



An aerial view of construction on the new BC athletics field house on the Brevard College campus. The new field house will include offices, classroom and meeting space, and locker room facilities for student-athletes in five team sports. It is scheduled to be completed in time for the fall 2020 semester. For a short video showing the construction of the facility, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMxBbOxtkHw.

Field house construction underway

The COVID-19 pandemic may have disrupted in-person gatherings on the Brevard College campus, but it is not slowing planned changes on campus, which includes construction for a new, state-of-the-art athletics field house.

The 10,375 square foot field house will provide locker room, offices, storage and meeting space for five Brevard College sports as well as classrooms and a laboratory for the college's Exercise Science program.

"The addition of our new field house is the latest example of the growth at Brevard College," BC President David C. Joyce said. "This new, state-of-the-art facility will be a major benefit for our student-athletes while also providing valuable classroom and meeting space. We are proud to offer this new resource to our exceptional student-athletes at Brevard College."

The BC football, baseball, softball, men's soccer and women's soccer teams will all have locker rooms in the new field house, which is conveniently located next to Ives-Lemel Family Field on campus. The field house is set to be complete by the start of the 2020 fall semester.

The building of the field house also corresponds with the start of an expansion of Ives-Lemel Family Field, which will allow for the Tornado football team to play games on the Brevard College campus.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide these major facility upgrades for Tornado student-athletes," director of athletics Myranda Nash said. "The addition of the field house is an important piece as we continue to build championship programs at Brevard College. Moreover, we are excited to start the expansion of Ives-Lemel Family Field and in turn bring the Tornado football program on campus."

In addition to the locker rooms, the field house will also house a football equipment room, an athletic training room and a laundry facility. Five offices for football coaches as well as offices for men's soccer, women's soccer and softball coaches are also part of the building's design. Additionally, there is ample space for team meetings and film sessions.

The classrooms and new exercise physiology laboratory will enhance the Exercise Science

program at Brevard College, providing students with an ideal location for experiential learning. The program provides engaging assignments, in-class activities, skills and knowledge in physiological testing both in a laboratory and field setting, as well as field experience and internships to ensure its majors have the knowledge and skills necessary for immediate employment following graduation.

Brevard College Exercise Science majors can choose a Bachelor of Arts (for future coaches, personal trainers and teachers) or a Bachelor of Science (for future physical and occupational therapists, athletic trainers, strength and conditioning coaches, researchers, and other exercise science professions). A minor in Coaching and a minor in Exercise Science are also available as part of Brevard College's Exercise Science program.

Plans for a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new field house and the expanded Ives-Lemel Family Field will be announced at a later date.