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Brevard College Welcomes Rick Steves for the 2024 J.R. McDowell Lecture Series

BREVARD, N.C. – Brevard College, in collaboration with the Transylvania County Library, was honored to welcome renowned travel expert, bestselling author, popular YouTube series creator, and public television host Rick Steves to campus as part of the 2024 J.R. McDowell Lecture Series on Tuesday, September 17. The sold-out event drew a packed crowd at the Porter Center's Scott Concert Hall, where Steves shared his unique insights on travel's ability to foster cross-cultural understanding.

Earlier in the day, Steves met with a group of Brevard College honors students for an exclusive discussion in Tornado Alley. The session was filled with engaged students, and faculty and staff stood at the back to listen in. This conversation provided a unique opportunity for students to interact with one of the world's most respected travel authorities.

The evening lecture, co-hosted by Brevard College and the Transylvania County Library as part of the McDowell Speaker Series, continued to inspire, with a sold-out audience eager to hear Steves speak on how travel can serve as a tool for peace and greater understanding in today's world. The Porter Center's Scott Concert Hall was filled to capacity, reflecting the community's enthusiasm for events that foster cultural enrichment and global awareness.

President Bradley J Andrews expressed his gratitude for the partnership between Brevard College and the Transylvania County Library. "We are proud to collaborate with Transylvania County Library to bring influential and thought-provoking speakers like Rick Steves to campus," said Andrews. "This partnership enriches both our college and the wider community, and we are thankful for the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with someone who has devoted his career to broadening perspectives through travel."

Brevard College is proud to have worked closely with the Transylvania County Library to bring such a globally recognized speaker to Brevard. The event underscored the college's ongoing

commitment to fostering intellectual and cultural growth for both its students and the local community.

To find Rick Steves' books locally, visit Highland Books at 36 W Main St, Brevard. A limited number of signed copies of *Travel as a Political Act* and *Europe Through the Back Door* are available for purchase.

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