



## Faculty spotlight



Photos courtesy of Amy Brinkley

# BC's International Students

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This year for Brevard College has seen the largest intake of international students in its proud history.

I've heard many numbers at how many have actually arrived on this small North Carolina campus, but whatever the true figure; it is a very impressive total.

Many people travel to Brevard for the vast outdoors that surround the campus, many come for the fine academics, and there's also an extremely large contingency of people who come for the reputable athletics teams, which is no different for this year's golf team, which boasts an exceptional nine international students in an eleven man team, six of which are incoming freshman.

Alejandro Montanes (Spain), Florian Peyssonneaux (France), Trym Falch (Norway) and Declan Addison, Craig Stephen, and Calum McAndrew (all Scotland) have made their way across the Atlantic this year to test themselves at the collegiate level. This adds to existing international sophomores of Sebastian Strehl (Germany), Oskar Lundgren (Sweden), and Luis Vega (Spain).

What is it, however, that has attracted them to this corner of Western North Carolina?

Declan Addison, who traveled from Aberdeen in Scotland, explained; "It was actually my high school teacher who told me about this place. He only had good words to say about Brevard, as his son did a golf scholarship over here a few years back, and he loved it. When he found out I too was a golfer, he pushed me and pushed into making the trip."

Trym Falch, who came to Brevard from Oslo in Norway, said, "The international factor for me was vital. I saw there was already a strong international group, and I knew that would help me settle in."

For myself, the decision to come to Brevard this year was simple. My initial impression of the college was that the people were exceptionally welcoming and accepting of international students, which I hope has been the case for everyone.

The college is clearly gaining a positive reputation on a global scale, as international students appear to be travelling to Brevard more and more frequently. The credit for that has to go to the staff and students at the college, who make the transition as simple and friendly as possible.

# Amy Brinkley

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When you think of a librarian, what do you picture? Do you imagine a small, frail woman who wears glasses, quietly sits behind her desk, and constantly shushes people who get too loud? Well, in some cases that might be true, but in regards to one of J.A Jones Library's newest employees, Amy Brinkley!

Born in Southern California. Brinkley got her masters from San Jose State. An Information Services librarian, Brinkley oversees a lot of the information being stored, as well as being a source of information for both students and faculty.

A former employee of Warren Wilson, which is a college in Asheville, she loves helping and interacting with students. "I love working at small schools, I really feel like I can make a significant impact on students and hopefully help guide them in the right direction," said Brinkley.

Interestingly enough she did just that when she wrote a letter to be given to a student at Convocation. "When I was writing that letter I just tried to remember what it was like for me to be 18 again and in college, and I really just wanted to encourage whoever got it to do well."

When Amy isn't helping students in the library or encouraging them to succeed in life, she loves to be outdoors. "I really love hiking, and travelling around to new places!" exclaimed Brinkley. She also is a diehard football fan, who loves the San Francisco 49ers.

So if you are ever in the library and want to talk about something other than books, you know who to go to!

## TORNADOS SCOREBOARD

|                                 |         |                          |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| <b>FOOTBALL</b>                 |         | <b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>    |         |
| BC 21, Western Carolina 45      | Sept. 5 | Shorter 2, BC 0          | Sept. 6 |
|                                 |         | BC 0, King 5             | Sept. 4 |
| <b>VOLLEYBALL</b>               |         | <b>MEN'S SOCCER</b>      |         |
| <i>Al Roseboro Invitational</i> |         |                          |         |
| BC 3, Winston-Salem State 0     | Sept. 6 | Belmont Abbey 1, BC 2    | Sept. 6 |
| BC 3, Emmanuel                  | Sept. 6 | North Greenville 0, BC 2 | Sept. 4 |
| BC 3, Lees-McRae 2              | Sept. 5 |                          |         |
| BC 3, Paine 0                   | Sept. 5 |                          |         |

*BC wins are bolded*