Updates from Brevard College



Fall 2022



Dear Friends,

What an incredible community we now call home; my wife, children, and I feel truly blessed to join the Brevard College family.

As I reflect on the past ten months and our time on campus, I am grateful to you all, grateful to so many people. From the amount of energy our fabulous students exhibit, to the incredible work and commitment of our faculty and staff. From the wisdom, service and leadership of the Trustees, to the devotion and support of our alumni; I am grateful for all you who define the success that is Brevard College.

I would like to share some updates on what is happening on campus. We had an excellent strategic board retreat this summer. The Board of Trustees spent a lot of time diving into strategic issues. We discussed

the demographic challenges and the headwinds that face us, and we responded with action. We are moving forward. I am proud that we are acting before we face difficulties, before the national enrollment decline becomes a bigger issue for us. We are taking steps to stay ahead of the game.

We are developing new student-centered projects, adopting a first-year advising program for all new students. We are busy developing and launching three new academic undergraduate programs that will be available beginning next fall, in chemistry, communication, and computer science.

We are designing a new, state-of-the-art student center that will house campus dining, a new student fitness center, and centrally located indoor and outdoor gathering spaces for students. This new building will be completed on the current footprint of Myers Dining Hall and will be fronted by a patio and pedestrian plaza that connects with Coltrane Hall and the residential quad.

A capital campaign has just been approved to fund the building project while continuing to support annual giving and the college's current programs and scholarships that serve our students.



Concept of the future Student Center project.

Letter from President Brad Andrews (continued from page 1)

Brevard College has always come together and done what is necessary to face challenges and seize opportunities, to provide an educational experience that makes all the difference in the lives of our students. Our faculty and staff continue to do that today. They are working very hard and dedicating themselves to the college and these students. All of us, students, faculty, and staff, are so grateful for your support, for the support of Brevard College's alumni, friends, and

Thank you for welcoming me, Trish and our family. Thank you for your dedication, ambassadorship, and love of Brevard College. Thank you for all that you do for our campus community.

I look forward to seeing you on campus,

Bradley J Andrews, President

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donors.



The Andrews Family

Inauguration of Brevard College's Fourteenth President



Scott Douglas `23 welcomes all to the Presidential Inauguration



Heath Weldon `75, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presents the Presidential Medallion



Dr. Jennifer Frick-Ruppert, VP of Academic Affairs, introduces SGA President, Gabriella Galvan `23

"Working with President Andrews has been a great opportunity to partner with his leadership to enhance the voice of the student body. We love that he listens and wants to work to make change for students in our day-to-day lives here at Brevard College."

Senior Gabriella Galvan, SGA President

Introducing New Academic Programs

Brevard College is adding three new programs to our offerings: Chemistry, Communication, and Computer Science. Last spring, a task force identified these three new majors and determined that they fit Brevard College's experiential mission while also aligning with market demand. These programs, along with others, were presented to the Board of Trustees in May and received its approval to move forward. Over the summer, faculty and staff subgroups worked on curriculum, facilities and equipment needs, and comparison of new coursework required to further evaluate whether adding a single faculty line to each program would allow the programs to enroll students beginning in Fall 2023.



After presentations to the faculty by these subgroup specialists, the faculty within the home divisions voted to approve the three new majors, and faculty searches are now underway. Once program coordinators are hired, we expect further refinement and development of the majors and their courses as they work with our Curriculum Development and Assessment Committee. Chemistry will have a concentration in Green Chemistry, which fits our mission, location, and student body. Computer Science will have a concentration in Data Analytics, driven by market demand.

Communication will have three concentrations in Communication Studies, Journalism, and Digital Media Design, all of which emphasize the experiential mission of the college. While the programs have been successfully voted upon by the faculty and Board of Trustees, we are awaiting the ultimate approval by our accrediting agency, SACS-COC, and our expectations are that approvals will be granted. The new majors will continue to help Brevard College with recruiting a new demographic of students. Computer Science, in particular, has attracted the highest ACT score seen at Brevard College in Vice President of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dr. Chad Holt's tenure. A student from Charlotte with a 35 ACT applied for admission to Brevard because we offer a Computer Science major. With the launch of these new programs, we look forward to bringing new students to Brevard College next year.

First Master's Program Student Graduate



Emily White at Commencement

Building on the success of the experiential undergraduate programs, a new era was inaugurated on August 24, 2021, when the first graduate student cohorts began classes.

Brevard College offers two graduate programs: Emergency Management and Health and Human Performance. This fall we welcomed 25 graduate students and celebrated the success of our first graduate student, Emily White (BA)`21, (ERM)`22 who earned a Masters of Science in Emergency Management.

Social Science

Academic Leadership



Dr. Jennifer Frick-Ruppert, Vice President for Academic Affairs



Dr. Uzzie Cannon Humanities Chair



Dr. Kathryn Gresham Fine Arts Chair



Dr. Sarah Maveety Science & Math Chair



Dr. Laura Vance



Dr. Jennifer Kafsky Experiential Education Chair

For more information on academic programs visit: brevard.edu/academics

Renovation Updates

Despite the many challenges of the past two years, the college has stayed true to its strategic plans for enrollment goals and upgrades to the facilities master plan in support of the residential, alumni, and campus support programs.



On October 7, President Andrews and his wife Trish, cut the ribbon to officially open the newly renovated Alumni House. The renovations included new flooring, facility upgrades, fresh paint, new light fixtures, and new furniture.



Jones Residence Hall has been fully renovated on both sides: West Jones and East Jones. Students now have upgraded rooms with AC and heat, plus new bathrooms.



The new facilities building beside the softball and baseball field is almost complete. Having a building specifically for maintenance, housekeeping, and staff offices will enhance our support to allow for us to be better stewards of our campus.



Your BC Tornados are enjoying their new press box on the Ives-Lemel Family Field. The new structure includes a presidential suite, media box, two rooms for Brevard College coaches and visiting coaches, and concessions on the lower level.



Contributions to the Annual Fund support experiential education, hands-on learning, and student scholarships. Your gift to the Annual Fund helps students achieve their dreams and take advantage of opportunities that otherwise would not be available to them. The Annual Fund is not just a gift to the college, but an investment in the lives and the success of all students.

