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## Commencement Contests showcase talent



The contestants' winning pieces will be on display in Exhibition Corridor until May 5. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

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University students are displaying their talents and skills in the final weeks of the semester through the annual Commencement Contests.

The competitions, held by the School of Fine Arts

and Communication, start earlier in the spring semester. The competition winners are announced at the end of each academic year.

Students in the competitions create artwork and perform musical pieces that are judged by members of the university faculty and staff.

Dr. Ed Dunbar, chair of the Division of Music, said the annual music contests give students the opportunity to practice learning music without the aid of a faculty member.

Dunbar said preparing pieces independently helps music students "hone their skills" in various areas like musician-

ship, memory and collaboration with an accompanist.

Students work alone preparing for their performance in the preliminary competition without any oversight.

"Three finalists and an alternate for each contest are announced after preliminary competition," Dunbar said.

"They then begin working with faculty coaches for the finals of each competition."

Dunbar said the finalists and alternates for the music competitions were announced in early March.

The final contests will be held Monday, April 24 to Tuesday, April 25.

The men's and women's voice, woodwinds and bowed strings competitions will be held Monday in the War Memorial Chapel. The composition, brass and piano competitions will be held Tuesday in Stratton Hall.

Dunbar said students See **CONTEST** p. 3 »

## Chapel series highlights Gospel outreach, personal evangelism

ANDREW MILLER  
Staff Writer

BJU will host an Evangelism Conference during chapel from Monday, April 24 through Thursday, April 27 to further encourage students to continue sharing their faith throughout the summer.

Since the introduction of the Center for Global Opportunities at the beginning of the school year, the BJU student body has embraced a new vigor for outreach and personal evangelism.

The BJU student body enjoys seeing many of its members involved in the various available outreach opportunities in the Greenville community, and evangelism continues to be a major focal point for community

outreach.

With summer break just around the corner, many students will have opportunities to continue serving here in the Greenville community, back home and abroad.

The Gospel-centered conference is typically held before either the Christmas or summer break.

This year's theme, "Bring Them In," will continue to focus on bringing those who do not know Christ into fellowship with Him and to give the student body inspirational and practical ways to share their faith more effectively.

Many BJU students are passionate about sharing the Gospel. This conference is designed to increase that passion in more students.

Another way BJU further encourages personal evangelism is by offering the Sower Award as one of six President's Club awards. The Sower Award is "given to a student who has exhibited exceptional faithfulness to the Lord in the area of soul winning or who has had an unusual soul winning opportunity," according to the BJU Public Relations blog.

Over the years, this award has been given to dozens of students.

Jacob Jones, a freshman Bible major, commented on the importance of sharing our faith.

"[The Great Commission] should be our main focus," Jones said.

"Our occupations, first and foremost, are as mission-

aries whether we're nurses or pastors—it's a mindset."

Jones' desire is to plant or minister in a small church and hopes that everyone will be involved in some type of discipleship centered on Christ's work on the cross.

CJ Billiu, a sophomore studying journalism and mass communication, weighed in on the gravity of sharing our faith.

"If I truly believe there is a Holy God who cannot let sinners into heaven and because of that they will be condemned to an eternity in hell, then why would I not try to warn people?" Billiu said. "That's what inspires me [to share my faith]."

Billiu desires to use his degree to further proclaim the truth to the world in the See **CONFERENCE** p. 3 »

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I remember that moment so vividly.

My heart was pounding and my palms were sweating. I knew it would be wrong, but I wanted to fit in—to blend in and to be like everyone else.

I was 14, a freshman at the local public school in my hometown. I was sitting in drama class when it came my turn to read an excerpt from a play.

The lines I had been assigned to recite took God's name in vain.

It wasn't long and drawn out, but I knew the three words I was expected to speak were sin.

In that moment, I had a decision to make—either I was going to identify with God or was I going to curse Him.

I chose to curse God. I chose to care about what the people around me were thinking instead of what the Creator of the world thought of me.

But the reality is I had been taking God's name in vain before I even spoke the words.

One dictionary definition of the word vain is “producing no result; useless,” and some

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COMIC: JORDAN HARBIN

### The Collegian Editorial

## Stop, breathe and give yourself time to achieve your goals

“Rome ne s'est pas faite en un jour.”

Perhaps you're more familiar with the English version of this French proverb: “Rome wasn't built in a day.”

While it may be a little cliché, this phrase makes a valuable point. Things of worth take time to develop.

Our world is not a very patient one. Fast food drive-thrus, instant movie streaming and same-day delivery exist because of our incessant need for speed.

And while there is nothing wrong with speed and efficiency, some things in life can't, and shouldn't, be rushed.

As college students we set a lot of goals. All kinds of goals. Goals as small as making it to your 8 a.m. on time to as large as eventually becoming the CEO of your favorite Fortune 500 company.

Obviously some goals are more “flexible” than others.

For example, at this stage of the semester you might be so exhausted that you're now aiming for “B”s when less-tired you was only satisfied with “A”s. Long-term goals, such as career goals, tend to be more stable.

Undoubtedly, the amount of effort and patience necessary to achieve each goal varies depending on the scope of that goal.

But sometimes, even if you have all your ducks in a row and the road toward your goals seems straight and clear, life throws you a curveball.

It's easy to get discouraged when we experience setbacks. When things don't go our way, we start second-guessing our abilities, talents and dreams.

We can trick ourselves into thinking that our goals

are too lofty, too much work, too far out of our reach.

And while changing goals is not always bad, we need to be careful not to give up on ourselves too quickly.

When things are seemingly going south, it's important to keep perspective. Remember why you set the goal in the first place.

If you find yourself disap-

pointedly coming up short of a goal, don't just toss that dream to the wind. Take the time to evaluate what went wrong and how you can get back on track.

Don't hold yourself to the same speed performance levels that you expect from Google, because, as the French said, “Rome wasn't built in a day.”



### TALKBACK

## What are you thankful for today?



sophomore  
CHRISTINE WILLIAMS  
“My boyfriend.”



senior  
BRAD SHEBS  
“Sunshine.”



staff GA  
KC CHRISTMAS  
“Umbrellas.”



sophomore  
BRADY JOHNSON  
“The weekend.”



senior  
CANDICE BURKETT  
“Glorious weather.”

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form of blogs, podcasts and teaching in the high school setting.

Several men's societies, including Chi Alpha Pi Cavaliers and Phi Kappa Pi Rams, sent out mission teams to locations around the United States over spring break.

The Epsilon Zeta Chi Tornados were able to minister through one-on-one evangelism in downtown San Francisco.

For the Evangelism Conference, Dr. Pettit has chosen four speakers to present Gospel-themed messages. Pastor Ben Ice, scheduled to begin the conference on Monday, is the family life pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Simpsonville. Ice will speak about giving the Gospel to the children.

Mr. Michael Blackstone, the lay youth pastor at Bible Baptist Church in West Chester, Pennsylvania, will speak on Tuesday, April 25, concerning evangelizing to teenagers.

He will be followed by Rev. Marshall Fant IV from Harvest Baptist Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina on Wednesday, April 26, about giving the Gospel to college students.

A Clemson faculty member will be finish out the conference with a message about reaching internationals.

Janis Holderby, executive assistant and coordinator of this year's Evangelism Conference, said she looks forward to how the students will benefit. Holderby's hope is that students will possess "a deeper desire to share the Gospel."

## SNAPSHOT

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"I have a job [next year] teaching in Guam at Harvest [Christian Academy]. My dad's thrilled. He has always wanted to get a kid [to go] overseas. Dad would love to visit me—he loves the tropics. I think [using teaching as a ministry] is showing kids that you care about them and working with each individual child and trying to empower each one. Depending on what situation you're in, whether you're at a Christian school or public school, you can have a varying degree of showing them the Gospel as well.

"I'm from the inner city. So if after three years in Guam, if I can handle it, I want to go back to the inner city to teach in the schools there. [The students] don't have stable home lives. A lot of them are raised by an older sibling or grandparents. Kids in the inner city aren't being taught school's important, so they don't grow up and succeed in life. And they don't have anyone showing them the love of Christ either. If I'm tough enough, I think I could be that person."

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from any program of study are permitted to compete in the contests each year. Some music students compete as a requirement of their major or music program.

The winners of the music Commencement Contests will receive medallions during the commencement awards ceremony.

Emma Whitehouse, a sophomore music education student, is a finalist in the piano competition.

Whitehouse said making the finals is an exciting opportunity that has pushed her to stretch her abilities and give back to God the talents she has received.

"I am thankful for our giving God who receives all the glory for music and abilities," Whitehouse said. "And I am thankful for this chance I have to once again challenge my own potential."

Chris Barnhart, head of the department of design, said participation in art and design Commencement Contests is required of all art and design majors, but participation is also open to students from all academic programs.

Barnhart said arts and design students may enter a piece into any of the competition categories.

The five categories of art and design contests are graphic design, interior design, photography, studio art, and apparel, textiles and design.

Barnhart said participating students signed up for the contest during the fall semester. The early signup allows the participants several months to create a design before the deadline in March.

An exhibition of the work from the contests was first

opened to the public on Monday, April 14, in the Sargent Art Building. The exhibition will remain on display until Friday, May 5.

Barnhart said winners in each category will be awarded a medallion during the commencement awards ceremony in addition to a \$100 cash prize, a \$100 gift card to a local art and design store. Additionally, a press release about the winning piece will be distributed by the university's public relations office.

Barnhart said beyond the material winnings, participating will also benefit the careers of each participant.

"It's something they can add to their resume," Barnhart said. "It helps students influence their careers in ways they could not achieve through class work alone. It brings them recognition."

Barnhart said the contests also add value to the portfolios of art and design majors since they can be creative and compete against other students.

Art and design students receive no help from their faculty during the competition.

Bethany Pritchard, a junior graphic design student, advanced to the finals in photography with a photograph she took of an abandoned theater building in her hometown of Laurens.

"In the photo it seems to have a mirror effect as though the photo is the same on both sides if you split the photo in half," Pritchard said. "I found this arrangement and position of the building very aesthetically pleasing in its repetitiveness looking through the camera lens."

Pritchard said she was grateful her photo made the finals of the competition and has been placed on display.

## Symposium raises human trafficking awareness

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More than 40 representatives from BJU attended a human trafficking symposium Friday, April 7, including students and faculty from several academic programs including health sciences, criminal justice, biblical counseling and nursing. Staff from Student Life also attended.

Hosted by the Bon Secours St. Francis Health System at the Kroc Center in downtown Greenville, the symposium addressed ways to identify and prevent human trafficking through areas such as health care and

criminal justice.

The keynote speaker for the symposium was Rep. Trey Gowdy, congressman for South Carolina's 4th congressional district, which includes Greenville and Spartanburg.

Dr. Jessica Minor, biology faculty member, said an invitation to the symposium was extended to BJU students and faculty by the St. Francis Health System after representatives from St. Francis met with Dr. Pettit.

Minor said Rep. Gowdy praised the Upstate for being more advanced than many other metropolitan areas in initiatives to prevent human

trafficking and informed those attending of his own efforts on Capitol Hill.

Melanie Schell, a nutrition faculty member, said Gowdy also warned that Greenville's position between the major cities of Atlanta and Charlotte made the area more prone to human trafficking than other similar cities.

Dr. Amy Hicks, another biology faculty member, said the symposium stressed the importance of identifying human trafficking and reporting it to the appropriate authorities without getting directly involved.

Hicks said that often some of the signs of human

trafficking that healthcare professionals may see are relationships that appear to be based on fear, patients never being left alone and patients never being allowed to hold identification papers or speak for themselves.

Hicks said one surprising fact discussed during the symposium was the average age and profile of those trafficked.

Human trafficking has similar prevalence among male and female children between the ages of 12 and 15.

Hicks said trafficked males are much harder to identify and rescue than trafficked females.

Breanna Nicholson, a junior health science student, said she was surprised at the average age of abduction and also by some ways they are abducted.

"Oftentimes traffickers will use high school-aged individuals to recruit younger kids," Nicholson said. "It really brings out the severity and horror of this situation."

Nicholson said she was also surprised to see how few people are trained to recognize trafficking.

"The most important thing we can do to help eliminate human trafficking is to raise awareness and educate people on how to recognize

the signs of human trafficking," Nicholson said.

According to a 2005 report from the U.S. Department of Justice, between 14,500 and 17,500 victims are human trafficked in the United States each year.

Schell said after the symposium she discussed with her students how a Christian should respond to the human trafficking issue and help victims.

"We can take all this information, and it's very good," Schell said. "But we have to remember that we have a greater Power than the power that's holding onto those people."



# Freshman floors to expand after successful year

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When the initial reports of freshman floors were confirmed last spring, no one knew what to expect. The change was an entirely new precedent for the residence halls that had never seen an all-freshmen floor.

From anecdotal testimony and preliminary data, both the men's and women's floors seem to have been successful. So much so that next year new freshman floors will be added to Ironside and Sunday, and the current Gaston hall will be expanded.

Director of First Year Experience Rebecca Weier and resident supervisors spent last summer deciding what the freshman floors in Smith and Gaston should look like. However, when move-in came around, both hall leaders and new freshmen were left wondering how to behave in the foreign environment.

The first couple of weeks

presented a steep learning curve. Freshman Justin Reid said the freshmen came pumped full of energy but had no idea where to direct it.

But as the year progressed, freshmen, group leaders and assistant group leaders found their places in the halls.

In fact, GLs and AGLs have become strong, centralizing forces on the floors as well as mentors both in and out of discipleship group.

Weier attributed the success of the halls to their leadership.

"I think a huge part of the success [is] the leadership in the residence halls," Weier said. "[The leadership] has been intentional in the goals they wanted to accomplish and accomplishing them."

Resident mentor Jordon Baun also found GL and AGL leadership foundational to the floors' success.

"The group leaders and assistant group leaders were hand chosen for the hall to be those who would invest more

into their discipleship group," Baun said.

"Right at the beginning the leaders set the tone that discipleship group was going to be used for [its intended purpose]. They were a lot more productive on this hall."

Discipleship group played an important role on freshman floors. It served to connect freshmen early on to each other and to upperclassmen leaders.

"I love my discipleship group," freshman Loeak Loeak

said. "My GL and AGL were always teaching me things. They were the right guys [for the job]."

Hall meetings became more than a time for announcements as halls studied topics like the virtues of

a godly man. Hall meeting drew special guests like President Pettit, Beneth Jones and academic deans.

An early concern about the freshman floor model was that it could segregate income. See **FRESHMAN** p. 8 »



Next year's new and expanded freshman floors will house one-third of the incoming freshman. Photo: Rebekah Miertta

# Language hall participants reflect on experience

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The closing of an academic year is a figurative "closing of the books" for many areas of campus life. For about 45 students living on language halls, this year marks the completion of BJU's first-ever language hall program.

The University created language halls as a part of an overarching effort to connect various aspects of the student experience.

Dr. Jeremy Patterson, chair of the Division of Modern Language and Literature, said

it has been a great first year. Patterson said the best part about the language halls is that it has increased students' knowledge of their language and given them more confidence in using the language on a day-to-day basis.

"They're not all totally fluent," he said. "But they enjoy using it, and they don't mind trying it."

Natalie Odiorne, a sophomore exercise science major, said her first year on the Spanish language hall has been challenging at times, but she's learned much through the experience.

"It has been so worth it though, because I feel like I can actually use the language and have a semi-normal conversation with someone in Spanish," Odiorne said. "I look forward to seeing what opportunities God gives me to use what I'm learning."

Zachary Zervas, a senior Bible major, was both an RA and a group leader on the Spanish language hall.

"As the leader of the group, I had the responsibility to lead the weekly book study, as well as the other nights of discipleship group," he said. "Through the year, we sang many Span-

ish songs, grew closer as friends, learned a great deal about each other, and got a lot better at Spanish!"

Zervas said his leadership responsibilities came with many challenges since he was not a native speaker himself.

"But it also came with many blessings," he said. "The scope of my friend group widened as I came into contact with many native Spanish speakers even outside of my own group."

Patterson is excited to see how the language halls will continue to develop.

"One of the biggest changes I'm going to make for next year will help with the bonding of groups," he said.

It was sometimes difficult for groups to develop deep spiritual relationships with one another because of the language barrier. In the 2017 fall semester, Patterson plans to permit the language halls to speak English the first week during open exercises in order for the hall members to establish friendships.

Many people have asked Patterson about the prerequisites of joining a language hall. He said the only qualification

is that the student must have completed a minimum of two semesters of a language. Students do not have to be currently enrolled in a language class in order to be on the hall.

Students who apply to be on a language hall are required to speak that language throughout the entire year. This means that all discipleship group meetings are held in a foreign language, and the conversations among participating hall members cannot be in English.

During the American Association of Christian See **LANGUAGE** p. 8 »

# Seniors to choose roommates, receive additional privileges

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Rising seniors can look forward to some exciting residence hall changes next year.

Next fall, BJU will offer senior residence hall students the option of living in a "senior room," which will come with a variety of privileges.

Each room will house two seniors, and seniors will be able to choose their one roommate.

While seniors can have just

one roommate, Student Life will work with seniors who desire to have two fellow seniors instead of one.

Daily room checks will be reduced to only once a week, and there will be no required lights out time.

These senior rooms will be sprinkled throughout the various dorms so seniors can still interact with and invest in underclassmen.

Seniors will continue to have the opportunity to be group leaders or assistant

group leaders of their assigned discipleship group.

The option to be assigned to a senior room is open to anyone who is an academic senior and maintains a good disciplinary record.

Dr. Eric Newton, dean of students, said the goal of this policy change is to help senior students.

Not every residence hall student is at the same stage, and senior rooms acknowledge this.

Many seniors have intern-

ships, student teaching or clinicals, which make their schedules different from that of the average student.

Today is the first day students are able to submit a senior room and roommate request through the discipleship group request form on StudentCentral.

In addition to this new opportunity for seniors, underclassmen will now have the option of requesting to be in the same discipleship group as a friend.



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# A NIGHT DOWNTOWN



Collegian staffers Ian Dyke and Rebecca Snyder document their experience on a recent Friday night in downtown Greenville.

Customers peruse barrels of candy for the perfect choice at Mast General Store, whose history stretches back to 1883. Carrying an array of unusual and quality goods, the store maintains an air of heritage while remaining relevant to a modern clientele.

A team of more than 20 BJU students, including Deborah Wood and Jonathan Valadez, spend Friday nights circulating Gospel tracts to foot traffic and talking with those willing to listen. Two students share the Gospel with a man after buying him a sandwich and drink.

“[Witnessing is] nerve-wracking because you feel like you have to have all the answers,” Wood said. “But you know that God’s the one that works in the person and Jesus is the power of God unto salvation. But it’s really good practice because it’s not easy to give the Gospel, but the more you do it the easier it becomes.”



Overlooking the Reedy River Falls, the Liberty Bridge is perhaps Greenville’s most prominent landmark. The bridge, combined with iconic Falls Park, provides the perfect spot for an evening spring stroll.

Of the thousands of lights shining Downtown, the Imperial Knights of Greenville’s LED sabers may be the most interesting. Club members meet Fridays in Falls Parks to sharpen their dueling skills and attempt to master new fighting styles. Battle Master Jared Keller, the group’s founder and current leader, estimates he has over 2,000 hours of practice in saber combat. Keller invites any interested BJU students to come train.

“[IKG] incorporates a love of Star Wars and a form of martial arts combined with fencing,” group member Steven Meek said. “You learn so much—I’ve learned something every week I’ve been coming.”



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of the synonyms for this word are “ineffective,” “fruitless” and “unproductive.”

We can take God’s name in vain with our lives. I was.

I was calling myself a Christian, which means “little Christ,” but I was trying to look like the world. I didn’t want people to know that I was different.

As far as God was concerned, my Christian life was producing no results. It was fruitless and unproductive. It was in vain.

Jesus says, “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” (Matthew 7:20) We can call ourselves Christians,

but our lives can testify of a different story.

I didn’t consciously realize it, but I was denying Christ by trying to be like the world. I wasn’t living for the kingdom of Heaven, but I was living for myself.

I wanted to be accepted. I wanted to be liked.

I wanted the benefits of being a Christian—like having the Holy Spirit and going to Heaven, but I didn’t want to count the cost.

I was taking God’s name in vain with my life. Are you?

Are we choosing not to speak up? Would we rather be known as cool or hip instead of a follower of Christ?

It is easy to pray a prayer. It is easy to post a Bible verse on a Facebook status or claim “Child of the King” on an Instagram bio.

But when it comes down to

“

I was taking God’s name in vain with my life. Are you?

”

the day-to-day conversations, who are we identifying with?

Sometimes our lives can quietly slip away from God. We can stop reading our Bibles consistently and not devote any time to prayer.

We can forget our Creator in the silence of our hearts as we passively yet actively allow our hearts to walk away from Jesus. Over time, our actions will begin to look more and

more like the world as our outside lives will begin to shout the silent decay of our inner being.

Gospel conversations will become scarce. God’s Word will seem dull and lifeless.

The dreams of this earthly life—the fame and fortune: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life—will become more and more attractive.

And in the blink of an eye, we could be standing before God looking back on your life—a life that is empty, useless and vain.

As Christians, we should be different. The world won’t accept us, because it didn’t accept Jesus.

“If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” (John 15:19)

Identifying with Christ comes with a cost. But the gain outweighs the pain and persecution. As Christians, we must be ready to give an answer, and we can expect the world to laugh.

We are not of this world. Our home is in Heaven. So let’s stop trying to fit in. Let’s stop trying to be liked by the people who hate our Savior.

Let’s claim Christ with our words and actions every day. Let’s not live an empty and unproductive Christian life. Jesus gave His all for us, and we should give our all to Him.

Let’s stop taking God’s name in vain with our lives.

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## Sciortino’s brings New York-style pizza to Greenville

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Located 15 minutes from the BJU campus, Sciortino’s Trattoria & Pizzeria is a small Italian-American restaurant on Pelham Road near I-85.

The restaurant features pizzas, calzones, soups, salads, and various pasta and chicken entrees.

Inside the restaurant, staff create a calm atmosphere

with dim lighting, curtains and candles. Italian opera music plays on the speakers, and the wait staff are patient and friendly.

Guests are greeted and then served drinks and complimentary bread rolls that are covered in oil and garlic.

Customers can order pizzas in either 12” or 16” or by individual slice.

The 12” specialty pizzas vary from \$10.95 to \$11.95.

Sciortino’s deep dish pizzas begin at \$21.95. Gluten-free pizzas with mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce are available in 10” for \$11.95.

Unique specialty pizza options include buffalo chicken pizza, Caesar salad pizza and baked ziti pizza.

One interesting calzone recipe is the Hippie Roll, stuffed with pork sausage, peppers, onions, mozzarella and tomato sauce.



Sciortino’s Trattoria & Pizzeria make their sauces and dough daily from generation old recipes. Photo: Rebekah Mierta



Sciortino’s Trattoria & Pizzeria customers can eat their Italian cuisine inside, on the patio or on the go. Photo: Rebekah Mierta

A variety of fish, chicken, and veal entrees, such as chicken marsala (\$17.95), chicken parmigiana (\$15.95), veal cacciatore (\$20.95) and salmon vesuvio (\$19.95) are also on the menu.

The restaurant is part of a chain, but each restaurant has a different name.

The original restaurant is called Green Meadows. Here, the restaurant is named after the local owner and has been open for six years.

“We want people to have a good time and eat good food”

waiter John David said.

And with great service and quality Italian-American food, it isn’t too hard.

Sciortino’s Trattoria & Pizzeria is open for lunch

and dinner from Tuesday to Saturday. Hours for Tuesday through Thursday are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. The Pizzeria is open Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday 12 p.m.-10 p.m.



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## Women's soccer team trains for regular fall season

AJ PAPAGNO  
Staff Writer

After a short spring season that ended last Saturday, the BJU Bruins women's soccer team is now gearing up for its regular fall season.

"Overall I think we had a very strong spring and we [were] able to accomplish some tactically great things," women's soccer coach Chris Carmichael said.

In their first game of the spring season back in March, the Bruins tied Presbyterian College, a Division I NCAA opponent, 0-0.

Carmichael said the team's main focus during the spring season was to stay technically sharp and to get fitter, stronger and faster. The team also experimented with player combinations and positions during the spring.

"The spring is a great time to continue developing our skills as well as challenge us with difficult competition," forward Abby Davis said.

Davis also said that by playing teams in higher divisions, the team is pushed to work hard collectively and be unified as a whole.

Another highlight from

the spring season included a victory over Southern Wesleyan University earlier this month.

Carmichael said he saw some positive takeaways from the spring season.

"The team looks technically very sharp, and tactically we were able to possess the ball under extreme pressure and really relax in those situations," Carmichael said, "Players' fitness levels are very good, and we were able to compete at a very high level."

Carmichael said the team is composed of diverse talents and that everyone brings something invaluable and unique to the program.

"To that end we all work hard for each other and enjoy pushing each other to be our best," Carmichael said.

Besides playing scrimmages against other teams during the spring, the team holds practices, and the players lift weights during the week as part of spring practice.

"The spring season helps us continue to keep up and improve on our fitness levels and technical skills, preparing us to go into summer training at a high level," midfielder Lauren Foushee said.

"As I train during the spring I always try to have next season in mind, knowing that everything I am working on now is really training towards our games next season," Foushee said.

Davis said she is looking forward to chasing another national tournament in the fall as well as growing with her teammates and sisters in the Lord.

"I plan on doing everything I can to grow on and off the field," Davis said, "Working hard in every area of life helps to redirect the purpose behind why I do what I do."

The spring season also allowed the players to prepare for the fall season as well.

Carmichael said that he is looking forward to the energy and buzz of the fall preseason and seeing steady improvement in the team throughout the season.

"We remind the players to soak in every training session and game as the four years go so fast," Carmichael said.

Carmichael also said he tells his players to play for a higher calling and to strive to be mentors and leaders and to exemplify what it means to be a Christian athlete.



Bruins forward Miriam Lozano defends the ball from opponent. Photo: BJU Marketing/Derek Eckenroth



Midfielder Paige Englehart shoots for the goal. Photo: BJU Marketing/Derek Eckenroth

## bruins spotlight

### 1 | What sparked your interest in playing soccer?

"My parents encouraged me to play when the dads in my neighborhood got a team together."

### 2 | What is your favorite memory from your time in sports?

"Winning the regional championship last year after losing it freshman year."

### 3 | What are your favorite hobbies or pastimes?

"I enjoy skiing, playing the piano and oboe, and swimming."

### 4 | What do you want to do with your degree after graduation?

"I want to be a speech language pathologist."

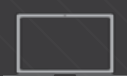


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junior

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# Senior writes, composes, produces short musical

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A BJU senior theatre arts major, Colton Beach, is spending his last semester of college producing his own one-act musical along with a small cast and crew.

*Mutually Exclusive: A One Act Musical* premieres Friday at The Spinning Jenny in Greer with show times at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for \$7 online.

As part of the event, playgoers can purchase local art and food from participating vendors and respond to an ASQ following both performances.

While Beach was in New York City this summer, Broadway conductors began to recommend that he produce original works

while still in school.

Beach initially rejected the idea, thinking it nearly impossible.

But as time went on, Beach began to cultivate the idea in his mind to the point it has become his priority even over classes.

"I have made the time for [the production]," Beach said. "It has taken over my life."

Beach composed the production's music and wrote the script. But with the musical in its first production, there are no precedents for how characters should act.

Consequently, the cast has had great liberty to invent their characters' personality and mannerisms.

Beach said he has rewritten lines and entire scenes because a cast member said a character would or would



not do something.

Original student productions on campus are rare, but original productions off campus like Beach's musical

are nearly unheard of.

Multiple media outlets have covered the premier of *Mutually Exclusive: A One Act Musical*, including a

write-up by Broadway World website and attention from local Greenville webpages.

The event is sponsored by Artios Greenville, a Chris-

tian academy with emphasis on the humanities.

Tickets are available at [mutuallyexclusive.eventbrite.com](http://mutuallyexclusive.eventbrite.com).

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ing freshmen from the rest of the University.

But Gaston resident supervisor Samantha Bennett said the women on her halls incorporated well into the University community, and involvement has been a key emphasis on the freshman floors.

Freshman Justin Reid laughed at the thought that he was somehow isolated on the freshmen floor.

"The thing is we're not

stuck here," Reid said. "It's not like they lock down the halls, or we just go to classes and come back here."

Reid and other freshmen Jason Holland and Isaac Landry said society, choir and sports teams offer them chances to meet people outside the dorm.

In fact, those students on freshman halls are very involved in campus organizations as well as with each other.

Bennett said the sense of

community is so strong some freshmen asked to stay on the hall and with each other next year.

"I think one of the huge values [freshman hall] brings is community," Bennett said. "That community started pretty much from the beginning."

Weier, Bennett and Baun said it remains to be seen how freshman floors will change dorm and campus life and affect retention rates of freshmen.

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Schools' competition week, Patterson allowed the students to speak in English while interacting with the high school visitors. However, the French hall ended up speaking both in English and in French for discipleship group discussions because they weren't used to speaking in English during that time.

Patterson said he was pleased to hear this.

"I want them to get that rapport established where it's just natural to speak that language with each other," he said.

Students who have completed one year on a language hall will be given a badge on their BJU student merit page as well as a certificate of participation. Those who complete two years will earn a certificate with merit—an award honoring their participation

in the language halls.

This year, the women's residence halls offered three languages: Chinese, Spanish and French. The men's residence halls offered Spanish. There is no guarantee, however, that the same languages will be offered each year. Language halls will change depending on the number of students who apply and the number of rooms available in the residence halls.

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