

# Snow blankets campus before semester begins

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Editor in Chief

Before the start of the spring semester, Brevard experienced beautiful winter weather. The snowfall began moving into this area on Thursday, Jan. 9 and did not stop until the following day, Friday.

Brevard received 3 inches of snow, but cold temperatures have allowed it to stay in places even a week later.

According to CBS News, the winter weather Brevard experienced was caused by a polar vortex that escaped the North Pole and stretched down to the United States.

The polar vortex affected the Midwest and the East Coast, with some areas experiencing record-freezing temperatures.

Like Hurricane Helene, the snow allowed students to get outside and connect with peers, away from screens. With the snow mixing with ice and sticking to the ground, students who moved in early had time to experience some winter activities fully and could be seen throughout campus making snowmen and sledding with friends.

The wintry weather was the perfect treat before the beginning of the spring semester for students, faculty, and staff.

The cold weather will unfortunately return early next week, with forecasts calling for low temperatures in the mid-to-low teens and highs still below freezing.

The Clarion staff wishes you good luck with this semester, and hopes your classes, clubs, and extracurricular activities go phenomenally well!

Right: Gina Drouse, Zoe Hughes and Audrey Hanson put the final touches on the snowman they made by the college's front entrance (at top of page). (Photos by Autumn Jones)



Snow transforms the bell tower and academic quad into a winter wonderland. (Photo by Autumn Jones)



Above: Our very own editor in chief (Autumn Jones) and managing editor (Zoe Hughes) go sledding on the road between Green Residence Hall and Dunham Hall. (Photo by Gina Drouse)

# Pack up your stuff, Green, you're moving out

**Zoe Hughes**  
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Green Residence Hall will be closed down March 1, 2025 to renovate the building, displacing 46 students.

Students living in Green were notified via email from BC Housing on Tuesday morning. The email stated that the renovations occurring will include “updating all the bathrooms, adding a/c to each room, painting and getting new furniture.”

This is surprising and unexpected for many students. Junior Green resident Alfredo Sixtos expressed disappointment about not being notified sooner.

“There was no heads-up whatsoever,” Sixtos said. “A heads-up during break would’ve been nice so that we could prepare instead of being hit in the face with this.”

The college has been planning to do something about Green and the lack of renovations for years now, and they have known about the

renovation plans for some months. Many people are wondering why these renovations are not taking place during summer break, and instead happening in the middle of the spring semester.

When asked, BC Housing said that due to Green being the primary housing during the summer months, the building needs to be ready before then.

“I’m excited that it’s getting renovations, but I’m not excited to move out,” sophomore Green resident Madi Norris said. “I will be unhomed.”

The BC Housing department is already working on rehousing the 46 residents by consolidating the rest of campus to make room for these students.

Even so, space is limited and Brevard does not have enough rooms to give each resident a private room, like they receive in Green. Housing plans to provide incentives to those who want to room together to fix this problem.

The money for these renovations will come from the Capital College Budget. This is money set aside for maintenance, renovations, etc. The

renovations will be done by an outside company, Carolina Specialties Construction.

CSC has been working with Brevard College for a few years now and has done some other projects around campus. They were responsible for the repairs in Jones after the roof collapsed from heavy snowfall in 2023, and they did the recent renovations for Tornado Alley in the Student Success Center.

The Green Renovations are now happening after years of being in mind because there are finally resources to make them happen.

CFO Juan Mascaro Sr. said, “They have enough of a crew to make it work within 8 to 12 weeks.”

The building is almost 70 years old, built in 1956, and according to BCI Construction Inc., a building’s lifespan is about 50-60 years.

Even though many students are frustrated with these circumstances, everyone is in agreement with the fact that Green Residence Hall needs renovation.

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# BC Cheer heading to UCA College Nationals for first time in program history

For the first time in program history, the Brevard College Cheerleading team is heading to the UCA (Universal Cheerleaders Association) College Cheerleading National Championship.

This year’s national championship event takes place this weekend (Jan. 17-19) at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida.

The Brevard College cheer team is scheduled to compete in the Open All Girls Game Day Division semifinals today. The finals for the division are set for Saturday, Jan. 18.



Members of the BC cheer team in action.

## Join The Clarion staff

Sign up for COM 108 by Monday, Jan. 20  
(the last day to add classes)

# IWIL welcomes guest speakers in preparation for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Madeleine Pollock**  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 15 the Institute for Women in Leadership welcomed five Black community leaders to the Porter Center as guest speakers for a panel on the significance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The guest speaker panel consisted of Brevard City Council Member and pastor of Bethel "A" Baptist Church Dr. Pamela Holder, the Dean of Spiritual Life and Religious Life at Brevard College and a Chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserve, Dr. Sharad Creasman; president of the local NAACP chapter and former civil rights activist Tommy Kilgore; and Tyree Griffin, Director of the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center.

Each year on the third Monday of January, people gather to celebrate the legacy of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., who valiantly gave his life to the movement. King is recognized for his ability to fight racial discrimination with nonviolent protest and unite people of all backgrounds, as well as being an integral part of banning segregation in the United States.

This panel was planned in the lead-up to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration that will be held in downtown Brevard, as well as at Bethel "A" Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 20th. Celebration participants will meet at 4 p.m. at the Courthouse and march to Bethel "A" Baptist Church, where there will be refreshments and a ceremony.

Dr. Holder said that although the community has focused on King's "I Have a Dream" speech in the past, this year she plans to read King's letter from the Birmingham Jail where he was imprisoned after participating in nonviolent protests against segregation in 1963.

Panel members covered a variety of topics throughout their visit; they discussed racial segregation and activism in Brevard's history, some

aspects of the civil rights movement, as well as what people can do moving forward to honor King's legacy.

One of the biggest takeaways from the panel was that racism, hatred, and bigotry are learned, but can be combatted through education. In other words, history must be taught accurately to prevent being repeated.

According to the guest speakers, individuals can continue to educate themselves by reading about Black history, supporting Black authors, and searching out conversations that allow for growth and enlightenment. Furthermore, it is important to stand up to and call out discrimination if seen in our community.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the march on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. More information can be found on the flyer.



Panelists speaking at an IWIL event on Wednesday on the significance of Martin Luther King Jr. were, left to right, Sharad Creasman, Tyree Griffin, Pamela Holder and Tommy Kilgore. (Photo by Brian Seon)

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Celebration**

**JOIN THE DREAM OF MLK**

**20 JAN**

**6:00PM**

Ceremony will begin at  
Bethel "A" Baptist Church  
290 Oakdale St.  
Brevard, NC 28712

**Love**  
is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.

**4:00PM**  
Meet at the Courthouse

**4:30PM**  
March from Courthouse to Bethel "A" Baptist Church

**5:00 -5:45PM**  
Refreshments Bethel "A" Fellowship Room

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Flyer for the MLK Celebration in Brevard on Monday, Jan. 20.

# The clock is ticking for TikTok...

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Staff Writer

Time is ticking away for the popular app TikTok. It is slated to be removed from the Apple and Google app stores as early as Jan. 19, preventing new downloads and updates for users. The removal would halt critical updates, including security updates and bug fixes, and gradually degrade the app's performance rendering it unusable over time.

In a statement from the Associated Press, "TikTok has more than 170 million U.S. users. According to the Pew Research Center, that includes most teens and a third of adults."

Brevard students were given a poll on the issue of the recent TikTok ban with a sample size of 28 replies. The data was divided into two pie charts, one asking the person if they were for or against the TikTok ban.

Twenty-three people (82.1 percent) were against the ban while 5 people

were for the ban. They were then asked how often they look at TikTok. Fifteen people stated they used it every day, four people stated several times a week, two people said rarely, and seven people do not use TikTok at all.

One student against the ban said, "It's really crazy that our country is banning a simple app when there's way more things to worry about."

Another said, "I enjoy the app. I use it for daily routines and organizing. If it gets banned, I don't know how I'm gonna keep myself organized."

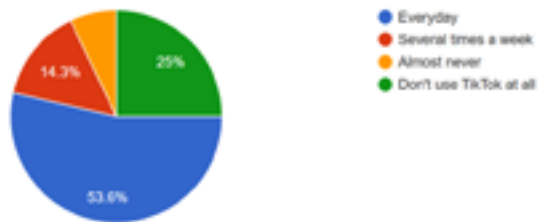
One student who agrees with the ban said, "There are way too many underage kids using a platform with almost no restrictions on it. It's promoting a culture of addiction and rapid maturity based on specific trends."

The upcoming ban has some users trying to figure out what to do next. Some have been downloading their data and moving to Lemon8, and some have downloaded RedNote. Both are Chinese-owned companies.

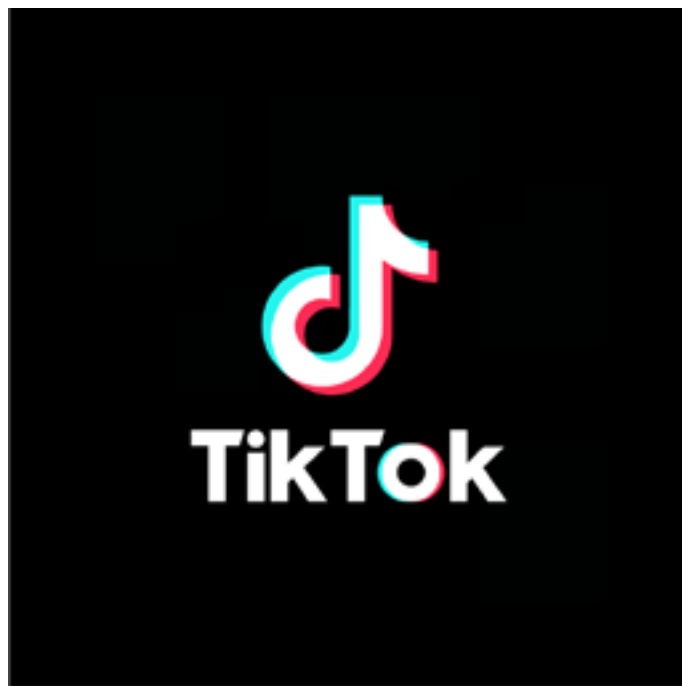
Unless the Supreme Court intervenes or a dramatic change happens, everyone in the United States will soon experience a world without TikTok.



Poll Question: Are you for or against the proposed TikTok Ban?



Poll question: How often do you look at TikTok?



A photo of the app TikTok.

# Piano concert to open spring semester at Porter Center

On Sunday, Jan. 19, pianists Katherine Murray and Bruce Murray will present Piano 2025, a program of twentieth-century music for two pianos. Featured are two of the most popular works in the two-piano repertoire, John Adams's Hallelujah Junction and Sergei Rachmaninoff's Suite No. 2. The program also includes works by Ferruccio Busoni and Arvo Pärt.

"The two-piano medium came into its own in the twentieth century," Bruce says. "Beethoven and Schubert wrote nothing for two pianos. Mozart

wrote only a modest sonata, and the Romantics contributed little of importance. But in the twentieth century, many major composers took up the cause. Our program sets Rachmaninoff's Suite from 1901 as one bookend and John Adams's great Hallelujah Junction from 1998 as the other one."

The concert will be at 3 p.m. in the Porter Center and is free and open to the public.