



BC Students Volunteer *PARI First Annual Haunted House*

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On Saturday, Oct. 21, Brevard College students volunteered at the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute's (PARI) first annual Frightful Friendfest that included a haunted house, Halloween crafts, a hayride and celebration dinner for volunteers and local families.

Three Brevard College students, Lauren Fowler, Liz Hill and Peter Trench, volunteered for the event and took jobs such as a scientist tour guide, Pennywise victim in the underground tunnel, special effects/creepy silhouette artist and other supporting roles for the haunted house.

The haunted house took place in the off limits and not frequently seen basement of Building 1—the museum and main education building. Area 51 was the theme for the tour and led guests on a mission to rescue scientists trapped in the underground research area after the alien research project went wrong and several aliens escaped putting the building on lockdown.

"Protocol dictates that we lock the doors behind us before continuing so nothing else escapes—leave now or continue all the way through with us!" said the scientist tour guide. Several large groups made it through but many turned back after seeing the first room which

held the alien autopsy. In the autopsy room, an alien had switched places with the scientist and threw guts (spaghetti and stewed tomatoes) at the autopsy window.

When asked about the experience Liz Hill said, "It was great getting to be in the tunnels under PARI. They were very spooky and added a creepy touch to an already creepy haunted house. The staff at PARI was fun to work with and I look forward to next year!"

Peter Trench also commented on the experience saying, "I had two prominent takeaways from the whole event. First being that there is an entire basement to PARI which I didn't know existed. Second being the awesome community involved at PARI - everyone was kind, thoughtful, and the event was very well planned."

After the event, many guests asked who PARI had hired to do the haunted house and were surprised when they found out it had been done in house with volunteers and Brevard College students as the actors and set designers.

"Almost all the decor was stuff in PARI's storage rooms, we have pieces dating back to the 70's and 80's that really helped provide the ambiance." said Leby Moran, PARI's Science Educator and one of the main organizers of the

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'Plan Your Future Day' on Tuesday

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Tuesday, Oct. 31, will be "Plan Your Future Day" which is an event held once every semester where all the classes for that specific day are canceled and students are given the chance to plan for next semester, declare their major, or in some cases plan for early graduation this semester.

The primary purpose of Plan Your Future Day is for students to set up meetings with their advisors to talk about scheduling classes for the Spring 2018 semester and to plan for registering for those classes at a later date. These meetings will go on from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a short break and they will then start back up from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If students are unsure of what majors are provided at the school there will be booths set up at Robbins Plaza (outside of Myers Dining Hall) that will have people at each of them to help guide students and tell them about the majors and what to expect if they choose to pursue them. There will also be games, activities, and prizes for students to win at Robbins Plaza. These activities will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If there are students that are still unsure of what major would best fit them Nacole Potts, Assistant Dean for Student Success and Director of OCED, will be holding a workshop in the computer lab in Jones Library from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. where any student can come in and take the Focus 2 survey to help lead them on a track to decide which major at Brevard College will best fit their interests.

Another event to note is the "Connect to Your Future Athletics Career Panel" on Monday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. in MG 125. This will involve alumni who were student athletes at the school from a range of different majors talking about life after leaving college and athletics and focusing mainly on their careers after school. This event is targeted toward student athletes, but it is open to any student who wants to join in.



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PARI staff member Tim Delisle (front left), PARI volunteer Hunter Parker (back), and student volunteers (left to right) Peter Trench, Liz Hill and Lauren Fowler.