

BC student tests positive for COVID-19

Editor's note: Students, staff and faculty at BC received the following email from Dean of Student Deb D'Anna on Sunday. We publish it here because of its obvious news value for the BC community.

Brevard College has been notified that a member of the Brevard College community has tested positive for COVID-19. The Brevard College member has been isolated and has been issued isolation protocols by the Transylvania County Health department and Brevard College. Communicable disease nurses are working on contact tracing.

Several students have been placed in quarantine due to coming in contact with the affected student. All the students that had contact with the student were wearing masks and would not be required to quarantine. However, Brevard College decided to take extra precautions with those that were wearing their masks and place them in quarantine.

"The health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff members are our highest priority," said President David C. Joyce. "We are working to adhere to all protocols outlined by our local health department and the CDC."

"Should a Brevard College member contract COVID-19, the Director of Transylvania Health Department and Blue Ridge Health will promptly work to identify all individuals who were within close proximity of the BC member for a prolonged period of time (more than a few minutes) within the previous 14 days and, without identifying the BC member by name, notify those individuals that a BC member with whom they have come in close contact with has tested positive. These individuals will be asked to work/study remotely for 14 days and self-monitor for symptoms. All other BC members will also be notified of the positive COVID-19 test, but the BC member will not be identified by name."

If you have any questions, please email covid19@brevard.edu.

Wear your masks at all times, maintain six feet physical distancing, and wash your hand often. We must all work together to keep our community safe.

Thanks,
Debbie

Trump visits food box operation in Mills River

President Donald Trump made a visit to Brevard's neighboring town, Mills River, on Monday, Aug. 24, 2020. He, along with daughter Ivanka, visited the Farmers to Families Food Box operation, Flavor 1st Growers and Packers located in Mills River.

This is the first time President Trump has visited western North Carolina since his visit to Asheville in 2016 during his campaign. This stop followed his appearance at the Republican National Convention that took place in Charlotte, North Carolina also on Monday.

Trump gave a brief speech while visiting Mills River. "Did you see the crowd outside," said Trump, "I don't think they report, I don't think they do." Trump then referred to the media in the back of the crowd as his signature line "fake news".

His speech then moves on to celebrate the workers and farmers with Flavor 1st Growers and Packers. He emphasizes the work of those during the time of the "China virus." Trump's administration is a big supporter of agriculture which heavily appeals to his voters.

After Trump's visit to Mills River he made a trip to Greer, South Carolina before heading back to Washington D.C.

— Margaret Correll

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How campus is coping with COVID-19 rules

By Caroline Hoy
Staff Writer

Students have started to place bets on campus as to how long Brevard College can go without a Coronavirus case. Bets range from one week to a month and not many believe the school will make it through the whole semester without being sent home

Brevard College has put in some great policies to keep people safe. But are all students following the new protocol? It has become evident that not every student is taking this seriously. The majority of students have been very responsible and taking COVID-19 seriously. The problem is that if not everyone takes it seriously then a chain reaction could happen.

Teachers are trying their best to continue enforcing the mask wearing in class, but when a select few students are not under supervision then they are not following the rules. As Debora D'Anna, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, said in an email to the Brevard campus, "You have the power to keep us here for in-person classes and on-campus living."

Classes began on August 17, and overall everything went smoothly even though classes look very different this year. Some protocols have had to change for teaching, but overall the school has stayed true to its goal of experiential learning. Brevard College promotes its classes being experiential learning and everyone is hoping that we can stay at school because

experiential learning can not be done online.

It seems that teachers have figured out how to teach with the new protocols in place. For many classes this means learning in places that would not normally be seen as classroom spaces. For example, the lobby in the Porter Center has been turned into a classroom. The traditional classrooms are still in use, but on average about 15 students in each classroom.

BC wants to remind students that if you think you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, inform a staff member or your RA immediately. The entire campus hopes that the bets are right and students can make it through the semester.

Dean of Students thanks campus

After a relatively uneventful first week of classes at BC amid reports of positive COVID-19 cases at other colleges and universities throughout the nation, Dean of Students Deb D'Anna sent a thank you to the campus and urged everyone to continue to be careful and follow protocols.

"Thank you for a great first week of classes," she wrote. "We know the new guidelines for wearing a mask, maintaining 6 feet physical distancing, temperature checks and the new residential visitation policy can be challenging. Your willingness to follow these guidelines has made the difference up to this point.

"It is important that we continue to follow these guidelines," D'Anna continued. "The weekend is coming up and I know you will want to be with your friends. As you are enjoying your free time, always wear your mask and maintain the 6 feet physical distance. If we continue to follow these guidelines while we are on and off-campus, we will have a great semester.

"We have heard new reports of colleges going online. All of these colleges cited the off-campus behavior of their students as the reason

for moving online. Students were hosting large gatherings off-campus and were not practicing the 3 Ws. Their behavior ended their fall on-campus semester.

"We do not want what happened at UNC, Notre Dame and NC State to happen at BC," D'Anna wrote. "You have the power to keep us here for in-person classes and on-campus living. Your choices and behaviors this weekend will be extremely important. Wear your mask and maintain 6 feet physical distancing at all times. The only time you do not have to wear your mask is if you are in your room without visitors, outside alone or outside 6 feet away from others.

"If each of us does our part, this pandemic will slow down. Hold each other accountable and let's show everyone how special BC really is."

D'Anna also announced free testing of COVID on campus for students, staff and faculty, starting today and continuing tomorrow (Aug. 27). Testing will also be available next week on Sept. 2-3. Check your email from D'Anna for details, including paperwork that can be filled out ahead of time.

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LGRWC calls for student applications

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

The Looking Glass Rock Writers Conference released dates for its annual event and workshops for 2021. The conference is set to begin on May 20 and end May 23, 2021. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 conference had to be cancelled.

Alyse Bensel, Associate Professor of English at Brevard College, Faculty Advisor of the Chiaroscuro and Director of the Looking Glass Rock Writers Conference would like to announce the opportunities for students during this event. "These student experiences, being offered, are open to anyone, regardless of major," Bensel said.

The first is the chance to participate in the workshops and one-on-one sessions held by the conference, along with 11 other writers from around the country. This would require an application for any of the workshops and a sample of the applicant's work, along with a cover letter and a brief questionnaire.

Any applicant that is a student from Brevard College is asked to state that they are a BC student. This will allow for their application to be flagged in consideration for the BC student scholarship.

The second option for students looking to be involved this year is applying for an assistantship. This position would involve assisting the organization and planning of the conference alongside Bensel. The student would get to experience the conference behind-the-scenes, stay with and get to know the faculty and attendees and be immersed in the event planning process.

Other activities are planned for attendees of the LGRWC, including all meals being held at Brevard College's Myers Dining Hall, off-campus trips such as hiking in Dupont State Recreational Forest, a gathering at Dugan's Pub across from the campus, yoga at Brevard Yoga, and many other planned events. Public readings and book signings are also planned for the conference, inviting anyone in the community to attend.

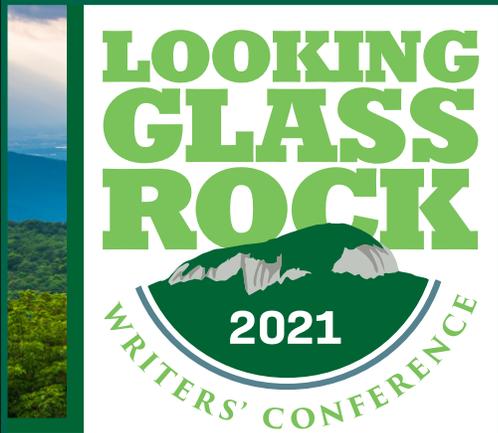
Visiting faculty for this year's conference will include Silas House for Fiction, Rick Bragg for Nonfiction, and Paisley Rekdal for Poetry. These faculty members will be hosting workshops

for participants about their respective fields of writing.

Bensel wants to remind every applicant that this is an experience available to anyone. "Getting to meet the faculty in person and learn from them is a very important part of this

conference," said Bensel, "It is really fun and I hope students will take advantage of these opportunities."

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Universities shut down due to COVID-19 outbreaks

By Kym Caldwell
Arts & Life Editor

When the decision to return back to colleges and universities was announced it raised mass amounts of concern. Many questioned if it was a poor decision due to the inability to adequately socially distance from classmates when taking in-person classes and the concern that their peers would not follow the best measures to ensure safety.

After one week of classes, UNC Chapel Hill made the decision to switch back to online learning when they were made aware of four residences having clusters of COVID-19. As of Monday, August 17, 2020, 130 students tested positive for COVID-19, more than 300 students were then quarantined while others packed to head home.

UNC Chapel Hill is not the only school to report outbreaks of COVID-19; places like Oklahoma State, The University of Notre Dame and North Carolina State University reported that their sorority/fraternity living spaces sparked many positive cases. Schools even as far as to quarantine entire Greek houses. It's been stated that many of these cases are connected to large parties where the party-goers are maskless and in huge crowds often sharing drinks, vapes, and other party accessories.

University of North Georgia students threw a party that had a massive amount of people gathering at a home off campus. A video has now gone viral of the partygoers and it is unclear if a single individual is wearing a mask. Georgia is a no mask mandate state which makes the potential of contracting the virus

extremely high, especially on a college campus where the space is limited to begin with.

Though the University of North Georgia is aware of the events that happened they still have yet to shut down campus. Many are disappointed with the lack of seriousness the university is exhibiting during this time.

It is not at all surprising that students have already contracted COVID-19; the college life that many live consists of living in close proximity with others while sharing rooms, bathrooms, drinks, and germs. University of Arkansas Associate Professor, Stephen Caldwell, tweeted a statement that represents the feeling of universities around the nation, "It is a choice dear students. You can have in-person classes, or you can have parties. You can't have both."



People removing their belongings from the University of Chapel Hill campus back in March of 2020.

Mental health during a pandemic

By Eli Goodhew
Staff Writer

As many students know, COVID-19 has been a big adjustment for all those going back to school. It has put a lot of people outside of their comfort zones and also put them in a lot of uncomfortable and unfamiliar situations. Mental health is one of the biggest things being affected during this pandemic and it is something we should all recognize.

For example, being isolated from friends and family, finishing school online, quarantining or even catching the virus can cause a lot of panic in one's mind. This pandemic has worsened many people's mental health and being isolated can make one feel like they do not have anyone to lean on. People also need human interaction and routine, which is something this pandemic has disrupted.

Brevard College junior Will Hegedus, stated "Closing things down like our country did made things really hard," said Hegedus, "Without the ability to find jobs or anything like that, it can really take its toll on you." Hegedus also added, "Closing gyms and other physical activities was also hard to deal with but I have found as we begin to reopen we are not taking things for granted as much as we used to".

Another BC student, sophomore Taylor Kennedy, claims "My experience with the pandemic was a little more on the positive side, my mental health actually got better and I found I was able to make my own schedule," said Kennedy. "When I felt stressed, I could take a break on my own time, plus all my new free time allowed me to learn some new skills, such as hula hooping and gardening," said Kennedy.

Although this situation is not ideal, it is

important to think about the positives that have come from this. Such as how the environment has benefited from it and how in a way it has brought us all closer together. Also, we are able to sit down and take the time to practice self-care and growth and the importance of it.

It's important to understand that everybody is going through a hard time right now. Everybody has to do their part in order for us to move forward. There have been a lot of major adjustments, but it's all done in the hopes of bettering the community in the long run.

Finding ways to cope with this time can go a long way. For example, staying active and getting outside, finding a new hobby, and staying connected with your friends. Doing these things can shed a little light in many lives in this dark time.

How teachers are adapting to COVID-19 conditions

By Kellen McGeorge
Staff Writer

With everything that is going on in the world, many people are left wondering how teachers are adapting to help students with such a dangerous pandemic going on. Though most schools around the country are reopening their doors to students, most are hesitant to return and teachers have had to find alternate ways to teach their students.

In many of the major school districts such as New York and Chicago, teacher unions have been clear on their stance on reopening schools, they want them to stay closed. As such a compromise was made for Chicago public schools, classes would be held online for the semester. For New York, it was more lenient, as the schools decided to open temporarily, only allowing students to come in a few times a week.

For many teachers, going back to school is considered a dangerous idea and they feel that it could be a risk to them as well as their students. Teachers have made threats against the school districts to keep schools closed for a little while longer. Many teachers have united to express their concerns, with many considering striking to prevent people from coming back to school.

Here in Brevard, many of our teachers have

come back and are prepared for whatever may come. Many of the teachers have decided to host classes, but will not have personal meetings with students, instead deciding to do zoom meetings to meet with students if they need to.

Many schools have had to re-distribute their students to different classes if they are over

capacity for their classrooms. Teachers have also made many efforts to ensure students that fall under the effects of COVID-19 still have access to class and resources so that they can remain up to date with class. This ensures the safety of the teacher as well as the safety of the students.



Due to COVID-19 conditions, online learning and hybrid classes have become an important part of the education system.

A tumultuous two years

The end of the golf team and how BC continues to profit from it

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

The 12th annual Brevard College golf fundraiser took place at Lake Toxaway Country Club on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020.

There were many community members and participants at this event and, at the end of the day, there were several winners. One of the winners of the tournament was former Brevard College student Austin Fisher, now working as Sapphire National Golf Club's head golf professional.

Ironically, golf has been discontinued as an official sport at Brevard College for almost two years, yet BC Athletics still accepts donations through a school sponsored golf tournament.

After the golf team's final semester in the spring of 2019, Fisher still tries to make a statement. "The reason why I play in this tournament every year is to prove a point and to try and be recognized," Fisher said. "I want to show that the Brevard College golf team was successful."

There were several reasons behind Brevard College's decision to discontinue the golf program. The first reason was due to the women's golf team not being able to compete in a conference championship and going against Title IX rules, according to a 2018 Brevard College news release.

Since BC's decision to drop golf two years ago, however, things have changed in the conference.

A Sept. 17, 2019 press release by USA South Athletic Conference states, "USA South by-laws state a sport may become a Conference championship sport when seven of the member institutions field teams in that sport." Immediately after it reads, "Meredith College recently announced its women's golf program had reached varsity status, thus allowing for the sport to be officially sponsored by the Conference."

This release suggests that Brevard College could reinstate the golf team, now that Title IX no longer appears to be an issue with women's golf. So far, however, the college has not announced any plans to re-institute a men's and women's golf team, nearly a year after the USA South news release about a conference women's championship

opportunity and almost two years after the initial dissolve of the golf team.

Fisher believes something else is keeping the college from reinstating the golf team. He is not the only one: BC alum, former member of the BC golf team and head golf professional at Etowah Valley Golf & Resort Christopher Fry also thinks the true reason for discontinuing the team has not been fully explained.

Chaos and uncertainty during the final two years of the golf team, in their opinion, suggest the true reasons why the team went under. In the fall of 2016, the new golf coach was announced. "We didn't know anything about him, his credentials, none of it," said Fisher.

Following the retirement of men's and women's golf head coach David Nelson, Brevard College hired Robert Winch as the new men's soccer head coach and men's and women's golf head coach. During his head coaching career at the University of Central Florida, Orlando from 1993 to 2005, he worked alongside Juan Mascaro who was his assistant head coach for five seasons. Mascaro is BC's Vice President of Finance and Operations, Chief Finance Officer and head women's soccer coach.

"In our group chat, we started wondering: why the decision was made and how it was going to work out," said Fisher regarding the decision to hire a coach to manage two teams. This did not make sense to the team, seeing that college's usually have a single coach dedicated to one sport.

When asked about the initial hiring process of Robert Winch and why he was chosen for the position, Mascaro added, "Because of his collegiate golf coaching experience and his coaching acumen." According to the Brevard College Tornados website, this was Winch's first experience as a golf head coach along with two seasons of men's golf while in undergrad at UNC Pembroke and his experience in the industry at Kiawah Island in Charleston, South Carolina.

"You have your salary for a golf coach and you have your salary for a soccer coach, it was a win-win situation for the college to have a guy who could do both," Fry said. Fry was approached by Nelson before his retirement and encouraged to help out Winch and the golf team as an assistant for the first year. Fry was a recent graduate from Brevard College at this time and donated his energy, for free, to helping the golf team when they needed it the most.

"The issue that we had, being that soccer was a fall sport, was that Winch was hardly around," Fry said. "We had a fall and spring season and in the fall he couldn't make a lot of the tournaments." Fry makes clear that if he had not helped as he did, the golf team would have suffered.

Both Fisher and Fry felt that Winch did not have the capability or the resources to coach two teams at once, and it showed through the fall of 2017.

"Bob Winch was more a spectator than he was a coach," Fisher said. Due to the lack of actual coaching, seen by the players, they felt like they were getting nothing out of having Winch at tournaments.

"This all stems back to the college deciding to hire someone who could not fulfill their role as a coach," Fry said. "The golf team knew the direction that they were going in was to cut the program entirely," Fisher said, "and there was zero effort to try and rebuild."

When the team entered the 2018-2019 season there was not much change from the year before. Fry, in the fall of 2018, was assisting the team while Winch was absent due to men's soccer.

"We got an email for the entire team containing our schedule for the year, there were only six tournaments included," said Fisher, "We went from having ten or more tournaments a year to having only six."

"After bringing in a new coach who's first priority is not the golf team, he isn't able to recruit and provide that structure to keep a program going that first year and then going into the second year, still with Division II athletes, they go ahead and start to take tournaments away," said Fry. Fisher, the number one player on the team, threatened to leave if there were no additional tournaments added to the schedule.

"Again, the lack of players on the team was directly linked to the actions of the college," said Fry. Fry took the position of head coach for the men's and women's golf team in January of 2019 and stayed until the end of the team that May. "During that year I had emails from guys interested in being recruited for the team," said Fry, "but even I knew I couldn't do anything about it."

This is in contrast to the second and

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Settle for Biden 2020

By Eleanor Flannery
Opinion Editor

The Democratic National Convention closed out its four night event last Thursday, leaving many democrats inspired and eager to show their support for Joe Biden. Many of the event speakers gave energetic, compelling speeches in an effort to rally the party together, but the overall message of the night was clear: vote out Trump in November. Democrats may be divided on some issues, but every lefty can agree that a shared goal throughout the party is to remove the Very Stable Genius from the White House.

The event brought in “an average nightly television audience of 21.6 million viewers,” according to the New York Times. “...down roughly 18 percent from 2016 but still a respectable number given how many Americans have turned away from traditional TV sets in

Golf's future at BC is still uncertain

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newest reason as to why the golf team was discontinued, given by both Athletic Director Myranda Nash and Mascaro, the lack of participation and interest in both teams. “When BC transitioned to D3, there was a lack of participation on both teams to the extent that we did not meet NCAA sport sponsorship minimums,” said Mascaro.

The success of the golf team, during its run at Brevard College, will not go unnoticed. Several former golf players for the college, like Fisher and Fry are golf professionals currently. Other former players have been seen on golf professional tours such as the European Tour and the Alps Tour.

While Brevard College says they reassess student interest in all sports every year, it is unclear whether this will revive golf and to some, it may be worrying to know that a sports program can be dismantled at the rate that this team did. Without the proper structure and stability of a collegiate level sport, golf may not be the last team to disappear.

favor of online video and streams.” Many big name democrats spoke over the course of the four nights, those including Senator Amy Klobuchar, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Bernie Sanders, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, former President Bill Clinton, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Cory Booker, Former Mayor Pete Buttigieg, First Lady Michelle Obama, Former President Obama, and of course Vice President Joe Biden. There were also fantastic performances given by several talented artists, including Billie Eilish, John Legend, Common, The Chicks, Jennifer Hudson, Chris Royce, Maggie Rogers, Leon Bridges, Billy Porter and Stephen Stills.

The convention affirmed Joe Biden as the official democratic presidential nominee, and while it was an event to celebrate the former vice president, an argument could be made that Barack Obama was the star of the show. Giving one of his best, most powerful speeches, President Obama made the night feel special. His ability to capture viewers attention and speak with such eloquence and professionalism was - let's be honest - a breath of fresh air. Obama brought nostalgia and a familiar sense of hope to the night, while still managing to be tough on Trump.

“He's shown no interest in putting in the work; no interest in finding common ground; no interest in using the awesome power of his office to help anyone but himself and his friends; no interest in treating the presidency as anything but one more reality show that he can use to get the attention he craves,” Obama said. “Donald Trump hasn't grown into the job because he can't,” Obama stated. “And the consequences of that failure are severe: 170,000 Americans dead. Millions of jobs gone while those at the top take in more than ever. Our worst impulses unleashed, our proud reputation around the world badly diminished and our democratic institutions threatened like never before.” The former president aimed his words towards the younger generation, urging them to vote. “You can take it to a better place,” he said. “You're the missing ingredient — the ones who will decide whether or not America becomes the country that fully lives up to its creed.”

Needless to say, the convention was a success and was just the spark democrats needed to reignite a seemingly lost excitement throughout the party. Voters now, the younger generation especially, need to show up. With the election a mere 69 days away, democrats need to keep the morale high and eyes on the prize.



Photo by Andrew Harnik

Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris, his running-mate, celebrate during the Democratic National Convention.

Bo and Barbara Hulseley Athletic Suite Unveiled at Brevard College

By Phillip de Montimollin
Sports Information Director

BREVARD, N.C. – The Bo and Barbara Hulseley Athletic Suite was unveiled in a ribbon-cutting ceremony this week at the Boshamer Gymnasium on the Brevard College campus.

The Bo and Barbara Hulseley Athletic Suite will be the new home for the BC Department of Athletics staff with six offices, a conference room setting and a reception area. The new office suite is conveniently located immediately

upon entry into the Boshamer Gymnasium on the Brevard College campus.

The new office suite was made possible through the generosity of Brevard College alumni Barbara Hulseley '75 and her husband, Bo Hulseley '74. Barbara Hulseley currently holds the position of Chair of the Brevard College Board of Trustees. She began her service on the college's Board of Trustees in 1999.

"We thank Barbara and Bo Hulseley so very much for their generosity," said Director of Athletics Myranda Nash. "The Bo and Barbara

Hulseley Athletic Suite will provide our athletics staff with the perfect office space to support all of the Tornado student-athletes."

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, and like 'Brevard College Athletics' on Facebook. In addition, follow 'brevardcollege' on Flickr for photos from Brevard College events.



From left to right: Director of Athletics Myranda Nash, Barbara Hulseley '75, Bo Hulseley '74, President Dr. David C. Joyce and Vice President for Finance and Operations/CFO Juan Mascaro cut the ribbon to officially unveil the Bo and Barbara Hulseley Athletic Suite.