

BC community march

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if it doesn't affect you. I want to be part of the solution, not the problem," said Brevard College student Ben Saettel. As part of the SGA, Saettel initiated a movement last semester to support Native Americans against the construction of the DAPL. "This movement got carried up by other students to become today a march for equality and against injustice," Saettel said. "It's great to see that."

Brevard College minister Sharad Creasmen gave a message of hope just before the march. "Get up and do something in order to make peace a reality," Creasmen said. After the prayer, the crowd posed for a photograph before beginning their march to the Porter Center.

Some Brevard students and community members who came to the march were holding American flags, signs against Donald Trump, for human rights, and for the protection of the environment. "I came here today to support the

students, we can see that they are motivated, and we want them to know that they are not alone," said one protester.

Blocking East Campus Drive, the crowd went on chanting songs, and waving the different protest signs made for the occasion. In the procession, there was even a 5-year old child who came with his sister and mother and he was singing "hey hey oh oh Donald Trump has got to go."

Once at the Porter Center, food and music were there to welcome the march in the outdoor amphitheatre. In front of the building, people were able to talk with each other and enjoy some snacks. Also people were able to talk about what could be done to improve the situation, taking actions like most people did by signing the petitions.

Participants in the march included people from surrounding areas, such as John Huck, an Asheville student who said he heard about the

march from one of his friends who goes to BC. "I came here today for equality and basic human rights," he said.

"I have a child myself and I served in the Marines for a few years, but right now I'd rather fight the government to improve society than fighting for the oil," Huck said.

With just over a week to prepare for this event, having so many people show up for the march was a very encouraging sign for students who organized it, they said.

When asked if the goal of the march was accomplished, Fowler answered, "It's just getting started."

Editor's note: The web edition of this article includes corrections of some errors in the print edition, including the fact that President Joyce signed the letter calling for civility to then-President Elect Trump in November.



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About 200 people came out to support the march protesting injustice and promoting civil communication on the Brevard College campus.