

EDITORS NOTE

2016: A year in review

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It has been one hell of a year. On the whole in 2016 we all consumed news that tested our patience, morals and even in some cases our natural human condition to be a generally amicable person, and that's even if we leave politics out of the equation. Plug that in, and it's been one year from hell.

The year started off with the death of David Bowie, and given his famed ability to predict upcoming trends, we really should have taken that as our first clue. Legend upon icon followed in his footsteps, and the very fabric that holds our universe together unsurprisingly began to tear.

War rages on in Syria. Boko Haram recently pledged allegiance to the Islamic State. There were terrorist attacks in Orlando, Nice, and

multiple in Turkey. Hate crime against Muslims and the LGBTQ community are on the rise. Forest fires ravaged the South, leaving thousands without homes, and the town of Gatlinburg, TN in ruins.

Even the world of entertainment appeared to be hell bent on hammering yet another nail into the coffin. Donald Trump and Kanye West were recently in the same room. The viral video on social media of a polar bear petting a dog turned out to be the bear's pre meal preparation. There's going to be another Transformers movie. Can this year really do no good?

With this being the last issue for publication this calendar year, it seems like an appropriate time to look back on what happened these past twelve months at Brevard College.

With all the tumultuous discrepancies of the real world, it can be hard to find any 'good news' whatsoever, and even when we do, it's hard to let it cheer us up. Low and behold how-

ever, BC might just have that covered. Even in the year a dead body was found on our campus, this College has managed to provide the odd shining light in an otherwise dark abyss. Call me crazy, but I'd say in the grand scheme of things, that's a victory.

Our cycling team became DI national champions, and our mens soccer team defeated the number one outfit in the nation. A stylish new dorm was constructed, as was a state of the art AstroTurf pitch.

So for a moment, ignore the tirades of our politicians. Let your mind rest, and put the atrocities and ignorance of the world to one side for now. For just a minute, let us bask in what was good on our own doorstep, and for a little while forget what year it is, because this year, we had news worth reading. Over the next few pages is what Brevard College did well this year.

Stanback Hall officially opens



Stanback Hall (originally named Kings Creek Residence Hall) opened to students at the start of the 2016 Fall semester. It was officially renamed Stanback Hall in honor of longtime Brevard College trustee and financial supporters William C. Stanback and his wife, Nancy, in September, 2016.