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Leadership opportunities at Brevard College

The 2014-2015 academic year is shaping up to be a big one in the history of this institution. Read more about a few key changes this year.

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Returning to America

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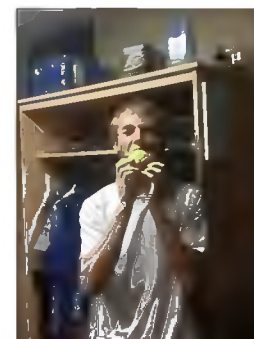
"You're back!" my suitemates shout, as I walk into their room, completely exhausted and jetlagged, but with the biggest grin on my face. "Yes, I'm back, and I'm very happy about it." Since last semester I wrote about my experience coming here for the first time, I thought it would be a good idea this time to talk about the experience of coming back to BC.

When I first came here, I spoke about how different Germany and America are when it comes to mentality, culture, food, and school. I talked about the slight dominance of jealousy and unfriendliness in Germany, things that of course also exist in America, but aren't as prevalent here. Going back to Berlin in the summer showed me just how confusing it can be to come back home from a place where people are just simply and undeniably different... or nicer. I went home expecting Germans to be like my American friends, but they aren't, which is ok. It takes a little while adjusting to the differences between the two.

Once you do get used to it though, there is something else you notice, which is bewildering and sometimes even a little scary as well; you are torn between two places, maybe even two lives, and you love both of them. It was great to have my family and friends back for three months, but I also missed my friends back here, the college, the mountains, and most importantly, Netflix...

It is funny how fast things become normal to us. For example, I've easily accepted the fact that I get on a plane that brings me across the Atlantic just to go to College, when most of my friends from high school have a three-hour-drive and go home every weekend. I try to remind myself as often as I can what a great opportunity I have here in Brevard, how many of my friends back home can only wish to study in America. It's hard to say goodbye at the airport, because in the end, Germany is home, it probably always will be, and I love it. So when it was time or me to leave home again, I left both crying and a laughing.

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New student profiles

Meet some of the newest students at Brevard College.

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