

Homecoming activities overview

By Anna Ervin
Managing Editor

This week is Homecoming! Oct. 4 through Oct. 9, there are tons of ways to get involved. The week is all about Battle of the Classes; each activity will give the opportunity to gain points for your class, and the overall winner will be announced on Thursday, Oct. 7 at the pep rally.

Voting for homecoming nominations has ended, but Wednesday, Oct. 6, is the last day to vote for who actually makes it onto the homecoming court. The link to vote is on BC Radar.

Every day is a new dress up day, and dressing up gets you entered into a raffle. Oct. 4 was a blackout and Oct. 5 was twin day. However, today you can wear white, tomorrow is a pajama day, Oct. 8 and Oct. 9 are all blue days; all you have to do to enter is post a picture of you participating on your Instagram story and tag @lifeatbc.

Monday, Oct. 4, started off the canned food drive competition between freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors that is continuing until Oct. 8. You can drop the cans off in the marked boxes in Tornado Alley. The

week also was kicked off with a game of kickball on the turf field.

Tuesday, Oct. 5, there was a food truck for cans, as well as a game of capture the flag. Underclassmen wore white and upperclassmen wore black.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, there is a scavenger hunt all day that ends in a raffle for \$50. There is also a car wash for cans from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; bring five cans to get your car cleaned. The evening event is powderpuff at 9:30 p.m., with underclassmen in white battling upperclassmen in black



2019 homecoming court

Photo by Victoria Braymen

New president named, will take office in January

The new president of the college will be Dr. Bradley J Andrews, who will take office in January 2022

The decision was announced via a news release to the campus Sunday evening.

The Board of Trustees voted last week to appoint Dr. Bradley J Andrews as the 14th

president of Brevard College.

Described as personable and a humble leader, Andrews has more than 31 years of experience in private higher education. Dr. Andrews has served as the president of Southwestern College since July 2015.

His appointment comes after a national

search that identified a number of talented candidates who were all considered by the College's Presidential Search Committee. "It was a unanimous vote among the Board of Trustees that Dr. Andrews is the best candidate to continue the hard work and dedication of

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A preview of 'Talley's Folly'

By Bree Self
Opinion Editor

Brevard College's theatre department is hosting a live performance of the play "Talley's Folly," an award winning show including the 1980's Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play of the season.

"Talley's Folly" is an insight of a night between two young and unlikely lovers, Sally Talley (Emma Harris) and Matt Friedman (Taylor Sparrow), in 1944. We are set in a scene of a boathouse in Missouri as we watch the sweethearts begin to work through their worries in their own relationships for an endearing ending that is sure to be enjoyed.

The performance is being held in the Morison's Playhouse, located within the Porter Center at Brevard College. It is a live performance and open to both the public and students alike.

To see this play, one can buy tickets online at brevardcollege.eventbrite.com or at the door, given that there are still some available. Students

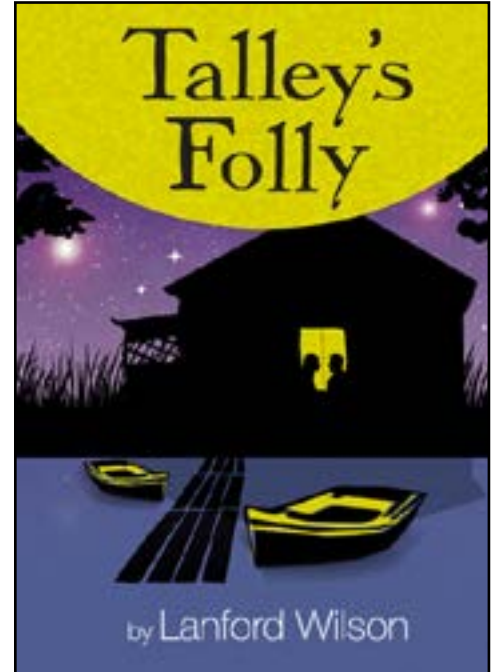
of Brevard College can buy a ticket for \$5 dollars while the general public can buy one for \$10.

"Talley's Folly" will also have a streamed version of the performance, available for purchase at broadwayondemand.com for those not able to attend the live performance.

This performance will premiere this Thursday, on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. with following performances on Friday and Saturday at the same time. The final performance will be on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m.

To attend, you must follow COVID-19 protocol as stated by the College Board. You must show identification and vaccination proof, and wear a mask at all times within the Porter Center building.

So, before you go watch the homecoming game this weekend, come on down to the Morison Playhouse to watch fellow students perform this amazing story of two star crossed lovers in their night alone.



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Weekly horoscopes

By Anna Ervin
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Aries, stop worrying about what others think of you. There is an optimistic path ahead of you. Trust yourself and your ability to make good choices regarding yourself.

Taurus, at the moment, something is off, and you know what that is. Trust your instincts. Things aren't rosy now, but everything can be rebalanced.

Gemini, something is around the corner for you! Good or bad, it doesn't matter because you're putting all of your energy into it. Find out what it is before you form an opinion.

Cancer, magic isn't going to cure the worry and fear that is currently surrounding you. However, that acceptance that this is all life is really isn't going to help you either. The only way out of darkness is through, so try to light a candle and start from the beginning.

Leo, there is emotional hardship around you, and you may be feeling swallowed. You have a community that supports and loves you, so look at the wealth that comes with that and stop being afraid to ask for help.

Virgo, are you who you want to be? What action do you need to take to get where you want to be? Evaluate yourself this week, and examine your choices and actions and the effect they have on the world around you.

Libra, this is a stressful moment in a lifetime

of good. It's okay that there's chaos and confusion, and it's okay for that to make you afraid. The sky has not fallen and the world has not stopped moving; try to release some of the worry you're holding onto.

Scorpio, take control of your life before leading others, but don't hesitate to take the opportunities as they come. This is a time for you to lead, so step into that role before it is given to someone else.

Sagittarius, life is a circular pattern. We spin around on a wheel, and we may go down, but we also go up. Things just keep looking up, so take a chance now. You haven't started to go back down just yet.

Capricorn, emotional insecurity is never pretty. Take a minute to realize how your jealousy, obsession, or obstinacy are pushing those around you away. People support you for you, so stop questioning their care for you.

Aquarius, you're in a stagnant limbo. Life may feel like it's only on pause for you. This is a temporary state of being, so look for creative approaches and new perspectives to help you move forward once more.

Pisces, you are full of life. Start something creative, go out with someone, and look into what you want. You've got time to decide where you're going, so use it well.

What you need to know about the debt default

Recently the United States has been facing a government shutdown due to the debt ceiling in place. The government already hit the debt ceiling in late August and has been operating off of extraordinary measures.

The House recently passed a bill to keep the government running as usual, with money continuing to support the military, government programs, victims of natural disasters and other programs. Both the President and the Senate signed off on it, however, the government can still default due to the debt ceiling not being raised.

The government should default on its debt on or around October 18 according to the treasury secretary. If the government defaults on the debt it will be the first time in American history a solution to this issue has not yet been announced by congress.

The treasury secretary Janet Yellen stated this warning on what could happen if the government should default, "...the full faith and credit of the United States would be impaired, and our country would likely face a financial crisis and economic recession." Meaning that most Americans would see an increase in interest rates on things like mortgages, credit cards and cars. By waiting until the last minute, the government debt will also appear riskier to investors.

If investors in the debt believe that the government will default this could cause many to pull out. Which would be another huge loss of income for the government.

This would also mean an increase in prices at most businesses due to a lack of government support. The stock market would also take a hit.

The government would also be unable to pay salaries for its employees or benefits for retired military personnel. This would also halt student loan payments and tax refunds.

—Zoey Jaynes

New president

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Brevard College's Mission," said Heath Weldon, chair of Brevard College Presidential Search Committee.

"The College remains committed to our students' experience through experiential education. The Board of Trustees, along with the new President, will be setting new strategic goals to boldly take Brevard College into the future with program offerings, retention initiatives, and overall experiential education experiences for our students.

"The Board of Trustees is confident that Dr. Andrews will continue with the trajectory and hard work established by the Rev. Dr. Joyce during his tenure," Weldon said.

"I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to join such a committed and impressive team," Dr. Andrews said. "The distinctive mission and talented people at the College, the vibrant spirit and hospitality of the Brevard community, the great success and strength that has been so diligently cultivated by President Joyce and the Board; this is a special college and Trish and I cannot imagine a better community."

More on BC's new president will be in next week's issue of The Clarion.



Dr. Bradley J. Andrews

Senior Spotlight

Psychology major, Summer Alexander to graduate

By Caroline Hoy
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Summer Alexander is a senior psychology major from Charlotte, NC. Alexander originally came to Brevard College to play softball but has since left the team. She also chose Brevard because of her love of the mountains, waterfalls and downtown Brevard.

Alexander's favorite part about Brevard College is the friends she has made. Additionally, she said, "I also love the psych professors at the school." While at Brevard, she became the secretary for Psi Chi Honor Society, became a member of BSU and just started working at the nursery for St. Phillips Church.

Alexander is both excited and sad about leaving Brevard. She is excited to start the next chapter of her life, but she is not looking forward to more school. She has decided that after graduation she plans on attending graduate school. She still has not finalized her decision of where she will study, but she is thinking about UNNC, University of NC Charlotte. She has decided to get her master's in either counseling or elementary education. She hopes to figure out which one is her true calling first before deciding.

Alexander originally planned to be a middle school guidance counselor, but she has started shifting into the idea of becoming a first or second-grade teacher. She said she decided to declare her major as psychology because, "I've always been interested in the way people think and interact with each other. I also wanted to find a way I could help people."

Alexander is always trying to help others around her. She tends to shy away from people, but after getting to know her one can see how she is strong and kind to others. She is always very proud to be the first in her family to graduate from a traditional four-

year college.

Alexander loves Brevard College, but she is excited to graduate and although she will miss

her friends a lot, both her determination and courage will lead her to her next adventure.



Photo from Summer Alexander

Summer Alexander

Faculty Spotlight

Charles Wallis

By Anna Ervin
Managing Editor

Charles Wallis, a mathematics professor at Brevard College, decided in 2006 to join the faculty at Brevard College because he said “teaching (not research) is the emphasis” and has been here ever since.

Wallis grew up in Morganton, NC, a place near but not in the mountains. He enjoyed visiting places in the high country like Linville Falls, and from a young age knew he wanted to live in the mountains. Wallis says that living in Brevard is “realizing a childhood dream.”

Wallis’s undergraduate degree in computer science is from North Carolina State University, and his graduate degrees in mathematical sciences are from Clemson University.

His first “career” job, after earning undergraduate degree, was as a COBOL programmer for a textile firm. Wallis had a good friend there who had a doctorate in mathematics that left the company to teach math, “and that inspired me to go to graduate school so that I could also teach in higher education,” Wallis said.

After earning his Ph.D. degree, he taught for a year at a two-year college in Gainesville, GA and then had the opportunity to move into the mountains, teaching for eleven years at Western Carolina University. When a position at Brevard College came open, he decided to move one county over and teach at the small institution and has been here for fifteen years.

Teaching wise, Wallis says his favorite classes to teach are “modern algebra, linear algebra, and applied combinatorics, but MAT 111 Topics in Mathematics is also high on my list. And so is calculus, especially calculus II.” Wallis says there are enough mathematics courses in the curriculum that the faculty “never get bored.”

Outside of school, Wallis’s hobbies include hiking and field botany, which includes trying to identify plants he sees along his hikes. In summertime, he hikes with the Pisgah Hikers at least twice a week, but during the academic year he says he is “of course busy during weekdays and I settle for occasional weekend hikes.”

He recommends the particularly special locations in our area, including The Devil’s Courthouse and the Black Balsam / Sam’s Knob area, both along the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Charles Wallis at at Shortoff Mountain, above Linville Gorge.

Photo from Charles Wallis

Wallis says he, “especially enjoys just being in a high-elevation spruce-fir forest.”

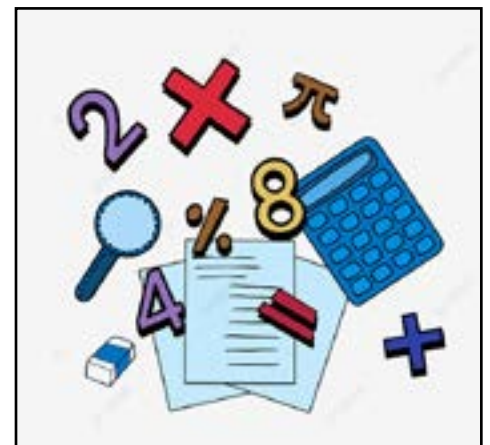
A fun fact about Charles Wallis is that he used to be a fairly accomplished ragtime piano player. He took piano lessons from fourth grade through high school. As he was growing up, an instrumental piece by Scott Joplin called “The Entertainer” became a hit on the radio, and he says he became hooked on that song, and then on the music of Scott Joplin in general.

After learning to play “The Entertainer” on the piano, Wallis’s piano teacher allowed him to continue focusing on ragtime and always had several pieces in his repertoire. Living without a piano led him to losing some of his skill, but now that he owns one he says that “some time I hope to re-learn some of my old favorite pieces”.

When asked about advice he would give to students, he gave two answers. The first piece of advice is to “manage your time wisely, so that you can be academically successful and have fun while in school.” Wallis says to figure out where you want to deliberately use “open spaces” in your schedule for homework, and you will find time for both study and for a social life. The sooner after class you can do the homework, the easier you will learn the

material and hopefully you won’t be trying to “cram” the night before the next test.

Wallis’s other piece of advice is to go visit the Blue Ridge Parkway. “In winter, when the Parkway is closed to traffic, you can park at the Cold Mountain Overlook and walk past the gates and enjoy just walking on the parkway,” Wallis said. He encourages everyone to take a good coat and head protection if you go there in winter. Wallis said that it is frequently windy on the parkway, and “when the temperature is just pleasantly cold in Brevard, the wind along the parkway can feel positively icy.”



Tornados blank Wolves for third straight conference win

By Joseph Marvin
Digital Media Director and Assistant SID

BREVARD, N.C. - The Brevard College women's soccer team (4-5-2, 3-1-0 USAS) won its third consecutive USA South Conference match with a 2-0 shutout victory over visiting Wesleyan College (0-7-1, 0-2-0 USAS) on Saturday afternoon at Ives-Lemel Family Field.

With the win, the Tornados have now won three straight and three of their first four conference games to start USA South play. The conference winning streak began on September 26 with a 2-1, double-overtime victory at LaGrange and continued with a 1-0 win over Piedmont this past Wednesday.

Brevard dominated play, outshooting the Wolves 32-0 as the BC defense matched a school record by not allowing a single shot in the match. Over the three-game win streak, BC has outshot its opponents 84-16.

After a scoreless first half where the Tornados outshot the Wolves 16-0, BC broke the deadlock with a goal in the 69th minute as sophomore Taylor Richardson scored her second goal of the season. The unassisted goal came off a well-placed shot over the outstretched arms of Wesleyan's goalkeeper Maya Phillips.

Sophomore Tae Brown added an insurance goal for the Tornados in the 87th minute off a pass by Emma Gooch. It marked the second goal of the year for Brown and the second career assist in the collegiate career for Gooch, a junior from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ten Tornados fired off multiple shots led by Richardson's five shots. Aliyah Vaughan and Samantha Foster each fired off four shots to add to the high total. Other multi-shot performances came from BC's Brown (3), Maddy Edwards (3), Alyssa Hetherington (2), Olivia Little (2), Justine St. Louis (3), Abbie Worsencroft (2), and Autumn Wright (2).

Brevard's defense of Channing Barker, Lena Hatter, Emma White, and Abbie Worsencroft prevented the Wolves from attempting a single shot on the afternoon.

Goalkeeper Rebeccah Rojas recorded her



Photo by Victoria Brayman

Taylor Richardson scored the first of two goals for the Tornados on Saturday.

fourth shutout of the season on an afternoon where she did not face a single shot on goal. It marked the school-record 21st shutout in the career of the graduate student from Murrieta, California.

Next up for the Tornados is a non-conference home match vs. Warren Wilson College on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Ives-Lemel Family Field. Brevard continues its USA South Conference schedule on Saturday, October 9 vs. Covenant

College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

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.

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TUESDAYS	1pm - 2pm and 8-9pm
WEDNESDAYS	1pm - 4pm and 8pm - 9pm
THURSDAYS	2pm - 4pm
FRIDAYS	1pm - 3pm
SUNDAYS	12pm - 2pm

*Closed on Saturdays & Mondays





Joe Pledger vs. Apprentice.

Photo from BC Tornados

Pledger earns third national weekly honor of career

By Joseph Marvin

Digital Media Director and Assistant SID

BREVARD, N.C. – Junior defensive back Joc Pledger was honored by D3football.com after his two-turnover performance in Brevard's 27-7 victory over Greensboro, earning a Team of the Week selection for the third time in his BC career.

Pledger, a native of Monroe, Georgia, picked off a Greensboro pass and also forced a fumble on his lone tackle of the contest. So far in the Fall season, Pledger has racked up 29 tackles with an interception, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery.

The junior was selected as a D3football.com Preseason All-American Second Team selection following a breakout Spring 2021 season that saw Pledger garner Preseason All-American Second Team honors from D3football.com after

tallying five interceptions in just five games.

Over 18 games played in his career at defensive back, the Exercise Science major has totaled 80 total tackles, three forced fumbles, three tackles-for-loss, and a fumble recovery to go alongside 12 pass breakups. Impressively, Pledger has picked off 10 career passes, which places him second all-time for Brevard College Football. His interception Saturday vaulted Pledger over former teammate Quentin Jackson (2017-21, 9 INT's) and places Pledger just one shy of the record held by Michael Gist (2008-11, 11 INT's).

Brevard College Tornados - D3football.com Team of the Week All-Time Selections

Tyler Gregory, WR, 2017
 Jerome Bass, DE, 2019
 Quentin Jackson, CB, 2019
 Rook Tate, ST, 2019

Jaxon Youngblood, P, 2019

Joc Pledger, CB, 2020-21

Quentin Jackson, CB, 2020-21

Toby Naylor, LB, 2020-21

Dante Anderson, S, 2020-21

Quentin Jackson, CB, 2020-21

Dalton Cole, TE, 2020-21

Joc Pledger, CB, 2020-21

Brevard College Offensive Line, 2020-21

Jaden O'Leary, TE, 2021

Geoff Banning, LB, 2021

Joc Pledger, CB, 2021

Pledger and the rest of the Tornados are scheduled to return to action on Saturday, October 9 when Brevard takes on Maryville College for Homecoming 2021 at Ives-Lemell Family Field. Kickoff is slated for 2 p.m.

BC uses big rushing day for 27-7 triumph over Greensboro

By Joseph Marvin

Digital Media Director and Assistant SID

GREENSBORO, N.C. - The Brevard College football team (2-3, 2-1 USAS) used a big day on the ground to help lift itself to a 27-7 victory over Greensboro College (0-4, 0-2 USAS) on Saturday afternoon.

The Tornados rushed for a season-high 309 yards while totaling 390 yards of total offense. BC's impressive day on the ground consisted of 16 first downs via rushes and 6.4 yards-per-carry.

Junior running back Mitchell Yoder dashed for 100 yards on 16 carries to mark the second 100-yard performance of his career. Sophomore Devonte Murray rushed for 69 yards while sophomore Deshonte Kirkland added 65 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries. Freddie Aiken II pushed ahead for 61 yards on seven carries, featuring a game-long 40-yard scamper. Aiken, Kirkland, and Murray all logged career-highs in the contest on the ground.

On the defensive end, Dante Anderson, Tyler Harrison, and Joc Pledger all logged interceptions. Harrison returned a 75-yard pick-six to the house to help the Tornados to the victory. Pledger, a native of Monroe, Georgia, and a Spring 2021 All-American, also forced a fumble as BC's defense forced a season-high four turnovers.

Steffon Canady and Wyatt Lankford each tallied a sack in the contest, while Anderson and Canady recorded five tackles apiece. Stamati Damalos hit two field goals and three extra points to build on his impressive season.

Brevard had 23 first downs to Greensboro's eight, while outgaining the Pride 390-151 offensively.

The Tornados and Pride each totaled three defensive interceptions in the contest, as Greensboro took the early lead on their first drive, putting together a 12-play, 74-yard score.

After an Eli Carr interception for BC, Pledger forced a fumble that was recovered by Kameron Moore. A four-and-out was answered with a Pledger interception, before a Damalos field goal attempt was blocked, keeping the score at 7-0 in favor of the Pride.

Anderson then picked off a pass on the first play of the ensuing Pride possession before Damalos hit a field goal to cut the deficit to a 7-3 margin. After a Greensboro punt, BC put together a scoring drive consisting of an eight-yard Yoder TD to make the score 10-7.

Harrison returned a 75-yard pick-six to make the score 17-7 before the intermission, marking the first interception and touchdown score of his Tornado career.

After the halftime break, both sides traded a pair of possessions before Kirkland found the end zone for his first collegiate touchdown, making it a 24-7 contest in favor of the Tornados.

Damalos would hit a 24-yard field goal on BC's next possession to all but seal the deal, as Tornados clinched the victory, 27-7, over the USA South opponent.

The Tornados return to action for Homecoming on Saturday, October 9, hosting Maryville College at Ives-Lemel Family Field at 2 p.m.

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Mitchell Yoder led BC's big day on the ground with 100 rushing yards

Photo from Tommy Moss