

# BREVARD COLLEGE

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## **Unprecedented Success in Unprecedented Times for Brevard College**

BREVARD — When students stepped onto Brevard College’s campus at the start of the 2024-2025 academic year, they left their footprints in the history books. At no point in the college’s history have so many students been enrolled.

While recent headlines often announce colleges and universities closing their doors, Brevard College has grown. The college reports that its total enrollment of 810 students this year is the largest in its 171-year history.

College officials believe this unusual enrollment success results directly from the Brevard College experience, which offers its students a powerful combination of academic excellence, relationship-rich education, engaging and meaningful involvement opportunities, and personalized advising focused on preparing them for their post-college life and the professional world. "Everyone on the faculty is so genuine, they are there for you so that you can succeed in every aspect," said Fares Abdulaziz, Class of 2027.

“We care about each student, we focus on relationships - it’s in our DNA,” said Dr. Bradley J Andrews, President of Brevard College. “We know from our programs’ success rate that building a personalized foundation for each student’s college experience, one based on relationships, leads to greater retention, academic achievement, and resiliency for the world beyond Brevard College.”

“I am delighted that students and parents are recognizing the upward trajectory of Brevard College,” said Dr. Jordan Kuck, Chair of Humanities and Director of the Honors Program at Brevard College. “Over the past few years, I have seen the caliber of academic performance increase—and not just in the Honors Program. As an institution and community, we have positioned ourselves with our focus on relationships and experiential education to recruit and

retain high-achieving students. The students of today want to be challenged and mentored by talented and caring faculty, and Brevard College offers exactly that experience."

The current enrollment numbers demonstrate that a college that prioritizes the value of relationships strikes a chord with degree-seeking students. At Brevard College, nurturing individual relationships with each student begins during the recruitment process and continues throughout their time on campus.

"Our students learn very quickly that our passion is to help them succeed," said Dr. Jennifer Frick-Ruppert, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty. "We really try to be there for each of our students and anticipate their needs, and the needs of college students have changed over the past decade or so. We are trying to meet them where they are so that they feel supported and confident during their academic journey."

Students on campus agree that this educational approach is central to the success of the College, as well as the success of each student on campus. "I was in awe of the immediate care and kindness that was given to me from all of the staff," remarked Julia Needleman, Class of 2028.

The College's strategic vision for the future is driven by a campus-wide commitment to student success, with new initiatives launched recently that are embedded throughout the school's liberal arts curriculum. This approach is tailored to what college students are looking for in today's world.

"The Brevard Career Advantage program, for instance, captures that commitment to a transformational experience for our students, and to their success in their lives and careers after graduation," said President Andrews. "We believe that a good liberal arts education with intentional practical applications is an extraordinarily valuable asset for that journey. This is what college students demand today, and this is why so many are choosing Brevard College."

*Brevard College is consistently recognized as one of the best liberal arts colleges. The College's focus on experiential learning, small class sizes, and location in the mountains of Western North Carolina near Asheville makes Brevard a top choice college for students around the world.*

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