

## Valentine's Messages

I wish you could be here for V-Day. I miss you and love you Kyle. — M.R.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my friends and family!  
— Molly

### Faculty Spotlight:

## Assistant Dean Kari McCloud to leave BC

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Kari McCloud is the Assistant Dean and Director of Student Activities at Brevard College. Her birthday is Dec. 17 and she comes to us from St. Joseph, Michigan. She enjoys exercising, being outdoors, reading, and she absolutely loves to bake.

### What exactly is your function on campus?

I do the housing, which comes first because I have 16 resident advisors that need support. I'm also the advisor to C.A.B.

Everyone who knows me better send me some kind of expensive candy or else...  
— Jessica

I miss you baby and I wish Valentine's Day was on the weekend so we could spend it together. Love you.  
— Laura G.

To my crew: Who needs Valentine's when you've got all of you crazies, love you guys.  
— Vince

If you hate those chalky candy hearts, please send them to me, can't get enough of 'em.  
— Will

Ladies, I'm a single man on the search for a hot little Valentine, hit me up sometime.  
— Rob

Happy Valentines Day girls!  
— Heather

### Do you ever find it taxing?

The crazy hours that come with duty can take a lot out of you. I enjoy it, but, it conflicts with different things I do.

I recently received word you will be leaving us soon.

### Care to comment on why?

Mike and I want to go to Raleigh to be closer to friends and family. I was also looking for more of an eight to five job. My current job doesn't work well with being a newly wed.

### What are you plans for the future?

As I said before, I'll be moving to Raleigh with my husband.

However, I'll begin working at North Carolina State University, as an Academic Advisor. I'll also be teaching a first year class that's similar to our own FYF, however this class focuses on finding a path of study.

### What are some of your more memorable times here at Brevard College?

I dig the coffee shop, it's been fun for me to see it grow in popularity. Just coming here was crazy in itself. I got to know the resident advisors quickly. My time here has been fun and exciting.

*You came to our campus as a celebrity of sorts; any comments on your time with "Second Chance" on TLC?*

Well, it was fun being on there and it worked! I mean I did marry Mike after all. But the show unfortunately no longer airs.

### Do you have advise to those of us who are about to enter into the real world?

Yes! Take advantage of Lydia O'Dell's services. Consider graduate school, and assistantships. Free money is always good. Get as much experience in school as you can.

### Matt's Take

## Valentine's Day: remember or regret

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So, Valentine's Day is here once again. Everyone is running out to some store buying up chocolates, both expensive and cheap. But has anyone ever really wondered why we do this? I personally want to know why I have to spend money on something that I'm not even going to have the pleasure of enjoying!

To start, Valentine's Day is said to come from St. Valentine. St. Valentine was a priest in Rome during the third century, who served Emperor Claudius II. This was around

when the glory days of Roman Empire had almost come to its closing stages. Lack of quality bureaucrats led to frequent civil rivalry. Learning declined, taxation increased, and trade slumped greatly. Various groups such as the Gauls, Slavs, Huns, Turks and Mongolians from Northern Europe and Asia increased their assault power on the empire's boundaries.

The empire had grown far too large to be shielded from outside hostility and internal chaos with existing forces. And, thus more of capable men were required to be recruited as soldiers and officers. Claudius decided that only the young men

who did not have wives and families were suitable for his armies because they were not emotionally attached.

Valentine was outraged by this and continued to marry soldiers who happen to find themselves suddenly in love. Naturally, good ole Claudius found out about Valentine's underground love circuit and had him killed. Other stories suggest that Valentine himself sent the first valentine from prison to a young girl he was in love with. One other legend gives an account of St. Valentine helping Christians who were being horribly mistreated in Roman Prisons.

Now that you've had your

daily oral facts, you can rest easy; you buying your girlfriend or significant other that Godiva is complete founded with good reason. It's just a shame that it has to be so extremely commercialized and crammed down your throat the day after New Years rolls around. I'm fairly certain that most people are aware of the holiday, and if they are not and they're forgetting, that person will more than likely get a nice little wake up call from an angry partner.