

Senior Profile

Football star Brandon Crawford

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Brandon Crawford, of Decatur, Georgia, is all set to graduate in May of 2020. He found Brevard because he knew he wanted to play football in college. At the beginning of his football career, he was an offensive lineman, and when new coaches came in, he changed positions to defensive lineman.

“Since my football career, I’ve seen a lot of ups and downs, but the highlight of my football career was definitely senior year. Finishing the season 8-2 is the best season Brevard College has seen so far. I’m honored to have been a part of that,” Crawford said.

Crawford and the team were granted the opportunity to travel to Pittsburgh for a bowl game with the school. He says that this was the best way to end the season and he couldn’t ask for a better ending to his senior year and his football career.

Post-season, Crawford was invited to a D2 bowl game in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He accepted the invitation and showcased his talents surrounded by his family.

Since being at Brevard, Crawford has studied business and organizational leadership, and also minored in art. If you’ve noticed the new lights around campus, you can thank Crawford and some other students for that. While taking a business course, he and other students came up with a plan to implement better lighting throughout the campus.

“Part of the project included research, and part of the research process was to go to another school and compare the lighting situation there,” Crawford said. “Before we even went to the other school, we counted all the lights on our campus.”

“All the ones that had no bulbs or that were dim were taken note of. We traveled to Mars Hill University and walked around their campus for about an hour and half, counting lights and also taking note of the dimness and brightness of those,” Crawford said. “When I started to see the new lights appear on our campus, I felt like it was a long time coming. Nevertheless, I was happy to be a part of the transformation of the campus.”

Crawford made long lasting relationships during his time at Brevard College. One such relationship is with his mentor, Ray Henley.

Henley has guided Crawford through school and been a listening ear, something that

Crawford is grateful for. Another thing that Crawford is proud of, considering relationships, is his time spent being an RA in Jones Hall. He enjoyed being in a leadership position, as he feels that he was fit for that role and he could also mentor his residents.

“I have valued the bonds made through everyday encounters. I also loved experiential education and the class size, because I believe it to be the most beneficial for my future. The mountains and the area were also a plus,” said Crawford of the things he has enjoyed most at Brevard.

When asked if he could change anything about his college experience, he said, “I

wouldn’t change a thing!” Concerning freshmen, his advice to them would be to “live their life, and when there is no fun, make fun!”

Upon graduating in May, Crawford plans on taking a trip to Jamaica to celebrate all his hard work and achievements. He has an internship lined up for the fall with Delta Airlines in Atlanta.

“I look forward to learning about the industry and stepping into the workforce,” said Crawford. Overall, Crawford has seen a lot of people come and go and talk about how boring Brevard College is, but he believes that it is what you make of it!



Brandon Crawford speaking at a pep rally with his team.

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