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'What rain?'

More than 100 graduates receive diplomas in BC's 166th commencement

Rain and thunderstorms were in the forecast, prompting things to start an hour earlier than originally planned.

In the end, though, neither the foggy, earlier hour nor the threat of wet weather could dampen the mood at the graduation ceremony Saturday morning as 111 Brevard College seniors marched to their seats to await their turn to walk across the stage in front of McLarty-Goodson.

"What rain?" BC president David Joyce even said at the beginning of the ceremony, tempting fate and weather patterns in Transylvania County that in just the past few weeks has seen severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings, a freak hailstorm and more than 10 inches of rainfall.

Fortunately, the rains held off and the sun was shining bright as graduates and their families embraced the joy of seeing the fruition of their years of hard work: a Brevard College diploma.

At 9 a.m., the Betty Neal Academic Quadrangle was filled with the sounds of a bagpiper piping while a sea of black regalia greeted beaming parents awaiting the college's 166th Commencement Ceremony.

"The most significant recognition we bestow today is the Brevard College diploma itself—for it signifies a level of education that the vast majority of people in this world, and even in

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The Brevard College class of 2019, along with BC president David Joyce and his wife, Lynn, let loose for a class picture on the steps of the Jones Library early on Saturday morning. Commencement exercises began at 9 a.m., an hour earlier than originally scheduled, to avoid rain and thunderstorms forecast later that day. Top: Mai Sakuma, an exercise science major from Japan, was one of several international students who graduated from Brevard College on Saturday.