

BC football player recovering from NYE tragedy set to return to campus

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Junior football defensive lineman Jordan Ramey was caught “in the wrong place at the wrong time” at a New Year’s Eve celebration in Hickory, NC, when a fight broke out, putting him in the crossfire, according to a GoFundMe created by senior teammate Hadden Schnell.

In an interview, Ramey says, “I heard the gunshots and instantly knew something was wrong.” Ramey was struck by two bullets, and then airlifted to a medical center where he underwent surgery and was stabilized.

Ramey has spent the last month recovering and is set to return to classes next week. Although

he will be back on campus, he is not quite ready to return to football. “I hope to be able to play in the fall but it will depend on my strength and what I’m able to do. If I can’t compete I hope to help in some sort of way with the team.”

Coach Bill Kayat issued the following statement, “We are all pulling for Jordan to have a successful and full recovery. Once Jordan is ready to return and is cleared medically, we would certainly welcome him back to the football program whenever that time might be. Ultimately, our number one concern is Jordan’s health and overall wellbeing as a student-athlete.”

Ramey says his greatest challenge of the situation was being stuck in the hospital, as he is a social person. Now that he is out of the hospital, he says he is “finally feeling like my old self, somewhat.”

Recovery takes a village, and Ramey says that he appreciates the college’s support in his return to campus, as well as many visits and phone calls from friends, family, and teammates. “I want to thank my Nana, as she was with me every step of the way.”

The Brevard College community wishes Ramey a speedy recovery and is glad to see him back on campus!



Pictured: Jordan Ramey playing football for the Tornados. He hopes to return to the playing field in the fall (photos by Lex McLauchlin.)



Senior spotlight: Sandra Diaz

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Editor in Chief

While at Brevard, Sandra Diaz has accomplished a lot; she’s a senior class representative for the SGA, a member of the Psychology Club, a runner on the cross country and track teams, and a psychology major minoring in health science.

“I take my biggest inspiration from my parents,” Diaz says. “I am a proud first-generation Mexican-American and daughter of immigrant parents. I refuse to forget about the struggle it took for my parents to get here, and I will never take their sacrifices for granted. They came from nothing to make me something.”

After graduating, Diaz plans to move to Greenville, South Carolina and was offered a position at the Social Security office in Brevard. “If it doesn’t work out, I am taking a gap year before going back to school for clinical social work,” she said.

Diaz’s greatest accomplishment isn’t getting a perfect score on a test or getting an internship. “My biggest accomplishment is becoming who I am today, as a person, and as a leader,” she said. “Freshman year, I was so shy. Now, I have so many new friends that I never would have had had I stayed in my shell.”

Her advice to BC students: Make the most of your time in college.

“I have gotten a lot of important advice in my life, but one stands out: Live in the moment,” she said. “We’re at college to study and focus on our education, of course, but balance is important. Participate in stuff on and off campus. Enjoy your time—it flies by.”



Sandra Diaz

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Caribbe @ 5pm	Futsal @ 7pm	Blings @ 8pm		Volleyball @ 7pm	Valentines Craft Night @ 7pm		
Superbowl Watch Party @ 6-11pm	Futsal @ 7pm	Pool Tournament @ 2pm		Volleyball @ 7pm			
Pick Up Basketball @ 8pm	Futsal @ 7pm	Street Discs @ 8pm		Volleyball @ 7pm	Campfire & S'mores @ 7pm		
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The Best Red Carpet looks from the Grammy Awards

Fashion statements at Sunday's awards ceremony in Los Angeles



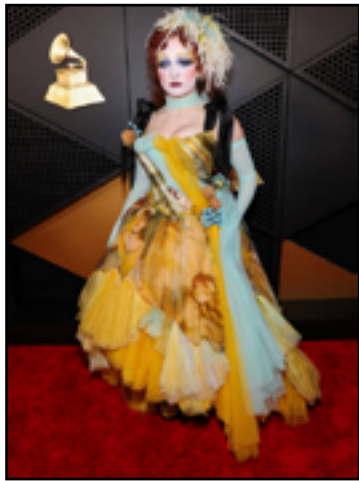
Cardi B, dressed in Roberto Cavalli.



Billie Eilish, dressed in Prada



Teddy Swims, dressed by Kay Jewelers.



Chappell Roan, dressed in vintage Jean Paul Gaultier.



Sierra Ferrell, dressed by Jeffrey Kelly Abess.



Lady Gaga, dressed in Samuel Lewis.



Gracie Abrams, dressed in Chanel.



Jaden Smith, dressed in Louis Vuitton



Charli XCX, dressed in Jean Paul Gaultier.

Scrambling over egg costs

Morning Social perseveres through rising costs

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Rising egg costs are affecting Americans internationally. According to the Trading Economics website, eggs are a staggering \$7.09 per dozen in the United States.

Located in the Lumberyard district of Brevard, right across from the college, The Morning Social is a wonderful restaurant that has experienced rising costs firsthand. The Clarion was granted a one-on-one interview with General Manager Eric Woods to inquire about how they have been affected.

Recently, navigating the turbulent waters of rising costs and distribution has proven difficult for local businesses. Wood states, “We ordered 6 cases from our normal distributor, but due to

bird flu cases and lack of availability we were only able to obtain 2 cases from our normal distributor.” To ensure that the restaurant was able to provide its signature breakfast dishes, the company outsourced to another distributor with higher costs.

Typically, the restaurant uses 100-120 eggs daily, and 200+ eggs while in season. Despite these hurdles, Woods and his team are focused on their mission to provide quality meals for their loyal patrons. “We want to ensure that our customers can still enjoy nice, safe, and healthy food,” he said.

The restaurant’s adaptability has been key. While the team faces ongoing economic pressures, they are committed to finding innovative solutions to keep their menu items appealing without compromising quality. The emphasis

remains on community, with Woods stressing that the primary goal is to do their best for local patrons during these times.

Despite the challenges, The Morning Social is all about finding ways to keep serving up great food for the community. They want to make sure that local customers can still enjoy their favorite meals. Their commitment to quality and to the people they serve is what sets them apart during these tough times.

The Morning Social provides evidence that through times of economic hardship, their unwavering dedication to the locals is stronger than ever. Supporting this establishment not only helps the business but strengthens our community as well.



Sweden goes through worst shooting in their history

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At least 10 were killed and 6 injured in a shooting in Örebro, Sweden on Tuesday. Sweden’s prime minister is calling it the “worst mass shooting in our history.”

Sweden had roughly 350 shootings last year, while the U.S. has had over double the amount of confirmed shootings.

Investigators know that at approximately 12:33 p.m. local time on Feb. 4th, there were reports of a shooting at an adult education for those who have not completed stages of early education. The classes offered are made to help give qualifications for employment and so on for adults, and also for migrant populations.

Witness Andreas Sundling says, “We heard bangs and loud screams. At first, we didn’t understand what it was, but then realized it could be gunfire.” When officers arrived, they said there were bodies and blood all over.

Around 130 officers responded to the scene within a few minutes of the calls. Witnesses and officers said doors were barricaded to keep out any intruders and shooters.

Authorities have not confirmed the identity of the suspect, but are testing DNA. Though authorities do not know the suspect’s motives, they can confirm he was not involved in any gangs.

Candles and flowers have been placed at memorials for the victims as authorities are investigating. Many people are helping the victims’ families as they are going through these devastating times in their lives.

Super Bowl LIX Halftime Show preview: Kendrick Lamar

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Sunday, Feb. 9, the Eagles and the Chiefs will be competing in Super Bowl LIX, and this year the halftime show will be performed by hip-hop legend, Kendrick Lamar with special guest, SZA.

Kendrick Lamar Duckworth, popularly known as Kendrick Lamar, is a 37-year-old American rapper from Compton, California. Lamar first began releasing music under the name K. Dot while in high school. Not long after, he signed with Top Dawg Entertainment (TDE) in 2005 with whom he released his debut studio album, *Section .80* in 2011.

This led to the formation of the hip-hop supergroup, Black Hippy, which Lamar formed with Ab-Soul and Schoolboy Q. Lamar later signed an artist development deal with Def Jam Recordings, but was let go from the agreement after an encounter with its president and CEO, Jay-Z.

Throughout his career, Lamar has been nominated and won multiple awards. He has been nominated for Grammy Awards 57 times and has won 22 Grammys. He has also been nominated for BET Hip Hop Awards 67 times and has won 37 of those times. Lamar has even added a Pulitzer

Prize to his long list of awards, winning in 2018 for his album “Damn.” In total, Lamar has been nominated for awards 478 times and has won 204 times.

Kendrick Lamar’s most recent Grammy wins were for his song “Not Like Us,” the infamous diss track about fellow rapper, Drake, that ignited conversation about cultural appropriation and Drake’s alleged “pedophilic-like” behavior.

Lamar is known for his innovative and socially conscious music, and for collaborating with many other artists over the years. On Sunday, Lamar is confirmed to be performing with special guest SZA, but some other artists have been rumored to make an appearance, including Tyler, The Creator, Lil Wayne, Future, and Metro Boomin.

Kendrick Lamar has had a successful and prolific career before the upcoming Super Bowl LIX performance, with a career marked by many chart-topping hits.

Here are some songs that will help one get to know Kendrick Lamar as an artist: “Not Like Us,” “Alright,” “HUMBLE,” “luther (with SZA),” “Like That,” “DNA.,” and “LOYALTY. FEAT. RHIANNA.”

Brevard College receives high rankings in latest U.S. News & World report

U.S. News & World Report has once again recognized Brevard College’s outstanding performance in their rankings for 2025.

Brevard College’s dedication to providing a transformative educational experience has been acknowledged through several key rankings:

#34 in Regional Colleges South

#4 in Best Undergraduate Teaching

President Bradley J Andrews expressed great pride in the College’s performance, saying, “These rankings reflect the dedication and hard work of our entire Brevard College community. We are committed to providing an exceptional educational experience that empowers our students and supports their unique, individual goals.”

Brevard College’s consistent presence in the U.S. News & World Report rankings underscores its commitment to academic excellence and its mission to prepare students for lifelong learning and meaningful careers.

Brevard College is particularly proud of their ranking in Best Undergraduate Teaching as the teacher-student relationship holds a significant space at Brevard College.

“This ranking reaffirms our status as a leading institution in the southeastern United States,” said Dr. Chad Holt, Vice President of Admissions and Financial Aid. “It’s a testament to the College’s unwavering commitment to academic quality and undergraduate teaching.”



Women's lacrosse team win scrimmage against Montreat

New coach earns first win at Brevard College

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Above: Junior Xan Hill (Photo by Abigail Callahan.)

The Brevard College Women's Lacrosse team played against Montreat College for a scrimmage practice match on Saturday, Feb. 1. The Lady Tornados won 11-8. Sarah Perry, the newest head coach of the Women's Lacrosse team, cinches her first win at Brevard College.

Lex McLauchlin, a senior Defender, said when asked how she stays motivated during a game, "My teammates, they always have a way of pushing me out of the hole and getting me ready for the game and keeping me together."

McLauchlin's strength as a lacrosse player is her ability to maintain a good head under pressure. She also mentioned her skills in watching the ball and making the necessary decisions to keep the team in the right position.

McLauchlin said, "I just have trust in my goalie. I love being under pressure and I tend to run into the pressure. But then I just

have confidence in Kyla that she's gonna save it if I mess up."

The primary goal for McLauchlin's upcoming season is "To have fun to play with my friends and to end my senior season with a bang," she said. She aims to end her senior year on a high note, with a strong performance and positive memories.

McLauchlin's focus is making the most of her final season and leaving a lasting impact on her team. She emphasized the importance of team success and personal growth in achieving her goals for the season.

The Brevard College Women's Lacrosse team's first match of the season will be on Saturday, Feb. 15, and will be against Guilford College in Greensboro, so don't miss out on this exciting season.



Above: Brevard Women's lacrosse players carry the ball in their scrimmage against Montreat (Photo by Abigail Callahan.)



Above: Brevard in action against Montreat (Photo by Abigail Callahan.)



Montreat and Brevard shake hands after the scrimmage (Photo by Abigail Callahan.)

Big moves happening in NFL

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The NFL has made some big news this week. With trade requests, new coaching hires, and talks of international expansion, here are the latest developments.

Coaching Hires:

The Houston Texans have appointed Nick Caley as their new Offensive Coordinator. Nick was formerly the Los Angeles Rams Tight Ends Coach.

The Las Vegas Raiders have hired Chip Kelly as their new Offensive Coordinator. He was formerly the Offensive Coordinator and Quarterback Coach for the Ohio State Buckeyes.

The New York Jets have hired Offensive Coordinator Tanner Engstrand. He is coming from the Detroit Lions, with his previous position being Passing Game Coordinator.

The Los Angeles Rams have hired Drew Wilkins as their Defensive Pass Rush Coordinator. Formerly an Outside Linebackers Coach for the New England Patriots.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have hired former Texas Longhorns Head Coach Charlie Strong as their Defensive Line Coach.

Trade News and More:

Myles Garrett publicly requested a trade from the Cleveland Browns on Feb. 3. He expressed his desire to compete for a Super Bowl and doesn't want to be a part of the Brown's rebuilding phase. However, General Manager Andrew Berry stated that he nor the Browns had plans to trade Garrett.

The Los Angeles Rams have informed the public and Cooper Kupp about their intent to trade him on Feb. 3. Later that day Head Coach Sean McVay said, "One of the things I've learned from him as much as anybody is there's no good way

to go about hard conversations, other than just straight to the point." This indicates that Kupp will no longer be a Los Angeles Ram.

Since Myles Garrett has requested a trade, many teams have already expressed their interest in acquiring him. These teams include the New England Patriots, Detroit Lions, Washington Commanders, Arizona Cardinals, Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Philadelphia Eagles, Los Angeles Rams, and the Atlanta Falcons.

Talks of International Expansion from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has indicated the possible establishment of an NFL outside the United States. His aim here is to make the NFL a globalized sport. Potential locations include London, Brazil, Germany, and Mexico.

Super Bowl LIX is taking place at Caesars Superdome on Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. EST. This Super Bowl will feature the Defending Super Bowl Champs, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the 1.5-point underdogs, the Philadelphia Eagles.

BC tennis team ranked fifth in USA South preseason poll

The USA South Conference has released its annual Preseason Coaches' Poll, picking the Brevard College Women's Tennis team to finish fifth.

The Tornados are coming off a 2023-24 season that marked the third-consecutive campaign that the Tornados had qualified for the conference postseason, as Brevard finished fifth in the regular season standings.

The Brevard College men's tennis program has been selected to finish fourth in the annual USA South Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Tornados, under the direction of sixth-year Head Coach Brad Jones,

are coming off a 2023-24 campaign that saw the program earn its first postseason win since the 2010-11 season with a 5-3 defeat of Southern Virginia University at the McCoy Tennis Complex. BC men's tennis has qualified for the conference postseason in each of the last three seasons.

So far this season, the Tornados have started 4-0, marking its best start to a season in NCAA history, with Brevard unbeaten through four matches for the first time.



Brevard College tennis athletes competing (Photos by Caden O'Brien.)