

Wind ensemble gives great performance

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The BC Wind Ensemble had a concert on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Scott Concert Hall at the Porter Center. The conductor was Eric Peterson.

The first piece of the night was called "Visionaries" by Ryan George. "When these individuals take their bold ideas and combine them with action, faith, and perseverance, they become a catalyst for turning that which was previously thought impossible into reality. These kinds of people are known as Visionaries," says Ryan about the song.

The second song was "Aurora Australis" by Martyn Hancock. It was about the beauty of the

night sky when looking at the Northern Lights or "Aurora Borealis."

"Clair de Lune" from Suite Bergamasque by Claude Debussy was the third piece. It translates to "moonlight" and speaks of "the still moonlight sad and lovely."

After those pieces, the percussion instrumentalists did a piece by themselves which was a combination of words and sounds to create rhythmic music. Following that, three members of the band went up to the balcony next to the organ and played a song of their own.

The last piece of the night was called "The Fairest of the Fair" by John Philip Sousa. It is one of Sousa's most famous melodic marches

inspired by a pretty girl he saw in passing.

The band consisted of four flute players, one oboe player, five clarinets and one bass clarinet, one pianist, four saxophones, four trumpets, five french horns, three trombones, one bass trombone, one euphonium, four tubas, and five percussionists.

A couple upcoming events include the Spring Choral Concert on Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Scott Concert Hall, the BC Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 in Ingram Auditorium and the Percussion Ensemble on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Scott Concert Hall. These are just a few events among the many coming up in March, April and May.

Senior Profile

Putnam accepted to Emory University

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Anyone who has had a class with Haley Putnam would be shocked to know that she almost did not attend college at all. "I lived in the [Brevard] area already and a teacher at my high school brought me on a few tours and was really encouraging me to go here for the small class sizes," Putnam said. "She knew that I worked better with a lot of one-on-one collaboration.

"It kind of made me want to go to college, because before that I wasn't really thinking about it. I was considering community college, but it made me want to go to a four year school," she said. "She didn't want me to sell myself short."

Ultimately, it seems that Putnam's high school mentor was right. The small class sizes and devoted faculty at Brevard College have lead Putnam down a successful path, one which she has learned more than just what's written in her textbooks.

"I've made a lot of great connections here with professors and students. I've made a lot of friends that I hope I'll have for life," Putnam said. "Even though it's a small school, there are so many resources in the area that we have access to. So many people are willing to go the extra mile for you if you're willing to work hard."

This May, Putnam will graduate with a degree in Psychology, as well as minors in both Environmental Studies and Health Science Studies. Her internship has helped to cultivate her interest in public health, a subject with which she will become much more familiar as she moves on to graduate school.

"I'm interning with Transylvania Public Health. My supervisor Rob Blake used to work with the CDC," Putnam said. "Working there I helped draft an All Hazards Plan for the county. I've also helped with their annual staff training and with the annual training for local camp directors and operators." Creating an All Hazards Plan helps community members know what to do to help prevent the spread of an illness in the case of a disease outbreak.

"I've also had the opportunity to shadow different departments," Putnam said. Including the clinic and going on a ride along for public health inspections.

"I knew I wanted to go into public health, but now I'm going into grad school with a wider array of knowledge."

Blake has helped build Putnam's confidence by having her take on leadership roles where she has a lot of responsibility, including running some meetings. Putnam's experiences at the Health Department have helped to prepare her for graduate school, piquing her interest in the facets of public health.

"I'm going to Emory University Rollins School of Public Health," Putnam said. "I'll be getting my Master's of Public Health in Global Health, with a concentration in Infectious Disease.

"It still feels kind of surreal. I have a lot of

respect for Emory, and I'm honored to have been accepted," she said. "There's also a part of me that feels like I'm meant to be there. My self-confidence and self-doubt are balancing out in a lot of ways.

"Living in a bigger city will be different from growing up in Brevard, but thankfully Emory is more in the suburbs. There are more resources there, so I'll have more opportunities to connect with people and if I ever need anything it will be right there," Putnam said.

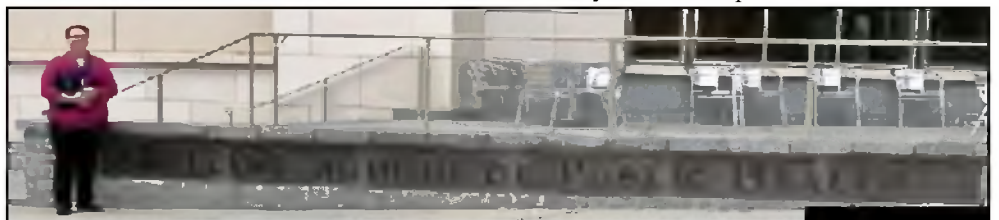
One of these resources is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), whose headquarters is in Atlanta, right across the street from Emory.

Putnam has gained more than a perfect GPA and admission to graduate school thanks to BC.

"I've learned a lot about who I am as a person. I have a stronger sense of personal identity. It's still a work in progress but I've definitely grown since my freshman year.

"I've gained a family, in a sense, through IWIL and other things I'm doing on campus," Putnam said. "Dr. Drinkard and Dee Dasburg, and many of my professors have also become my friends because they believed in me and have walked alongside me on my journey," she said.

"I've gained more confidence in myself and I've learned that sometimes it's okay to be proud of what you've accomplished."



Haley Putnam will attend the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta this fall.