

# Harvest Fest starts fall with a bang

By Anna Ervin  
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Every year, Brevard College kicks off the fall season with its fun-filled festival known as Harvest Fest! This year was no exception to this tradition, starting on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Harvest Fest is normally held between the dining hall and the Moore Science building. This event was open to both students and the community, offering activities for all. Because this event is held outside, masks were optional.

Walking in, the road is lined with food trucks. Each person was offered a meal ticket to a truck that offered barbecue and one that offered wings. The dining hall was also set up outside, offering the regularly scheduled meal option.

Other food options included a funnel cake station, where a funnel cake was made for you and you picked the toppings. There was also a build your own caramel apple station, a build a corn on the cob station, and goody bags given away.

Brevard College's infamous llamas also made their grand appearance. Students gathered to take pictures and pet their soft coats. If you were tired

of standing with the llamas, you could go roast marshmallows by a fire pit.

This year, they had a bull riding machine, almost like the fair. They also had tight rope like lines to walk across and try. Every 30 minutes, there was also a pie eating contest. Students could enjoy various games too, such as soccer ball pingpong, volleyball, and cornhole.

The Cycling Team also had a small ceremony recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the winning students.

If one wanted a Harvest Fest shirt, a toy, coat or hat had to be donated.

Outside of the dining hall, students could get a caricature drawn for free! There was also a massive list of items people could get painted on their face, such as pumpkins and mushrooms. One person was even seen with "The Scream" on his face.

Nado, the white squirrel, even made a special appearance! The children especially loved to take pictures with Nado.

Overall, Harvest Fest was a big hit among the students and community.



Ivy Blanton paints Caroline Hoy's face at Harvest Fest.

Photo by Victoria Brayman

## Spring 2022 registration information

### *Vaccine deadline is Friday*

It's time to register for classes once again. This year the school has changed things up a bit.

First and most important, anyone who wishes to preregister for spring classes must be vaccinated against COVID-19. The deadline to remove a "CV" hold before preregistration begins next week is Friday, Nov. 5.

Second, instead of registration opening for students at midnight, the window each day to add classes will begin at 7 a.m.

Students can sign up on My Brevard, [my.brevard.edu](https://my.brevard.edu), starting with seniors on Monday, Nov. 8 and continuing each day according to your year at BC. Information was sent out via email to students to explain the process in further detail.

### **COVID-19 vaccine mandate**

An Oct. 28 email from Debora D'Anna on behalf of BC's COVID-19 task force reminded students of the college's vaccine mandate that was announced in March. The email spelled out the reasons for the mandate, which include fulfilling the college's mission and the need to protect public safety against COVID-19—which has now killed more than 5 million people worldwide. In the United States alone, the virus has claimed the lives of at least 745,000 people, more than any other nation, according to an Associated Press article this week.

"If you haven't been vaccinated yet," the task force email said, "it is time to join the 86 percent of our College community who have already chosen to embrace the experiential [learning] mission of the College and live the College motto of 'Learn in Order to Serve,' by getting vaccinated."

This Friday, Nov. 5, is the deadline to have "CV" holds removed by the registrar's office. A vaccine clinic by the college and the Transylvania County Health Department will continue today until 6 p.m. in the plaza in front of Myers Dining Hall. All three vaccines and boosters will be available.

—Caroline Hoy

## Senior Profile

# Jannie Kurtz to graduate

By Caroline Hoy  
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Jannie Kurtz is a senior music major at Brevard College. Kurtz was born in Charleston South Carolina but has lived in Greenville South Carolina as long as she can remember.

Kurtz chose to study at Brevard College because, "I found the learning style very interesting, and the music program is excellent." Kurtz's instrument of choice is her voice and she takes great pride in her vocal range. She has sung in the chamber and concert choirs. Plus, she is also skilled in the guitar.

Thus far while at Brevard Kurtz's favorite memory was performing in Mr. Burns. She said, "...a lot of hard work but easily one of the most fun things I've ever done."

Kurtz is very excited about her upcoming graduation, but she is also very nervous. Once she leaves Brevard College she plans to go on to earn her master's degree to become a music therapist.

Kurtz tried many different activities as a kid including martial arts, archery, and music. Music

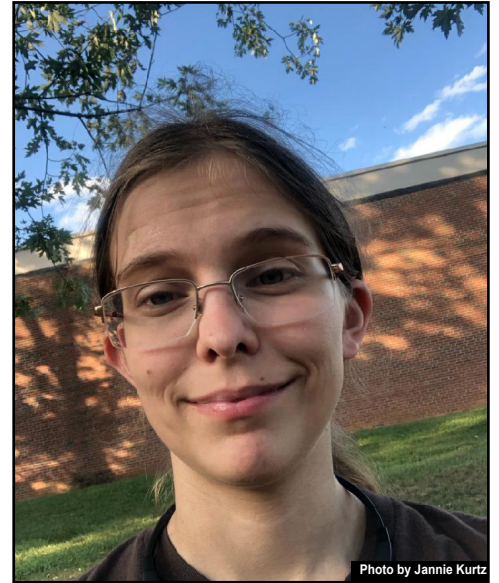
was the activity she fell in love with and has been chasing after a dream in music. Kurtz says music always felt like the right choice to her.

Over the years Kurtz has stayed unwavering in her dreams. When asked about her dreams and how they have changed she says, "I've been fairly confident on where I was going my entire time here, really ever since I first heard about music therapy. While the path has changed, the destination hasn't."

While at Brevard College Kurtz has become most known for her passion for music. She has dedicated a lot of time to it. But she also spends a lot of time working on her schoolwork. Kurtz has been on the Dean's List on multiple occasions.

Kurtz is very dedicated to her schoolwork and music, but she makes sure that she takes time to do things she loves. This includes playing video games such as Minecraft and Town of Salam. She also loves to spend time with her parents, brother, friends, and three cats.

Soon Kurtz will leave Brevard, but she will not



Jannie Kurtz

forget the memories she made. She is expecting to come back and visit after she leaves and will stay her unique self.

## Mini the dog has a day out

By Zoey Jaynes  
Arts & Life Editor

This past Saturday, I participated in a program called Doggy's Day Out. The program allows volunteers to take a shelter dog out for the day. I went to the Greenville, South Carolina animal care shelter which was around an hour's drive from Brevard.

The process begins with calling to make an appointment and then coming in at your scheduled time. Once you arrive, you will be asked about your preferences and what your plans are for the day. Some examples include whether you would prefer a calm walking around town dog or a hyper hiking dog. Once you are done answering questions, a dog will be selected for you.

You will also pick a time to return the dog to the shelter which could be 11 a.m., 12 p.m., or 5 p.m. It's a very loose time requirement on the returns, as long as they are made during the regular operating hours of the shelter.

Your dog will come equipped with a leash, collar, harness, treats, and doggy bags. The harness they wear will show that they are up for adoption and provide information about the shelter so interested adopters can contact.



Mini the puppy sits in a car, ready for the day out.

I was given an 8-month-old pitbull puppy named mini. Mini was an absolute delight, and she was extremely friendly and loving. She acted as though everyone was her best friend and wanted to say hello to everyone and everything. I found that there were several fun activities in the area to take Mini to.

This entire experience was amazing, and while it was hard to return Mini, I am so glad I could take her out of the shelter for the day. When you return the dog, you fill out a form for the shelter so that they have more information on the dog to make it more adaptable. You get to fill in what their favorite activities were, what tricks they could do, and anything else you learned about the dog.

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## Fun holidays to celebrate this week

Tired of waiting around to celebrate, but feel like we are close enough to Thanksgiving to feel like celebrating? No problem! Here are a few days you may want to participate in and learn about while you wait!

**Nov. 3 is Japanese Culture Day!** Take some time to educate yourself on Japanese culture, and enjoy the culture and arts of Japan.

**Nov. 4 is National Candy Day!** Enjoy a cheat day and eat your favorites with your loved ones!

**Nov. 5 is National Redhead Day!** Make your redheaded loved ones feel appreciated on their special day!

**Nov. 6 is National Saxophone Day!** Enjoy the smooth sounds of the saxophone while you appreciate some groovy music!

**Nov. 7 is Zero Tasking Day!** Enjoy a day of peace and spend some time cooling off!

**Nov. 8 is National Cappuccino Day!** Enjoy some coffee at our local coffee shop!

**Nov. 9 is Go To An Art Museum Day!** Enjoy the artistry around you!

—Anna Ervin

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# Brevard Rock Gym hosts free climb night

By Shyvon Potter  
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Brevard Rock Gym is a local haven for community members and is enjoyed by both avid climbers as well as people wanting to try out a new and exciting activity.

One notable thing Brevard Rock gym does is a Free Climb Night, which takes place every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This event is free for both students and faculty of Brevard College. Brevard Rock gym welcomes participants of all levels to free climb night and eagerly greets you whether you have climbed before or have just heard of what rock climbing is.

"It's a really positive atmosphere, and there is a lot of encouragement. There are people who come in here like Caleb (Trent) and Isaac (Saul) who are sending Blacks, which are the most difficult routes in the gym. And then there are people who come in like Sam Eastridge, a math professor at the college, who is sending whites and yellows, and they all get so much encouragement from the community. Any skill level is welcome," said Senior croft Hamilton.

Junior Michaela Gray said, "It's super fun, it got me into a new sport and I actually ended up winning the recreation category of a recent climbing competition in Greenville," when asked about free climb night.

Brevard Rock Gym is an 18-year old locally-owned business. "Brevard Rock Gym has a deep history not only as an outdoor-industry based business located in downtown Brevard, but as a gym offering family-friendly programs for youth of all ages. We are a small, unique climbing gym that is here primarily to serve our community," said Rachael Austin, owner

of Brevard Rock Gym.

In addition, Brevard Rock Gym hosts the Brevard College Climbing Team for the majority of their practices as well as home competitions. Rachael Austin said, "We have established Brevard Rock Gym as a world-class training facility for bouldering. Not only are we the training facility for the Brevard College Varsity Climbing Team, but in the last seven years our climbers have had more than ten appearances at the National level of USA Climbing, the USA's sanctioning organization for competitive climbing."

Brevard Rock Gym aspires to serve the Brevard community in ways beyond providing a fun recreational activity. "Our programs are unique, and have specific goals based on the principles of building self-esteem, creating and maintaining a positive and productive environment, providing and receiving support from peers, and the value of perseverance. The activity of rock climbing in a controlled environment with skilled facilitation is an incredible and powerful metaphor for being presented with challenges, breaking those challenges into manageable parts, and working to overcome each part - including fear, motivation, confidence - until experiencing the powerfully invigorating feeling of success and achievement."

"We believe that we have made a powerful difference for many in our community and beyond, and it is our true hope and desire to continue making a positive difference in the lives of people within our community," said Rachael Austin.



Photo by Rachael Austin

From left to right: Shyvon Potter, Michaela Gray and Madison Altman "hanging out" at the Brevard Rock Gym

# BC earns five individual national titles, finishes third as team at Mountain Bike National Championships in Colorado

By Phillip de Montmollin  
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DURANGO, Colorado – The Brevard College Cycling team earned five individual national titles, more than any other participating school, and a third-place overall team finish at the 2021 USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships held Oct. 14-17 at Purgatory Resort in Durango, Colorado.

Brevard College senior Tyler Orschel won a total of three national championships with titles in the Men's Varsity Individual Omnium, given to the top overall rider, Cross Country and Short Track Cross Country. Senior Tyler Clark, the 2019 Individual Omnium national champion, won the Men's Varsity Downhill championship. On the women's side, senior Erica Leonard won the Women's Varsity Downhill national championship to give the Tornados a sensational five national titles between the three riders.

Brevard placed third at the event behind team national champion Colorado Mesa University and second-place Fort Lewis College, making BC the highest finishing collegiate program in the eastern half of the United States. It marked the second straight mountain bike national championship that the Tornados have finished in third place with the same team result at the 2019 nationals in Big Bear Lake, California. The 2020 collegiate nationals were not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In total, the Tornados earned a total of 11 podium finishes at the 2021 national event in addition to the five individual national championships. The performance came in challenging weather conditions with mud, snow and ice as well as an elevation of nearly 10,000 feet all factors on the race courses at the Purgatory Resort in the San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado. The BC student-athletes arrived upon a mountain full of snow at the start of the event that turned into very muddy conditions as the temperatures rose throughout the weekend. Despite the conditions, the Tornados produced sensational results that included zero DNF's (did not finish).

"We are overwhelmed with pride following the team's performances this week," said Brevard College Head Cycling Coach Brad Perley. "They overcame a lot of adversity and each student-athlete focused on ensuring they were fully prepared. These results wouldn't have been possible without tremendous support



Left to right: Tyler Orschel, Tyler Clark and Erica Leonard combined for five individual national championships at the USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships Oct. 14-17.

amongst the teammates but also from our friends and supporters. It's a special group."

Orschel, a native of Uxbridge, Ontario, began the flurry of race wins and strong finishes with a victory in Friday's Men's Varsity Cross Country. Orschel threw down a time of 1:19:44 in the endurance race to beat second-place finisher Torbjorn Roed of Colorado Mesa by nearly two minutes. Tyler Clark finished ninth, while BC's Owen Clark (11th), Philip Ford (14th), Tyler Miranda (15th) and Ryan Johnson (23rd) each finished strong in the race that featured 68 riders.

The following day, Orschel would continue his winning ways with a second national championship in Men's Varsity Short Track Cross Country. Tyler Clark placed sixth and Owen Clark finished ninth to give the Tornados a total of three top-10's in the event.

Sunday's Men's Varsity Downhill competition saw Tyler Clark, out of King City, Ontario, win the national title with the event's quickest time just ahead of second-place Orschel. Owen Clark finished fourth to give BC three of the five podium spots. BC's Jack Brown (11th), Cameron Mader (13th) and Watt Hackney (15th) also ran fast times as all six Tornados entered in the event finished amongst the top-15 of the field's 56 competitors.

Men's Varsity Dual Slalom saw Tyler Clark earn another podium with a fifth-place finish at an event that experienced several schedule changes before concluding Saturday.

Combining results from all four individual events, Orschel went on to win the Men's Varsity Individual Omnium title for top overall rider with 248 total points. Tyler Clark finished

second and Owen Clark third to give Brevard a 1-2-3 podium sweep in the individual omnium.

On the women's side, Leonard won her first career individual national title with an exceptional performance in Sunday's Women's Varsity Downhill. A native of Barrie, Ontario, Leonard was the fastest down the course with a time of 6:20. Brevard College senior Rachel Pageau placed third in the event, after posting a mark of 6:24 which stood as the quickest time for much of the competition.

On Saturday, Leonard placed third and Pageau fifth in Women's Varsity Dual Slalom to take two of the five podium spots in that event as well.

In the women's endurance competitions, sophomore Nina Machnowski was the top-finishing BC rider with a 21st place finish out of 51 riders in Women's Varsity Cross Country and a 19th place result in Women's Varsity Short Track Cross Country.

Combining all the results, Leonard finished second overall in the Women's Individual Omnium, just eight points behind Lauren Lackman of Colorado Mesa. Pageau finished fourth in the individual omnium to give BC two female riders on the omnium podium for best overall performer.

The four-day event concluded with the exciting Varsity Team Relay. Orschel and Tyler Clark raced the first two legs of the relay followed by senior Hannah Dickson who raced the third segment. Leonard raced the final leg of the relay as the team finished with a time of 37:38 to finish third behind Colorado Mesa and Fort Lewis.