

Brevard College Spring Fest 2025

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Brevard College's annual Spring Fest was held Thursday afternoon, April 24, on Robin's Plaza, the lawn outside of Myers Dining Hall.

The event featured a variety of activities for festival goers to participate in. There was a

covered section with a variety of different arts and crafts, including a koozie-making station. Spring Fest also provided water activities like a water slide and dunk tank, and eventually, water balloons were provided for an impromptu water balloon fight. And, as per usual, there were llamas for attendees to pet and interact with.

Alongside the activities, there was food provided by the cafeteria and local food trucks. The

food truck options ranged from chili cheese dogs to mini donuts and lemonades, and the cafeteria provided macaroni and cheese, chicken, sloppy joes, and banana pudding for dessert.

"The photo booth was fun, and the llamas are always nice to see. I go every year, and this was a well-done last Spring Fest." - Emma Wester, Senior at Brevard College.



All photos by Abigail Callahan.

New student center to transform student experience at BC

Earlier this month, Brevard College announced the approval of construction by the Board of Trustees for a new Student Center that will transform the student experience at Brevard College. Construction is expected to begin this coming January, with the facility projected to be complete by the summer of 2027.

The roughly 30,000 square-foot Student Center will feature an indoor/outdoor communal gathering space for students, the first of its kind at Brevard College. Within the Student Center will be new dining facilities and kitchens, a fitness center, lounges, fireplaces, and game tables, as well as an improved Boerner Conference Room and a new mail facility.

A major feature of the project is the creation of a pedestrian plaza along what is currently Campus Drive, turning a large stretch of campus into a promenade adjacent to the new Student Center. The Campus Plaza will include lounge areas as well as additional dining locations, fire pits, and outdoor games.

The Student Center will be constructed at the location of the Myers Dining Hall, expanding beyond the building's current footprint by approximately 75%. The new Campus Plaza will emerge between the new Student Center and the current J.A. Jones Library/Experiential Learning Commons, Coltrane Hall, and Beam Residence Hall. Entrances to the Student Center will be located both at the Campus Plaza and on the west side of the existing Robbins Quad.

The project came to fruition after an exhaustive process of surveying Brevard College students about potential physical improvements on campus. Common themes



The new Student Center and Campus Plaza at Brevard College will transform the center of the campus into a holistic experience for students. Image credit: Credo Design Architects.

emerged from the surveys asking for specific gathering spaces for students, fitness facilities for non-athletes, and improvements in dining facilities. As a result, the new Student Center was conceptualized and designed to fulfill the requests of BC students.

"The new Student Center represents an exciting time of growth for our campus and community," said Dr. Bradley J Andrews, President of Brevard College. "We heard from our students and in turn designed a facility that incorporates every one of their top unmet needs."

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The interior of the Student Center will include significant lounge and game areas for students to enjoy as well as new dining facilities. Image credit: Credo Design Architects.

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Senior Capstone presentations

Quantitative Research

1st: Paige Edwards
2nd: Sophia Trantham
3rd: Ashlyn Baumann
Honorable mention: Haylea Layne Miller

Internship

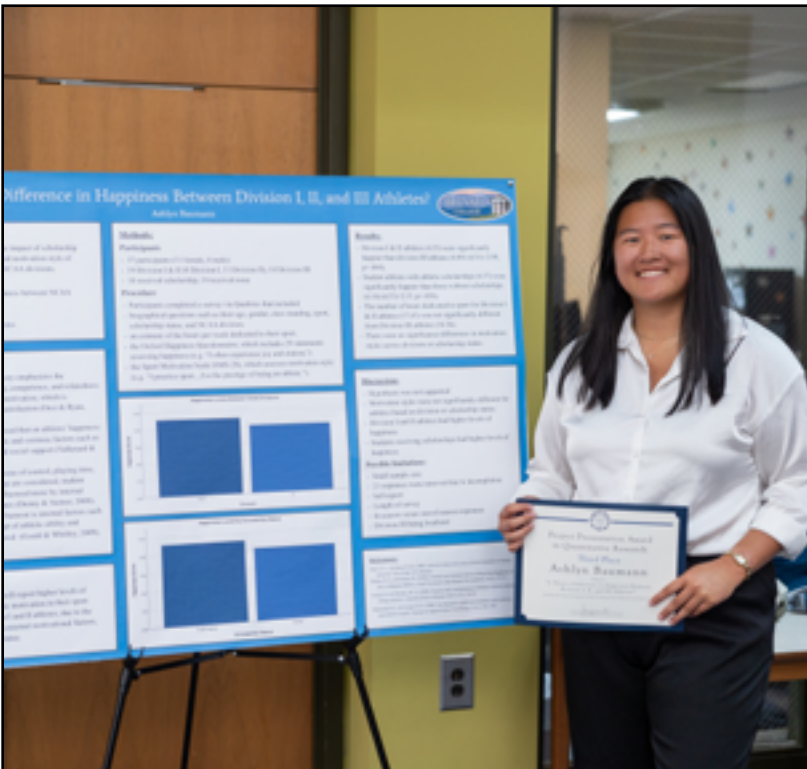
1st: Emily Denaga
2nd: Ellie Hedgepath
Honorable mention: Sophia Ogawa
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Ellie Hedgepath



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Senior Spotlight: Ellie Hedgepath

Autumn Jones
Editor in Chief

What do you get when you mix a ‘Below Deck’ and ‘America’s Next Top Model’ enthusiast with a Class of 2025 senior?

Ellie Hedgepath, of course.

A psychology major from Columbia, South Carolina, Hedgepath is known for her vibrant personality, academic drive, and passion. With a resume packed full of campus involvement, she will leave a lasting impact on Brevard.

She serves as the treasurer of Psi-Chi, is a member of the campus Psychology Club, tutors those struggling with psychology, is a member of Omnicron Delta Kappa, is part of the chamber singers, and is part of the concert choir. Needless to say, she is busy.

“What I’m most proud of is my GPA and my work/life/school balance,” Hedgepath says. “I also got into grad school at the University of South Carolina— go Cocks!”

Hedgepath will begin her graduate studies in the fall, working towards her goal of becoming a school social worker. “There are not enough, and they are very much needed,” she says. “Children and adolescents deserve to be heard and advocated for.”

Hedgepath’s interest in psychology arose from her work in mental health advocacy. “I wanted to break the stigmatism around it. In my internship at TC Strong, I worked with youth mental health suicide prevention,” she says. “I became ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) certified, which means I am a certified suicide interventionalist.”



Ellie Hedgepath.

Her passion placed her in second for her senior capstone titled, ‘Turning Crisis into Care.’

Hedgepath’s favorite part of psychology is the cognitive aspect. “Neuroscience is so interesting, and I think we can learn a lot about how our brain processes and reacts to certain stimuli,” she says.

Outside of the classroom, Hedgepath is a seasoned traveller. She has been to six countries and

26 states, with Switzerland up next.

“My mom, dad, and best friend Ish inspire me the most,” Hedgepath says. “They have been my biggest supporters since day one. They’re the first ones I call when something good or bad happens.”

As one last piece of advice for future psychology majors, she says, “Good luck lol.”

Student Center photos

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Included in the Student Center will be a state-of-the-art fitness center, intended for the general student population.



Two promenades for the Student Center will provide students with outdoor lounge and dining options.



New dining facilities will be a major highlight of the Student Center.

Image credit: Credo Design Architects

Pope Francis dies at 88: a legacy of compassion and reform

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Staff Writer

Pope Francis, the two hundred sixty-sixth pope of the Roman Catholic Church and the first to come from Latin America, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025, at age eighty-eight. His passing was announced at 7:35 a.m. CEST while living in the Casa Santa Marta in Vatican City.

The Vatican has reported that he suffered a stroke, leading to a coma and irreparable heart stoppage. He has been experiencing health issues, including a double dose of pneumonia that necessitated hospitalization.

A Pontificate Marked by Humility and Reform

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He became Pope Francis in 2013 after Pope Benedict XVI. stepped down.

The Pope is famous for his kindness, his work towards social justice, and his advocacy for interfaith relationships.

He is noted for his work with minority groups, his work to combat climate change, and his efforts to get the Church to grow with the times by becoming more accepting of diversity.

Among some of his most pivotal moments as Pope are his support of gay civil rights and his condemnation of the mistreatment of Native American children in Canadian schools.

Final Days and Funeral Arrangements

Despite suffering from failing health, Pope Francis had decided to make a public appearance for the final time on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, delivering the Urbi et Orbi blessing from a wheelchair in Saint Peter's Square and meeting Vice President of the United States, J.D. Vance, shortly before his death.

According to his will, Pope Francis will be buried in a simple wooden casket in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Rome. His funeral will be held on April 26 at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a papal conclave.

Global Tributes and Legacy

Pope Francis has received praise from all over the world. Political leaders, such as former president Joe Biden, King Charles, and UN Secretary-General António Guterres, have praised him for his morality and desire for peace.

Followers of different faiths, such as the Dalai Lama, have recognized him for his talent in connecting with people of various beliefs.

Pope Francis' death means the end of a dynamic time for the Church. He was working to make the Church more modern and contemporary, to humanize its doctrine, and to address today's problems. His influence will last for a long time.

Come pick up trash on Saturday at Cathey's Creek!

Trash pickup for 'Leave No Trash University Challenge'

Madeleine Pollock
Staff Writer

From April 19-27, the WLEE program will facilitate participation in the Leave No Trash University challenge, a global Earth Month initiative started by Leave No Trace.

The CRJ Honor Society kicked off the initiative by organizing a clean-up of the Brevard Multi-Use Path in collaboration with CRJ, ENV, and WLEE Majors. There will be another trash pickup at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, on Cathey's Creek Road, with vans departing from the WLEE barn at 10:30 a.m.

This campaign seeks to remove trash from campuses and communities, with the main goal of educating the public about ethical waste practices. Students, faculty, and community members are encouraged to pick up trash and

document their findings as part of a Citizen Science Project at CitSci.org.

To begin collecting trash, set up a CitSci account at CitSci.org or begin documenting collected waste using the QR code or a paper printout of the datasheet. Paper data sheets can be submitted at the WLEE barn until the morning of Monday, April 29, when student leaders will upload them to the online database.

The data collected will be used to create a storyboard and a set of data from all the collective efforts. Universities around the world are taking part in this endeavor, and the schools with the most trash collected or the most social action will win prizes and recognition.

Collecting trash for this initiative can also count towards student volunteer hours, so if those are needed for a class or program, consider participating!



QR Code that takes you to the datasheet.

BREVARD COLLEGE

BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

FINAL REFLECTION & EXAM SCHEDULE - SPRING 2025

<i>Saturday, May 3 – No exams or mandatory activities may be scheduled on this day.</i>		
Sunday, May 4		
	1:30-4:30 PM	6:00-9:00 PM
	Class Block 2, MTH 9:30-10:45 AM	Class Block 7, TF 9:30-10:45 AM
Monday, May 5		
9:00 AM -12:00 PM	1:30-4:30 PM	6:00-9:00 PM
Class Block 3, MTH 11:00 AM- 12:15 PM	Class Block 4, MTH 12:30-1:45 PM	Class Block 5, MTH 2:00-3:15 PM
Tuesday, May 6		
9:00 AM -12:00 PM	1:30-4:30 PM	6:00-9:00 PM
Class Block 8, TF 11:00 AM- 12:15 PM	Class Block 9, TF 12:30-1:45 PM	Class Block 10 or 15, TF 2:00-3:15 PM
Wednesday, May 7		
9:00 AM -12:00 PM	1:30-4:30 PM	6:00-9:00 PM
Class Block 6, TF 8:00-9:15 AM Class Block 14, TF 8:30-9:20 AM	Class Block 1, MTH 8:00-9:15 AM	Class Block 16, MTH 7:00-9:30 PM
Thursday, May 8		
9:00 AM -12:00 PM	1:30-4:30 PM	6:00-9:00 PM
Class Block 12, W 11:00AM – 1:30 PM	Class Block 13, W 2:00-4:30 PM	Class Block 11, W 8:00-10:30 AM

***All courses will meet at the scheduled exam time to conduct final testing or to accomplish some other meaningful educational activity.** The exam time counts toward the total instructional time for each course, and as such is required as part of course instruction. Any exceptions, such as for courses with excess of contact time or final performances scheduled at alternate times, must be approved by the appropriate Division Chair.

***No student will be required to take 3 exams on the same day.** It is the student's responsibility to speak with the instructors involved and to request moving one of the exams to a time convenient for both the student and the instructor. Such alternate arrangements should be finalized no later than Monday, April 28. No approval other than that of the instructor is necessary for alternate exam times arising from a student having had 3 exams scheduled on the same day.

***Students cannot use convenience of travel arrangements as justification for requesting exam time changes. Exceptions for students seeking alternative exam arrangements because of an excuse other than convenience of travel must be approved by the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.**

*Classes that meet more than three hours per week or do not fit into the regular class block schedule should use the earliest appropriate exam period.

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Senior Gabby Hooper reflects on her softball career

Abigail Callahan
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 18, the Brevard College softball team played a doubleheader against William Peace; it was also their senior day. Senior shortstop number 22 Gabby Hooper reflected on her softball career in an interview.

"It's [softball] has meant a lot to me," Hooper said. "It has taught me hard work to face ad-

versity."

Her favorite memory from the sport was beating Pfeiffer during her freshman year season. "Pfeiffer was the number one-ranked team in our conference, and we beat them," she said. "It was a crazy win."

Despite her favorite memory from the sport being a game her team won, her biggest inspiration throughout her journey has been her dad. "He encouraged me to play when I was younger,

and he kept me in it," Hooper said. "He took me out to my travel ball tournaments and all of the games."

Gabby's plans go far beyond the field; after graduation, she plans to work at Cherokee Indian Hospital, which is near her home in Robbinsville, North Carolina. She will work on obtaining the clinical hours needed, apply to PA (physician assistant) school, and plan to focus her attention on pediatrics.



Gabby Hooper with her family and her coaches (all photos by Photo by Lex MacLauchlin via Flickr).

