

BC breaks ground on new residence hall

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For the first time since 1999, Brevard College last week began work on a new residence hall, with the ceremonial groundbreaking kicking off proceedings.

The traditional groundbreaking took place last Wednesday and was the first step in the construction process that is set to be complete by the fall of 2016.

BC President David Joyce spoke at the event, hailing it a “big day for Brevard College,” a thought that was echoed by many others who spoke that day.

Joyce announced that the new residence hall, which will be placed across the street from Beam Residence Hall, will cost approximately \$6.3 million and will be able to house 84 students.

“Brevard College is growing,” Joyce said when expressing his delight with the college’s progress. “[This is] the fastest growth in the college’s history, and we are working very hard to recruit and retain.”

The large crowd who attended the ceremony were also given the chance to hear Brevard mayor and board of trustees member Jimmy Harris speak. He echoed the words of President Joyce, saying, “This is a place where growth is going to happen.”

Harris also recalled the last time a building project had gotten underway, saying, “If you have to struggle to remember the last time you built some-

thing, you’ve lost ambition.”

Concluding his part of the talk, Harris joked, “I’ll do anything for Brevard College. I never knew that would mean signing a \$6.3 million contract for a building, but I’ll do anything.”

Dean of Students Deb D’Anna also spoke at the ceremony, saying, “It’s important. The new facility helps the need for the students and enhances the aesthetics of our campus.”

As the college begins to accept more and more students, the need for more residence halls increases. The groundbreaking ceremony marks a historic day for the college, a milestone that is sure to be remembered.



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Gold shovels were lined up for for the ground-breaking ceremony.



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Staff, faculty, student leaders, and guests break ground April 24 on a new residence hall, the first of a multi-phase project which will feature ample grass, a terrace and student gathering spaces. The 84-bed residence hall will be the first new housing project on the Brevard College campus since construction of South Village began in 1999.