

Katie McBriar to graduate this spring

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Katie McBriar is a senior at Brevard College, majoring in integrated studies with an emphasis in business and organizational leadership and English. She is also minoring in creative writing. McBriar is graduating in spring of 2020, and due to developments concerning COVID-19, she is set to walk across the graduation stage and be honored in the fall.

McBriar chose Brevard College as her place of study with influence from her sister, BC alumna, Amanda Butler. "My sister was a huge influence on why I decided to come to Brevard College," McBriar said. She was also interested in Brevard's experiential education philosophy. "I also chose Brevard for the experiential learning; I really appreciate the hands-on dynamic within the classrooms and the small student-to-professor ratio."

During her time at Brevard College, McBriar has been quite active on campus with student engagement at BC Life, and assisting in the classroom and tutoring her fellow classmates. She was the president of BC Serves for two years, and president of CAB for three. "I have been involved in BC Serves, as well as Campus Activities Board," she said. "I was a tutor for two years and a teaching assistant for three years in English 111 courses." McBriar is also a student leader, and a hall programmer for Green and Stanback, helping run many programs to keep students busy with fun activities.

When McBriar was a freshman, she was recognized by the college with the highest GPA in the BORG program. She was also awarded with sophomore of the year in 2017 and received a few awards within the humanities department. As a senior, she was awarded with Excellence in Environmental Literature from the humanities division as well.

She has some words of advice and experience she wants to pass on. "The biggest advice that I can give anyone coming into college, or going into their second year, or really anyone, would be to just be yourself," said McBriar. "No matter how hard you try, there will always be people who try and bring you down, but just know that being you is

enough. That's something that I am working towards every day and something that Brevard has definitely helped me understand."

McBriar has great plans after she graduates, including working at her local hospital before continuing on to earn her master's degree. "After graduation I am planning to get a job at the local hospital for a few years, until I save up enough money to go to grad school and get my masters in Speech Pathology," McBriar said. "My ultimate goal is to be a speech pathologist

in a school atmosphere, or in a hospital."

She also wants to remind students to enjoy their time in college and to stay motivated while on campus. "Something that took me a while to grasp is that time goes fast," she said. "I didn't believe it in high school, and I didn't believe it the past three and a half years, but with graduation fast approaching, it's all I'm thinking about. Do not take anything for granted because it goes by fast. Stay positive and always put yourself first."



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