

What to do in case of an active shooter

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Due to the recent events in Parkland, Florida and our own unsubstantiated threat here on campus, the Clarion Staff feels that it would be greatly helpful if the college population were made aware of the procedure for what to do if there was actually an active shooter on Brevard College campus.

The following information is from the Brevard College Emergency Response Plan and is based on past experiences as these types of incidents are unpredictable.

When you become aware of the situation, safely exit the building and move away from the immediate path of danger.

Notify anyone you may encounter to exit the building, find a safe area, take protective cover, call 911 and Campus Security, and stay in the safe area until assistance arrives.

The information to give authorities would be your name, location of the incident (be specific), number of shooters (if known), identification or description of shooter(s), number of people who may be involved, your exact location and injuries to anyone (if known).

Everyone else not impacted by the situation, take protective cover and stay away from windows and doors until otherwise notified.

If you are not able to leave the building where the incident is taking place then go to the nearest room or office, close and lock the door, turn off all the lights, seek protective cover, stay quiet and act like no one is in the room, don't answer the door, call 911 and Campus Security and tell them the same information as stated before, and wait for police or security to assist you.

The Brevard College Campus Security maintains contact with the Brevard Police Department and the Transylvania County Sheriff Department to help with immediate response to the campus should they be needed.

A more detailed procedure for this scenario and many others is available in the Brevard College Emergency Response Plan which can be accessed on the Brevard College website under Campus Safety in the Life At BC section.

BC professors on sabbatical next year

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In the 2018 – 2019 academic year, Brevard College professors Megan Keiser, David Gresham and Robert Cabin will be going on sabbatical.

In the Fall Semester, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education Megan Keiser will be going on sabbatical to do research on teacher wellness.

"It is specifically how can we, as teachers of education," Keiser said, "help prepare our teacher candidates, who are stepping into the field or profession of teaching, to be as strong as possible."

Keiser said that this strength can be in terms of mental health, physical health (nutrition and exercise), and awareness of how to reduce stress.

"Right now, in our field the amount of stress that teachers are feeling, both in trying to take care of their students and helping them achieve, but also stress in general" Keiser said.

"Being a teacher is a very hard job," Keiser said, "it's challenging in itself, but I take the idea of, similar to being on an airplane flight in how they tell you to secure your oxygen masks before you put it on your child, we

need teachers to be as strong and as well as possible to persevere to create a nurturing, loving and academically rigorous environment for students."

Keiser pointed out that there are quite a few teachers leaving the profession because of the stress, the pay is an issue as well, but working conditions in schools across North Carolina have been an issue according to an NC Teacher Working Conditions Survey that was taken.

"I will be working on creating a curriculum module," Keiser said, "that can be implemented here at Brevard and shared with the Appalachian College Association members. There are also some opportunities in local middle schools, along with Asheville City Schools and some in Waynesville. These schools are implementing a mindfulness curriculum to help their students to develop mindfulness, to increase their self-regulation, and their habits."

In the Spring Semester, Assistant Professor of Music David Gresham will be going on sabbatical. During this time Gresham will be composing and arranging music.

"I have a few projects that I've already begun and I'm looking to complete those and maybe start some new ones," Gresham said. He has

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Pictured (from left to right) Megan Keiser, David Gresham and Robert Cabin will be on sabbatical for the 2018-2019 academic year. All photos from the Brevard College website.