

Faculty spotlight



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Dr. Tina Bell

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Dr. Tina Bell is originally from Clearwater, Florida. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Zoology, which she obtained in 2001 from the University of Florida, as well as a Doctorate in Genetics from the University of Georgia, which she accomplished in 2009.

Before obtaining her Doctorate and coming to Brevard College Bell worked for three years at the Florida Museum of Natural History. During this time she traveled to various areas of South America and the South Pacific collecting rare invertebrate species for the museum. She also used this time to decide what she wanted to do with her degree and in what direction she wanted to steer her career. At the time she was also an instructor for the College of Charleston in South Carolina, which of course helped inform her decision.

Bell joined the faculty of BC in 2012, since then she had been working in a part-time position. This Fall marks her first semester as a full time instructor. Some of the changes she is now facing are conducting the lab portions of her Biology 120 courses, as well as co-teaching BIO 105's lecture portion with new faculty member Dr. Maureen Drinkard.

Bell's change in position comes from the fact the Biology department was lacking in full time faculty members. Dr. Frick-Ruppert was the only other full time professor and as Division Chair her time is extremely limited, and Dr. Llewellyn, a now a part-time member of the BC faculty, is in charge of senior projects.

Bell states that, "We are hoping to rework the department with more full time faculty. I am also reworking the biology major and designing classes that will be gradually implemented starting in the Spring."

We all look forward to the changes that are coming. Good luck!

Ceremony honors new IWIL students

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On Monday, members of the Institute for Women in Leadership (IWIL) gathered in the Porter Center for the 7th annual IWIL Pinning Ceremony.

The IWIL women have many traditions but, as Dr. Margaret Brown says, "This one is very special!" During this ceremony the returning IWIL members, the RIWILS, recognize and welcome the new members, the NIWILS, into the program. Each of the NIWIL women were to choose a returning member to symbolically "pin them" and officially welcome them during the ceremony.

To make the event more personal, the RIWILS wrote introductions for their inductee, specially pertaining to them. By doing so the ladies properly represent the four pillars of the IWIL program: service, character, collaboration, and community.

The event's keynote speaker, Debbie D'Anna, BC's Dean of Students, highlighted the idea of satisfaction being the decline of success. When talking to the room of women, she wanted to emphasize that being comfortable with your position in life means you no longer strive for success. Her words, which brought the room to a silence, indicated that she hopes for the ladies to shine bright not only in the program, but all through Brevard.

Dee Dasburg, a leader in the IWIL program, ended the ceremony with her closing remarks. She talked of the close-knit family that the IWIL ladies formed, and reminded the girls of the commitment they made to themselves and to the Brevard College community. The IWIL Pinning Ceremony is a reminder of the responsibilities that the women accepted and will continue to cherish.

Recent events at Brevard College

Here are a few photos from the past few weeks on campus.



Students did acts of community service on campus and in the nearby community for Move-A-Mountain Day, a traditional service event which takes place each semester before classes begin.



Photo by Christie Cauble



The IWIL pinning ceremony was held on Monday night at the Porter Center. IWIL is the Institute for Women in Leadership and is a long-standing tradition at Brevard College.



Photo by Rachel Anthony



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Students and Faculty in the art department enjoy an ice cream social on Aug. 28.

Chiaroscuro Release Party

September 11, 7:30 pm
At the Porter Center