

# Thank you, BC!

*Members of The Clarion's senior staff wrote farewell messages to Brevard College, their time at school, their friends, family, and the community.*

## Farewell and thank you for everything

There are so many things that I can and should say, but I don't know how to and can't really find or struggle with the words. So I'm going to try and do the best that I can.

Brevard College has truly been one of the best periods and experiences in my life in more ways than one and I will always cherish every part of my time here. All the people I've met, things I've done, things that have happened to me and many more have helped me to grow in so many ways and so many aspects as a person that I couldn't have even imagined I would have done or been able to do before.

When I first came to Brevard College, I was just a complete bundle of fear, confusion and worry, but I quickly found an amazing group of friends (which only grew with every year and who I will remain in contact with for years to come) who made everything so much better. In the years to come, with each new person and each new interaction, I learned even more about others and myself. I'll take this knowledge with me, use it and hold onto it always.

Really, the experiences, people and education at BC are truly one of a kind. You just have to know what to look for, how to go with it and take advantage of it as much as possible, and never let it get away from you, pass you by or squander it.

There really is so much that Brevard has to offer. The many events and traditions that the campus has to offer: all the people including students, professors, staff members, community members and so many others, all the things to do in the area like the parks and forests, downtown, other surrounding cities like Asheville and so many other things.

Go out and experience things and make memories, don't just sit around and do nothing and act like there is absolutely nothing to do, this is not the case at all. Before you know it, the four years will be over. You want great and amazing memories to look back on and friends to do it with and live life with them after as well; you want to be able to say, "I had a college experience, and I made the most of it I could of what was offered to me."

Even working on the Clarion staff since

freshman year in so many different positions has offered me more opportunities than I could have imagined. I've met so many people, made so many connections, accomplished so much more and had so much fun while working on the staff that I probably wouldn't and couldn't have been able to do without serving on the staff.

BC really has been one of the best and most important times and experiences that I have had in my life. I have made friends, connections, memories and so much more that I will take with me into the future and hold with me and make use of for the rest of my life. I had a

college experience.

Yes, I do have some regrets, but I did work to do the most and best with what I had and what was offered to me. There's probably more that I want to say in this that I can't think of right now or will remember later on, but I and many of my friends and others close to me know how much my time at BC and they mean to me.

Goodbye BC, I will always remember my time with you and thank you for everything. I will see you and everyone again in September for the new commencement weekend.

—Zach Dickerson,  
Editor in Chief

## Thanks for it all, Brevard

Brevard College is my mom's alma mater. That was one reason I chose to come. However, there are so many more things I love about Brevard.

The area is so beautiful. The "land of waterfalls" truly is a spectacle. Pisgah National Forest has so many adventures to explore and endless fun to share. For all the times I chased waterfalls, went to the rope swing, hiked to Devil's Courthouse and stargazed on the parkway, the stress, breakdowns and struggles were worth the fun. All the hard parts were worth the experience.

The town itself and the culture surrounding it is so inviting. I can't get enough of the restaurants, local shops and nature that Brevard has to offer.

The campus and class size drew me in as well. The one-on-one connections were a great help to my learning experience. Becoming a writer was only possible with the help of the English faculty that have helped me grow to where I am now. I will forever be grateful for that.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church helped me find community off campus. Tennis helped me find community on campus. Every year I found more and more to love about where I lived.

My four years at Brevard have molded me into who I am. All my friends, teammates,

coaches, professors, church friends and the community have helped me grow in confidence and feel comfortable with myself. Not only did I grow in knowledge but I grew in maturity.

Here I am set to graduate in September. It's crazy finishing my senior year at home and missing out on milestone experiences. As sad as it is to miss my last concert, my last season of tennis and miss out on time with friends, I still got to present my senior project and I still get a (postponed) ceremony.

I can't thank my family, friends and professors enough for the support and inspiration throughout my college career. I gained so many learning experiences that I will carry with me. I made lifelong friends and made strong connections that I can count on. This doesn't even scratch the surface of my time at Brevard, but I will keep it short.

Everyone that has been there along the way has meant such a great deal to me. From the bottom of my heart, Brevard, thank you for letting me cry, scream, laugh, smile, learn, run, play, explore and grow.

I will more than miss Brevard College. Thanks for letting me live my life and make some unforgettable memories. Farewell, BC.

—Carmen Boone,  
Copy Editor