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Taylor Perez Practiced ice climber

By Arlan Parry
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Taylor Perez, a 25-year-old junior at BC, is a part of the WLEE program here. Over the summer, he worked for Kennicott Wilderness Guides in Alaska.

His day-to-day activities stretched from glacier hikes, and ice climbing trips, to flying to the backcountry on bush planes, and going on a pack-rafting trip.

This guiding experience allowed him to camp in a tent for most of the summer.

The instructor to client ratio was 1 to 4, with clientele ranging from kayakers from Asheville to people from Tai Wan.

Taylor heard about the trip from a mutual friend that graduated from BC and had gone there for an internship and enjoyed it. With that in mind, Taylor jumped on the opportunity.

Taylor was involved at the Boys and Girls Cub here in Brevard for a long time and he knew he wanted to mix it up and try something new.

When we talked, he made it clear that he definitely wants to go back to Alaska. He plans on returning back in May, and hopes to see what other opportunities it opens up.

When asked what advice he has for freshman or underclassmen who want to get involved in similar activities, Taylor responded "Don't be afraid of the unknown, like I said I am from Brevard, the furthest I've been is out West so I was definitely nervous. I think it's important to not fear the unknown. Everyone should take every opportunity they can. Life is short, embrace it."

Laugh until it hurts

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On Wednesday, Sept. 10, comedian Ronnie Jordan filled Dunham Music Hall with laughter as he discussed the awkward but true aspects of life. His performance, part of the Campus Royalty Tour, covered a wide range of topics, from early childhood all the way to relationships and family life.

If there is one topic Ronnie Jordan hit home, it was college life. He jokes that when it comes to college students, "Everybody is the same race...Broke as hell." He also talked about all the uncomfortable scenarios college students might find themselves in, from roommate issues to party problems.

He explains his humor saying, "it's offensive and funny at the same time." Although he played off of stereotypical generalizations, one could not help smiling as he imitated the "average white girl" or even an audience member's laughter.

Jordan performed a couple song parodies including one titled My Dinner that keeps the audience engaged as he raps about his weight and love for food. He then closed the show with an interpretive dance that paid tribute to his love for Honey Buns.

A great audience was all Jordan needed to succeed in his performance that night. Despite the audience only being roughly seventy students; they filled the auditorium with so much energy people were laughing long after the show had ended.



Courtesy of Wendy Jones

Wendy Jones: a woman with a voice

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Brevard College is very fortunate to welcome the new voice professor, Wendy Jones, into its close-knit family of faculty and students.

Jones comes to BC from the UNCA, where she will continue to teach courses in voice and jazz improvisation, as well as applied voice and opera workshop here at Brevard.

Jones has her hand in both the musical and theatrical world while both on and off campus.

This fall she will be working with students to recreate and stage scenes from many different opera fairytales and fantasies, along with working on productions in the spring.

During the summer she performed in "My Fair Lady" at the Flat Rock Playhouse in Flat Rock, NC, and she continues to perform at multiple jazz venues in Asheville. The sounds of classical, theatrical, jazz, and 20th century opera music influence and inspire Jones in her own performances, as well as her students'.

Music has been the center of Jones' life since she was a young girl. However, her inspiration for teaching did not reach her until her senior year in high school. Her goal as an educator at BC is to help her students achieve their dreams and encourage all to enjoy music, just as her teachers did for her. As a student she looked up to her own teachers and professors and, in turn, wishes to do the same for the students of BC.

Jones' passion for voice and music spreads wildly when in her classroom. Her exuberance and enthusiasm for the arts gives students the opportunity to really experience life on campus.

When she received the call asking her to be a part of BC's community, she expressed much gratitude and, in return, BC welcomes her with open arms. The campus faculty and students cannot wait to see the path she leads while at this college. Welcome to the family, Wendy!