

Farewell Brevard College

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After 4 years at Brevard College, I have grown and experienced more than I did the previous 18 years of my life. I have not only become more educated and aware of issues that I was once apathetic towards, but the college taught me to think critically and form my own opinion.

Each of the professors that I had in my psychology and core classes brought a different personality into the room and encouraged me not to just find answers in a textbook or website, but to brainstorm cognitively by myself and with others to form a conclusion. I want to thank all the professors at the school for this reason.

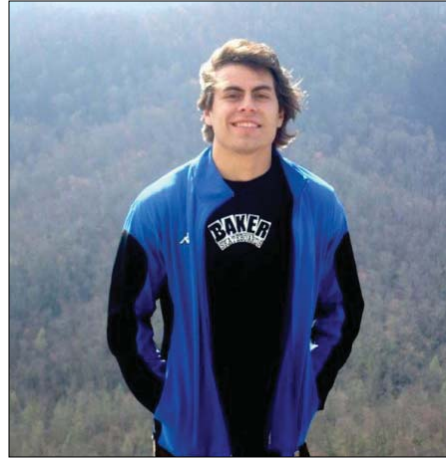
The friends I have made over the past

few years at BC helped me mature and maintain a level head when times were rough. They truly showed me what having a good time really is. All of the parties, hikes, skateboarding, and jokes are memories that I will never forget and hope to continue in the future. I know that I will continue to stay in touch with all the friends I have made at BC even as our careers lead us to new cities and states.

BC taught me to become more

autonomous. While living on my own in the dorms, I had to learn how to budget my money and rely on myself to resolve issues. My freshmen year was a challenge the first few months as I adjusted to waking up for class on my own and had to decide when to complete assignments and study for tests. All of these factors helped me acquire self discipline and time management which are two imperative skills that will benefit me in the job world.

I want to thank BC for the liberal arts education and all the fond memories that I have gained the past few years as I approach the next chapter in my life.



Debate Society sponsors Debate Tournament

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On Tuesday, December 8th, 2009 the Brevard Debate Society presented the 8th Annual Debate Tournament, with a Monty Python Skit Competition, and a formal academic debate of the resolution: "The US should take significant steps to prevent continuing human rights abuses during military conflicts." These events took place in the Myers Cafeteria Reserve Dining Room, and were attended by a large amount of students and faculty.

Arguing for the resolution were students John Climer and Dan Kreykes, and arguing against the resolution were Jeannie Shuckstes and Ashley Fortune. The students in the

affirmative presented their arguments first, providing the judges good evidence in support of the resolution. Afterwards came the students arguing in the negative. The negative team whittled away at the affirmative's case throughout the debate, citing for instance the uncertainty that always accompanies any military operation. "Deadlines are always tentative, and success is never guaranteed," Fortune said. Arguments were cross examined repeatedly

by each group of students until their respective time limits were up.

At the very end, the three judges deliberated and announced their winner.

The winners by a vote of 2-1 were Jeannie Shuckstes and Ashley Fortune. Presiding over the arguments were Attorneys at Law Shelton Jones, and Joe McGuire, and Chief District

Judge Robert Cilley. The decisions were predicated on reasoning and weight of the evidence provided. The judging panel assumed the position of neutrality (tabula rasa).

Earlier in the evening, Dr. Scott Sheffield's BCE 111 class presented a very entertaining Monty Python Skit Competition. Three groups presented their skits starting with "Death of an Atheist" presented by students Randall Vaughn Buford, Michael holder, Joshua Hutchins, Brittany Jones, and Joseph Reuter. Skit two was labeled "The Dr. What? Argument" presented by students Ty Barber, Kathleen Crady, Ian Johnson, Alex Litaker, and Jessica Wright. The third and final skit included video footage and was called "Mother Theresa Meets Dr. Mrs. Kevorkian" and was presented by students Eddie Gaillard, Cameron Kahill, Tyler Parker, Melissa Sullebarger, and Kellee Tuttle. The winning group of the competition was "Death of an Atheist" and those students received an A on ten percent of their final exam grade. The winners of the skit competition were determined by a vote from the audience.

