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Students and faculty honored for academics and leadership

By **Jermichael Tanner**
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Over 110 students, faculty, and staff were recognized for their actions and accomplishments in their respected areas at the 2011 Honors and Awards Ceremony, Wednesday.

The afternoon's festivities began with a campus picnic, followed by the Brevard College Jazz Ensemble's performance of "Chaconnery," "Strasbourg St. Denis," and "Spain." The ensemble also performed arrangements of "Stairway to Heaven" and "Birth of the Blues."

The Campus life awards were the first group of awards to be presented at the campus-wide ceremony. The outstanding freshman, sophomore, junior and senior student-leader awards were given to Sarah Mundhenke, Leighia Eggett, Lucy Matthews, and Cole Altizer.

The Richard A. Adams Outstanding Ambassador Award was given to senior Shane Apps for his efforts in the class and on the campus, while the Mary Elizabeth and G. Scott Francis Community Service Scholarship and the Community Impact Student Award went to Meagan Crowson for her efforts in this community and others.

SGA president Lucy Matthews presented

awards, voted on by students, to various professors for their work in their respective areas.

In the Humanities division, Ben Zeller was the recipient, as was Charles Wallace in the Math and Science division, Ann Chapin in the Fine arts division, and Steve Martin in the Social Sciences department. Steve Martin and Exercise Science professor Lisa Chandler received awards for Faculty members of the year.

The Myers Dining Hall staff was awarded for their contributions to the health and nourishment of the students, while women's soccer head coach Sugioshi Shinohara was given the award for coach of the year. The baseball team was recognized for their team spirit.

The last award given by the SGA was a new award with great significance. Jessica Blanford was given the award for Outstanding Service to Brevard College.

Three staff members were recognized for gaining tenure including Betsy Burrows, Barbara Boerner, Jennifer Frick-Ruppert, and Jim Reynolds all were recognized for their journeys from associate professor to full professor.

The full list of awards presented at Wednesdays' campus-wide ceremony can be found on page two.

Earth Day celebrated at BC

By **Jordan Tager**
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Earth day is rapidly approaching and in honor of this national day Brevard College is hosting Earth-Fest this Saturday April 16 from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Porter Center Amphitheater.

The celebration will be full of environmental awareness, local music, great food, and many other earth day activities. The festivities include live performances by four bands; Ethos, Uncle Mountain, Common Foundation, and Soulgrass Rebellion.

"I am excited to see grass-roots band Uncle Mountain perform, they are a really great local group that have a lot of support in this area," said student Shane Shelton.

Along with the great music being performed,

six different informational booths will be set up to teach people the importance of environmental awareness, showing how we can all make a difference in our work towards keeping our earth clean and green.

Booths will be run by the Sierra Club, BC Greens, Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue, Our Farm at Richland Creek, Muddy Sneakers, Earthshine, and PHAT.

There are going to be other activities such as a kids craft and game area, live animals from the Earthshine Nature Program, and a Swap Shop, where you can bring your stuff and swap it with others for free. Earth-Fest is sure to be a fun day of learning about important ecological issues, so if you're looking for something to do this Saturday on campus come on out and take part.

Campus Issues Forum

April 20, 3:30 p.m.
in the RDR

Students encouraged to attend

Topics for discussion should be submitted to Cherie Tinsley (tinsleck@brevard.edu)