

CREEK Week!

Major success encourages new beginnings



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First year students post on the front steps of the J.A. Jones Library during CREEK Week festivities.

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On Friday, Aug. 17, new students moved into Brevard College and CREEK (College Readiness and Experiential Education) Week began. Moving into Brevard College offered many new experiences for freshmen all over the campus. This includes being away from home for the first time, new tastes of freedom, an entirely different change of scenery and plenty of new people to meet.

Early Friday morning, every freshmen got the opportunity to sign up for one new activity during move in day. For most, the experience was something new and refreshing. Freshmen Phil Gilchrist said that, "it was nice to see people smiling," whereas before most of the activities held a lot of nerves and tension. Many other freshmen experienced the fun that came along with the events, but also the tiring full schedule.

One new experience that was offered to every freshmen was the chance to experience the experiential learning first hand on Saturday morning, Aug. 18. From the beauty of a rainy mountain hike to the awe of helping with pet adoptions, CREEK Week was a major success.

"It was pretty much a 10 to 5. Very busy," Eleanor Flannery said when questioned about how she enjoyed all the activities freshmen were able to experience. The sentiment seemed to be felt by most of the freshmen student body, but

was also greatly appreciated. The constant 'go go go' mentality was most likely used in order to break new students out early and allow them to forget about missing their old familiar stomping grounds for a bit.

Many people felt that the events were fun and new, getting to know new people and open up to them while participating in a variety of new events and rather fun ideas.

All in all, CREEK Week accomplish what it was supposed to, getting people involved in their communities and keeping them away from that little bit of homesickness for a while proved CREEK Week to be a large success.



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Students participate in team building activities during CREEK week.

Convocation

Diversity, taking your shot

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The time for professors to don their regalia and freshmen to receive welcome letters from faculty has finally returned. Convocation, a tradition at Brevard College where the new first year students are welcomed to the college by a member of the staff and faculty and each are given a letter by them as well happened on Monday, Aug. 20 in the Porter Center.

The event included a special message from Sharad Creasman, College Minister, that included some guest speakers and a much talked about speech given by Dr. Scott Sheffield, VP for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty.

"For me Convocation has always been the kick off to the beginning of the years," Creasman said. "It sets the freshman in the right direction, it's words of hope and inspiration, it's a gathering space to say 'go for it' and to say that we are glad you're here as a community of faculty, staff, students and administrators."

"It is also a time to say that this is going to be a great year, you're going to do great things, push yourself and don't be afraid to fail," Creasman said.

Creasman began his part in the event by giving a prayer in which he spoke to the students by saying that today is a new day where we can start fresh, wipe the slate clean and begin again. Today we can practice compassion, ask for help, make it happen, listen with our whole heart, be the change we wish to see in the world and stand up for justice.

Creasman even brought two guest speakers for the event.

The first guest speaker was Rabbi Norm Bossert of the Jewish faith who gave a Threefold Prayer from the Torah which said, "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord deal kindly and graciously with you, and the Lord bestow God's favor upon you and grant you peace." The second guest, Nawal Saadein of the Muslim faith, read a passage from the Qur'an in Arabic about peace and prosperity and allowing Allah to grant one peace.

"We have a diverse campus of different religious beliefs and non-beliefs," Creasman said, "and people coming from all over the

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