



# BC COVID-19 cases rise to 6

*Total BC coronavirus cases increase by 3; campus increases rules for on-campus students*

By Margaret Correll  
Editor in Chief

Brevard College's total COVID-19 cases rose to six this past weekend with an email from President David Joyce detailing some new campus protocols. The total number of cases at BC now include five students and one faculty member in total for the entire semester.

Joyce sent the email on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., alerting the student body, faculty and staff of the recent positive cases. "Due to the third positive test for COVID-19 within one athletic team, we have decided to take the following steps for the entire campus, effectively immediately," Joyce said in the email. Those steps included:

- Quarantine the athletic team whose members tested positive
- Testing every member of that team for COVID-19 (which occurred yesterday)
- "Grab and Go" dining is the only option for all students this week
- Residential visitation, other than within one's own residence hall, is suspended for all students
- All classes this week are being conducted online.

"Students in violation of the above stated actions will be suspended immediately from the college for the remainder of the semester," Joyce said. "It is very important that we all do our part to contain the virus.

"This means wearing our masks, remaining six feet apart, washing our hands, and remaining on campus unless it is to go work, the grocery store, or doctor visit. It is not advised that anyone attend large gatherings on or off campus. Large gatherings can and will spread the virus."

The first positive case Joyce referred to in his email was determined on Oct. 1, the second

on Oct. 8 and the third on Oct. 10. BC did not release a statement alerting the campus of the new positive cases until the third was discovered over the weekend. When asked about the lack of an emailed statement, college officials said there was not one because the college's COVID-19 dashboard is updated every day. It is unclear how many students on campus know of the COVID-19 dashboard or how to access it via Brevard College's website.

Christie Cauble, Brevard College's Director of Public Information, stated, "A month or so ago we had sent the link to all of our media outlets (which includes The Clarion) and our COVID Task Force committee in hopes of continuing to push the dashboard out to our campus by placing it on the [www.brevard.edu](http://www.brevard.edu)." Cauble added, "Unfortunately right after creating the dashboard, my.brevard and our campus wide data system went into a major upgrade that I believe is finishing this week,

"We have created a newsletter that will go out to students, staff and faculty once my.brevard is fully back up and running."

The BC COVID-19 dashboard currently lists that three students who are members of a team are in isolation after testing positive and at least 84 more are in quarantine after being in possible contact with someone who is sick or who are waiting the results of a test. According to the dashboard, the 84 in quarantine are "all members of this team" and reside in one building. ([Click here](#) to access the dashboard.)

In addition to the new rules for this week, the college continues to require earlier protocols such as mask wearing and social distancing.

While classes and social interaction are limited on campus for the week, sports teams are still eligible to practice, excluding those in

# Jones deals with heat trouble

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On the week of Oct. 5, the Brevard College communication and forum app, BC Radar, was flooded with posts from students regarding the heat in Jones Hall, and this was not their first time this semester. Students took to the app to express their displeasure with the heating situation in their dorm. When discussing their discomfort they said that they were "sweating in the shower" and felt that they were being ignored because they "had made multiple calls and nothing ever came of them."

A residential student currently living in Jones Hall was willing to speak with The Clarion on the matter but he chose to remain anonymous. "The heat in Jones was terrible on the week of Sept. 28," he stated. "I spoke to my residential advisor about it and he told me that he submitted a maintenance request to get it fixed days before; my suitemates made maintenance requests and who knows how many others, but in the end the heat remained on."

A post was made on BC Radar saying "Just had to sit in the creek to cool off, nice." The students have had to go through many lengths to try and cool themselves down. "That's not all we had to do," the anonymous student said. "We were literally in our underwear in front of fans and a lot of us were unable to sleep because of how hot it was."

"I felt as if my comments had been ignored this past week on BC Radar," the student said. "It seemed like no one had anything to say about our situation until the possibility of The Clarion covering the story and we have never had this issue before, not in the dorm we used to live in, and we were miserable."

When The Clarion staff began posting on BC Radar that the opinion of students is requested

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to potentially put in a piece, Michael Cohen, Associate Dean of Students for Brevard College, responded. He suggested that we interview Burke Ulrey, Director of Facilities, and Deb D’Anna, Dean of Students, to “draw awareness to the functionality and challenges of heating systems on campus.”

Cohen then posted a statement on the forum himself regarding the matter of the heat. He explained the steps that had already been taken in getting the problem fixed and how to get in contact with maintenance to make a request. Cohen also added that BC Radar is not the best forum to communicate your maintenance needs.

Michael Cohen, Deb D’Anna, and Burke Ulrey were all interviewed to learn more about the matter.

“I was not directly contacted about student discomfort, but while occasionally checking BC Radar I noticed posts about the heating/cooling concerns on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 20,” Cohen said. “Though at that time they were asking to have the heat turned on, I relayed those concerns to Maintenance that night and they informed me that they were working on

getting the boilers started up,” Cohen said. “To my understanding, it can sometimes take days to raise or drop campus building temperatures to adjusted levels.”

Burke Ulrey explained that the process of doing so takes about a week in residence halls.

The next week of Sept. 27, the weather fluctuated and posts were appearing on BC Radar about it being much too hot inside the residence hall. “Sept. 27, we received an email from Michael Cohen relaying the BC Radar comments of being too hot in West Jones. Maintenance responded finding an issue with the chiller, which was resolved,” Ulrey said.

After the issue was fixed, posts subsided on BC Radar regarding the heat until the evening of Oct. 5. “Monday, I saw posts late at night about the temperature being too hot. I sent these concerns that night to Maintenance, along with a screenshot of the weather forecast for the coming week. Maintenance created and assigned a work order the next morning,” Cohen said. “Late Tuesday, Oct. 6, and early Wednesday, Oct. 7, I saw additional forum posts about the heat. I subsequently learned Facilities had completed the adjustment, but it was just taking time for the building temperature to fall,” Cohen said.

Ulrey added, “Yes, the next report of discomfort we received was again from Michael Cohen late on Oct. 5 relaying BC Radar comments. Maintenance responded by turning the boiler off the following morning; the building’s thermal mass takes 1-3 days to cool down.” The time element is why students may have continued to feel discomfort for several days after.

As Cohen expressed in his personal forum post, BC Radar forums are not the best place to communicate maintenance needs and there is a way to submit student concerns directly to maintenance. “The ‘Community’ forum is a discussion board and occasionally, BC staff members check the forum and catch something they can help with and provide information or guidance in response,” Cohen said. “BC’s departments and clubs also occasionally promote information and events (like student activities) through the forum.”

Cohen continued, “However, we do not monitor the forum in the same way we check our emails or review submissions through systems like the meal ordering and maintenance ticketing systems. Similarly, Maintenance does not monitor the Community forum for maintenance requests.

“Instead, they provide a tool for submitting requests, which places our requests directly into their facilities and maintenance management system. This system enables them to organize, assign, track, and communicate about requests,” Cohen said.

Deb D’Anna communicated the same thing.

“BC Radar is not always monitored,” she said. “I do not look at BC Radar every day because it is meant as a place for students to meet each other, learn about events, and get to know each other. It was not meant to be used to report issues in the residence halls or other areas of campus.

“Facilities and IT do not monitor BC Radar at all and we want to encourage students to use the systems that are set up to handle maintenance and IT issues. Students can submit a maintenance request through BC Radar or MyBrevard. These systems are monitored at all times by staff in Facilities and IT,” D’Anna said.

Students can file Maintenance requests directly in the system and follow up with Facilities if they have questions about the status of a work order. For maintenance requests, Brevard College uses a service called “SchoolDude.” Students can access SchoolDude through BC Radar > Resources > Submit Maintenance Ticket.

The first time a student accesses the site, students must create an account and customize your account’s settings (such as notification preferences for updates about your maintenance requests). When submitting maintenance requests, SchoolDude will ask you for a special submission password. This password is: “Tornados!” They can also communicate with their RA, HD, or the Housing Office.

For maintenance emergencies (such as power outages or leaks), please do not submit SchoolDude requests. Instead, please call Campus Security: 828-577-9590.

“We prioritize residence hall requests first and foremost, especially significant issues such as this,” Ulrey said. “A follow-up call or email to Facilities will yield the best, direct communication.”

D’Anna said, “It is my understanding that the boilers have been turned off and will remain off until the weather becomes consistently cold.

“I want to apologize to the students for the discomfort they have felt with the heat in the building,” she said. “We never want students to be uncomfortable in their living spaces.

“We will continue to work with facilities staff to help solve any future issues. If students feel their concerns are not being addressed they can email [campuslife@brevard.edu](mailto:campuslife@brevard.edu). Every member of campus life receives those emails and someone will respond quickly,” D’Anna said.

The fluctuation of temperatures outside makes it very difficult to predict how the inside temperature will be and it is particularly difficult to regulate the large building with the older systems being used. Maintenance is doing its best to accommodate and students are encouraged to anticipate weather conditions, Brevard College Maintenance hopes to keep students in comfort for the remainder of the fall semester.

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# Legendary guitarist, Eddie Van Halen, dies at 65

By Margaret Correll  
Editor in Chief

Eddie Van Halen, the primary songwriter and world-renowned guitarist for the innovative band Van Halen passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, California. He was 65.

Van Halen was known for his intricate guitar solos during his time with the band. He popularized the method of tapping during his solos which made the songs he wrote sound like no other band performing at the time.

Eddie Van Halen married actress Valerie Bertinelli in 1981. They had a son named Wolfgang in 1990 and separated in 2002. Van Halen married his girlfriend and former Van Halen publicist, Janie Liszewski in 2009 after dating for three years.

Edward Lodewijk van Halen was born in Amsterdam, Netherlands on Jan. 26, 1955 to Jan van Halen and Eugenia née van Beers. His father was a very skilled jazz musician, playing several instruments like the piano, clarinet and saxophone.

Van Halen, his mother and father and his older brother Alex moved to Pascedena, California in 1962 from their home in Nijmegen, Netherlands. He and his brother were made U.S. citizens after their move.

While growing up in California, Eddie and Alex took classical piano lessons where they learned they had an ear for music. They ultimately switched to more rock 'n' roll instruments, Eddie being on the guitar and Alex on the drums. They co-founded their first band Mammoth.

The pair adopted frontman and lead singer David Lee Roth, and bassist Michael Anthony in 1974 to form the band known as Van Halen. Their unique sound caught the attention of many people in the Los Angeles rock scene, the first in 1977 where KISS bassist Gene Simmons discovered them at a local club and helped them with their first recording session.

Van Halen signed with Warner Bros in 1978 and soon after they released their first album, "Van Halen", which included the wildly successful single "Runnin' with the Devil". The band continued to release back to back

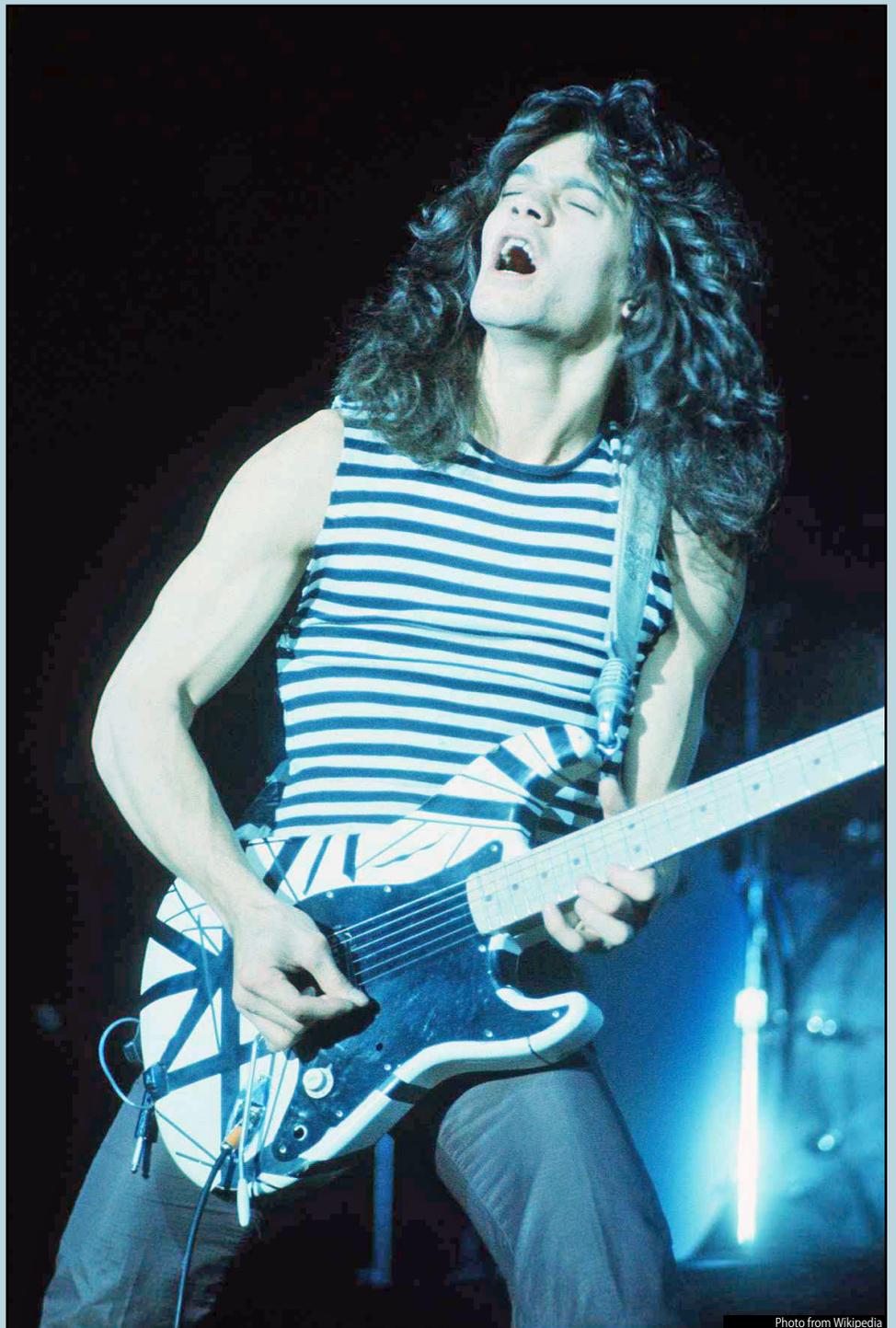


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Eddie Van Halen, pictured in the late 70s with his guitar, Frankenstrat.

## *Van Halen is remembered for his innovativeness*

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platinum albums over the next five years including 1979's "Van Halen II", 1980's "Women and Children First", 1981's "Fair Warning" and 1982's "Diver Down".

In 1984, Van Halen reached extreme popularity with their release of classic back to back hit singles on their album titled "1984." This album included "Jump", "Panama", and "Hot for Teacher" and their accompanying music videos played on MTV repeatedly.

In 1985, Roth left Van Halen after his rising fame as a singer and disagreements with his bandmates. He went on to release a solo album while the remaining member of Van Halen replaced him with Sammy Hagar, former frontman of the band Montrose.

Van Halen released several, successful albums with Hagar as their lead singer.

In 1986 they released "5150", in 1991 they released "For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge", and in 1993 they released the double-live album, "Van Halen Live: Right Here, Right Now".

During this time, Eddie Van Halen had recently become sober after struggling with alcoholism for a good portion of Van Halen's career. He and Hagar butted heads continuously during the music and song writing process. Hagar's last album with the band would be 1995's "Balance".

Roth returned for a brief time to record several songs with the band but he was ultimately replaced by Gary Cherone, the former lead singer of Extreme. The album "Van Halen III" was released in 1998 but sales had slowed down after this.

2012 brought Roth back to the band to record "A Different Kind of Truth" and in 2015, Van Halen opened for the Billboard Music Awards

with their hit song "Panama".

Van Halen released a statement in 2011 about his struggle with tongue and throat cancer. He has a third of his tongue removed in 2015 to combat the effects of his tongue cancer.

His son, Wolfgang, released a statement via Twitter the day of his death in tribute to his father and everything he had accomplished throughout his life. "He was the best father I could ever ask for," said Van Halen, "Every moment I've shared with him on and off stage was a gift." He then went on to say, "My heart is broken and I don't think I'll ever fully recover from this loss."

His brother, Alex paid tribute to his brother on Twitter as well, writing, "Hey Ed. Love you. See you on the other side. Your brother, Al."

# BC's Chiaroscuro hosts reading party

By Caroline Hoy  
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On Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, the Chiaroscuro, Brevard College's Literary Magazine, hosted a reading of the previous year's magazine. This year's staff read different works, but due to timings and distances only two of the staff members were able to read their own works. The event started with the Editor in Chief, BC senior Mickayla Smith, welcoming everyone and introducing the first author and reader for the event.

The first reading was read by Caroline Hoy of her poem "To That Little Girl". Hoy seemed very nervous while reading and when she walked up on the stage, she mentioned how she was nervous and would probably stutter but she did not to her pleasant surprise.

The second reader was Sarah Hajkowski, with her theater piece "Nam Keeps Rat From Entering The Church". Hajkowski seemed animated while she read her piece and she gave all of her characters a slightly different tone. It was very nice to hear Hajkowski read.

Carrie LaBonte, Emmaline Grennan, Kyle Amundarain, and Mickayla Smith all read pieces that were written by other authors. Although they read pieces written by other

authors, they gave the pieces the spotlight they deserved.

After the reading the Editor-in-Chief was asked about the event, "Wednesday night went very well and I am so proud of the staff," Smith said, "They really helped facilitate this event, and we all worked as a team to pull this off." Smith also added, "I'm very happy with how things went!"

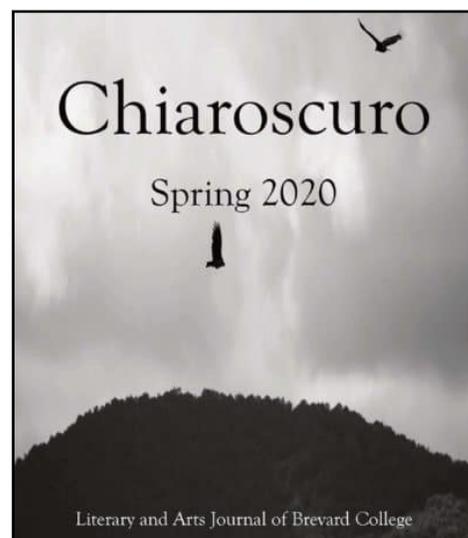
The event was held outside BC's Boshamer gymnasium and by King's Creek. The background noise of the creek made everything more surreal as well as the wonderful spooky decorations. The event was decorated fitting for the month. As the event went on dusk fell making everything more peaceful and slightly spooky.

The staff of the Chiaroscuro also made goody bags for everyone to take home. The bags were filled with candy, toys, and pencils for those inspired writers to create their up and coming pieces.

One thing that was mentioned at the reading was that the Chiaroscuro is looking for submissions. That includes the Halloween contest they currently have open until Nov. 1, 2020. The winner of the Halloween contest will receive a \$25 gift card.

Overall, everything went very well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Hopefully next year the reading event will happen again showing this year's future issue of the magazine.

For more information about the magazine and submitting follow the Chiaroscuro on Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter. The Chiaroscuro can also be emailed at [Chiaroscuro@brevard.edu](mailto:Chiaroscuro@brevard.edu).



# Brevard's Co-Ed theatre reopens

Downtown Brevard's Co-Ed cinema reopened on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 at 12 p.m. after Governor Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina would be moving into Phase 3 of the state reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic. The cinema has been closed since March due to COVID-19.

The Co-Ed's owner, Abby Steel, told ABC 13 News WLOS that this summer during quarantine had been a challenge for the business. "Just kind of watching the news and waiting to see if the announcement will be made so that you can reopen," Steel said. "Just a whole lot of budgeting and waiting and making the most of the time that we had when we were closed."

The cinema made light of the shut-down, using the time with no customers to clean and freshen up the theater for when the opportunity to open came. They have cleaned the seats, repainted the theater, painted the ceiling and many more updates to the inside.

Due to the shutdown, Steel lost a lot of potential customers since the summer months are the best time for people to head to the cinema. The Co-Ed, during the time of no revenue, sold gift cards to keep their heads above water. Steel also hopes that opening back up will encourage the community to come out and support a local business.

The cinema will require that all customers wear masks in the lobby and while getting concessions and they will be able to remove them once they are seated. "We are so excited to be back and bringing movies to the community again," Steel said. "We know the magic of cinema, and we are so excited to bring it back to everybody."

— Margaret Correll

## Review

# 'The Social Dilemma' comments on modern social media

By Isaac Ford  
Staff Writer

Of all the things competing for our attention in the modern world, social media remains the undominated victor. What often begins as an innocent opening of an app or website frequently devolves into lost minutes and lost hours scrolling and clicking on and on into infinity as new things appear in our feed – and this is not accidental design.

"The Social Dilemma," released on Netflix on Sept. 9, 2020, and directed by Jeff Orlowski, reveals to audiences that social media has severely degraded from its original intentions as a tool to connect others. Using a documentary-drama format, the film switches between its various, overlapping interviews and the cinematic narrative it uses to illuminate what the interviewees are talking about.

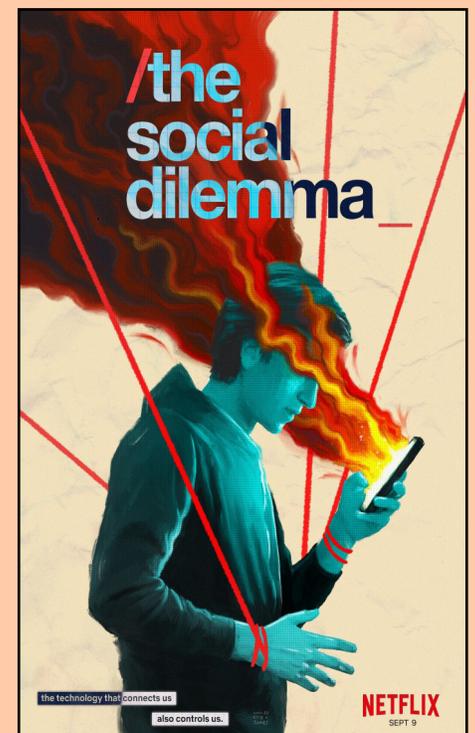
The film documents the interviews of numerous people who have worked for different social media or internet companies, and or have authored books or are leading the current discussion about social media, such as Tristan Harris, a former design ethicist for Google and co-founder for the Center of Humane Technology; Tim Kendall, a former executive of Facebook and former president of Pinterest, and the CEO of Moment; Justin Rosenstein, a former engineer for Facebook and Google, co-inventor of the Facebook like button, and co-founder of Asana; and Cathy O'Neil, author of Weapons of Math Destruction. The interviews are well-edited, flow into the next, and are relevant.

The narrative stars Skyler Gisondo as Ben, Kara Hayward as Cassandra, and Vincent Kartheiser as the social media A.I. It focuses on Ben as he is roped in by social media, and of his sister Cassandra in her attempts to pull him back to reality as the social media A.I. is doing all it can to keep Ben occupied. Though simple, the narrative add-on is effective. The cinematography is high-definition and detailed, and the performances of the actors are decent. Some of the shots of the actors, while audio of the interviews is playing, are personal and vulnerable.

In its 94-minute runtime, the film documents key lessons about social media that are

relevant to anyone who uses social media, and anyone who does not. The interviews are poignant and accessible. The narrative of the film makes the message of the film more tangible; social media is manipulative, and can affect our behavior even though we may not be aware of it. It talks about how social media is designed to addict us and to feed us information and posts that will keep us using it. It shows us what we want to see. It knows us – it calculates, measures, spies on, remembers, and analyzes everything we do online. The film dives into how social media can spread misinformation, or fake news, during democratic elections, and talks about how conspiracy theories can spread.

If you are interested in how social media can negatively impact us, are fascinated by psychology, are concerned about social media usage in our society, are interested in a career in internet or social media technology, don't believe social media is harmful, or are simply just a user of social media, you should watch "The Social Dilemma."



# Brevard's African-American Storyline Project educates

*Local woman starts project to honor the African-American history in Brevard*

By Aia Andonovska  
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Nicola Karesh, the owner of Morning Glory Inspirations, invites the Brevard College campus community to know more about a great opportunity that has to do with the local history of Brevard.

Karesh has taken it upon herself to honor the African American community here locally in the Rosenwald neighborhood. Since 2012, she has been involved with the African American community here in Brevard. Her company, Morning Glory Inspirations, gives tours and strives to educate others historically and culturally. These tours are offered in different formats, such as a private tour, presentation, classroom discussion, keynote speech, workshop, or retreat for groups or organizations.

Also offered is a "Black History Walking Tour" which is a traditional walking tour in the heart of historic Rosenwald. A tour of the Transylvania Tannery Company can be provided, giving insight on how it had an impact on the environment and the African American community. A bus tour is offered as well. Karesh offers a fourth tour too, called the "Rosenwald School Experience." This tour gives the attendees information on what segregation was like for a Rosenwald student.

Tours range from \$5-\$45 per person with discounted tickets for students and Rosenwald alumni. For more information, visit [morninggloryinspirations.com](http://morninggloryinspirations.com) or call 828-421-8615 to reserve a tour. Brochures can be found at the Visitor's Center in downtown Brevard.

When asked where Karesh began with this project, she said, "With the African American Storyline Project, first things first, was to brainstorm and get clear on our goals. What did we hope to accomplish and what did we want to share with the community? What were the different ways that we wanted to share local black history, that would also include community engagement. Funding and applying for a grant was the next step. We were successful on our 4th application, which gave us enough money for phase 1 and 30 historic signs."

These signs are visible in the Rosenwald community today. Most of the historical sites

are not standing today, but the signs are a good reminder of what once stood there. One such sign stands to represent Mary C. Jenkins Community Center, which opened in 1952 during segregation. It was a hub for entertainment, activity, and fellowship in the African American community. The original building is no longer standing but there are plans to rebuild it, as approved on Nov. 6, 2019. Other signs represent where stores, taxi stands, a cafe, boarding houses, and a church once stood or currently stands just to name a few.

Karesh did research herself but also had the help of others from the Rosenwald community and the broader community as well. Some of the research she gathered was from information already documented but also from interviews, surveys and input sessions she has done over time.

Future plans for the African American Storyline Project include phase 2, with adding a few more historic signs. Karesh is also working on introducing a self-guided historic tour. She is also going to be updating the Morning Glory Inspirations website so that people can access more information about local history. Even a film project is being prepared for.

Karesh is a local who has been in the community since 1993. She is originally from Jamaica and fell in love with North Carolina after a honeymoon trip from Florida to Maine. Karesh really liked the mountains of North Carolina because they reminded her of where she grew up. "The scenery and laidback lifestyle felt like a wonderful place to start our family," she said.

When asked what else she has done for the community, Karesh said, "I am a people person. Relationships and connections are at the heart of everything that I do. In the past, I have been a therapist with youth and adults in different settings. I got involved with community work about eight years ago and have found it to be extremely rewarding. I am a poet, author and writer. I write a column in the newspaper and from time to time, I help organize community events that provide a platform for people to share their talents and what's on their minds and in their hearts."



The plaquard in front of one of the last businesses to be owned and operated by African Americans.

Karesh said that the most rewarding things about this work are the people she meets, the history and stories that are shared, and how much fun they have with everything that they are doing.

## COVID-19

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quarantine. In his email, Joyce said out of an abundance of caution, all members of sports teams are encouraged to wear masks and social distance while at practice. Sports will continue to practice throughout the week as long as students abide by the new rules set in place for the campus.

If you or someone you know experiences symptoms related to the COVID-19 virus, it is strongly encouraged that you receive a test, wear a mask, and socially distance. This alone can stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep Brevard College safe and healthy.

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## Senior Profile

# Rogers to become a history teacher

By Aia Andonovska  
Copy Editor

Allison Rogers, originally from Shelby, North Carolina, is going to graduate in the spring of 2020.

She came to Brevard because of someone that she worked with. They mentioned the school to her, and once she realized that the application was free, she figured why not apply? Allison prayed to God and asked that whichever school she was meant to go to would provide the most financial support, and that school ended up being Brevard College.

During her time here at Brevard College, Allison majored in history with a minor in education. She stated that Dr. Brown has had a major impact on her life and that she guided her in the right direction and went above and beyond to help her achieve her goals and be successful.

Rogers said her happiest memories at Brevard are hanging out with her friends and watching Grey's Anatomy. Her advice to the freshmen is "Be involved and intentional. Join clubs and meet people, it makes the experience of college so much greater. I have met lifelong friends at Brevard and they mean the world to me. Also, do your schoolwork ahead of time, procrastination is not helpful. If you have a question in class ask it, or email your professor. My professors probably get tired of seeing my name pop up from how much I email them. Also, be sure to get enough sleep and eat. Sleep is important and you need it to be successful and fuel is the energy to keep your body going."

Some of Allison's accomplishments include receiving the Outstanding History Major Award, the Analytical Genius Award, as well as being a member of the national Omicron Delta Cappa honors society group.

Upon graduation, she plans to teach high school for a couple of years and then attend the University of Georgia so that she can receive her PhD degree in history and eventually teach at a collegiate level. Allison Rogers has made her mark on



# A chaotic first presidential debate

By Eleanor Flannery  
Opinion Editor

The first presidential debate took place on Sept. 29, 2020, when republican candidate, President Donald J. Trump and democratic candidate, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden took the stage in front of millions watching from their homes. More than 73 million Americans watched the chaos unfold as Trump and Biden went back and forth in an attempt to have a dialogue about the country's issues. Unsurprisingly, the debate was full of interruption and talking over the candidates' allotted time, instead of having a respectful and informative debate.

Biden tried his best to address the American people directly by looking into the camera when answering moderator Chris Wallace of Fox News' questions. However, Trump was relentless and constantly talked over Biden when speaking.

From CNN, "Biden responded by mocking the President, calling him a "clown," a "racist" and "the worst president America has ever had." He criticized Trump's handling of the

coronavirus pandemic, his failure to produce a health care plan and his response to protests over racial injustice." Chris Wallace tried to keep the night on track by interjecting when either candidate would talk over their time or interrupt, but it was a struggle to contain the president.

When Trump complained that only he was being criticized for talking over questions and Biden's answers, Wallace replied, "Frankly, you have been doing more interrupting." A key moment of the night was when the president was asked if he would openly condemn white supremacy. Instead of doing so, Trump said "proud boys, stand back and stand by," before shifting the conversation onto left-wing violence.

The debate was difficult to watch and caused future worry over the format of the next debate. President Trump recently stated he would not attend the next debate, scheduled for Oct. 15 in Miami, and has since been cancelled. According to Buzzfeed News "... the Commission on Presidential Debates promised a more rigid enforcement of the rules

at future debates, including potentially muting microphones, which the Trump campaign objected to."

Trump refused to participate in the next debate because of the virtual format, preferring to have the debate as scheduled in-person. "I'm not gonna waste my time on a virtual debate," Trump said. "That's not what debating is all about." This, however, sparked controversy since the president contracted COVID-19, and caused worry from the Biden campaign.

"There's no medical reason to stop the Oct. 15 debate in Miami from proceeding as scheduled, since the President will be healthy and ready to debate," Tim Murtaugh, communications director for the Trump campaign, said in a statement. "It's time for the biased commission to stop protecting Biden and preventing voters from hearing from the two candidates for president."

As of now, the third Presidential Debate is to go as scheduled. Biden and Trump have both agreed to debate at Belmont University in Nashville on Oct. 22.

## VP debate: Pence, Harris and the fly

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The vice-presidential debate took place Wednesday night in Utah between Vice President Mike Pence and California Senator Kamala Harris where the two battled for speaking time, similar to the Presidential Debate in September. The debate mainly focused on the faults of the Trump administration, when Harris spoke, and Trump's successes when Pence spoke. Harris would not let Pence speak over her, sharply saying "Mr. Vice President, I am speaking," when Pence interrupted an answer on the coronavirus pandemic.

Overall, the debate went about how one could expect after watching the Trump-Biden showdown. Both candidates dodged several questions and answering them directly, choosing instead to refer to previous questions and speak over one another. Harris was critical of Trump and Pence's handling of COVID-19, criticizing them for their lack of action to help the country recover from the loss of over 200,000 Americans. Pence took a more emotional route, begging the senator to have faith in his and the president's leadership.

"The fact that you continue to undermine

public confidence in a vaccine, if a vaccine emerges during the Trump Administration, I think is unconscionable," Pence said. "Senator, I just ask you, stop playing politics with people's lives." From CNN, "The American people have witnessed what is the greatest failure of any presidential administration in the history of our country," Harris said, arguing that frontline workers had been treated like "sacrificial workers" and that Trump had repeatedly minimized the seriousness of the virus, while discouraging people from wearing masks."

Harris played it safe during the debate but was strong when she needed to be. "You respect the American people when you tell them the truth. You respect the American people when you have the courage to be a leader, speaking of those things you may not want people to hear, but they need to hear so they can protect themselves. But this administration stood on information that if you had as a parent or a worker, if you didn't have enough money saved up, you're standing in a food line because of the ineptitude," Harris said. "They've had to sacrifice far too much because of the

incompetence of this administration."

The debate did not have many surprises and went decently despite the occasional interruption or speaking over set time. One part of the debate that did seem to stick out on social media was when a fly landed on Mike Pence's hair, drawing most of the buzz surrounding the debate. Viewers were quick to take to social media, with 'the fly' being the star of countless memes and comical internet clips.

The debate last week was the only vice-presidential debate scheduled, however, be sure to tune in to the next presidential debate on Oct. 22.



Vice President Mike Pence (left) and Senator Kamala Harris (right).

# BC hosts virtual hall of fame induction

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BREVARD, N.C. – The 2020 Brevard College Athletics Hall of Fame class of Robert "Bob" Gray (Cross Country/Track & Field), Andy Latimer (Track & Field) and Thad Walker (Cycling) were celebrated via a series of virtual induction ceremonies on Friday, October 9. Gray, Latimer and Walker will become the 39th, 40th and 41st inductees into the college's Athletics Hall of Fame.

The three inductees had their Hall of Fame plaques unveiled in a virtual ceremony on Friday at 12 p.m. at the Boshamer Gymnasium. The ceremony will be broadcast live on the Brevard College Tornado Athletics Facebook page.

On the evening of Friday, October 9, the three inductees were featured throughout dedicated one-hour long talk shows to celebrate the honoree's careers. The talk shows will air live on the Brevard College Athletics Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages and allow for live viewer comments and questions.

Each inductee was presented with their induction into the Hall of Fame to go along with appearances by Brevard College President David Joyce and other special guests.

The special Hall of Fame Induction show for Robert "Bob" Gray will take place at 6 p.m. ET. Gray will be presented by BC Hall of Famer and legendary Cross Country/Track & Field Coach Norm Witek.

At 7 p.m. ET, Andy Latimer was celebrated in a virtual broadcast with Coach Witek also presenting.

The Hall of Fame show for Thad Walker will conclude the evening with the online broadcast beginning at 8 p.m. ET. Walker will be presented into the Hall of Fame by former Cycling National Champion Tristan Cowie.

"We thank the Athletics Hall of Fame committee for their diligence in this year's selections," said Miranda Nash, Director of Athletics. "Mr. Gray, Mr. Latimer and Coach Walker are all phenomenal choices to represent this year's Hall of Fame class."

## Robert "Bob" Gray '69 (Cross Country, Track & Field)

Gray, a 1969 graduate of Brevard College, was a two-time NJCAA individual national champion to become the only runner to win a national championship in both his freshman and sophomore seasons. Gray competed as a student-athlete under the guidance of two Brevard College Hall of Fame coaches - Thad Talley (class of 2008) and Norm Witek (inaugural class of 2004).

"It was a great experience for me to be at Brevard College," said Gray. "It was a blessing to have the opportunity to learn from Coach Talley and Coach Witek who helped me to become successful considering the talent I had."

"The schooling at Brevard College was great and the professors were outstanding," continued Gray. "The environment was very wholesome, while the town of Brevard was very welcoming and benevolent to us college students. Overall, it was a very good experience my two years there."

A 1990 inductee into the NJCAA Hall of Fame, Gray was also a highly accomplished Track & Field athlete to go along with his Cross Country success. As a freshman at BC, he qualified for the 1968 U.S. Olympic Trials for the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Gray also set the school record for the steeplechase, a record that stood until 1992. Competing against elite runners from all divisions including the NCAA, he finished third in the United States Federation competition.

Following his graduation from BC in 1969, Gray completed his college career at Arkansas State University where he continued his high level of Cross Country and Track & Field success including conference championships in the steeplechase and the 6-mile run.

Gray later served in the United States Marine Corps from 1975-84 where he ran ready for the U.S. Marines team. In 1978 while with the Marines, Gray was ranked eighth in the world in the steeplechase. He then held the position of Jump Chaplain for the United States Army from 1985-90. Gray served as a Baptist pastor from 1990-96 and since then has served as a missionary. He currently lives in Spring

Branch, Texas.

## Andy Latimer '83 (Track & Field)

Latimer graduated from Brevard College in 1983 following a highly accomplished career as a Track & Field student-athlete for the Tornados. A five-time All-American performer, Latimer won three national championships while at Brevard. Latimer also competed under the guidance of Hall of Famer Norm Witek.

"I am extremely honored to be included in such an esteemed group of Brevard College athletes," said Latimer. "I would like to thank Coach Witek for taking a chance on an average high school athlete, shaping him and molding him into something greater than he was."

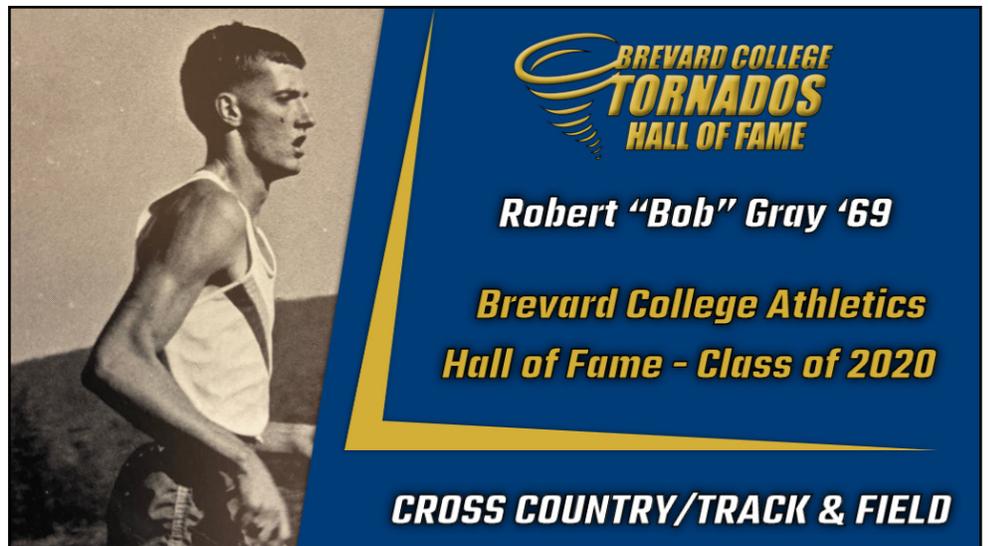
Latimer went on to thank his teammates during his time at Brevard in the early 1980s.

"I would also like to thank my teammates from the 1981-1983 seasons who pushed me and supported me through my adversities," stated Latimer. "Special thanks to my teammate Willie Holman who taught me the finer, technical points of the triple jump."

Latimer won the 1982 NJCAA Indoor Track & Field national title in the triple jump to go along with an All-American performance in the high jump. He followed that performance with an NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field national championship in the triple jump, his second national title of 1982.

In 1983, Latimer won a third national championship with a gold-medal performance as part of BC's distance medley relay team. He then went on to earn another All-American triple jump performance, the fifth of his BC

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# Hall of fame inductees were honored over live video

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career, at the 1983 NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships.

Following graduation from Brevard College in 1983, Latimer became a student-athlete at Florida State University where he competed in the long jump, triple jump, and high jump. He graduated from FSU in 1986 and began employment at the Florida Department of Corrections as a Probation and Parole Officer from 1988 to 1998.

Since 1998, Latimer has worked as a police officer for the Jacksonville (Fla.) Sheriff's Department. He has been bestowed the "Riding for the Brand" coin, one of the department's highest honors. Moreover, Latimer has served on several college advisory boards to go along with community leadership roles with the 5,000 Role Models and Farm Harvest.

### Thad Walker '05 (Coaching, Cycling)

Walker was the founder and first Head Coach of the highly successful Brevard College Cycling program. The Brevard College alumnus coached the Tornados from 2007-11, leading BC to its first two national championships. Walker becomes the first BC Cycling representative to be selected to the Brevard College Athletics Hall of Fame.

"I am honored to be inducted into the Brevard College Athletics Hall of Fame as the first representative of the cycling program," said Walker. "I will always be grateful for the time I spent at Brevard College as a student and as a member of the athletics staff."

The cycling program that Walker started has developed into a perennial national power, winning ten team national championships and a multitude of individual national titles over the years.

"The growth and success of the cycling program have truly been the result of a team effort supported by the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and administration at Brevard College, along with the Brevard community," said Walker. "The most rewarding part of the experience was the privilege of working with the student-athletes who invested their time and energy to build a nationally recognized program. It has been rewarding to see the growth and success of the program. Special thanks to all the coaches who have made that possible."

Walker started his collegiate career as a football student-athlete at the University of Alabama where he began cycling as a cross-training method. He then transferred to Brevard College to focus on cycling in the mountains of Western North Carolina. In 2005, Walker graduated from Brevard College

with a Bachelor of Art's degree in Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education, while also starting the BC Cycling team as a club team during his senior year.

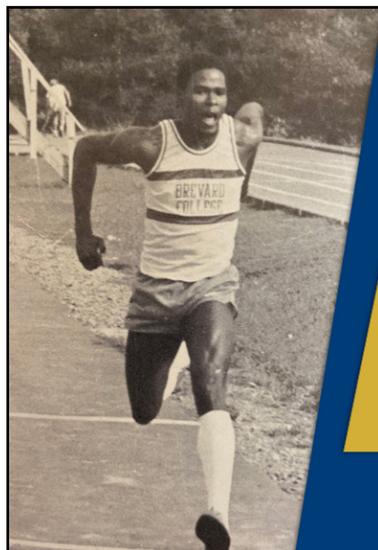
Following graduation, Walker worked as Director of Athletic Operations at BC where he was instrumental in the college reinstating its football program. He also was successful in launching the Brevard College Cycling varsity program becoming the team's first Head Coach in 2007.

Walker guided BC to its first-ever cycling national championship by winning the 2009 USA Cycling Collegiate DII Mountain Bike National Championship in Truckee, California. The Tornados, under Walker's guidance, then won a repeat mountain bike national championship in 2010. Walker also coached BC student-athletes Jo Tuttle and Tristan Cowie to individual national championships.

Walker departed BC in 2011 to pursue opportunities in California. He currently serves as a Conservation Project and Grant Manager

for the Butte County Resource Conservation District. An active cycling advocate in the Northern California community, Walker has assisted in building trails, fundraising, and initiating youth cycling programs with organizations such as IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) and the United States Forest Service. He currently also serves on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for Chico Velo, a cycling advocacy group in Chico, California.

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**COACHING (CYCLING)**

# Two Tornados garner USA South Football Decade Athlete of the Week honors

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BREVARD, N.C. – Brevard College Football has earned its first two USA South Football Decade Athlete of the Week awards, as current junior student-athlete Dalton Cole and former student-athlete Trevon Charles earned the honors for their performance in a 41-36 victory over Methodist University on October 6, 2018 at Brevard Memorial Stadium.

In the absence of competition for the Fall semester and its postponement to the Spring, the USA South Conference has decided to honor decade athletes of the week. Selections are based on student-athletes who were named Athlete of the Week within the current week over the past decade.

Cole, a native of Hendersonville, North Carolina, passed for two touchdowns and ran for another in a 41-36 victory over USA South foe Methodist. Through the air, Cole was 21-of-33 for 292 yards while his one-yard score on the ground gave the Tornados a lead they would not relinquish.

Cole would go on to claim USA South Football Offensive Rookie of the Year honors during his 2018 campaign, leading the conference with 20 touchdown passes while his 163 completions on 270 attempts were also league-highs. Cole threw for 1,847 yards with a 60.4 completion percentage, both of which were good to rank second in the USA South. In league-only games, Cole threw for the second-most yards (1,449) and accumulated 13 touchdowns which tied for the conference lead.

Cole broke several Brevard College single-season records en route to his major award in 2018. He set the BC single-season passing records for completions (163), attempts (270), and touchdowns (20) over the course of his freshman season. Cole went on to help the Tornados to an 8-2 record the following season and BC's first-ever postseason victory in the 2019 ECAC Scotty Whitelaw Bowl.

Charles, a sophomore defensive back in 2018 from Miami, Florida, averaged 53.5 yards per kickoff return in a 41-36 victory over USA South foe Methodist. Charles' long return of 84 yards setup the Tornados on the Monarch one-yard line and led to an easy touchdown. Additionally, he blocked a Methodist punt

which was recovered by Brevard in the endzone for a touchdown.

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Dalton Cole, Brevard's one of two winner of the USA South Football Decade Athlete of the Week award.



Trevon Charles, number 14, Brevard's second winner of the USA South Football Decade Athlete of the Week award.

## Staff Highlight Series

# Associate head coach-defense/ defensive coordinator/recruiting coordinator Luke Jaicks

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BREVARD, N.C. - Throughout the Fall, the Brevard College Department of Athletics will be highlighting its staff members in a tri-weekly Staff Highlight Series, giving members of the Athletic Administration and Coaching Staff the opportunity to introduce themselves to the BC community through a series of questions and biographical elements.

Next up in BC's Staff Highlight Series is Brevard College Football Associate Head Coach-Defense/Defensive Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator Luke Jaicks, a former football student-athlete at Southern Utah University and Scottsdale College, and graduate of Maharishi International University.

**bctornados.com:** What has been your favorite professional memory?

**Coach Jaicks:** Winning the 2019 ECAC Scotty Whitelaw Bowl!

**bctornados.com:** What makes Brevard College a special place?

**Coach Jaicks:** The people and the surrounding nature.

**bctornados.com:** Who has been the biggest influence in your professional career?

**Coach Jaicks:** Brevard College Head Football Coach Bill Khayat.

**bctornados.com:** What is some advice you would give to young people looking to get into the profession?

**Coach Jaicks:** Doing what you love is more valuable than making money.

Luke Jaicks joined the Brevard College football coaching staff in 2017 as the Tornados special teams coordinator and cornerbacks coach. In 2019, Jaicks was promoted to Defensive Coordinator and Cornerbacks Coach. In Jaicks' first year at the helm of the Tornado defense, he helped lead the unit to

several program, conference, and national accolades en route to an 8-2 season and a victory in the 2019 ECAC Scotty Whitelaw Bowl. Jaicks' defense led the USA South and set a new program-record by allowing just 13.3 points-per-game.

The Tornados set program records and led the conference in turnovers (25) and interceptions (21) - while BC's 19 interceptions in the regular season ranked tied-for-third in all of NCAA DIII football. Moreover, Brevard allowed the third-fewest rushing yards-per-game in the regular season and scored four touchdowns on defense, which was tied for the lead in the USA South. During the regular season, BC's defense did not surrender a touchdown to the opposition in four of its nine games.

Jaicks helped the Tornados receive many individual defensive accolades through the 2019 campaign as well. Three Tornado defenders - Dante Anderson, Steffon Canady, and Louis Williams III - earned USA South All-Conference plaudits, while the Tornados also garnered three USA Athlete of the Week awards (Joc Pledger, Tae Sullivan, and Rook Tate) and three D3Football.com National Team of the Week selections (Jerome Bass, Quentin Jackson, and Tate) during the course of the 2019 season. BC's Anderson and Canady received nominations for the prestigious Cliff Harris Award - an award honoring the nation's best small college defensive player - while the pair also earned All-ECAC First Team honors following the conclusion of postseason play. Canady capped off a bountiful award season for the BC defense by being named the 2019 ECAC Scotty Whitelaw Bowl Most Valuable Player following his performance in Brevard's 42-28 victory over Carnegie Mellon University.

Under Jaicks' guidance, the Tornado secondary ranked first in the conference in lowest passing yards allowed per game in the 2018 season, while sophomore cornerback Quentin Jackson received USA South All-Conference First Team and Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The Tornados claimed the number-one kickoff return player in the conference, as Tre Charles averaged 25.3 yards-per-return (new school record). Punter/Wide Receiver Ralph Roman III garnered USA South Football

All-Conference Second Team honors after averaging the second-best net punting yardage rating in the conference.

In the 2017 season, BC's special teams unit broke school records for most single-season blocked punts, highest kickoff return average, highest individual kickoff return average (Xavier Brown), most field goals made in a season, and the second-highest field goal average in NCAA-era history.

Prior to arriving at Brevard, Jaicks coached the LB's and DB's at Scottsdale College. In 2016, the group was responsible for 11 of the 14 turnovers recorded that year. The Scottsdale defense finished first overall in the conference and first in pass defense. The secondary finished sixth statistically in the country in pass defense. Jaicks oversaw four DB All-Conference players in 2015.

In 2014 Jaicks coached at Southwestern Oklahoma State (Division II) where his CB Kevin Joseph was All-Conference, second-team All-Region, and finished sixth nationally in pass breakups.

Jaicks arrived at Brevard from Scottsdale College and Southwestern Oklahoma State where he coached DBs and linebackers. He helped Scottsdale to a 10-1 record and a Western States Football League Championship in 2013. The Artichokes finished the season ranked third in NJCAA play, after defeating Dodge City Community College in the Valley of the Sun Bowl. Following that success, three defensive backs signed with NCAA Division I institutions.)

As a player in high school, Jaicks was a Second Team All-State selection (DB) and First Team All-Region (WR) selection (2005). Jaicks went on to sign with Southern Utah before concluding his collegiate playing career at Scottsdale College. He recorded 23 tackles, six interceptions and five pass breakups for Scottsdale as he earned all-conference honors.

A native of Mesa, AZ, Jaicks holds a bachelor's degree in eastern psychology from the Maharishi University of Management.