

# ENOpod hammock stands brought to BC

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The Student Government Association at Brevard College, made up of a variety of student leaders, recently took the opinions and desires of their peers to heart and led an effort to bring five ENOpod Hammock Stands to campus.

If you've ever walked across Brevard College's campus, chances are, you've seen ENO hammocks hanging between the trees by King's Creek. At a school made up of many outdoor enthusiasts, hammocking is a common pastime. When the weather is nice, finding space on campus to hang out can be a challenge.

The student leaders that make up SGA were aware of this challenge when they discussed ways to improve the campus. The association exists to serve as the middle ground between students and administration in both academic and campus affairs. If a club needs funding, they look to SGA to be their voice and support to the administration. If individual students have concerns, SGA is there to listen and represent the students.

To get the ENOpod project started, a committee was formed during the Fall Semester, with student Liz Kitchens as its head. Budgets were made and goals listed. The committee even

managed to obtain a 60-percent discount for the equipment, which allowed them to purchase a total of five hammock pods.

"I had the opportunity to work with faculty and staff all over campus for this project," said Kitchens. "Everyone I talked to was excited and helpful. I am proud to attend a college with such a supportive community."

Each pod adds three hanging spots for students with hammocks. Fifteen hammocks were also purchased so that students who do not own their own hammocks would be able to rent them from the school.

Campus Life, like SGA, work with students to plan events and projects, helped provide funds when the project went a little over budget. Kitchens' committee worked with Associate Dean of Students Michael Cohen to order and install the holders before the 2017 spring semester.

If students are interested in joining the Student Government Association, it is never too late to join. Students have the opportunity to share ideas, fund projects, start clubs/committees, and voice their opinions. It is a great way to be involved and get connected on campus, giving students a chance to make an impact on their college.

# SGA ready for a new year

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The Student Government Association met for the first time this year on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 8p.m in MG to look back on last year's accomplishments, and to discuss the future challenges for the clubs on Campus. In a small college like Brevard, clubs play a particular role, and contribute to the life of the campus which increase the importance of those organizations.

With most of the club representatives, presidents, and members of the SGA attending, the meeting was mainly focused on the finances for each club, and the projects that can be made with the money left at the end of the year.

The main concerns were for the groups who didn't do, or are still looking for a service project to realize this semester. Indeed, all the clubs have to participate in at least one service project to be able to receive full financial resources.

As a suggestion for a future club service op-

portunity the Pisgah Conservancy, a non-profit organization, sent some representatives to ask if any club would be interested in service projects to protect Pisgah National Forest.

It is the responsibility of a club to decide which project their members want to be involved in; however, if a club doesn't do any service project it can be placed under probation. For a different reason the climbing club left the SGA to become an official sports team.

Clubs are always willing to attract new members, so the SGA will soon organize a small club fair in the cafeteria to reach students who don't necessarily know about all clubs on Campus. It is an opportunity to say "in an informal way that there are clubs that students can join" said Lance Perl, Speaker of the Clubs.

Future activities on campus such as Grassical and Earthfest are the next major events that the SGA is going to prepare for the semester.

# Black Student Union interest meeting success

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On Tuesday Jan. 17 students interested in joining a Black Student Union met in MG to discuss social issues, campus events, and current events in a forum aimed at gauging interest for such a club on campus.

Shelby (Jersey) Parris is the student behind leading the creation of the Black Student Union at Brevard, and he said the interest meeting was a success.

"I was just very happy with the diversity of who showed up," Parris said. "I was just interested in hearing what others had to say. It was my first time really hearing from other people because I'm usually just around my teammates all the time. And I hear from them all the time, but I don't really get to have intimate conversations with other people from around campus. It was very fun for me to hear what others had to say and hear other points of view."

Parris noted that, from the beginning, the meeting had a very natural and comfortable vibe. Many conversations were about similar experiences the students have had thus far in their lives as black men and women.

When asked his motivation for starting a Black Student Union here at BC, Parris gave a number of reasons.

"I am a very pro-black person. I hope people don't get that confused with that I have a hatred for any other kind of people, but I am very for my people. I wanted to be more proactive, and find ways to uplift people I know" Parris said.

Parris also said that when he expressed his interest in starting a Black Student Union at BC to professors and faculty, he received overwhelming support.

"I feel like a lot of students on campus don't realize that they can speak up, and that the faculty actually does listen to us" Parris said.

Parris wants the Black Student Union's role on campus to be to bring more students together and has plans to bring speakers to campus through the Black Student Union to talk about how to get a job or educate about important social issues. Parris also has ideas to host campus activities such as a dance or a fundraiser cookout to bring more entertainment acts to the school.

While the Black Student Union does aim to advocate for black students on campus and give them a place to express their voice, Parris is quick to point out that it is not the only objective. "I would love for everybody to come to meetings and for everyone to interact and to be together and just enjoy the company of others."