

BC welcomes new Campus Life dean

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Kari Comfort, Assistant Dean of Campus Life and Student Activates, is a new addition to our campus this semester. She moved from Dubuque, Iowa where she worked as an Area Coordinator at University of Dubuque.

Kari graduated from Ferris State University with a B.S. in Recreation Management/Outdoor Education and from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a M.S. in Experiential Education. Comfort heard about the position available here at Brevard College through HigherEdJobs.com, and wanted to move to North Carolina to be closer to her boyfriend in Winston Salem. Comfort said, "I was pretty excited because it was very outdoorsy. And that is definitely stuff that I like. I was pretty excited about the opportunity." Comfort says that she loves it here and she is excited to go out and hike.

As the Assistant Dean of Student Activates, she has many ideas for C.A.B. She says, "First we

need more involvement and more participation." She will post signs about when meetings are going to occur, emails, and word of mouth. "We need people to be involved because activities do not happen unless people are involved," says Comfort.

As the Assistant Dean of Campus Life, Comfort is in charge of the Villages. She says, "My role is because they are upper classman if they need something they can come talk to me. I want people to feel free to come talk to me. I would definitely like to help students understand the policies and procedures. If I have to meet with a student then I have to go by what the College has set up for policies and procedures. If I see it, hear it. smell it I have to take care of it. I am not going to be out looking for stuff to happen. I got better things to do. But if I know of it I have to take care of it because that is my job."

She asks that if students have any ideas, to feel free to e-mail her at comforka@brevard.edu or go talk to her in campus life.



Professor Jennifer Frick teaches her BCE210 class at the Penrose Quarry Feb. 3rd. (photo by Joel Graham)

MLK celebrated

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The Brevard/Transylvania Human Relations Council hosted a celebration of the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Brevard College Porter Center for Performing Arts Monday, January 17th.

The memorial opened with a visual excerpt from the Southern Poverty Law Center's film "Mighty Times," which showed a number of clips from King's life, including his perseverance for non-violent protests and sit-ins. The song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and a collection of readings from King's famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" immediately followed the selection.

"Just as Dr. King said himself, 'justice delayed is justice too long denied,'" Brevard College Chaplain Rev. Shelly Webb said. "Our college family and the community of Brevard experienced just how essential it is to be open to true community today, living out the hope that Martin held, honoring the chance to know each one as beautiful, and talented human beings with stories to tell and celebrate."

Two skits were performed throughout the night as well. The Rise and Shine Freedom School presented "The Eagles Who Thought They Were Chickens," a musical drama which told the tale of an eagle who rose above the masses for equal rights. The Brevard Middle School Drama then put on "No Labels," a skit about coming together as one, and ridding the world of racial categorization.

Finally, the ceremony ended with the Brevard High School Chorus' rendition of "I Have Been to the Mountain," a recital that received a standing ovation from the immense audience which filled both levels of the auditorium.

The event marked the nineteenth year since former President Ronald Reagan declared the day a national holiday in 1986. King was born January 15, 1929 and died April 4, 1968. He was 39 years old.