

# Drumroll, please...

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Brevard College is pleased to officially announce the establishment of its first ever drumline, the Tornado Line, led by music faculty member Justin Mabry.

Mabry invites you to be part of this “unique, high energy, performance ensemble” the newest part of the athletic scene at Brevard College. The Tornado Line is open to any BC students who have prior drumline experience.

Be sure to sign up for the drumline day on April 6 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for all prospective drummers. This day offers students the chance to develop skills needed for the drumline. Students will have a chance to work on each instrument they have an interest for; it will also be a time to learn more information about the Tornado Line.

The Tornado Line audition day is April 27 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The audition is

required for all prospective drummers who want to be considered for a spot. Students will have a chance to work on skill sets and the 2019 music repertoire. Drumline packets will be supplied to those who have signed up for the events.

Mabry is looking for “quality and committed players” to join Tornado Line and trusts that this group will “add entertainment value to our sports activities and provide a great learning experience for students.”

Positions are both limited and highly competitive, so those auditioning should have some experience or knowledge about music.

Participation as a member requires performing at Brevard College athletic events throughout the academic year. Members of the Tornado Line will receive a scholarship of \$1000 per year for their dedication to the team.

For more information and to sign up for the clinic and audition days, visit their webpage at [www.brevard.edu/drumline](http://www.brevard.edu/drumline).

# JR to retire

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in Spanish at different Argentina universities. Reynolds also served as the project geologist at an archaeological site in Greece that Dr. Anne Chapin is investigating with an international team of archaeologists.

Before coming to Brevard College, Reynolds was a consultant for DuPont and YPF, which is the national Argentina oil company. Before that, he taught for five years at Western Carolina University and at Norwich University in Vermont for five years as well. Prior to

returning to graduate school for his Doctorate, he also taught at Colgate University for two years.

Reynolds says that he has enjoyed his students the most out of everything during his time here. “Until recently I also enjoyed taking students on international field trips. I’ve traveled with Brevard students to Costa Rica, Iceland, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. I think it is a pity that the current administration no longer considers exposure to other countries and cultures to be a component of an experiential education. Until recently, I also enjoyed building a strong Geology minor. Since a geologist is apparently not being hired to replace me, those efforts appear to have been for naught,” he added.

When asked what he strives to instill in his students, Reynolds said, “I strive to instill a passion for the planet we live on. Without geology there would be no planet. It should be revered. I really like the Inca religion. It honors Earth and understands that we are but a

component of its make-up.”

After he retires, he has some very important plans. Most importantly, Reynolds is getting married in October and plans on staying in Brevard. For the past eight years, he has worked with Smithsonian Journeys as a speaker on cruise ships and as a scientific expert on land trips to places like Iceland, Machu Picchu in Peru and the Galapagos Islands. Reynolds is going to continue working with them and has trips planned in May and June to go to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. He will also return to Iceland in September, October and November. In December, he will be traveling to Patagonia. His hope is to continue working with them for many years.

As the president of the Smoky Mountain Institute and chair of the local Sierra Club Group, which is a young nonprofit committed to the transition of renewable energy, he will be working to launch a campaign to get the city and county to convert to this process.

He also is on the Board of Directors of the Galapagos Conservancy, and currently he is spearheading the transition from electrical generation in the islands to renewable sources. Reynolds is writing a guidebook to the geology of Iceland as well, which will be published in 2020.

Reynolds jokingly said, “I don’t intend to become a couch potato!” Although he has major plans for himself after retiring, he will be missed by many at Brevard College, as he has been committed to teaching here for the past two decades and worked very hard to establish the appreciation of geology in his students!

# Security

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contact Campus Security.

There was a report that someone attempted to open a second floor room window in the South Villages. Two female students were in the room at the time and the intruder immediately slammed the window closed and left.

It was reported the following evening that someone was throwing pebbles at the window of the room directly below the previous mentioned one. If anyone has any information of these two events, contact Campus Security.

On Sunday, March 31, it was reported that around 5:30 p.m. that an individual described as a middle aged or elderly white male who was wearing a red shirt and jeans and was described as 5’10” tall of medium build with white hair and possibly a beard was seen on campus in the area of the Complex behind North Villages.

It is believed he was pointing a pellet gun or small rifle in the direction of the fence toward Ingles.

A security officer reported that he observed a large hole in the fence as well as several squirrels and a groundhog sitting along the Brevard College-Ingles property line and when he looked through the hole, he noted a red pick-up truck driving rapidly in a Westerly direction behind Ingles which was being driven by a person who fit the general description of the subject. However, he could not be certain.

After a thorough search of the area, including the Ingles parking lot he, along with officers of the Brevard Police Department, had no sightings of the reported individual.

As at this moment, the man appears to have left the campus and there does not appear to be any danger to anyone at Brevard College.

On the evening of April 1, a considerable amount of graffiti was found in many areas across campus specifically on windows, cars and stop signs. This is believed to be an April Fool’s prank.

However, housekeeping and maintenance staff must now use a considerable amount of time and effort to clean up the messes. Not to mention that many vehicles owned by the students were affected as well.

If anyone has any information on these acts, contact Campus Security.

Everyone is requested to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if wrongful or suspicious activity is observed on campus.

— Zach Dickerson