



**Fifty Years.
Two Voices.
One Message.**

"Some students think of Brevard only as a town with a hill to climb, but each student has his own way of life that somehow combines with 5,000 other "ways of life" and forms a community known as Brevard, North Carolina 28712."

*- Pamela Hill Kitts, Editor
1971 Pertelote*

"Today, we see the fulfillment of our accomplishments. Today, our paths will begin to diverge and for many of us it is unclear where our paths will lead next. Wherever our paths may lead, they started right here at One Brevard College Drive."

*- K'niue Eichelberger '21
Senior Class Speaker*

Brevard College is always changing. Brevard College never changes.

BC has evolved over the years from a two-year institution established in 1934 with 394 students and 24 faculty to a four-year college that enrolled nearly 800 students this year and plans to implement graduate programs in the fall. While the college changes to keep up with the needs of new students, its strengths have remained the same over the years. BC prides itself on being an educational institution where students know each other and faculty members know the students.



Experiential education is what Brevard College now excels in and offers students. Yes, there may be a lecture or two. But most faculty and most students work to find ways to *experience education*. For over 20 years, the Voice of the Rivers, a trip for students and faculty, has been a favorite experience. History students work together to make the past come alive as they portray the times they are studying. Teams of students work together on research projects.

While Brevard College students probably never heard the word experiential in earlier years, much of their learning was based on experiences. Fine arts programs are, by definition, experiential. When secretarial students studied typing or shorthand, that was experiential. Labs in biology and chemistry gave students experience in those disciplines. The Clarion, the college newspaper, and the Pertelote, the college yearbook, were experiences for the students who worked on them. Brevard, a small liberal arts college when it opened, remains a small liberal arts college.

Just as the mountains of the Blue Ridge surrounding and enfolding Brevard College remain changeless and ever-changing, so does the college itself. It welcomes new students, faculty, and staff every year – an automatic source of change. It continually holds true to its values and its core beliefs – a source of enduring stability.

Jenny Munro '67

Alumni Association Board President

BRAINS & BRAWN AT BREVARD

Athletics are a foundation of the Brevard College experience going back to the days of Weaver College and Rutherford College.



The Men's Soccer Team, under Coach Helio "L" D'Anna, winning the USA South Conference West Division Championship.



Baseball enjoyed its winningest season since 2012. Under Head Coach Michael Victory, the team went 7-6 in conference play and qualified for the USA South Conference postseason berth.



The Women's Soccer team finished 6-2-1, earning a USA South Conference West Division Semifinals trip. The lady Tornados ended their regular season on a six-match unbeaten streak.



Football continued their success, claiming a spot as co-champions of the USA South West Division. The Tornados are now 14-3 overall since November of 2019 under Coach Bill Khayat.

For over 100 years, Tornados have competed on the field and achieved in the classroom in an effort to become well-rounded individuals ready to serve the world around them. In the midst of a challenging year, student-athletes broke records that deserve celebrating.

Student-athletes from the school's 19 sports combined for a record-setting cumulative grade point average of 3.16 in the Fall 2020 Semester. The 3.16 combined GPA is the highest for the Brevard College Department of Athletics since joining the NCAA in 2006-07.

212 student-athletes (over 50% of BC's student-athletes) were named to either the Dean's List or the Honor Roll with 24 Tornados earning perfect 4.0 semesters during the Fall of 2020.

A total of 48 student-athletes graduated in May 2021 with 35 of those seniors earning a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and receiving Scholar-Athlete stoles.

Congratulations to the athletics staff on a job well done! With moving all competition into the spring semester, the college's athletics staff executed 133 intercollegiate contests, including 67 home events, across 16 varsity sports in a few short months.

Link to the Past, Bridge to the Future

Homecoming - October 8-10, 2021



Come back home on October 8-10 and celebrate the past, as well as the future.

Whether you still call Western North Carolina home or now live across the country, your alma mater will have something for you during Homecoming weekend. Reconnect with your friends, see the changes happening on campus, and experience fall in WNC.

Stay updated about Homecoming events at brevard.edu/homecoming.

Meet the 50th Class Reunion Chairs



Beth Anderson
Meilinger `71

"Every single day at Brevard College was a fantastic memory. I can't wait to see everyone at Homecoming and share our life experiences."

- Beth Anderson Meilinger

"It was just yesterday when we were at Brevard. It was our cocoon in a crazy world. We made friends that would last a lifetime. Getting thrown in the fountain was a ritual for birthdays and just fun. Make plans to join us - We will schedule a Forest Party!"

- Linda Tresca Hollis



Linda Tresca
Hollis `71

A Gift From Your IRA Can Help BC Students!

Did you know that funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) can be donated to Brevard College? These gifts may be excluded from your gross income for tax purposes and, for those who are over 70 ½ years old, can include money from your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Making your gift from retirement funds can offer you significant tax and planning advantages while making a difference for BC students. Donors should consult with their tax advisors to understand how retirement funds may be used for charitable giving for their individual situation. For questions on this and other ways to give: jeff.joyce@brevard.edu or 828-641-0170.

BC Friendships Last a Lifetime

For the past 50 years, classmates and friends from the classes of '70, '71, and '72 have come back to Brevard to celebrate their story and tradition in September's Homecoming special edition "BC Strong" alumni association newsletter.

Not receiving the alumni enews? Email Megan Shina, Director of Alumni Affairs at megan.shina@brevard.edu.



Pictured left to right: James Holmes '72, Sid Gunst '71, Frank Owen '71, Carol Thenoils Florenz '71, Nancy Watson Reno '72, Barbara Mannon Allen '72, John Pepper '71, Hilda Hughey Nevius '70, Bob Keen '70.