

# Fuesler debuts senior project

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This is the 27th year of the Adventure Education Conference, and Brevard College senior Abi Fuesler is running it. "It is a place to workshop and educate," said Fuesler.

Planning this event is Fuesler's senior project. The event is one day and is for all WLEE (Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education) style majors at all southeastern schools to meet, network and learn. This year, Brevard College is hosting it in the Porter Center on November 1 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The conference will include a workshop by Nacole Potts working on resumes, another workshop with Robert Dye where he will talk about Aldo Leopold, a famous conservationist and John Burton will be the keynote speaker.

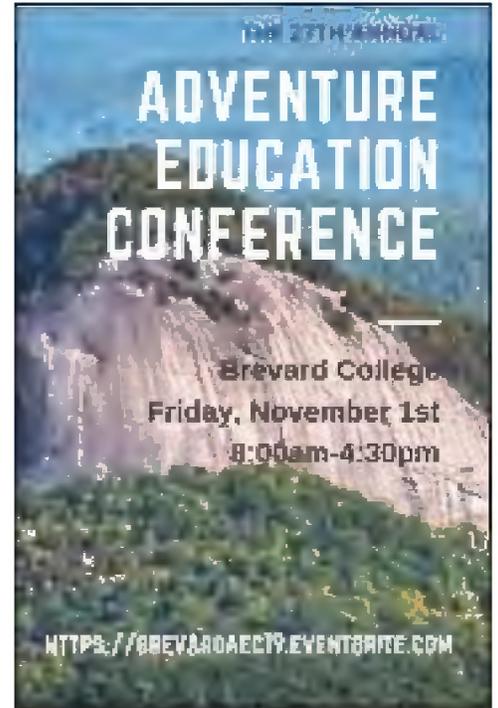
Fuesler says planning this event is a great way to really use her Integrated Studies major with WLEE and Business and Organizational Leadership. She will be working on marketing,

hospitality, registration, workshops, technology, food, setup and basically making sure everything goes smoothly. "I want to make sure it's really done well since this is going to be the 27th year," Fuesler said.

Even though Fuesler is mainly running the event, she has had some help from other students. Grace Kelley, Emilie Abbott, Hannah Weatherall, Ivy Blanton, Kete Chaump, KC Collins, Lilie Jones, Lucas Gomez, Madison Smith, Mariah Grande, Croft Hamilton, Molly Brown, Shay Kerr and Sutton Burton all play a role in helping to plan and run this event. Fuesler and these students have been working on the event all summer and will continue to right up until it happens.

For any students who would like to attend, early registration ends October 1 and tickets are \$20. After early registration is over the price will be \$30. For any nonstudents wanting to attend, early registration tickets will cost \$30 then will go up to \$40 after early registration.

Fuesler is very excited to host this event, and says she will work hard to make it the best it can be.



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# Lung disease tied to vaping

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With seven confirmed deaths and over 530 total cases across 38 states and one US territory, an outbreak of a strange lung disease currently has medical professionals and researchers baffled.

At the center of the controversy surrounding the disease is one thing: e-cigarettes.

The first e-cigarette was invented in 2003 by a pharmacist in China after his own father died of cancer following a life of heavy smoking. Having only been around for 16 years, it is unlikely that society has witnessed e-cigarettes' full potential to cause harm.

The use of e-cigarettes, also called vaping, has been on the rise, particularly among young people. While vaping was originally thought to be a healthier alternative to smoking tobacco cigarettes, it seems that vaping nicotine may come with its own set of potential health concerns.

According to the American Lung Association, vape juices contain a variety of toxic chemicals including various "aldehydes," which are formed when the liquids are vaped and have been linked to both lung and cardiovascular

disease.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have collected demographic data for 373 of the 530 plus cases of the disease and, although causation for the disease cannot be determined, there are some interesting correlations. According to the CDC's initial data, most patients reported using vape products which contain THC, many reported using both vape products containing THC and nicotine while only some of the patients reported using vape products which only contain nicotine.

Notably, marijuana products such as the THC cartridges used in vape pens are not legal in all the states where the lung disease has popped up, but many suspect that black market cartridges are the actual culprit. In addition, self-report data from patients regarding their use of illegal substances may not tell the whole story when it comes to this new disease.

Regardless of the source of the illness, the CDC recommends that no children or young adults use e-cigarette products of any kind, and those who do use them should never purchase products off the street, as they can be tampered with. In addition, the CDC states that individual users should not tamper with or add ingredients to their manufactured vape products.