



Brevard College hosts 27th annual Adventure Education Conference

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Brevard College's Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education (WLEE) program hosted the twenty-seventh annual Adventure Education Conference last Friday in the Porter Center.

BC student Abi Fuesler took on the responsibility of being the AEC's head coordinator in fulfilling her senior project requirement to graduate this Fall. As a double major in WLEE and Business, Fuesler believes that the conference was a perfect opportunity to integrate both of her academic focuses.

"It was stressful, but a lot of fun," Fuesler said with a grin.

With help from Brevard College faculty members and a team of student volunteers, Fuesler spent nearly ten months planning for the AEC. In the early months of preparation,

they "discussed broader logistics like choosing a theme, a place, a date," Fuesler said. "As it progressed, planning became more detailed and in depth."

Fuesler first learned about the AEC when wilderness leadership professor Jenny Kafsky asked Fuesler and fellow student Shannon Kerr to present at the 2018 conference following their Voice of the Rivers experience.

Brevard College was later chosen to host the 2019 AEC. So in the Spring of 2019, Fuesler took a course titled Outdoor Program Admin with Kafsky to begin planning alongside her peers.

Roughly 233 people attended the AEC including representatives from schools in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. UNC Asheville, Montreat, Warren Wilson, Appalachian State, Western Carolina, Clemson and UGA Athens were among the groups to

participate.

After check-in, participants flooded Scott Hall to observe a keynote presentation led by John Burton on the principles of leadership.

Burton is a former president of the Nantahala Outdoor Center, but has since co-founded Moonshadow Leadership Solutions, a company dedicated to partnering with organizations to improve leadership dynamics.

Burton spoke on the fundamentals of teamwork and success: courage, compassion, honesty, social-consciousness, curiosity, grit and humility. He also explained several universally applicable models that he uses in mentoring clients of MLS.

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Crowd engages as Jenny Kafsky leads presentation titled 'Growth and Change Under the Microscope' outside of the Porter Center.

BC conducts investigation

The Brevard College Office of Public Information released a statement on Friday, Nov. 8 announcing that an internal investigation has been opened regarding the school's intercollegiate volleyball team.

News of the investigation emerged following the publication of a letter to the editor in last week's edition of The Clarion, titled "How far is too far?" The letter, published anonymously, alleges that coaches have neglected the mental and physical health of players on the volleyball team.

"The college hopes to maintain transparency following the results of the investigation, and plans to release a statement after the investigation is completed," Brevard College Director of Public Information Christie Cauble wrote in an email on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

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