

BC pep rally exhibits school spirit

Friday Night of Homecoming Weekend was a fun, spirit-filled event that got the school pumped for the big game.

A pep rally needs to start with some cheer and who better to lead than the Brevard College Tornados Cheerleading Team. After instilling the students with school spirit, the team captains and seniors stepped forward and introduced themselves.

Afterward came the first of the traditional pep rally games, the oreo challenge, followed by another cheer to bring in the Brevard College Tornados Football Team. The football team charged in to stand before their fellow Brevard College students. As with the cheerleading team, the football team's captains and seniors introduced themselves and spoke about their confidence for winning the big game.

More pep rally games followed including a race to empty a tissue box, a race to eat a fruit roll-up and a race to knock down plastic cups, both without the help of hands. The final challenge was a race where an audience member and a player on the football team had to race across the gym floor by pulling themselves forward with toilet plungers.

After the games, the students in attendance were invited to take a free BC Homecoming t-shirt and join the teams in the quad to enjoy s'mores by the firepit. Certainly a successful evening to prepare our students for the homecoming game.

— Sam Hipp



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Citizens Climate Lobby at BC

By Katherin Collins, Payten Maness
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Contributors

Jim Tolbert, the Conservative Outreach Director for The Citizens Climate Education & Citizens Climate Lobby, spoke to Brevard College students last Thursday about climate change, what causes it, what the government's role is and the projected future of climate change. The Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) is a non-profit, bipartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focusing on national policies to address climate change.

As the Conservative Outreach Director, Tolber described his job as neutral and says that he "keeps balance between left and right wing."

Tolber's talk was mainly focused on answering questions submitted by Brevard College professor Robert Cabin's climate change class. He began with explaining the main sources of carbon dioxide.

Most of the carbon dioxide that gets emitted into our atmosphere comes from transportation, industry and electricity. He then went on to talk about what actions

the government could take to reduce CO₂ emission, one such way being carbon pricing. Carbon pricing is simply putting a tax on things depending on how much CO₂ they emit.

This system of carbon taxing would incentivise people to use more sustainable products and energy sources since the tax would make them cheaper than their carbon heavy alternatives. The plan the CCL is pushing for also calls for a border adjustment fee (tariff) on incoming fuels so that energy companies do not simply go overseas to produce their energy, they would also give companies who are exporting fuel or energy credit to keep the US competitive in the world market.

So how could these taxes be used? The government could use the tax dollars for many purposes such as: general revenue, paying employees, funding for special programs and a reduction in other taxes or money could be returned to people in the form of a reimbursement.

The Citizens Climate Lobby is pushing for it to be returned as a reimbursement. With a reimbursement, everyone in the country will get back the same amount, regardless of

socioeconomic class. This means that people who buy sustainable products could be given more money from the reimbursement than they paid into it. Studies have shown that with the extra money, over 2.1 million jobs could be created in various sectors of society. This reimbursement would push people toward buying more sustainable products by increasing the price of carbon heavy goods. With the combination of the reimbursement, people would be rewarded for buying those products as you could potentially earn more with the reimbursement than you lost in the tax.

Tolber then talked about the science behind climate change, why it is important and how America has one of the largest carbon footprints in the world. He talked about how students can make a difference by contacting our congressmen and representatives to have their voices heard. Creating a local chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby here on campus is another great way to raise awareness on this topic that Cabin's class is exploring. Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved with the CCL here on campus.

Alumni jazz concert

Performers rock the stage

By Carmen Boone
Copy Editor

The Alumni Jazz Band put on a concert Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Porter Center's Scott Concert Hall. It was yet another spectacular performance.

Jamie Warren, the director, also plays trombone in the band. To kick off the concert, the band began with a piece called "In the Mood," written by Joe Garland and arranged by Glenn Miller.

Second in the set was an original piece not listed on the program called "Two Bone BBQ." Third was Ellington and Strayhorn's "Satin Doll," arranged by Sammy Nestico.

After that came "Someone to Watch Over Me," by George and Ira Gershwin, arranged by Dave Wolpe. Karen Dale, class of 1979, sang a fantastic solo in this piece.

Cedric Guthrie was the next talented vocalist who sang in Hoagy Carmichael's "Georgia," also arranged by Wolpe. Then Dale was welcomed back for a soulful "Fever," by John

Davenport and Eddie Cooley, arranged by Roger Holmes.

For the seventh piece of the night, Guthrie was the soloist in Bart Howard's "Fly Me to the Moon," arranged by Nestico. Guthrie did an incredible job. A short 10 minute intermission followed.

"720 In the Books," by Jan Savitt and Johnny Watson was the piece to start the show back up after intermission. Then, there was a surprise in store for a member of the band. Dr. Kathryn Gresham invited the band and the audience to sing Happy Birthday to Chris Center for his 24 birthday that night.

Following that, the concert resumed with Duke Ellington's "Concerto For Cootie," featuring a trumpet solo by Cory Hall. After that was a spectacular piece. Anthony Newley's "Feeling Good" was accompanied by vocalist Paul Gerber who did a great job filling the room with lots of soul.

The next piece was full of solos left and right as it rocked the audience for minutes on end. It was titled "Manteca," written by Dizzy

Gillespie and arranged by Steve Owen. The solos included: Daniel Ethridge on the piano, Staci Spring on the bassoon, Chris Walters on the trombone, Wes Parker on the alto saxophone and bongos played by current senior Ryan Burnette.

Next was Yoko Kanno's "Tank!" Parker had another alto saxophone solo in that piece. Then in the supposed last piece of the night, Maynard Ferguson's "Fire Shaker," Warren had a trombone solo and Bull Canty had one on the trumpet.

Then, Warren had another special surprise before the concert was over. The band had prepared another encore tune for the audience who went wild to hear it. It included solos by Kyle Jackola on the tenor saxophone, Canty on trumpet and Dave Hardy on guitar.

The concert was a major success and all who attended enjoyed a marvelous, jazzy set of music performed by talented musicians.

Saxophones:
Wes Parker - alto
Chris Center - alto
Kyle Jackola - tenor
Mike Meyers - baritone

Trombones:
Jamie Warren
Chris Walters
Tommy Spittle
Davis Whitfield-Cargile

Trumpets:
Deangelo Smotherson
Bull Canty
Cory Hall
Cameron Nixon

Rhythm Section:
Chris Morgan - guitar
Dave Hardy - guitar
Staci Spring - piano
Daniel Ethridge - piano
Gerald Dishon - bass
Jeremy Blake - bass
Byron Hedgepeth - drums

Vocals:
Cedric Guthrie
Karen Dale
Paul Gerber



Photo by Carmen Boone

The Alumni Jazz Band joined by vocalist Karen Dale (red) as they bring the house down in 'Fever.'

Suellen Parker exhibits her multimedia collection at BC

By Margaret Correll
Layout & Design

An art exhibition opened in Spiers Gallery located in Sims Art Center on Oct. 4, 2019. The artist, Suellen Parker, is represented by Whitespace Gallery in Atlanta, Georgia and she is a professor at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta.

Parker's work has been displayed in Aperture Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Musée de l'Elysée in Switzerland and Jackson Fine Art Atlanta. Her work has also been published in the The New York Times Magazine, Discover Magazine, the American Photography juried annual and reGeneration: 50 Photographers of Tomorrow, Aperture.

Parker had many of her pieces from several of her different collections displayed throughout the gallery. Some of them displayed were "God Has Given You Minds," "Letting Go" and "Incurable."

"God Has Given You Minds" consists of portraits of women in the US Congress. The portraits feature democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris, Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and US Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The women are clothed in suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton's 1872 speech "Our Young Girls." They are decorated with photos of documentation by Harris & Ewing of

the suffrage movement protests of Washington DC in 1917.

Parker started sculpting as a hobby while she attended school for photography. For her portraits and collections she wanted to find a way to incorporate both. "I started playing with Photoshop and digital compositing and stuff like that," said Parker, "I figured out how to get my sculpture in my photograph."

Parker's process for making the pieces

consist of sculpting and photoshop. "I make the characters out of clay, photograph them and photograph any other elements that I want in the piece," Parker said. "I sketch a lot to figure out what I would want to do with the piece, I collage everything together digitally and paint to make them all seem together," said Parker.

Suellen Parker's works can be viewed at the Spiers Gallery until Nov. 1, 2019. Her work can be viewed on her website, sullenparker.com.



Print from 'Letting Go' now on display at Spiers Gallery.



Portrait of U.S. senator Elizabeth Warren now on display at Spiers Gallery.

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No Facebook 'likes' to reduce anxiety?

By Amber Vance
Staff Writer

Facebook is doing away with the 'like' option in Australia! If this test is successful in Australia, Facebook may decide to do it in other countries.

Users will no longer be able to see the number of 'likes' and 'reactions' to their posts. The only thing available for users to see regarding posts will be the comments.

The goal of this stunt is to reduce anxiety due to social media. According to SBS News, the director of policy for Facebook Australia, Mia Garlick, said research from mental health specialists proves the exclusion of the 'like' option will reduce the level of anxiety social media users experience.

Garlick also stated that Facebook users should feel more encouraged to share their posts without feeling as if they are in a competition. "We've had really positive feedback from a lot of the anti-bullying groups and mental health organizations that we work with," Garlick said.

Many Facebook users pay attention to the number of likes their posts receive and some see it as a competition of sorts. The more 'likes' you receive, the higher your social status.

"It really is just taking that number out of the equation, so that people can focus on the quality of their interactions and the quality of the content rather than on the number of likes or reactions," Garlick said.

The 'like' option should just be seen as a

way for users to communicate and appreciate other users' posts. Instead, likes are seen only as a social status symbol for dividing social media users as they compete in hopes to win the approval of others. 'Likes' are just numbers and users of social media give those numbers more power than they are worth.

With that said, 'likes' are not the only thing that can cause social media anxiety. Several social situations can cause users to have anxiety concerning other things besides the 'like' option on posts. A few examples are disagreements between users for differences in opinion or

profile pictures and posts may be ridiculed for various reasons.

There will always be some form of cyberbullying if you are using any form of social media whether or not a 'like' option exists. Just because no one will see the number of likes a user may have does not mean users will be protected from cyberbullying or reduce anxiety from social media.

Withholding the 'likes' count on Facebook will not change the fact that anxiety from social media is still a heavy issue affecting many social media users.



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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg

TCDP Halloween festival *Volunteers needed to run booth*

Volunteers are needed for the Transylvania County Democratic Party booth, at the Heart of Brevard Halloween Festival, on Oct. 26, 2019.

For information and to volunteer, please send an email with your contact information (email and telephone number) to harmony@comporium.net.

comporium.net.

Volunteers for the festival, as well as those who may be interested in volunteering for the Transylvania County Democratic Party in the future, are welcome to join the TCDP for a Volunteer Appreciation event.

The event will be held in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Library on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9-11:30 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Please RSVP by October 21 by emailing transcodems@gmail.com.

— Victoria Johnson

Tornados improve record to 3-0

By Joseph Marvin
Assistant Sports Information Director

The Brevard College Tornados Football team (3-0, 1-0 USAS) upended the defending USA South Conference champion Maryville College Scots (0-4, 0-1 USAS) by a final score of 22-10 on Homecoming at Brevard Memorial Stadium. The win halted a seven-game USA South win streak for the Scots who had gone a perfect 7-0 in USA South play in 2018.

With the win, Brevard remained undefeated through three games this season - the best start for a Tornado team since 2009. Dating back to last season, Brevard has now won five straight overall and home contests.

Saturday's defeat was Maryville's first in conference action since former USA South member institution Ferrum College defeated the Scots, 31-24 on November 11, 2017.

"For a Homecoming game, we hosted the undefeated reigning champs of the USA South in Maryville - a team that hasn't lost a conference game since 2017," commented Head Coach Bill Khayat following his team's big win. "We knew that it would take a monumental effort to get the victory today."

That monumental effort was shown with a clutch offense that capitalized on its opportunities, a stingy defense that forced two turnovers, and a special teams unit that made several big plays including a fumble recovery touchdown and eight total points from the kicking unit.

Offensively, sophomore quarterback Dalton Cole finished with 10 completions and 121 passing yards, finding fellow sophomore running back Damon Rouse on a critical 19-yard strike midway through the fourth quarter for the Tornados. Wide receiver Brandon Norris hauled in a game-long 36-yard catch for Brevard.

A gritty defensive effort for the Tornados led to a total of eight tackles-for-loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery touchdown and one interception in total.

Linebacker Steffon Canady led the way for Brevard with a game-high nine tackles, igniting the Tornado pass rush with a big 13-yard sack. Junior defensive back Andreas Wyatt was credited with eight tackles, 1.5 tackles-for-loss and a forced fumble that led to a Brevard defensive score. Eddie Dean tied a team-high with 1.5 tackle-for-loss, while senior Brandon Crawford recorded BC's lone other sack.

Freshman defensive back Rook Tate recovered a fumble for a touchdown, while fellow freshman Jerome Bass forced another fumble that was recovered by the Maryville

offense. Chris Diaz capped off an impressive defensive effort for Brevard by securing his first-career interception, all but sealing the decision up for the Tornados.

"A lot of those interceptions, pass breakups and tackles for loss and short gain is credited to our experience in the defensive secondary and what Coach Jaicks (Defensive Coordinator) can do with the gameplan to keep Maryville off-balance," stated Coach Khayat on his defense's efforts. "Our defense was playing lights out there at the end, and we caused Maryville to get out of their element."

Brevard placekicker Stamati Damalos was 2-for-2 on his field-goal attempts, putting Brevard on the board to end the first half with his first attempt and putting the contest out of reach with his second attempt late in the fourth quarter.

Jaxon Youngblood - the reigning USA South Conference Football Special Teams Player of the Week and a selection on D3football.com's Team of the Week - booted a new career-best 58-yard punt to flip field position. Youngblood pinned the Scots within their own 20-yard line twice.

Special Teams Coordinator Jeron Gouveia-Winslow's unit applied immense pressure on the Scots throughout the contest, as evident from a fumble recovery touchdown midway through the third quarter.

Adding to the aforementioned special teams' contributions were some big returns by the

second line of BC return men. Freshman running back Gerald Hines took advantage of Maryville's shorter kickoffs, returning three kicks for a total of 85 yards, including a big 43-yard return.

"The style of play for our special teams is always to be aggressive," added Coach Khayat. "We had them a little rattled, and once they make one error and you jump on top of it, the errors keep coming. We were able to take advantage of their errors every single time."

Both teams traded their first two possessions of the contest as both sides attempted to establish their identity on offense. The Scots struck first, grinding out a big 16-play, 82-yard drive that resulted in a touchdown run from linebacker-turned-quarterback Caleb Harbin. A three-year quarterback in high school, Harbin made his first start for the Scots under center, completing 17 passes for 100 total yards.

Following a three-and-out by Brevard's offense, Youngblood booted his new career-long 58-yard punt that was downed at the Maryville 15 yard line. The Scots were unable to dig out of the deep field position hole, punting the ball right back to the Tornados with 4:47 remaining in the second quarter.

The Tornados ate up the rest of the second quarter, using Norris' big 36-yard catch to kickstart a nine-play, 72-yard drive that reached all the way down to the visitor's one-yard

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Photo by Tommy Moss

BC special teams celebrates a touchdown.

Tornados improve record

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line. Although BC couldn't punch it in for a touchdown, Damalos' 20-yard field goal put the Tornados on the board, cutting Maryville's advantage to 7-3 at the half.

Following a 34-yard kickoff return by BC's Hines to start the second half, Cole and the offense strung together a six-play, 53-yard drive that was thwarted by a Maryville interception. However, BC's special teams came through in a huge way on the ensuing Maryville possession. On fourth down and five from the Scots' 14-yard line, punter Ian Hubbs was stripped of the ball by BC's Wyatt, who forced a fumble that was recovered in the end zone by Brevard freshman Tate to give the Tornados their first lead of the contest. BC held a 10-7 advantage following Damalos's extra point.

Maryville took a risk on their following drive, as a lengthy 10-play, 35-yard drive that lasted nearly six minutes was halted on fourth down by an Issac Crisp pass breakup.

Following a Brevard punt, tragedy struck the Scots once more, as a snap sailed over Maryville punter Hubbs's head. With no other option, Hubbs booted the loose ball out of his

own end zone, resulting in a safety score for Brevard to extend its lead to 12-7.

The Scots' special teams unit was able to redeem itself on their following drive, as Hubbs put a 36-yard field goal through the upright to cut Brevard's lead to two at 12-10.

After BC's Hines ran the ensuing kickoff back 43 yards, the Tornado offense took advantage of the favorable field position. Cole and the Tornados strung together a five-play, 34-yard drive capped off by Cole's 19-yard touchdown pass to Rouse that extended Brevard's lead. BC lead grew to 19-10 following Damalos's extra point.

On a fourth-down attempt, Maryville's Harbin threw a costly interception that landed in the hands of BC's Diaz. Following the turnover, Brevard's offense ate up 2:14 off the clock and sent Damalos out to hit a 30-yard field goal that pushed the Tornados' lead to a 12-point margin at 22-10.

Diaz and junior defensive back Dante Anderson clinched the victory for the Tornados, as the pair stopped Maryville's Jacob Bunch short of a first down on fourth-and-2, sealing

the game in favor of Brevard.

"It has been so exciting to watch the number of people who have become more interested in what Brevard College Football is doing," added Coach Khayat on the overall experience of the Homecoming weekend and his team's 3-0 start. "Our kids are thrilled that the BC community - fellow students, staff, faculty and student-athletes - are all rallying around the Football program and are excited about what we are doing."

Brevard College Football returns to action next Saturday, Oct. 12 when the Tornados take on USA South in-state foe Methodist University at 1 p.m. in Fayetteville, N.C.

To follow the latest news and updates surrounding Brevard College Athletics, follow the Tornados on Twitter and Instagram @bctornados, subscribe to 'Brevard College Tornados' on YouTube, follow 'Brevard College Tornados' on SoundCloud or like Brevard College Athletics on Facebook. Be sure to follow "brevardcollege" on Flickr for the latest photos from all Brevard College events.

New men's basketball assistant coach

By Phil de Montmollin
Sports Information Director

Miles Leathers has been named Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Brevard College, announced by Head Coach Lee Burgess. An alumnus of Brevard College who set several records as a Tornado student-athlete, Leathers will begin his responsibilities as Assistant Coach immediately.

"I am very excited to have Miles back with our program," said Burgess. "He was part of my first recruiting class here, and his understanding of what it takes to be a student-athlete at Brevard College will be extremely valuable to our players. He is a high character person that will continue to work hard until the job is done well. I am excited to get to work with him."

Leathers arrives at Brevard after most recently serving as the Associate Head Coach for the NC Raptors AAU basketball program and the Warren Country High School Men's Basketball team in Warrenton, North Carolina.

As a student-athlete, Leathers is the only player to surpass the marks of 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 250 assists and 100 steals at Brevard College. A four-starter at Brevard playing under Coach Burgess, Leathers owns the school's NCAA-era records in career assists (252), career steals (170), career total rebounds (tied, 596), career defensive rebounds (476) and single-season defensive rebounds (166, 2015-16) while ranking second in career points (1,265), games played (99), games started (91), field goals made (441) and free throws made (292).

A team co-captain and co-MVP of the 2015-16 Brevard College Men's Basketball team, Leathers was named BC's Male Athlete of the Year as a senior. An All-SAC Conference preseason selection in 2015-16, Leathers also won the BC's Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Year Award in 2012-13.

Active in community service as a student-athlete, Leathers completed an internship as a counselor with the Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County in his final

semester prior to graduating from Brevard College.

Following graduation in a summer of 2016, Leathers earned a spot on the USA Select Tour team where he played in England, Ireland and Norway. He followed that experience, along with experience with the Washington Elementary Boys and Girls Club in Raleigh, North Carolina, with the start of his coaching career at Warren Country High School and with the NC Raptors AAU team.

"It is a true blessing to come back to Brevard College," said Leathers. "I have so many great memories here as a player, now I'm looking to create more fond moments as a coach. I couldn't be more excited about this opportunity."

A native of Charlotte, NC, Leathers is a 2016 graduate of Brevard College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Exercise Science.

The Brevard College Men's Basketball team opens its 2019-20 season on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Toccoa Falls at the Boshamer Gymnasium.