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Phil Tappy, '60

Brevard was "a magical place" for me, where the students and faculty were friendly and truly cared about each other. It was a place where breathing was easier and much of my childhood stress was gone. I loved the mountains, the Christian influences, and my wonderful teachers: Dr. Ed Roy; Miss Lucile Smith, the best English teacher ever born; Dulcie Hayes; the odd, but captivating Mrs. Mary Lobdell; Kenneth Du Bois in art; Ms. Sigmon in journalism; and Coach Chick Martin, to name a few. They loved both their students and their subjects.

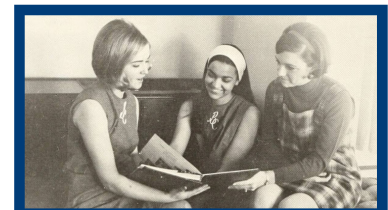
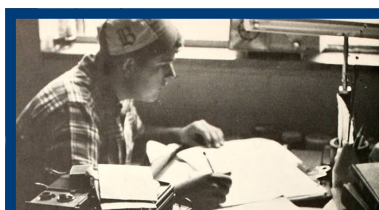


Phil '60 and Lisa Tappy

While there, I was active in numerous clubs. I worked on The Clarion, played on the Tennis Team, was a proud Delphian, and didn't miss a Barn Dance or an after-supper dance in the student lounge. Brevard was just what I had longed for college life to be, with friends and mentors who were smart, fun, caring, hardworking and sincere. Now, as I rapidly creep up on age 80, I delight in those days and nights in Taylor Hall and in the charming town of Brevard.

I graduated with the Class of 1960 and have maintained lifelong friendships with so many Brevard pals. My wife Lisa has also fallen in love with Brevard and is always eagerly awaiting our reunions and mountain trips. Since those days, I have tried to give back as I can: I continued to return to Brevard for Homecoming and later became President of the Alumni Association. I was also, many years later, given the honor of serving on the Brevard College Board of Trustees. So, the love I have always had for Brevard has never ceased.

Today, I'm proud to challenge you, my fellow Brevard College alumni, to show your love for Brevard College's future. I have pledged to give \$25,000 to the College in appreciation for the many gifts she gave me. Will you join me and contribute gifts that will bring our total to \$50,000? Just think of the students, like we once were, who will be helped by this gift. I believe Brevard College is still a magical place where young men and women are given a chance to thrive, grow, learn and care for their friends, their environment and for those who need a helping hand and a chance to become better people. And we can work together to ensure that this opportunity is available for generations of students to come. Thank you!



When Alumni Built a Gateway

The \$2,000 price tag for a gateway entrance to Brevard College has proven well worth the money alumni raised to build it in 1955. Conceived as a one-hundredth birthday present for the college in 1953, the Centennial Gateway, through which so many students and alumni have passed, was the product of four separate alumni groups working together to improve their shared alma mater.

The alumni councils of Weaver, Rutherford, and Brevard Colleges, as well as Brevard Institute, joined together in 1953 to provide a welcoming connection between the college and the community. The gateway was paid for entirely through alumni fundraising efforts led by Rutherford graduate Lon Hayes. Bricks were donated by the Moland-Drysdale Corporation, labor was volunteered by countless individuals, and alumnus Herb Angel designed and helped erect the gateway itself.



“May the faith and trust of Christian higher education be nurtured in the symbolic loyalty that is evident in the personalities of all who gave to build a greater institution.”

— from the Centennial Gateway's dedication

The gateway has been a special part of campus life since the 50's—students have processed underneath it for commencement, gathered around it for leisure, and made their way to class through it. And it was built by a dedicated group of alumni in appreciation of and service to their alma mater. The gateway stands as a testament to the enduring promise that a Brevard College experience lasts long after graduation. These alumni, in a spirit of fellowship and purpose, shaped the future of their campus.

Homecoming is Around the Corner! Register Now!



2019 Homecoming
October 4-6

Have you made your plans for Homecoming 2019 yet?
Pre-register today at brevard.edu/homecoming or call David Borman at 828-884-8373.

Register now to ensure you receive a special gift when you arrive on campus.

Weekend Highlights:

- Gallery of Distinguished Alumni/Staff and Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet
- Welcome Home Party hosted by Oskar Blues
- All Alumni Luncheon
- Build a Legacy, Transform the Future: A Guide to Planned Giving
- Tornado Tailgate and Football Game
- Alumni Jazz Concert and Reception

2019 Brevard College Distinguished Alumnus and Staff Awards

Join us at Homecoming, on the night of October 4, to celebrate this year's recipients.

Dick Gardner, '69: Distinguished Alumnus Award



Richard "Dick" Gardner graduated from Brevard College as a pre-engineering major in 1969, then earning his ABS in mathematics from North Carolina State University. He went on to own a successful business in Virginia, which he turned over to employee ownership before retiring in 2011. Dick and Pat Gardner were recently honored with induction into the Rutherford Circle, signifying lifetime giving of over half-a-million dollars to Brevard College, including two scholarships and significant capital gifts.

Guy Payne: Distinguished Staff Award



Guy Payne spent 41 years as the Brevard College Gymnasium Supervisor. Guy served under 7 college Presidents, 8 Deans, 5 Athletic Directors, and was a friend and mentor to thousands of BC students and alumni. To so many, Guy made Brevard College feel like a home away from home with a welcoming smile, a helping hand, and words of encouragement.

Have a memory or want to send congratulations to this year's recipients?

Send them to alumni@brevard.edu and we'll include it in the next eNews

Golden Club Luncheon Expands to Include All Alumni

The Golden Club Luncheon at Homecoming has long been a favorite tradition for those who graduated at least 50 years ago. Many of those inducted into the Golden Club in recent years have suggested inviting all alumni to join the luncheon as a great way to meet up with old friends and make new friends over a shared love of BC.

This year's All Alumni Luncheon will feature:

- President Joyce with exciting news to share about the plans for future growth and development at Brevard College
- The Class of 1969 honored at their official induction into the Golden Club
- BC alumni from 1940 to 2019 with the opportunity to share favorite memories of their time on campus

Mark your calendar and come home on Saturday, October 5, at 11 a.m., for good food, entertainment, fellowship and memories!

Register today at brevard.edu/homecoming



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Join the Challenge

In this issue of the Golden Club, Phil Tappy '60 explains his love for Brevard College and the people who helped shape his future. He and his wife Lisa challenge you to turn their \$25,000 pledge into \$50,000 for the Brevard Annual Fund. With more than 2,000 members in the Golden Club, every gift will make a difference to match Phil and Lisa's challenge to raise Annual Fund scholarships for Brevard College students. The Annual Fund helps provide opportunity for all students by supporting scholarships, experiential education, and more.

An honor roll of alumni who contribute gifts to Phil and Lisa Tappy's challenge will be published in the next issue of the Golden Club.

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I accept the challenge and would like to donate \$

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