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The BC Class of 2022

More than 150 graduates receive diplomas in Brevard College's 169th commencement

Graduation at Brevard College this year was both a return to tradition and a reflection of change at the college, as more than 150 students marched across the stage Saturday to receive their diplomas, including the college's first-ever graduate student.

"Graduates, I commend you. You have worked hard to be here today," said BC President Bradley J Andrews, taking part in his first BC graduation since assuming the role of president in January. "Your dedication to your studies, your passion for academics, athletics and the liberal arts have led you to this day."

Joining Andrews on stage to greet and congratulate this year's graduates as they received their diplomas was former BC president David Joyce, who retired in December 2021.

Their ceremony was the culmination of the 169th commencement in the college's history, which began the night before with the college's traditional baccalaureate and hooding ceremony in the Porter Center. This year's celebration followed an academic year that marked the return of on-campus events and the addition of two new graduate programs, in emergency management and health and human performance.

A total of 156 students received their diplomas on Saturday, including Emily White, the first recipient of a graduate degree from Brevard College, a Master of Science in emergency management.

This year's commencement ceremony also marked a return to its traditional location near the bell tower on campus. Saturday's event took place in the Academic Quad for the first time since 2019 after 2020's commencement was canceled because of COVID-19. Last year, two ceremonies were held on Ives-Lemel Family Field, honoring the classes of 2020 and 2021 after the 2020 in-person graduation ceremony was canceled and held virtually.

The 2022 commencement ceremonies were held in-person and also live-streamed, allowing for family members and friends from afar to share the joy of the events. (View the video at <https://fb.me/e/1PfdlkIOD>.)

The graduates were honored during two days of events. On Friday, May 6, the Baccalaureate & Hooding Ceremony was held in Scott Concert Hall in the Paul Porter Center for the Performing Arts. On Saturday, May 7, following a graduation breakfast for the candidates and a class photo, graduates assembled at Dunham Hall Music Center while faculty, staff, and the Executive Leadership Team gathered in front of Coltrane Hall.

A procession began at 8:45 a.m. leading graduates and faculty, staff and leadership under the historic Weaver Bell Tower and into the Betty Neale



As is tradition, new BC graduates recess through the bell tower between rows of cheering faculty at this year's commencement ceremony, the first to take place in the Academic Quad since 2019.

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Academic Quad, where the Commencement Ceremony began at 9 a.m.

A welcome from President Andrews, along with an invocation from class of 2022 graduate and Christ Club president Drake Elder Bruner, opened the proceedings. Greetings from the Board of Trustees were offered by chair Heath Weldon '75 and were followed by the announcement of honors and awards by Vice President of Academic Affairs Scott Sheffield.

Presidential Awards for Distinction went to Drake Elder Bruner, an environmental studies major from Hendersonville, and Chloe Ann Proffitt, a health science studies major from Asheville. This award recognizes graduates who demonstrate remarkable leadership, service, and academic achievement.

Receiving the C. Edward and Brona N. Roy Good Citizenship Award was Cory Dean Earp, an early childhood education major from Taylorsville, North Carolina. This award recognizes graduates with a record of moral character, citizenship, leadership and a positive influence on campus.

Two graduates—Earp and biology major Gabriella Joy Herbertz—received the Presidential Award for Scholarship, which honors graduating seniors who earned at least 62 hours of coursework at Brevard College with the highest academic rank, based on the cumulative grade point average for all coursework completed.

Student commencement speakers

Unlike most colleges who invite a well-known guest to speak at commencement, Brevard College stays true to its mission to engage its students in the process and encourage personal growth by choosing two outstanding seniors to speak at Commencement.

Graduating seniors Cory Dean Earp and Drake Elder Bruner delivered passionate commencement speeches encouraging their fellow graduates to continue to lead and serve. They were introduced by fellow graduate and Student Government Association president Chloe Ann Proffitt.

Earp opened by acknowledging that before attending Brevard College, he spent little time outdoors. “You could catch me on the couch vibing with my Nintendo DS long before you would see me choosing to go outside and explore,” Earp said.

That changed when he enrolled at BC. “Now, I can’t help but go outside any chance I get,” he said. “It’s soothing for me. It’s healing.”

“Since I’ve grown in this way during my past four years here, I’ve decided to intertwine my message with the lessons that nature has to offer.”

His main theme had to do with the choices that this year’s graduates face. Using a metaphor of plants, Earp spoke in his speech about what a plant needs to thrive: good soil, sunlight, and water.

Some paths might offer a soil full of nutrients that would allow roots to take hold, he said. “Here at BC, some of us have planted our roots on a sports team, in the music or theater departments, or in student body organizations like the Student Government Association and the Black Student Union,” Earp said. “These groups have cultivated you by helping you grow and by connecting you to people that care about you.”

Earp urged his classmates to “plant” themselves in places that would enrich them—and have the courage to “uproot” themselves if it proved necessary.

The sunlight plants need Earp equated to “people who bring you joy, who make you smile and are genuinely enjoyable to spend time with. These people will be your sunlight; they will radiate light into your soul and give you exactly what you need to grow.”

As for water, Earp commented on how often it rains in the Brevard area. “We usually attach a negative connotation to rain, especially in a place like this where it seems to rain all the time,” he said. “But we literally can’t live without it.”

“The same goes for the inevitable stormy events that will occur during our journeys. These personal storms may not be the most enjoyable experiences in the world, but the discomfort they provide will be necessary if we are going to cultivate our souls into the people that we want to be.”

He acknowledged the COVID-19 pandemic as a “monumental storm during our college trek, a storm that sent us home and kept us quarantined away from others,” but as he said, “we are emerging on the other side of it by protecting one another through masks, testing, and vaccinations.”

All of these things are choices for this year’s class, he said: “Find the soil that will allow your roots to spread; find and keep the people that will be your sunlight and keep you going; stay strong in the face of the elements; soak in the rain that will help you grow.”

After Earp finished, Bruner took the stage and began with a brief explanation about what “graduation” literally means.

“In scientific terms, a graduation is the action of dividing into degrees or other proportionate divisions on a graduated scale,” Bruner said. “Therefore, we can infer that today marks the beginning of the next degree in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones. I ask of my fellow graduates that you treat this as such, as just a beginning.”

After all the hardships of the past four years, Bruner recognized that some might be weary, but he identified a force that would allow his classmates to keep going: will power.

“Will power is what carried us when we were tired of reading, tired of interpreting, weary of writing, or reflecting, creating, designing, performing, listening, speaking, presenting, and all of the other things we have been asked to do these past four years,” Bruner said. “With will power we can overcome challenges that seem preposterous and produce concrete results. A showcase of our strong will would be all of the effort that was required of us when completing our senior projects, capstones, and internships.”

Bruner implored his classmates to keep going no matter what obstacles or disappointments might stand in the way. “No matter if you’re naturally strong or weak, a genius or inarticulate, a prodigy or an ameteur, none of it really matters either way because all effort is pointless if you do not believe in yourself,” he said. “If you don’t believe in yourself, then quitting will be easy and quitting will be your destiny.”

He encouraged graduates to pursue their dreams, even if they do not yet know what they are or how to achieve them. “That is OK,” he said. “None of us should feel any less accomplished if we don’t yet know where we are going in life.”

“Oftentimes my greatest revelations have come during times of confusion or pessimism. Just keep in mind that life does not require us to be the best, only that we try our best.”

Bruner closed with a personal story about his own journey in pursuit of his dreams. His first year at Brevard College, he said, he had no intention of getting involved on campus because in addition to being a full-time student, he was also a full-time farmer, working four or five acres of land and providing fresh food to around 30 restaurants.

“I just did not have the time to take on any of the extracurricular activities that I would’ve liked to,” he said. “I was waking up at five a.m. to get ready for classes, working in the fields from three to nine, and doing homework usually until twelve or one in the morning at my

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best friend's house.

"By the way, thank you, Tanner," he added.

After a year of this, Bruner said he was physically and mentally drained, but after talking things over with his dad and with Brandon Smith, a former student success mentor at the college, they agreed he should make college a priority. "Ultimately I decided that I always had farming as something to fall back on," he said. "I slowly dropped the farm and began focusing on learning all I could to help me reach my own dreams."

Through this experience, Bruner said, he realized we are in control of our destiny.

"So, if you don't like your current destiny, don't accept it," he said. "Instead, have the courage to change it to what you want it to be. People can choose to change or they die before they do. Don't wait around, make haste and go make your very own contribution that makes this world a better place."

President Andrews' charge to graduates

The 2022 graduating class joins a group of esteemed alumni of Brevard College who all

have one thing in common, the basis of Brevard College's motto: learn in order to serve. "We graduated our first class, on this campus, in 1934 and have seen future humanitarians, athletes, artists, first responders, wilderness leaders, politicians, scientists, public servants, and business professionals walk our halls," President Andrews told graduates

Following the awards and senior class speeches, the names of the 156 Brevard College graduates were announced and the graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas from President Andrews, Vice President Sheffield and President Emeriti David C. Joyce.

To conclude the 169th commencement ceremony, President Andrews offered a charge to the graduating Class of 2022 followed by the traditional Brevard College hymn "Guarded Well By Mountains" led by Talley Suggs.

"Keep in touch with your mentors as you navigate your next steps and beyond," Andrews said. "We are here to support you and we will always be eager to acknowledge your achievements. Starting with your achievement today, I celebrate each of you as you graduate from Brevard College."



Chief marshal Belton Hammond leads the faculty procession with the college mace for one last time. Hammond, an English professor, announced he will retire at the end of the fall 2022 semester. He has taught at Brevard College since 1980.



The Brevard College Class of 2022 on the steps of Jones Library.

First graduate degree awarded in school history



Emily White made history May 7 by becoming the first Brevard College student to receive a master's degree in one of the college's two new graduate programs in emergency management and health and human performance. White earned a Master of Science degree in emergency management.

Left: White is hooded by BC communications director Christie Cauble as faculty member Belton Hammond, Margaret Brown, and Jennifer Frick-Ruppert watch. The baccalaureate and hooding ceremony took place on May 6 (the night before graduation).

Above: White is pictured with her mother, Stacey Moore White.

Psychology professor Allison O'Leary receives BC's 2022 exemplary teacher award

Allison O'Leary, an assistant professor of psychology at BC since joining the faculty in 2018, was the recipient this year of the Brevard College Exemplary Teacher Award, an honor conferred each year on an untenured faculty member for outstanding teaching.

O'Leary graduated summa cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and then went on to earn her master's and doctorate at the Ohio State University. She serves as the coordinator of the psychology program at Brevard College.

O'Leary received the award at the baccalaureate and hooding ceremony on May 6. As part of the award, she had the honor of addressing the graduating class.

To hear what she had to say, you can view video of the entire baccalaureate and hooding ceremony online at <https://fb.me/e/4khQVFIL8>.



Assistant professor of psychology Allison O'Leary, recipient of the 2022 Brevard College Exemplary Teacher Award, addresses the graduating class at this year's baccalaureate and hooding ceremony in the Porter Center for Performing Arts.

The Brevard College Class of 2021–2022

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| Bailey Lee Ackerman* | Criminal Justice | Savannah Paige Jones..... | Biology |
| Syedi Amadis Acosta-Oviedo† | Criminal Justice | Jason Steven Jucker** | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Cortney Jarron Adams..... | Psychology | Rami Kadri..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Summer Mikal Alexander** | Psychology | Robert Edward Kokal..... | History |
| Madison Heather Altman*† | Exercise Science | Jannie Louisa Kurtz*** | Music |
| Tyson James Anders..... | Environmental Studies | Carrie Leigh LaBonte† | Exercise Science |
| Dante Devone Anderson..... | Exercise Science | Michaela Giselle Lemmon..... | Health Science |
| Ryan Joseph Anderson..... | Exercise Science-Licensure | Erica Lauren Leonard*** | Exercise Science |
| Phillip Carlton Angell..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | Avery Elizabeth Lockwood..... | Art |
| Jennifer Joal Armstrong* | Criminal Justice | Chason Dakota Lowery..... | Criminal Justice |
| Jack Thomas Atkinson..... | Criminal Justice | Mackenzie Charlotte Maletta* | Criminal Justice |
| Courtney Noelle Augusto..... | English | Salena Michelle Malmin* | Art |
| Michayla Leigh Barnes..... | Exercise Science | Jason Raymond Marquardt* | Integrated Studies |
| Jordan Thomas Beal* | Criminal Justice | Gavin Hoke Martin..... | Theatre |
| Kyle Edward Beal*** | Criminal Justice | Devin Joseph McCarragher..... | Criminal Justice |
| Zane Foster Beaver..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | Kellen Reis McGeorge..... | Integrated Studies |
| Aaron Eugene Bennett** | Business & Organizational Leadership | Ryan Donnell McKinnon..... | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education |
| Ivy Megan Blanton..... | Art | Vianey Medina..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Luke Holder Bleynat*** | Business & Organizational Leadership | Camryn Josephine Melendez..... | Criminal Justice |
| Zachary Taylor Bracken..... | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education | Kristian Joseph Lee Michels..... | Theatre |
| Kendall Courtney Brackin*† | Business & Organizational Leadership | Autumn Brooke Miller*† | Criminal Justice |
| Drake Elder Bruner..... | Environmental Studies | Corey Alexander Mills..... | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education |
| Jacob Lee Burnette** | Criminal Justice | Harell Mitchell III..... | Criminal Justice |
| Suzanne Hope Burnette* | Childhood Education | Lauren Danielle Moran..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Kirby James Burns..... | Health Science Studies | Gavin Ray Morgan* | Environmental Studies |
| LaTssiana Chawntae Byrd..... | Integrated Studies | Hudson Dewey New..... | Environmental Studies |
| Rachel Ann Byrd..... | Art | Brandon Zackery Norris..... | Criminal Justice |
| Steffon Marvin Canady..... | Exercise Science | Jaden Alexander Ochs* | Criminal Justice |
| Katelyn Anne Carroll..... | Criminal Justice | Chase Alexander Oliver..... | Criminal Justice |
| Hayden Seth Cassell..... | Exercise Science | Tyler Everest William Orschel* | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education |
| Xyan Takeria Chatman..... | Health Science | | Exercise Science |
| Kenny Marie Cheek** | English | Kohlton Trey Padgett..... | Criminal Justice |
| Mary Ashley Clark* | Art | Rachel Pageau*** | Exercise Science |
| Mary Ragan Clark** | Environmental Studies | Justin James Vella Parker** | Exercise Science |
| | History | Abigail Rianne Petrosky* | Psychology |
| William Tyler Clark** | Applied Physics | Tanner Garren Pettit..... | Criminal Justice |
| | Mathematics | Sophie John Pippin..... | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education |
| Meghan Renee Coggins..... | Childhood Education | Hayden Brock Price..... | Criminal Justice |
| Xandria Martinique Colbert† | Health Science | Chloe Ann Proffitt*** | Health Science |
| Dalton Alexander Collins..... | Integrated Studies | Jackson Matthew Pruehs..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Katherine Nicole Collins**† | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education | Johanna Ramirez Perez..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| | Environmental Studies | Bailey Rachelle Ray* | Exercise Science |
| Ashlyn Rebecca Crisp..... | Criminal Justice | Morgan Makenzie Rice..... | Health Science |
| Madelyn Rose Cronin† | Business & Organizational Leadership | | Exercise Science |
| Finn Balantic Cullen..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | Savanah Rose Rickard† | Criminal Justice |
| Emily Ann Cutshall† | Business & Organizational Leadership | | Biology |
| Connor Edward Davies..... | Criminal Justice | Sallie Allen Riggan*..... | Art |
| Cory Dean Earp*** | Childhood Education | Wesley Kenneth Ross..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| William Ryan Edwards..... | Environmental Studies | Ashley Nicole Royster** | Health Science |
| Nathan Odell Ellen* | Business & Organizational Leadership | Michael Ronald Russo..... | Criminal Justice |
| Christian Philip Ezzell..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | Banta Ladi Samoura..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Kaitlynn Jule Farmer† | History | Matthew Robert Scavotto..... | History |
| Lily Katharine Farr** | Criminal Justice | Samuel Dov Schaefer..... | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education |
| Preston Scott Fender..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | Gregory Boris Sellers..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Antonio Rodrigues Ferreira..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | Melvia Deshun Seymour..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Emily Megan Fisher***† | Biology | EmmaLee Lauren Sitton** | Childhood Education |
| Eleanor Ann Flannery..... | History | Benjamin Wright Skidmore* | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education |
| Jocelyn Hannah Forskers*† | Childhood Education | Madison Nicole Smith***† | Environmental Studies |
| Nicholas Parker Forsyth..... | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education | | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education |
| Samantha Nicole Foster*† | Health Science | Adam Bernard Spencer** | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| | Biology | | Leadership |
| Sydney Corina Fox* | Criminal Justice | Patricia Talley Sugg** | Theatre |
| Evan Nathan Francois..... | Criminal Justice | Shakirah Tenece Thompson..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| Derek Miguel Frazier..... | Criminal Justice | Jose Luis Vela..... | Business & Organizational Leadership |
| David Hunter Garrett II..... | Exercise Science | Ty'She Secoyia Washington..... | Exercise Science |
| Rebecca Ann Garza..... | Childhood Education | Alexander Pierce Wesig..... | Exercise Science |
| Naomie April Gibbs..... | Music | Lewis Andrew Westbrook IV..... | Environmental Studies |
| Haley MacKenzie Gilbert..... | Childhood Education | Samuel Tyler Westlund..... | History |
| Emmaline Faye Grennan** | Psychology | | English |
| Traci Brook Groves..... | Health Science | Emily Drew White..... | Emergency Management (M.S. degree) |
| Rachel Catherine Gunnis** | Health Science | Emma Christine White..... | Health Science |
| Matthew Beecroft Hamilton JR..... | Wilderness Leadership & Exp. Education | Kyle James Williams** | Health Science |
| Taylor Marie Hannah** | Exercise Science | Andrew Thomas Wilson** | Biology |
| Bailey Jean Harris*† | Business & Organizational Leadership | James Alexander Winchester* | Exercise Science |
| Elizabeth Marie Harris* | Environmental Studies | Sarah Brook Woodbury..... | Exercise Science |
| Emma Evelyn Harris* | Theatre | Juan Martin Ycaza..... | Exercise Science |
| William Jordan Hegedus..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | Natalie Paige Young* | Childhood Education |
| Gabriella Joy Herbertz***† | Biology | Joseph Edward Zub* | Criminal Justice |
| Chrystal Therese Hibbs** | Criminal Justice | | |
| Haley Brooke Hudgins..... | Biology | | |
| Samuel Vadim Hunnicutt*** | Criminal Justice | | |
| Andrew Tyree Ingram..... | Criminal Justice | | |
| Brenna Alana Innis* | Childhood Education | | |
| Hannah Lynn Jenkins..... | Business & Organizational Leadership | | |
| Charles Johnson..... | Criminal Justice | | |
| Ryan William Johnson..... | Exercise Science | | |

*** Summa cum laude

** Magna cum laude

* Cum laude

† Honors Program Graduate

‡ Institute for Women in

Leadership Graduate

By policy, summer and designated fall candidates may march in the spring commencement ceremony (and hence, be included in this listing), but GPA-based honors are not bestowed until all of the student's final grades have been posted.

BC Memories...

Each year for our commencement edition, The Clarion invites graduating seniors to send us some of their favorite memories and photos from their time at BC, their immediate plans after graduation, and their advice for other BC students. This year, we received submissions from 24 graduates. Their contributions, lightly edited, are on the following pages.

Many thanks to everyone who sent us contributions. And congratulations to all of this year's graduates!

All of the hiking, swimming, and outdoor trips I have taken with friends! (Shout-out to VOR 2021!)

—Cory Earp



WNC Fair with my boyfriend. (Courtesy of Bailey Jean Harris)

One of the best memories that I will carry with me from Brevard will be electroshocking King's Creek with my plants and animals of the southern Appalachians class. I had no idea there was such diversity of fish in the creek right outside of my dorm room window!

—Drake Elder Bruner

One of my favorite memories would be the first wind ensemble concert after the pandemic. It was kind of euphoric for me. I have been playing for most of my life, so not being able to perform for 2 years was very difficult. I didn't really have any urge to practice or just play my instrument at all since I wasn't practicing or playing for someone else. Getting to perform again before I graduated was definitely something that I will remember for a very long time.

—Rachel Gunnis



Me doing some trout fishing at the Davidson River. (Courtesy of Drake Elder Bruner)



Pictures (left and above) from my last Student Teaching field trip! These pictures were taken April 27th. These students mean the world to me and truly made me realize how good of a teacher I can be. (Courtesy of Haley Gilbert)



Last day student teaching with Courtney Augusto. (Courtesy of Kenny Cheek)

My roommate and I were coming home from getting groceries our sophomore year. We were at the light just before the Ingle's gas station, and we watched a car drive away from the station with the gas pump still attached to the car. Never laughed so hard before in my life.

—Kenny Cheek



Making friends with llamas at the 2021 Spring Fest. (Courtesy of Gabi Hertz)

Winning USA South Championship in 2021 with the soccer team at Brevard. Winning the championship was a great experience for my athletics career and it was an incredible feeling.

—Antonio Ferreira



My boyfriend and I visiting waterfalls in Cashiers - spring 2019. (Courtesy of Emily Fisher)



April 2022: Grace Reynolds, Autumn Miller and Savana Rickard enjoy a sweet treat. (Courtesy of Autumn Brooke Miller)



August 2019: Autumn as a peer mentor goes on a hike with her FYE class. (Courtesy of Autumn Brooke Miller)

When we played hide and go seek my freshman year.

—Hamrick Perry



Gabi Herbertz celebrating the 2022 Color Run with IWIL classmates. (Photo by Tori Brayman)



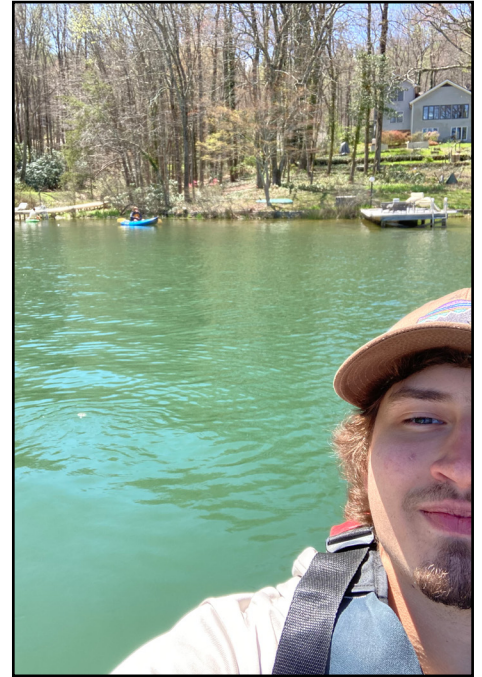
My parents and I after the Pinning Ceremony last September (2021). These two people mean the absolute world to me. Thanks to them, I am where I am today. (Courtesy of Haley Gilbert)

The unlimited amount of friendships made.
—Bailey Jean Harris



Rami Kadri settling into bed during the "A Night Without a Home" camping in front of Tornado Alley. (Courtesy of Drake Elder Bruner)

From being in the Art Department, some of my most favorite memories were our museum trips with other art students and professors.
—Rachel Byrd



Me in a kayak at Lake Sheila during a field trip in BIO 245 General Ecology where we conducted tests to determine water quality. (Courtesy of Drake Elder Bruner)



Class photo during my student teaching with a class of my PreAP students. (Courtesy of Kenny Cheek)



In our canoes on VOR 2021. Includes Cory Earp, Sarah Woodbury, Luke Bleyat and Ivy Blanton. Taken in Florida, May 2021 (Courtesy of Cory Earp)

Some of my favorite memories from Brevard are performing in front of an audience again after COVID and cheering on the Tornados at the football games!

—Emm Harris



March 2022: Autumn's car gets hit by a baseball. (Courtesy of Autumn Brooke Miller)

I loved my time exploring WNC with friends, splashing in King's Creek, and slinging coffee at Bill's Boiler House.

—Gabi “Big Cheese” Herbertz



This photo is from “Talley’s Folly” by Lanford Wilson directed by Joe Hernandez. It’s the first show live back from COVID. (Courtesy of Emm Harris)



Tasha, me, and Marty studying for finals in Beam Lobby while I was on duty as an RA - fall 2020. (Courtesy of Emily Fisher)

Special Topics: Eyes in the Skies
Astronomy spring break trip.
—Elizabeth (Emma) Harris



Photo with my parents that came from Brazil. (Courtesy of Antonio Ferreira)



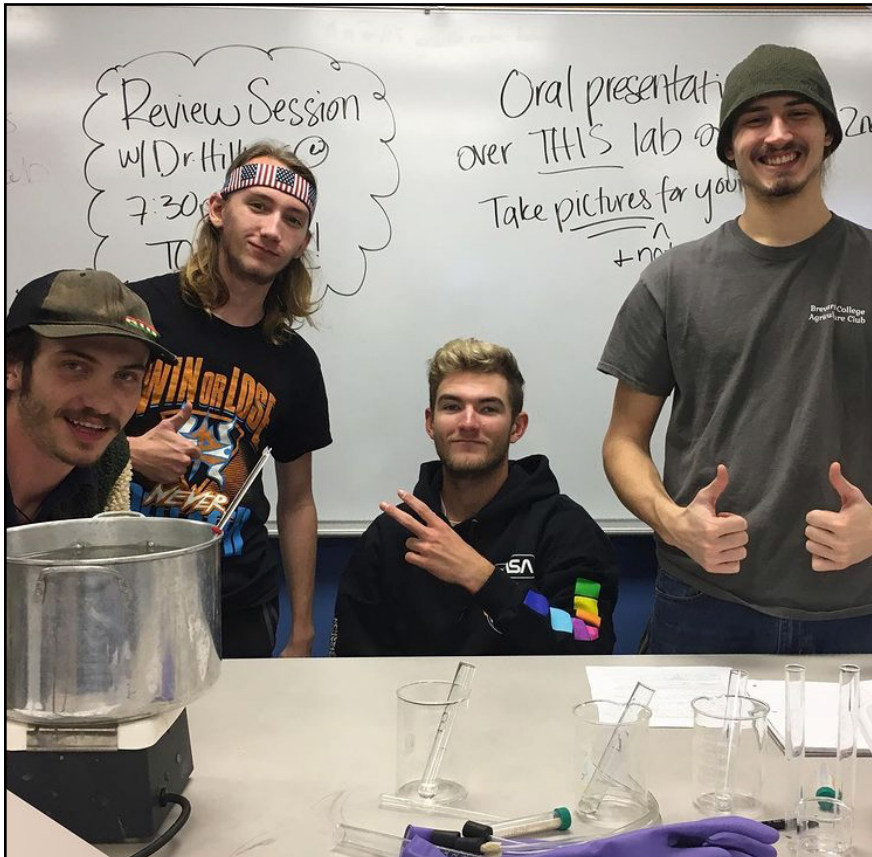
This photo is me and Anna Burnette at one of the football games. (Courtesy of Emm Harris)



Freshman year birthday party at the bowling alley with friends. (Courtesy of Bailey Jean Harris)



Receiving my diploma. (Courtesy of Antonio Ferreira)



From left to right: Cory Mills, Gavin Morgan, Beau Shealy, and me during a fermentation lab in BIO 120. (Courtesy of Drake Elder Bruner)



Graduation with my parents. (Courtesy of Bailey Jean Harris)

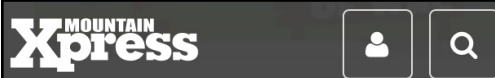
Being able to experience the outdoors.
—Jocelyn Folkers



Student Ambassador pictures! - fall 2020. (Courtesy of Emily Fisher)



Picture of me and senior Charles Johnson preparing for graduation day Spring 2019. (Courtesy of Gavin Ray Morgan)



Student-led activism: Making sustainability more accessible

Posted on April 16, 2022
by Justin McGuire



This is my picture in an article from a local Asheville newspaper when they interviewed me about sustainability. (Courtesy of Drake Elder Bruner)



A camping trip I had during fall of 2021 with a group of my friends in Pisgah. Featured in this picture Alumni George Dowis. (Courtesy of Gavin Ray Morgan)



Senior pinning with my professor and best friend. (Courtesy of Bailey Jean Harris)



April 2022: Autumn poses with the llamas at Spring Fest. (Courtesy of Autumn Brooke Miller)

Going on away trips with the soccer team!
—Rebecca Garza



My family and I at Looking Glass Falls - fall 2020. (Courtesy of Emily Fisher)



Me and Grace on duty as RA's on Halloween weekend in Beam Lobby - fall 2021. (Courtesy of Emily Fisher)



Hayden Cassell, Chloe Proffitt, and Scott Douglas attended the BC Spring Formal 2022. (Courtesy of Chloe Proffitt)

Going to see all the beautiful sights around Brevard. My absolute favorite was going to see Pretty Place, which is 30 minutes from Brevard.

—Bailey Ackerman



Group pic of the VOR 2021 crew! Includes Emily Massing, Sarah Woodbury, Maggie Frail, Cory Earp, Madison Altman, Grace Vaught, Gabby Galvan, Ivy Blanton, and Luke Bleyntat. Taken in the Okefenokee Swamp, Georgia, May 2021. (Courtesy of Cory Earp)



May 2022: Sam Hunnicutt and Autumn Miller after graduation. (Courtesy of Autumn Brooke Miller)



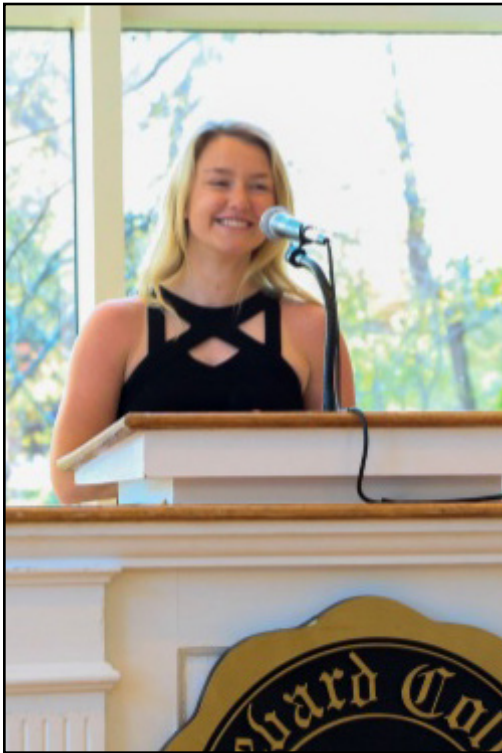
Enjoying Skinny Dip Falls with friends. (Courtesy of Bailey Jean Harris)

One of my favorite memories is that I have been able to meet life-long friends! Some of them are in my wedding in August! I was also fortunate enough to meet my fiancé here on campus! I had no intentions to meet anyone on this campus. But little did I know, the universe had other plans!

—Haley Gilbert



Hanging out with members of PSI CHI. (Courtesy of Rebecca Garza)



Chloe Proffitt, SGA President, introducing the Faculty Member of the year, Lisa Busche, who was selected by the SGA Executive Board. (Courtesy of Chloe Proffitt)

Hanging out with friends in the dorms, or going off into the Pisgah Forest to swim.
—Connor Davies



Alyssa Hetherington, Samantha Foster, Chloe Proffitt, and Brenna Innis after a blue and white intersquad game in the Fall of 2021. (Courtesy of Chloe Proffitt)



Last day student teaching with a class photo of my English 10 students. (Courtesy of Kenny Cheek)



BC Serves service trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky over spring break 2022 to help clean up debris from a tornado that struck the area in December 2021. (Courtesy of Chloe Proffitt)

Making memories with
teammates and friends.
—Anna Burnette

Anything to do with laughter. Me
and my friends playing cards in
the lobby, making jokes while
studying really late, my freshman
roommate and I watching movies,
my boyfriend and I walking around
campus. There was a lot of joy to
be had.

—Emily Fisher



This is the photo with my family at the senior pinning. (Courtesy of Harell Mitchell III)

Plans after graduation...

We asked this year's graduates what they will be doing after graduation. Here is what they told us, along with the place they consider their hometown.

I'm going to work for a chemical company until a job opening becomes open for a game warden position.

Bailey Ackerman
Ehrhardt, SC

I'll be attending NC State's College of Design for a master's program in landscape architecture and environmental planning!

Drake Elder Bruner
Edneyville, NC

Get a job teaching at an Elementary School.

Anna Burnette
Hendersonville, NC

My plans for graduation are to hopefully find an Art Teacher position either in the local area or in SC.

Rachel Byrd
Brevard, NC



My fiancé Joshua Rankin. He played baseball here at Brevard as well as went through BLET through Brevard. He is graduating in December! He is the main reason I remained at Brevard! He keeps me strong and helps me to push through and get everything done! (Courtesy of Haley Gilbert)



Working for a year to earn some "lean back on" money, and then searching for some county sites to teach at!

Kenny Cheek
Pittsboro, NC

Continue a second degree at WCU while interning at Swain County Emergency Services.

Connor Davies
Waynesville, NC

I will begin teaching at an elementary school in the Fall!

Cory Earp
Taylorsville, NC

Probably work in some company.

Antonio Ferreira
Conchal, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Currently working in admissions and waiting to hear back from grad schools! Overall I hope to find joy in life no matter where I go.

Emily Fisher
Buford, GA

Job: preschool teacher in Illinois.

Jocelyn Folkers
Milledgeville, IL

Teaching.

Rebecca Garza
Lillington NC

I have applied for multiple Elementary Teaching Jobs! I want to teach 5th grade! But other than that, I am getting married August 6th, 2022!!

Haley Gilbert
Hendersonville, NC

I'm taking the MCAT in July and applying for medical school admission in the spring.

Rachel Gunnis
Goose Creek, SC

Currently working at State Farm in Brevard NC with plans to take the NC insurance license exam this summer.

Bailey Jean Harris
Winter Haven, FL

I will be attending SCAD to pursue my MFA in Performing Arts.

Emm Harris
Charlotte, NC

Continue working for KCI Technologies doing contract GIS work for Duke Energy

Elizabeth (Emma) Harris
Canton GA

I will be joining the laboratory team at Oskar Blues!

Gabi "Big Cheese" Herbertz
Duluth, MN

Working; I do have a job lined up after this.

Charles Johnson
Charleston SC

Continue to work in Brevard College Admissions Office.

Autumn Brooke Miller
Wilkes County, NC

My plans are to either find a police officer job or I have thoughts of joining the Army.

Harrell Mitchell III
Canton, GA

I plan to go teach tennis to little kids.

Hamrick Perry
Hendersonville, NC

I start graduate school online for Appalachian State University to study Library Science!

EmmaLee Sitton
Mills River, NC

Advice to other BC students...

Keep your head up and keep driving forward. Don't let up when the finish line is in sight.

Bailey Ackerman
Criminal Justice

Take on as many leadership positions as possible!

Drake Elder Bruner
Environmental Studies

Enjoy being in college while you still are

Anna Burnette
Elementary Education

Enjoy your time in college as it passes by quickly and have fun!

Rachel Byrd
Art

Avoid the Caf on events that allow "incoming" students. Just not worth it.

Kenny Cheek
English

Do your best and enjoy the time you have here.

Connor Davies
Criminal Justice

Take time to get outside and enjoy all the natural beauty surrounding Brevard.

Cory Earp
Elementary Education

Be sure to have at least one class with Dr. Kuck.

Antonio Ferreira
Business and Organizational Leadership

Take what your professors say as advice. Study with friends. Stay up late. Work hard at whatever you do

Emily Fisher
Biology

Ask for help when you need it

Jocelyn Folkers
Early Childhood Education

Attend all campus events and games! You'll get to meet some pretty cool people!

Rebecca Garza
Elementary Education

Make sure that you make time to hang with friends. College is about getting your education. But it is also about enjoying life and spending time with friends. It is fun to study with friends. Late night study sessions with friends during finals week is always the best!

Haley Gilbert
Elementary Education

Listen to yourself and put yourself first.

Rachel Gunnis
Health Science Studies

While studying is important, don't forget to go out and have fun enjoying the normal college experiences

Bailey Jean Harris
Business and Organizational Leadership

Enjoy your time here, don't waste time on things that don't matter!

Emm Harris
Theatre

Don't procrastinate: you never know when a professor might add more work to the assignment.

Elizabeth (Emma) Harris
Environmental Studies

Go with the flow.

Charles Johnson
Criminal Justice

Enjoy every minute of your time here in Brevy because it goes by way to fast

Autumn Brooke Miller
Criminal Justice

Explore. This place has so much to offer if you take the chance to go out and find it. From the waterfalls to just taking simple drives through the mountains. Just get out and make friends. It can be a great time if you go out and make the most of it. I have friendships that are gonna last a lifetime. Most importantly just keep chasing that dream!

Harell Mitchell III
Criminal Justice

The reward means nothing without the hard times, embrace them. Anything worth getting's gonna have hardships.

Gavin Ray Morgan
Environmental Science

GO TO CLASS.

Hamrick Perry
Elementary Education

Get involved! BC is what you make it. Do a little of everything around campus from clubs, student government, or community service :)

Chloe Proffitt
Health Science Studies

Reach out for help when you need it and always do what makes you happy!

EmmaLee Sitton
Elementary Education



Picture of me and my friends "Team shake & bake" getting ready for a race at Western NC University. With BC alumni Molly Brown and George Dowis. (Courtesy of Gavin Ray Morgan)



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Graduation speakers Cory Earp (left) and Drake Bruner (above).



Left: Drone footage on May 7 offers a bird's-eye view of the return of the BC commencement ceremony to the Academic Quad between Moore Science, Beam Administration and McLarty-Goodson.

Above: A furry friend joins in the celebration of this year's graduates.

BC's Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference introduces new program for young writers

The Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference is back—meeting in person for the first time since 2019—and this time, it will include young writers as well.

As it has since its founding in 2016, the conference will feature a trio of talented writers who will guide conference attendees through fiction, poetry and nonfiction writing workshops that explore the conference theme, “A Sense of Place.” The writers leading the 2022 conference are award-winning faculty members Alison Hawthorne Deming, Aimee Nezhukumatahil and Crystal Wilkinson.

The conference is sponsored by Brevard College and the Transylvania County Library Foundation. Though conference workshops are limited to conference registrants selected during the application process, several events are open to the public, offering area residents an opportunity to interact with renowned authors, engage in meaningful conversation about writing and place, and strengthen ties across generations by reaching out to the diverse Transylvania County population.

This year, an additional day-long conference for young writers will take place on May 21, 2022. Promising Transylvania County and local high school creative writers will attend this one-day workshop, hosted by Brevard College.

Brevard College students are engaged with the conference in various roles. Junior Sarah Hajkowksi, a double major in theatre and English, with a creative writing emphasis, and recent graduate Emma Harris, a theatre major and a history minor, are assisting conference director Alyse Benseal in planning, budgeting and administration and in promoting the conference on social media.

In addition, two students—junior Ann Marie Bates, a music major, and sophomore Thad Johnston, an English major with a creative writing emphasis—both won scholarships to attend the Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference as workshop participants.

Alison Hawthorne Deming will lead the non-fiction workshop. She has authored numerous works of nonfiction and poetry, most recently “A Woven World: On Fashion, Fishermen and the Sardine Dress” and the collections of poems “Stairway to Heaven and Death Valley: Painted Light,” a collaboration with photographer and astronomer Stephen Strom. Her work has been awarded fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Walt Whitman Award from the American Academy of Poets, a Stegner Fellowship, and two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, among other honors. Deming currently serves as Agnese Nelms Haury Chair in Environment and Social Justice and Regents Professor at the University of Arizona.



From left: Writers Alison Hawthorne Deming, Aimee Nezhukumatahil and Crystal Wilkinson will lead workshops in nonfiction, poetry and fiction, respectively, at the 2022 Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference.

Aimee Nezhukumatahil, who will lead workshop in poetry, has authored four books of poetry, including “Lucky Fish,” winner of the Hoffer Grand Prize for Prose and Independent Books. Poems from this collection were also awarded an NEA Fellowship in poetry, the Glenna Luschia Prize from Prairie Schooner, and the Angoff Award from The Literary Review for the best poems appearing that volume year. Nezhukumatahil serves as the poetry editor for Orion magazine. She is the author of “World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, & Other Astonishments” (Milkweed Editions, 2020), a New York Times best-selling illustrated collection of nature essays and Kirkus Prize finalist which was chosen as Barnes and Noble’s Book of the Year. She has also been recognized for her dynamic teaching and serves as a professor of English and Creative Writing in the MFA program at the University of Mississippi.

Crystal Wilkinson will lead the fiction workshop. She is the award-winning author of “The

Birds of Opulence” (winner of the 2016 Ernest J. Gaines Prize for Literary Excellence), “Water Street” and “Blackberries, Blackberries.” In addition to being nominated for both the Orange Prize and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, Wilkinson has received recognition from The Kentucky Foundation for Women, The Kentucky Arts Council, The Mary Anderson Center for the Arts, The Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown and is a recipient of the Chaffin Award for Appalachian Literature. She teaches at the University of Kentucky as an Associate Professor of English in the MFA Creative Writing Program.

For more information about The Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference, visit www.lgrwc.org.

Community members are invited to attend readings by Aimee Nezhukumatahil on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Ingram Auditorium on the Brevard College campus; and by Alison Hawthorne Deming and Crystal Wilkinson Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Public Library.

Employees recognized at appreciation luncheon

Brevard College employees were recognized for years of service at an appreciation luncheon on May 9.

30 Years

Betsy Burrows

20 Years

Shirley Arnold

15 Years

Elizabeth Abrams

Rebecca Gill

David Gresham

Juan Mascaro Sr.

Kathryn Rasmussen

10 Years

Lee Burgess

Michael Cohen

Debbie D'Anna

Chad Holt

5 Years

Hernan Biava

Jonathon Colbert

Samuel Eastridge

Stephen Knott

William Khayat

Everett Lindsay

Sarah Maveety

Vance Reese

Allessandra Tavoloni

Christopher Tesnow

Retirees

Thomas Bell

Michael Castelaz

Myra Cooper

Dee Dasburg

Margaret Dellinger

Marvin Metcalf

John Daniel Wood

From the Haw to the Atlantic: Voice of the Rivers exploring the Cape Fear River watershed

Once again, Brevard College students and faculty are exploring a river from its source to the sea—this time, the Cape Fear River watershed, starting at its source in the Haw River.

The program is Voice of the Rivers, and it is one of the signature experiential educational opportunities at BC. This year's expedition is led by Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education professor and division chair Jenny Kafsky and biology professor Rachel Hillyer.

The group left campus May 9 and will end their 18-day expedition at Bald Head Island in the Atlantic Ocean near Wilmington.

Following is the first few days' reports from the group on [the WLEE Facebook page](#).

Tuesday, May 10

Greetings from where it all begins! Our 2022 Voice of the Rivers expedition departed from Brevard College, Brevard College Wilderness Leadership & Experiential Education - WLEE on Monday, May 9th. We have a fabulous crew all of whom have worked hard to close their semester, learn and teach one another how to camp and paddle, pack up their school year and pack up for our big trip. We are all excited to be on this journey together, and we are so grateful for this group of awesome people.

We drove to Kernersville, NC to meet Haw RiverKeeper Emily Sutton, to find the source of the Haw, where the crayfish protects the waters bubbling from the earth. We visited Haw River State Park, to observe where that water gathers into a recognizable stream. We camped at Lake Reidsville Park for a canoe paddling refresher, and shared a delicious dinner and thoughtful debrief to close our first night together.

On Tuesday, May 10th, we launched at Brooks Bridge to begin the Haw River Trail.

Follow us for more reports of our adventure through May 26th!

Wednesday, May 11

Day 2 complete! Theme of the day...facing our challenges together in community.

After a pancake breakfast to fuel our bodies and spirits we drove to and launched at Brooks Bridge, the beginning of the Haw River Trail. It was a narrow and beautiful canopied part of the river with many downed trees that required careful navigation to surpass.

Our group rallied together with a lot of careful

communication, strength, patience, teamwork, and creative thinking and problem solving. As a result, what was to be a 6.9 mile paddle estimated at 4.5 hours turned into a shortened day to 4 miles and 5 hours.

We met Clayton at the Altamahaw Dam and bypasses our last couple of mile (which made that dam portage a whole lot easier, because we loaded the boats on our trailer and drive around to our campsite at Shallowford Natural Area Canoe Campsite.)

We ended our day with a delicious dinner - so well earned. We closed our day with a debrief of our experience, sharing the challenges we faced and our strategies for doing so, really celebrating our grit, perseverance, and community, making some connections to lives, remembering with gratitude our family, friends and ♥community outside our VOR group. It was an epic day and awesome!!!

Thursday, May 12

From today on, each day a new student will write a summary events from the day before (sometimes the day of if we can fit it in... our days are quite full!) Today's post is from Shannon McCarthy, Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education major.

"Today we began our river journey at Shallow Ford Natural Area, where we camped the

night before. Along the river we saw plenty of wildlife including geese, ducklings, baby woodpeckers and a snake! Along the river we went on many adventures from paddling over the Indian Valley Dam, to meeting the Haw River Trail Coordinator Noland Carter, and even visiting the Textile Heritage Museum in Glenco.

After portaging the dam at Great Bend Park we put our canoes back in and paddled some of the trickiest rapids so far. The group had lots of fun navigating the rocky waters and making a few unexpected stops due to the shallow conditions. But our group persevered "down those rapids like a half pipe". With many encouraging words and a few pushes from friends we got to our take out point at Red Slide Park a little behind schedule. Luckily Clayton saved the day by surprising our crew with pizza and peanut butter cups right on the river bank. We then drove to Saxapahaw campground where we debriefed with some fun skits and finally set up camp after a long and rewarding Day 3 of VOR 2022."

Another great day for the journals. This team demonstrated their growing skills for boat control, river maneuvers and river reading. We are impressed with this, and most of all for their care and support for their paddling partners and for the team as a whole!



The 2022 Voice of the Rivers team pose for a group photograph at Haw River State Park. Follow their program on the WLEE program Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BCWLEE>.

Tennis

McGee voted West Division First Team as men's tennis earn postseason awards

Junior Brevard College men's tennis student-athlete Ethan McGee was selected to the USA South Conference Men's Tennis West Division First Team as two BC men's tennis student-athletes earned USA South postseason awards following the conclusion of the 2021-22 campaign.

McGee, a junior from Salisbury, North Carolina, was selected to the West Division First Team after a successful individual campaign that also included a USA South Men's Tennis Player of the Week honor. McGee racked up five singles victories – all coming at the number-one spot – in 12 matches played while maintaining a 4-2 number-one singles mark in USA South matches. McGee earned three doubles wins this season, with two coming at the top-flight position.

Senior Alex Glaze, a native of Columbia, South Carolina, was voted to the USA South Men's Ten-



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nis All-Sportsmanship Team. A dual-sport athlete who also was a member of the men's basketball team at Brevard, Glaze won four singles matches in his senior campaign at the number-six spot.

Glaze and McGee helped the 2021-22 Brevard

College men's tennis team earn the program's first postseason berth since 2010-11, as the Tornados clinched the west division's four-seed in the 2022 USA South Conference Men's Tennis Tournament in Rome, Georgia at the Rome Tennis Center.

Trio of Tornados secure All-Sportsmanship honors in lacrosse and tennis

Senior men's lacrosse student-athlete Evan Francois, junior women's lacrosse student-athlete Meredith Brown, and junior women's tennis student-athlete Brooke Garland all represented Brevard College in their respective sports on the 2022 USA South Conference All-Sportsmanship Teams.

Francois, a senior attacker from Charlotte, North Carolina, concluded his Tornado career by playing in all 14 contests for BC men's lacrosse in 2022, totaling 10 points with five goals and five assists, racking up 30 ground balls and six caused turnovers in his senior campaign. In his four-year career at Brevard, Francois totaled 15 goals, 11 assists, 82 ground balls, and 18 caused turnovers.

Brown, a junior defender from Columbia, South Carolina, made six appearances and three starts for the BC women's lacrosse team in 2022, taking a pair of shots including a free-position attempt.

Garland, a junior from Canton, North Carolina, earned All-Sportsmanship honors from the conference for the second-consecutive season. Garland was a key contributor on the BC squad that qualified for postseason play for the first time since 2011-12, as Brevard won a first-round game at the McCoy Tennis Complex, 5-0, over Maryville College. Garland totaled 10 singles victories and maintained a 4-3 singles record in conference action, while totaling 11 doubles wins over the course of Brevard's 11-win season in 2021-22.

Softball

White earns first team All-Conference as three Tornados honored by USA South

Graduate infielder Emily White was selected to the USA South Conference Softball All-Conference First Team, as three Brevard College softball student-athletes earned postseason honors from the USA South.

White earned All-Conference First Team honors as well as a selection onto the West Division First Team. Junior infielder Mikayla Morgan was voted onto the West Division Second Team, while freshman catcher Sara Barnes was nominated to the USA South All-Sportsmanship Team.

White, a native of Shelby, North Carolina who recently became the inaugural graduate of a master's program at Brevard College, wrapped up her storied career at BC with a stellar season that resulted in All-Conference First Team and West Division First Team at-large honors at the third-base position. White led the conference with a .526 batting average and led the nation across all divisions for much of the 2022 season, currently sitting in sixth place in all of NCAA DIII in batting average.

The graduate student closed her career with one of her most productive seasons at BC, totaling 40 hits, 11 doubles, 19 runs scored, and 16 RBIs with a .554 on-base percentage and a .776 slugging percentage. White accumulated 166 hits, 90 runs scored, 41 doubles, 11 triples, 10

home runs, 93 RBIs, and a career .427 batting average over the course of 130 games played in five seasons at BC. White is BC's leader in all major hitting categories in the DIII-era, and owns the overall program career records for batting average (.427), slugging percentage (.666), on-base percentage (.474), and triples (11) and is in second place in RBIs (93), runs scored (90), hits (166), and doubles (41).

Morgan, a junior from Robbinsville, North Carolina, turned in a stellar season of her own, batting .390 with a .420 on-base percentage and a .671 slugging percentage, which ranked second on the team. Morgan racked up 32 hits – 16 of which being of the extra-base variety (10 doubles, five triples, one home run) – and drove in 19 RBIs with 10 runs scored.

Barnes, a freshman catcher from Matthews, North Carolina, saw action in five games, going 2-for-6 at the plate with a triple and a run scored—both coming in a 4-3 home victory over Maryville College.

The BC softball team wrapped up its 2022 season with eight wins, as four came in USA South Conference play. Highlight victories included walk-off victories against Pfeiffer (4-3, Feb. 15), Maryville (4-3, April 20), and a thrilling Senior Day victory over Wesleyan College on April 23, 4-2.

Baseball

Vasquez wins Rookie of the Year

Three Tornados earn All-Division honors from USA South

Freshman infielder Frankie Vasquez was voted as the USA South Conference Baseball Rookie of the Year, while three Brevard College baseball student-athletes were selected to the USA South West Division Second Team.

Vasquez, a freshman from Pembroke Pines, Florida, becomes the second consecutive Tornado to secure Rookie of the Year honors from the USA South with BC outfielder Logan Clark earning the honor in 2021.

Vasquez was joined by junior infielder Blake Burchett and freshman infielder Cale Oehler on the West Division Second Team, while senior outfielder Jack Atkinson was nominated to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

Vasquez compiled a .358 batting average, a .427 on-base percentage, and a .496 slugging percentage while scoring 23 runs with 33 RBI, eight doubles, three home runs, and three stolen bases in his stellar freshman campaign.

Against USA South opposition, Vasquez finished with a .313 batting average, a .382 on-base percentage, and a .433 slugging percentage with 11 runs scored, 19 RBI, five doubles, one home run, and three stolen bases. For his play this spring, Vasquez was named Second Team All-West Division at third base and USA South Rookie of the Week five times.

Burchett, a junior infielder from Mooresville, North Carolina, was one of the top threats in the country on the base paths over the course of his first season at Brevard College. Burchett led the country for much of the 2022 campaign in stolen bases, finishing with 36 to place him third in all of NCAA DIII baseball as of May 11.

Burchett's 36 stolen bases are the second-most in a single season in Brevard's NCAA history, just three behind former New York Mets MLB draft pick Champ Stuart (39, 2013). Burchett set the school NCAA-era record for on-base percentage (.509), while maintaining a team-best .383 average with a .444 slugging percentage, totaling a team-high 51 hits and 43 runs scored. Burchett also drew 26 walks in 2022 to help the junior infielder get on base in more than half of his at-bats.

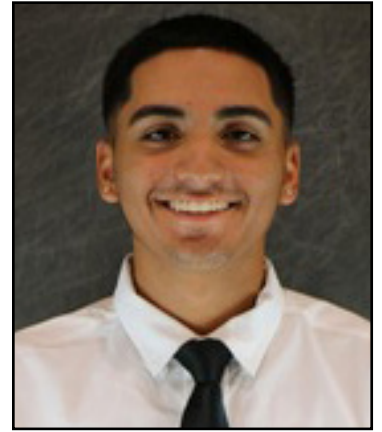
Oehler, a freshman infielder from Charlotte, North Carolina, burst on the

scene in his first collegiate season, winning three-consecutive USA South Rookie of the Week accolades. Oehler hit for a .333 average with a .430 on-base percentage and a team-high .533 slugging percentage, totaling 40 hits, 22 runs scored, and 38 RBIs. Oehler led all Tornados with 16 extra-base hits, including 12 doubles and four home runs.

Atkinson, a senior outfielder from Piedmont, South Carolina, cemented his status as one of the top defensive outfielders in the USA South, capping his Tornado career with a 1.000 fielding percentage in center field with 98 putouts and seven outfield assists.

Atkinson's senior season was highlighted by several web gem plays, including a robbed home run vs. No. 4 LaGrange College. Over the course of his four-year playing career at Brevard, Atkinson totaled 246 putouts and added 10 outfield assists, turning four double plays from the center field position with a career .973 fielding percentage.

Brevard capped off one of its most successful seasons in the NCAA era in 2022, winning 21 games overall for the program's first 20+ win season since 2012. BC's 13 home victories at Gil Coan Field are its second-most in the NCAA era. Brevard ranked top-10 nationally as a team with 116 stolen bases and set program NCAA era team records for on-base percentage (.413), fewest strikeouts (238), sacrifice flies (25), stolen bases (116), and team fielding percentage (.959).



Frankie Vasquez

Noah Reisig named BC's head athletic trainer

Noah Reisig has been named Head Athletic Trainer at Brevard College, announced BC Director of Athletics Myranda Nash.

"We are extremely excited to have Noah Reisig in his new role as Head Athletic Trainer for the Tornados," said Nash. "In this past year, Noah has proven to be an exceptional athletic trainer who leads by example. The Brevard College student-athletes will be under the best possible care with Noah and the BC athletic training staff."

Reisig has been elevated to his new role as Head Athletic Trainer after spending this past 2021-22 athletic season serving as an Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Tornados. Reisig's duties as Head Athletic Trainer will begin immediately.

"I am extremely grateful to Myranda Nash for this opportunity to become the Head Athletic Trainer," Reisig said. "I look forward to continuing to provide care for Brevard College's student-athletes, and working alongside our coaching staff."

This past season at Brevard College, Reisig

worked specifically with the sports of Men's Soccer, Volleyball, Men's Lacrosse, Cross Country, Track & Field, Cycling and Climbing.

Reisig arrived at Brevard College with prior 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.

In addition, Reisig worked as an Operations Support Specialist at ATI Physical Therapy in South Carolina 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 December of 2022 from Aurora University.

