

## Presidential candidates visit Brevard College campus

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By now, the news of Brevard College President David Joyce's retirement has spread all over, not only the campus, but the town of Brevard, as well. This past week, three possible candidates came to visit Brevard College to meet students, staff and the community; and to learn more about their new job position at Brevard College.

Narrowing the search down to the final candidates was not an easy task and has been a very long process for those involved. The process to find the next President started way back in Feb. of 2021, when President Joyce announced to the board his plan to retire. The board created a search committee and an advisory committee for the project. Everyone on these committees signed confidentiality agreements.

The search process lasted from March to May. The search process included sending emails to Presidents of schools with 3,500 students or less. By the deadline for applications, the committees had received 182 applications and after receiving a few stragglers, the total ended up at 200 applications.

Next up, the search committee started to sift through the applications via virtual meetings. In the end, they narrowed it down to 12 people, including eight internal candidates and four external candidates. Again, it was then time for the committee to start the interviews with these candidates to narrow it down to eight total with six externals and two internals.

The next set of interviews lasted from the week of June the 22 until the week of July the 19. The final eight candidates were interviewed by both committees during this time period, but some members on the advisory committee changed. The candidates toured the campus and asked the President questions during this time.

This long period of interviews ended up with a total of four different candidates. All the candidates were set to come to the school, but one ended up withdrawing, leaving just three finalists. After the long process, the Brevard College final runners in the race for President are Heather Bigard, Brad Andrews and David T. Hayes.

Bigard came to meet everyone on the Brevard campus on Tuesday, Sept. 21. She was very excited to meet all the students and learn about them. She said that she really wants to help shape students' lives at Brevard College. She also thinks that learning by experience is very important for a student to learn.

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, Andrews came to meet people on campus. He was also very excited to meet students and greet them with a very strong handshake. Andrews says that Brevard College is similar to his old school and



Photo from Brevard College

Heather Bigard



Photo from Brevard College

David T. Hayes

that Brevard College looks like how colleges will look in the next 50 years. His goal, if he becomes President, is to "not screw things up" immediately.

Lastly, on Thursday, Sept. 23, Hayes came to the school. He was very excited to meet students and learn more about them. When asked why he would want to come be the President of Brevard College Hayes said, "If you built a college and added what you wanted to it then it would be Brevard College."

President Joyce will step down soon after many years of presidency. President Joyce has



Photo from Brevard College

Brad Andrews

left a lasting impact on the school. It is unsure who will be filling his shoes, but it is guaranteed that whoever it may be, they will have some mighty shoes to fill.

# Brevard College alumna takes helm of alumni affairs office

By Christie Cauble

Director of Public Communication

Brevard College recently announced that Megan Shina, a 2019 graduate, has been promoted to Director of Alumni Affairs.

"Megan is such a natural for this role," said Dr. Kathryn Holten, Vice-President of Alumni Affairs and Development. "Within a short time, she has planned a great Homecoming despite the pandemic, energized the alumni association through virtual socials, and engaged alumni to support the annual fund. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious."

Originally from High Point, NC, Shina majored in Business and Organizational Leadership at Brevard College, and minored in history, during her undergraduate studies. She was the recipient of the Dr. Barbara Boerner Emerging Leadership Scholarship in 2017, the Grace Jackson Munro Roy Leadership Award in Business and Organizational Leadership in 2018, and the Sustainable Leadership Award in 2019. As well, she was on the honor roll and Dean's List every year of her studies, and was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society and the Sigma Beta Delta International Honors Society for Business, Management and Administration.

Her senior project, studying the economic impact of the Assault on the Carolinas annual bike race, received an award for outstanding research. Shina also took advantage of internship opportunities, helping to raise over \$100,000 in scholarship money for Brevard Music Center students by working with the 2018 Mercedes-Benz Raffle, and assisting the American Association of University Women (AAUW) revamp their website in advance of the annual book sale for scholarships.

Shina was a star athlete, as well as an outstanding student. She served as the Brevard Women's Soccer Team Captain in 2018, and received the Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year in that same year.

After graduation, Shina was hired as the manager of communications, the annual fund, and special events in the Alumni Affairs and Development Office. She found that she enjoyed interacting with alumni and donors, and representing her alma mater so much that when the position of Director of Alumni Affairs became available, she immediately applied.

"As Alumni Director, my goal is to continue to connect and build relationships with alumni from both the two-year and four-year eras back



Photo from Megan Shina

Megan Shina

to their alma mater. The Alumni Association has the ability to be a part of the continued success story of Brevard College through fellowship, advocacy, and support. I'm thrilled to stand beside my fellow alumni during this forward momentum of the college we all know and love."

To Shina, a key part of serving her alma mater is helping to support current students. To that end, she is a student success mentor in the Freshman Year Experience and a member of the Task Force on the Future of the Humanities. Her work on the Integrated Marketing and Communications Committee ensures that all of the success stories from alumni are publicized to current and future students, as well as others who wish to support the college.

While working hard to serve her college's alumni association, Shina has continued her passion for education by enrolling in the Master's of Business Administration Program, at Western Carolina University. She is on the accelerated track to graduate with her MBA in summer 2022.

For information about the Alumni Affairs programs, Homecoming, or to make a gift to support the college, contact [megan.shina@brevard.edu](mailto:megan.shina@brevard.edu), 828-641-0871.

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# Murdaugh case timeline

By Zoey Jaynes  
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The Murdaugh family has been well known throughout South Carolina for a long time, with one member for three generations serving as the fourteenth court solicitor up until 2005, when Duffie Stone was appointed to the role.

In 2019, a boat owned by local attorney Alex Murdaugh crashed near Parris island with six people on board, including Paul T. Murdaugh, who was 19 years old at the time. The crash killed 19 year old Mallory Beach. Paul was indicted in April of that year for boating under the influence, causing great bodily harm and death. To which, he pleaded not guilty.

On June 7 of this year, Alex Murdaugh made a 911 call where he reported that he had found his wife Maggie and son Paul murdered. The sheriff's office deemed it a homicide with both victims suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

On June 22, the South Carolina Police Dept. announced they were reopening a case involving 19 year old Stephen Smith, who was found dead on a Hampton County road in 2015. They stated the case was being reopened due to leads gathered while investigating the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh.

On Aug. 11, the current fourteenth court solicitor Duffie Stone wrote a letter to the South Carolina Attorney General stating his intentions to excuse himself from the ongoing Murdaugh investigation. He states in the letter that he is excusing himself "considering the events of today in SLED's investigation," according to CNN. But no further explanation of that investigation is stated.

On Sept. 4, Alex Murdaugh called 911 and reported that he had been shot in the head. Two days later, he released a statement via his attorney in which he said that he was resigning from his law firm and entering rehab for his drug addiction. Later that week on the seventh, it was found that he had resigned due to the discovery that he had been misappropriating firm funds.

Most recently, on Sept. 14, South Carolina law enforcement officials reported that they had made an arrest on a man who Alex Murdaugh reportedly hired to kill him. According to Murdaugh's attorney, Curtis "Eddie" Smith was hired so that Alex's surviving son, Buster, could inherit his \$10 million dollar life insurance policy.



The Murdaugh family: from left, Buster, Maggie, Paul and Alex. Maggie and Paul were shot and killed at the family's home on June 7, 2021.

# Azeem returns for another night of comedy

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, hilarious comedian Azeem returned to Brevard College's campus to perform for students in the Dunham auditorium. The event was free for all students to attend, and was hosted by the Campus Activities Board (CAB). The show started at 8:00 p.m.

Azeem mainly poked fun at the students and those in attendance in the audience. From clothing, to facial expressions and physical appearance, Azeem did not hold back when it came to jokes. Nobody was safe. Azeem created a humorous banter and dialogue with students and the night was fun for all.

Azeem has performed at Brevard College over the past three years, and plans on returning to keep the laughs rolling in the future.

—Eleanor Flannery



Azeem performing in the Dunham Auditorium.





Photo by David Cleveland

Drake Bruner attending senior pinning.

# Family Weekend has no family involvement

By Anna Ervin  
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If you were not aware, Sept. 17, 18 and 19 were marketed as Brevard College's Family Weekend.

Brevard College lacks any actual activities for families, other than the senior pinning. It's important that families come to the pinning, but seniors are not the only students with families wanting to visit the college.

This year, Family Weekend was scheduled on an away football game day. A football game is an easy activity for students to take their families to and it allows the college to show off their facilities. Families should not be forced to visit a different college to attend a classic college experience on a weekend that

is supposed to celebrate families of Brevard College students.

There was also no real advertisement for Family Weekend. The college's Instagram page lacks a post about it, along with the Facebook page and Twitter. The college has it listed on the website and calendar but only mentions the senior pinning when describing the event.

It is unrealistic to even call this weekend a Family Weekend. Other universities offer a wide range of experiences throughout their family weekend to accentuate the college.

Clemson University offers "a family weekend tailgate, outdoor and lake activities, and more" according to their website. The University of South Carolina's family weekend "includes educational sessions, receptions, and a spectacular football tailgate" according to

their website.

If students' families are satisfied with where their students attend, the college will be recommended to others and students are more likely to stay because of the family support.

Family Weekend is a great way to find potential students in siblings, accentuate the college, get donations from families, spread awareness about the college, sell merchandise and more. Family Weekend should be considered more seriously, even if it simply means scheduling it on a home football game.

## Nados vs. Hawks

# Lights out at the white out

By Hope Hamilton  
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The Brevard College Tornados hosted a home football game against the Huntingdon Hawks this past Saturday, Sept. 26. Before the game, I had the chance to ask starting quarterback, Eli Carr, and starting defensive lineman, Issiah Bradley some questions on what was going on in their heads and the team's strategy. There were a lot of emotions going into this game being that last year a coin toss sent the Hawks to the championship game instead of the BC Tornados. "This game means so much because we felt like we rightfully won conference, and they basically handed Huntingdon our rings," Bradley expressed.

Eli Carr was able to explain the goal of the team to be, "to go out and dominate every play." Starting the game, the Hawks had first possession, but the first play after kickoff the Tornados' #8 Jarome Bass recovered a fumble made by the hawks and put us in play for a touchdown three plays later, where #3 Mitchell Yoder scored the Tornados first touchdown of the game. Stamati Damalos, #11 was able to make the extra point putting the Tornados in the lead 7-0.

Throughout the rest of the game, the Tornados had a rough spot, including quarterback Eli Carr being sacked 6 times, multiple blocked passes, incomplete passes, and giving Huntingdon the

lead 7-14 by halftime.

Come 4th quarter, the Tornados were down 7-21 but were still fighting. With less than 10 seconds left in the game, Carr was able to throw a pass to #7 Dalton Cole giving the Tornados their second and last touchdown of the game, and Damalos another chance to gain an extra point. Though it was blocked, the kick was still good, ending the game 14-21 giving the Huntingdon Hawks a win to take home.

The Tornados record is now 1-3, and set to play again next week, away against Greensboro College. The next home game will be Oct. 9 as the Homecoming game against Maryville.

## Noah Reisig named Assistant Athletic Trainer at Brevard College

By Phil de Montmollin  
Assistant Athletic Director for Communications

BREVARD, N.C. – Noah Reisig has been named Assistant Athletic Trainer at Brevard College, announced Head Athletic Trainer Liz Kelley. Reisig, who begins his duties at BC immediately, will work specifically with the sports of Men's Lacrosse, Men's Soccer,

Men's and Women's Cross Country/Track & Field, and Volleyball.

"We are very excited to have Noah join our Sports Medicine Team, said Kelley. "He is a great asset to our student-athletes' health and safety. We are happy to have him at Brevard College!"

Reisig arrives at Brevard College with

clinical experience on both the college and high school levels. From 2019 to 2020, he worked at Emerald High School in Greenwood, South Carolina with coverage specifically with the sports of football and cross country. His collegiate experience includes working with Men's Volleyball, Women's Volleyball, Men's and Women's Tennis, and Women's Lacrosse at Erskine College, an NCAA Division II institution in South Carolina. Reisig also gained experience with the Sports Medicine Department at Anderson University, another DII program in South Carolina.

Most recently, Reisig worked as an Operations Support Specialist at ATI Physical Therapy where he provided both patient care and administrative fulfillments.

A native of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Reisig graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Athletic Training from Erskine College where he earned All-Conference Academic and Presidential Honor Roll accolades as a baseball student-athlete. He is on pace to graduate with a Master's of Exercise Science in May of 2022 from Aurora University.

To follow the latest news and updates surrounding Brevard College Athletics, follow the Tornados on Twitter/Instagram @BCTornados, subscribe to 'Brevard College Tornados' on YouTube and SoundCloud, and follow 'Brevard College Tornado Athletics' on Facebook. In addition, follow 'brevardcollege' on Flickr for photos from BC events.



A photo of Noah Reisig.

Photo from BC Tornados



# Banning earns national honor after breakout performance vs. Huntingdon

By Joseph Marvin

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BREVARD, N.C. — Sophomore linebacker Geoff Banning was selected to the D3football.com Team of the Week following his career-high eight-tackle performance vs. Huntingdon which included 3 1/2 tackles-for-loss and 1/2 quarterback sack.

Banning's selection makes him the second Tornado to earn national weekly plaudits this season, as he joins teammate Jaden O'Leary who was honored following BC's victory over NC Wesleyan. Banning also becomes the 15th weekly national honoree for Brevard since BC was eligible for such honors beginning in 2017.

Banning, a product of Inverness, Florida, wrangled up eight tackles on Saturday that included five solo stops. The sophomore totaled



Photo from BC Tornos

## Geoff Banning vs. Apprentice.

a career-best 3 1/2 tackles-for-loss that led all Tornados in the game, and also combined on a quarterback sack with teammate Issiah Bradley. Banning also tallied a quarterback hurry in the performance. Overall, Banning ranks second on the Tornados in both tackles-for-loss (six) and sacks (1.5) so far this season.

The Tornados will return to action this Saturday, October 2 as Brevard matches up with Greensboro College in Greensboro, North Carolina, with kickoff slated for 4 p.m.

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