

Sliding Rock is reopening!

By Anna Ervin
Editor in Chief

Due to Tropical Storm Fred in August of 2021, the beloved Sliding Rock was damaged and closed. On April 30, Sliding Rock is set to reopen for visitors!

Sliding rock is a natural slip and slide waterfall, fueled by 11,000 gallons of water flowing down the rock every minute. It is a 60 foot boulder with water that is anywhere from 50 to 60 degrees cascading down it, leading to an eight foot pool of water.

In Tropical Storm Fred, Sliding Rock was filled with debris, and the lifeguard landing was

damaged beyond repair. It was open 365 days a year, but it was forced to shut down because of the severe flooding.

The landing will be rebuilt in years to come, but people are buzzing about it. Dave Casey, Pisgah district ranger, said in a news release to WYFF, "We're making good progress and it's exciting to see the iconic Sliding Rock attraction reopen this year."

The rock will be open for sliding during daylight hours. Lifeguards will be on duty and restrooms will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays April 30 to May 7, seven days a week from May 7 to Sept. 30 and Saturdays and Sundays Oct. 1 through Oct. 30.

To enter the recreation area, there is a four dollar charge when staff members are on duty. It is free to visit after the staff hours, but donations are encouraged and restrooms will be closed.

To see this attraction reopen is a wonderful thing, and we are sure to see Brevard College students, faculty and staff celebrate the reopening and take a visit.



A picture of the damage by Tropical Storm Fred.



A picture of the recreational area before the damage.

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BIO 105 class goes on trip across NC

By Sarah Maveety
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Concepts In Biology, BIO 105, is a general education course that counts as a lab science, General Education Area II.B.. This semester, BIO 105 was offered in a new format: as an Intensive Learning Opportunity, ILO. ILO courses count towards the Common Area B general education requirement, which students know as the LINC requirement. Recently, Common Area B was updated to include ILO courses, and is now called “Collaborative Learning.” Students can take up to one ILO class to count towards this common area.

BIO 105 introduces students to Biology as it relates to being a human on a changing planet. This semester, students learned about the scientific method, biodiversity, ecology and conservation biology in a classroom setting of lecture and lab during the first half of the semester. To fulfill the ILO outcome, students applied learning from the classroom to a field experience and explored the diversity of the state of North Carolina, from the mountains to the sea, while engaging in experiential learning among peers.

The Spring Break field trip ran from Sun March 6 to Fri March 11. Students were led by BIO 105 instructor, Dr. Sarah Maveety, Assistant Professor of Biology, and faculty co-leader Dr. Rachel Hillyer, Assistant Professor of Biology. The focus of the trip was to experience the diverse ecosystems and biodiversity across the state of North Carolina. The trip started just outside of Brevard, North Carolina hiking Devil’s Courthouse, 5720 ft, accessed from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Here the class was able to observe the Spruce-Fir, also known as “sky islands”, that are limited to the highest elevations in the southern Appalachians. These enchanting ecosystems are relics of forests that covered the southeast US before the last ice age ended approximately 20,000 years ago.

Next the class started down the mountains, visiting the mixed hardwood forests in the piedmont of North Carolina, and tent camping at Lake James State Park, in the town of Nebo. From there the class traveled to the coastal plain, staying with an alumna of Brevard College near Lillington, North Carolina. The class visited the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, the class was able to view a special exhibit called “Exquisite Creatures” featuring the artwork of Christopher Marley. On our next stop, we visited the unique Bay Lakes of eastern NC, staying in cabins at Singletary Lake State Park, in the town of Kelly. Finally, the class camped at Carolina Beach State Park, in the town of Carolina Beach, for the last two nights, to explore the coastal ecosystems of North Carolina.

These new ILO courses are an exciting opportunity for students to make connections with Faculty leaders, with other students, and with their community. There will be more ILO opportunities offered in future semesters, for example, LNC 213, Sacred Ritual and Music in Sacred Spaces, offered by Dr. Sharad Creasman and Dr. Vance Reese in Fall 2022.



Photo by Darryl Smith

Exhausted yet exhilarated, the students of Bio 105 take one more selfie before their last leg home. Together, they have made meals, gone hiking, fishing, dancing and singing. They listen to early 2000s hits and oldies as it settles in that they will be home in the mountains soon. Memories were made that won't be forgotten. (L to R starting in back: Taylor Willis, Riley Moore, Jamie Tinsley, Dakota Grimsley, Maddy Campbell, Charles Johnson, Naomie April Gibbs, Alexa Jennings, & Darryl Smith).

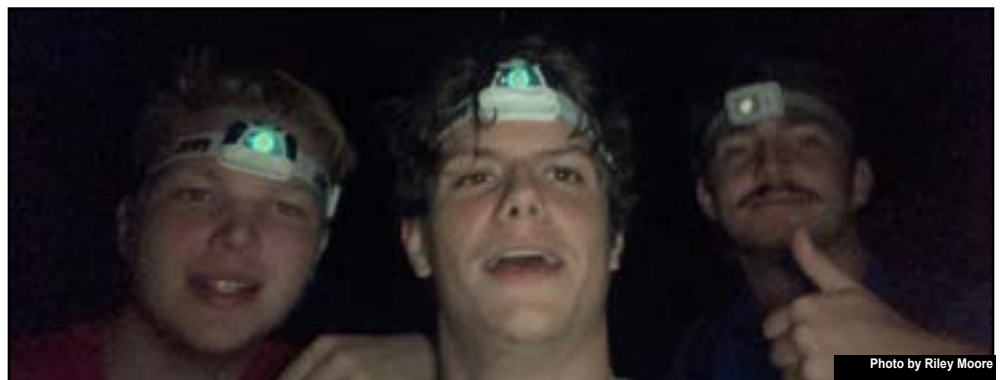


Photo by Riley Moore

Jamie Tinsley, Riley Moore, and Taylor Willis on the first night of our 5-night trip, tent camping.



Photo by Brevard College

Our group visited an alumna of Brevard College near Lillington, NC. We explored their farm, which hosts rare and endangered breeds of livestock. (L to R, back to front: Charles Johnson, Jamie Tinsley, Taylor Willis, Dakota Grimsley, Darryl Smith, Nancy Rodgers (alumna), Naomie April Gibbs, Alexa Jennings, Rachel Hillyer, Maddy Campbell, Sarah Maveety, Rick Rodgers (husband of alumna), Riley Moore).



Photo by Alexa Jennings

Naomie April Gibbs at NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher.



Photo by Dakota Grimsley

The Boys at Singletary Lake State Park. (L to R: Darryl Smith, Jamie Tinsley, Riley Moore, Dakota Grimsley, Taylor Willis)



Photo by Taylor Willis

We made it to the beach: Dakota Grimsley at Fort Fisher State Recreation Area!

Obituary

Dave Cleveland, lead maintenance technician at BC, dies at 54

David Frederick Cleveland, the lead maintenance technician for Brevard College's facilities department, died Friday, March 4, 2022 at his residence in Hendersonville. He was 54.

The campus was informed of his passing in an email by campus minister Sharad Creasman. "Please keep Dave's wife, Amy, their children, family, friends, and coworkers in your thoughts, prayers, and care," he wrote.

In an email response to the announcement, education professor Megan Keiser wrote, "We are heartbroken." Many students, staff and faculty cared for him and took note of his kindness and intentionality, she said, adding,

"He seemed to light up the spaces he worked in on campus."

Brevard College president Brad Andrews also expressed his condolences. "This is a great loss for the BC family," he said. "Dave would make it a point to know your name and to always say hello when he saw you; his friendly personality and sense of humor will be dearly missed."

Cleveland began working at Brevard College in 2017. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hendersonville. He loved working with the youth and was an active volunteer for youth camps and youth groups. David was an avid photographer and more recently enjoyed cooking. His greatest passion in life was his family.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Amy Miller Cleveland; one son, Jacob Cleveland, and one daughter, Delaney Cleveland, all of the home; his parents, William and Carolyn Robbins Cleveland of Dripping Spring, Texas; one brother, Donald Cleveland and wife Tiffany of Rockwall, Texas; and one sister, Dayna Boyd

and husband Jett of Dripping Spring, Texas; mother and father-in-law, R. Dennis and Diane Miller of Hendersonville; and two brothers-in-law, Eric Miller and wife Suzy of Winter Springs, Florida and Jason Miller and wife Kim of Fletcher, North Carolina; ten nieces and one nephew.

A celebration of David's life will be held Sunday, March 20, 2022 at First United Methodist Church of Hendersonville at 1:30 p.m., with the Reverend Kelli Mullinix officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deerhaven Campground, C/O Treasurer 323 Wooded Vine Drive, Winter Springs, FL 32708 or Camp Sionito, 754 State Highway 16 N Bandera, TX 78003 or to First United Methodist Church, earmarked for The Men's Group, at 204 6th Avenue W, Hendersonville, NC 28739.

Condolences may be sent to the Cleveland family through Jackson Funeral Service, online at www.jacksonfuneralservice.com.

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Photo by John Padgett

Dave Cleveland supervises the replacement of ceiling lights in the lobby of McLarty-Goodson on Nov. 30, 2021



David Cleveland

Brevard College graduate programs

By Laura Vance
Clarion Contributor

Brevard College now offers Master of Science degrees in Health and Human Performance and Emergency Management, two professional fields that are growing rapidly.

"This is a historical moment for the College," said Dean Scott Sheffield. "We have grown in the last 25 years from a two-year College to a four-year College, and now to a College that offers master's degree programs to our students."

The MS degrees build on strengths of the College to provide real-world expertise. Dean Sheffield notes that the programs "expand the reach of the College's unique, experiential mission into masters-level educational programs. Both the Emergency Management and Health and Human Performance programs are unique and distinctive experiential graduate programs that will offer new and special educational opportunities to our current students and other students in the region to prepare them for professional careers in both fields."

For those interested in sport, the Health and Human Performance program provides specialized professional training. According to Dr. Stephen Knott, who coordinates the Health and Human Performance program, it is "designed to prepare graduates to work in a variety of settings, such as strength and conditioning, fitness and wellness programming, personal training, recreation specialties, and some health careers."

Dr. Knott also points to opportunities the program provides for those interested in coaching: "What's exciting about our Health and Human Performance program is it gives students the opportunity to explore sport coaching at a more technical and scientific level than in an undergraduate program, which will prepare graduate students to be better coaches at the higher levels of sport." Dr. Jennifer Frick-Ruppert, Mathematics and Science Division Chair, added that, "with the new master's program, we can train undergraduates, graduates, and coaches so that all areas have an opportunity to gain new knowledge and skills."

Part of what makes the Emergency

Management program experiential and unique, according to Dr. Karyn Melligan, the program coordinator, is that it allows graduate students to "incorporate tasks and skills that they will perform on the job, such as GIS mapping, tabletop exercises, filling out the request forms for a federal Presidential Disaster Declaration, issuing press releases, holding press conferences, and more." Some of the professional opportunities available in the field of emergency management are as an "emergency planner, community preparedness trainer, emergency management coordinator, emergency management director, critical infrastructure manager, crisis communication manager, risk manager, or in public affairs, or many other professional areas in both the public and private sectors," according to Dr. Melligan.

"What I find exciting about the new Emergency Management program is that it is designed to meet the needs of the students not only as they enter into the field of emergency management, but also to develop competencies in areas that both FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and IAEM (the International Association of Emergency Managers) have identified as those emergency management professionals need to plan and prepare for all-hazard incidents," said Dr. Melligan.

Dr. Scott Melligan, who also teaches in the Emergency Management program, brings his FEMA experience to graduate students: "Deploying with FEMA gives me a rich cache of experiences, good and bad, which I can share with my classes. In some ways I am like an anthropologist, because I live in the communities I serve and get to know the people I help after a disaster. I also gain experience as an emergency management practitioner and, with near immediacy, experience the successes and failures of plans, policies, and procedures used in the emergency management discipline. I share these lessons learned with my classes, so my students have a head start when they hit the streets as emergency managers."

Both programs are experiential, and help to strengthen opportunities for undergraduates

as well as those interested in graduate study. The Health and Human Performance program "builds on the strengths we already have in our exercise science and health science undergraduate programs, said Dr. Frick-Ruppert, noting that, "as part of the new graduate program, we built a dedicated lab and classroom in the new fieldhouse building, and we added a grant-funded \$50,000 worth of equipment. The new facilities and equipment support both the master's program as well as our undergraduates, so is a win for both programs."

Both programs offer some co-listed courses for undergraduates, providing undergraduate students more opportunities for specialized training. Co-listed undergraduate courses available in the fall semester of 2022 include ERM 401/501 Principles of Emergency Management and ERM 406/506 Response and Management of Critical Incident Operations in Emergency Management. In Health and Human Performance co-listed courses include PSY 455/555 Sport Psychology, EXS 312/512 Motor Learning, and EXS 430/530 Strength and Conditioning.

A recent on-site visit by the accrediting body of the southern states, SACSCOC, allowed Brevard College students, faculty, and staff involved in the programs to meet and share extensive information related to both programs. The on-site visit ended with accolades for the new programs. Dean Sheffield called the visit "a great success" adding that "the committee was impressed by the professionalism of the graduate curriculum, the authentic commitment our faculty and staff have for students and their success, and the quality of our students. Dean Sheffield notes that the College "received a perfect score from the committee, meeting all of the accreditation criteria, with zero recommendations."

Students interested in learning more about the programs can find additional information at <https://brevard.edu/hhp/> for Health and Human Performance, and at <https://brevard.edu/erm/> for Emergency Management, or contact the appropriate program coordinator.

Women's Basketball Senior Profile

Shakirah Thompson to graduate

By Journey Tyler
Staff Writer

Shakirah Thompson is a five foot five inches senior guard from Atlanta, Georgia. She joined the Brevard College Women's basketball team as a freshman in 2017 and has been a vital member of the program throughout her entire career.

Thompson spent five seasons as a part of the women's basketball team. In that time, she played in 106 games and was a part of the starting lineup for 61 of them. In the 2,232 minutes that she spent on the court, she scored 599 points, while also tallying career totals of 52 assists, 111 rebounds, 50 steals, and 13 blocked shots.

Shakirah established her career high in points scored in a game with 21 against conference opponent Agnes Scott during the 2019-2020 season. She matched that total twice more during the 2021-2022 season.

Thompson has solidified her place in the Brevard College history books by becoming third on the all-time leaderboard for total three

pointers made with 166, as well as being third on the single season three pointers list with 55 made threes during the 2021-2022 season. An incredible 498 out of her 599 career points came from behind the three-point line.

Shakirah's favorite memories as a part of the basketball team were defeating Huntingdon College on her senior night during the 2020-2021 season, and celebrating New Years with her teammates.

During her 5 years at Brevard College, Thompson has been an active member of the Brevard College community. Along with playing basketball, she has been a member of the track team, a representative for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and the President of the Black Student Union.

Shakirah chose to attend Brevard College because it was a different environment than she was used to. Upon graduating from Brevard College, Thompson plans to use her business degree to get a job in content marketing.



Shakirah Thompson shooting a basket.

Mario Kart is getting new tracks to continue racing

Mario Kart is another Mario spin-off that takes Nintendo's iconic mascot and all of the Mario characters and places them in a four part race to win trophies.

In Mario Kart, you take control of a variety of Mario characters and select a go-kart style vehicle to take part in a race for first place, all while trying to avoid obstacles and grabbing items to get ahead of the competition. All characters will fall into a category of weight class: light medium and heavy, with light characters being more maneuverable but slow, medium characters being a fair balance of speed and maneuverability, and heavy which has the highest speed but the lowest acceleration and maneuverability.

On each track, there will be item boxes

that will provide you with ways to stall your opponents and get you ahead of the pack. You will also compete in battles and grand prix to win crowns and trophies, all while unlocking new karts to use.

The most recent Mario Kart has been around for about five years now, and it is still going strong. As of a recent announcement, Nintendo is planning to release 6 new cups, each with four new race tracks to race on. These tracks will be released over the course of the year, all the way to the beginning of 2023. I recommend Mario Kart as a fun way to play with friends and a good way to make friends over the internet and just enjoy a casual evening.

— Kellen McGeorge



Dr. Simone Savannah reads her poems and meets with students

By Caroline Hoy

Managing Editor

Simone Savannah is a poet originally from Columbus, Ohio. Yesterday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m., Savannah visited Brevard College via zoom to read poems from her book, *Uses of My Body*.

Savannah currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio after attending her undergraduate at Ohio University in creative writing and the University of Kansas for her master's in education. She is currently teaching and writing as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Cincinnati.

When asked why Savannah became a poet, she said she used to think that she would become a dancer, dancing jazz, modern and afro canneriban, but as it became more of a task, she turned to spoken word. Spoken words slowly morphed into poetry. Despite the change in dreams for Savannah, she says that her younger self would be proud of where she is now.

In her free time Savannah enjoys "doing

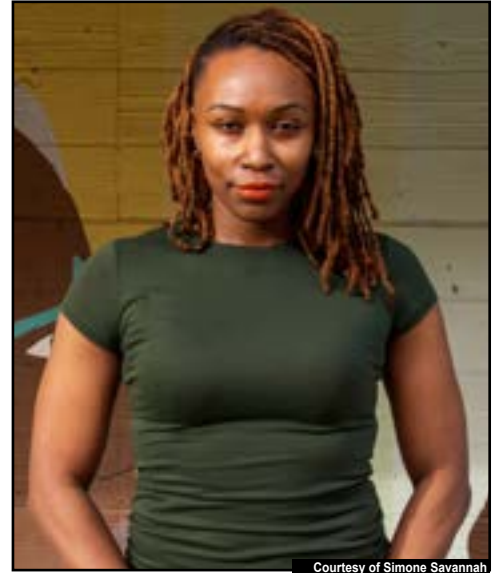
witching things", watching funny TV, thinking, crystals, a lot of talking with friends and gathering inspiration.

When asked what people know her for, Savannah says it depends on how they know her. If someone knows her from academia then it is her poetry, if it is her friends then it is the specific way she walks and if it is from Instagram then it is the gym selfies.

Savannah is currently working on her next poetry book. She recently put all the poems in a word document to get them down. The next book is still in its "baby stages" according to Savannah.

Savannah's book "*Uses of My Body*" won the Barrow Street Poetry Book Prize chosen by Jericho Brown and Savannah says "It still feels like a dream."

Savannah tries to stay true to herself. To future poets her number one advice is "stay true to yourself." Her other advice is "Life is a process... your work has a place in the world."



A photo of Simone Savannah

Courtesy of Simone Savannah

Spotify Playlist

Women's History Month

1. Dream A Little Dream Of Me by Ella Fitzgerald
2. I Will Always Love You by Whitney Houston
3. Believe by Cher
4. At Last by Etta James
5. Hot Stuff by Donna Summer
6. 9 to 5 by Dolly Parton
7. Poker Face by Lady Gaga
8. Someone Like You by Adele
9. Piece by Piece by Kelly Clarkson
10. thank u, next by Ariana Grande
11. Sk8er Boi by Avril Lavigne
12. Daisies by Katy Perry
13. good 4 u by Olivia Rodrigo
14. City of Angels by Em Beihold
15. Venus Fly Trap by MARINA
16. Castle by Halsey
17. Funhouse by P!nk
18. Bad Guy by Billie Eilish
19. Runaway by AURORA
20. Die Young by Ke\$sha
21. Toxic by Britney Spears
22. Woman by Doja Cat
23. Body by Megan Thee Stallion
24. Respect by Aretha Franklin
25. Run the World (Girls) by Beyonce

Weekly Horoscopes

By Anna Ervin

Editor in Chief

Aries, surprising things may be coming to you. This can lead to unexpected responses, but unexpected isn't always a bad thing.

Taurus, be reasonable with your expectations for others. If you are not communicating, you are at fault too.

Gemini, you are taking on new positions of power. Figure out how you lead best, and apply it to whatever you are facing.

Cancer, you don't have to rush anything, but you should avoid going too slow. You have the time to pick the pace you feel best at, so don't let others pressure you.

Leo, look at the little signs around you. You don't have to already know every detail to understand the gravity of a situation.

Virgo, continue to stay grounded. You know what you want, so don't let others push you onto a different route.

Libra, who are you surrounding yourself

with? It's important to have people in your life that uplift you and love you for who you are, not what they think you should be.

Scorpio, something is headed your way, but you have seen it before. Keep your head up; you've gotten through it once and you can do it again.

Sagittarius, freedom and breaking limitations are coming towards you. Use this to reignite yourself, and find new avenues to explore.

Capricorn, why are you brooding over yourself. You know what you bring to the table and you know your worth. Own it.

Aquarius, if you are struggling, communicate that. If the people around you care for you, they will accept you as you are. You don't need to pretend for them.

Pisces, cutting corners will come back to bite you. Be thorough about the work you do, and see it to the end.

Mindfulness and Nature class trip photos:



Photo by Sonia Marcua

Students and staff excited for a special weekend



Photo by Sonia Marcua

Southern Dharma Retreat Center during the night!



Photo by Sonia Marcua

Students shovel snow



Photo by Sonia Marcua

Students working hard cleaning!

Students go on service trip to Kentucky



Photo by Brevard College

Students help with clean up of Bowling Green, KY after it was hit by a tornado



Photo by Brevard College

Students proud of themselves after helping the community!

Preview:

Be on the lookout for the Clarion's response to the survey we did about opinions of the Brevard College community in next week's issue!

**From 'Frozen Conflict' to Full-Scale War:
Explaining the Origins of the War in Ukraine**

Monday, March 21st
7pm
Ingram Auditorium

Free & Open to Public

Dr. Jordan Kuck, a historian of modern Northeastern Europe, will summarize the history of modern Ukraine and analyze the historical causes of the current war in Ukraine. Dr. Kuck is an associate professor of history at Brevard College.

Visiting Artist Lecture:

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