

Faculty Development

BPCU FACULTY HARD AT WORK

The faculty at Brewton-Parker Christian University strive to promote a culture of learning not only in the classroom but also in their own personal lives. Each year, BPCU faculty are provided the opportunity to engage in professional development opportunities in order to further their knowledge in their subject areas, share what they have learned, or even gain knowledge in other areas.

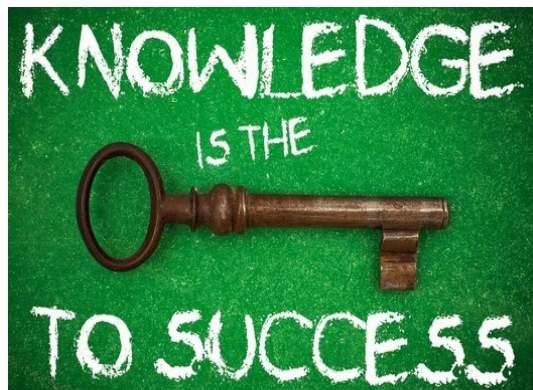
Professional development could be anything from conferences, seminars, or workshops to taking additional courses at the collegiate-level, to independent reading and research.

This annual newsletter will serve as a way for BPC faculty to communicate their ongoing commitment to learning and growth with their peers. If you would like to be included in the next Faculty Development Newsletter, submit your professional development information to the Provost Office by June 15, 2026.

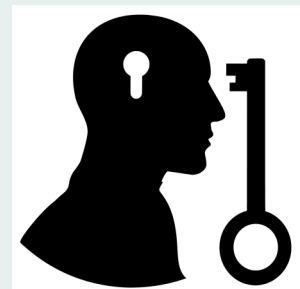
CONTINUING EDUCATION

During the 2025-2026 academic year, **Blake Kirby** Instructor of Nursing enrolled at Grand Canyon University to complete her Master of Nursing. She plans to complete her degree Spring 2026.

During the 2025-2026 academic year, **Karl Hay**, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems, and Chair of the Business Division enrolled at Liberty University to complete his Doctoral degree.



During the 2025-2026 academic year, **Toni Banks**, Assistant Professor of Business and Vice President of IER & Director of AI Initiatives enrolled at University of the Cumberland to complete her Doctoral degree in Artificial Intelligence (AI).

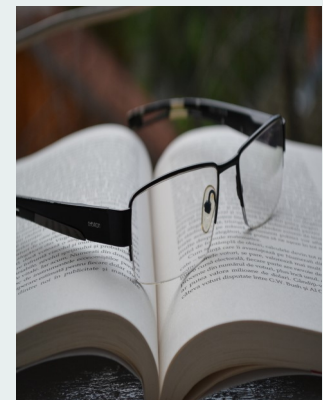


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THERE IS SOMETHING NEW TO LEARN EVERY SINGLE DAY...

It is no secret that a good teacher requires a good education. For that reason, our faculty strive to stay up-to-date with the ins and outs of their changing fields of study by going to conferences and watching webinars. Below is a small listing of those participating in learning events this year.

Mrs. Donna Jean Braddy, Associate Professor of Nursing, has attended the Georgia Association of Nursing Educators (GANE Conference in February 2026. She also completed 1) Responder Strong First Responder Mental Health Course and 2) Stop the Bleed Course with Toombs Montgomery EMS.

Beverly Faircloth Assistant Professor of Education and Chair of the Division of Education, Behavioral science & Humanities, completed a 3-day training with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission to become a GaPSC Approval Reviewer.

Dr. Nicole Shepard Professor of Business and Chief Financial Officer has served on two SACSCOC review committees this fiscal/academic year.

Brewton-Parker Christian University

Brewton-Parker Christian University is a six--year, coeducational Christian liberal arts college accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges. Brewton-Parker offers more than twenty areas of undergraduate study to a diverse population of students in the micropolitan setting of Mount Vernon/Vidalia in the south-central region of Georgia. As a Georgia Baptist institution, Brewton-Parker affirms the supremacy of Christ and expects members of faculty and administration to model Christian values before the students, in their professional activities, and in their lives.

New Programs and Degrees

Brewton-Parker has a new program that will begin Fall 2026:

- Master of Kinesiology

PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

Numerous faculty take the time to give back to education by participating in or presenting research papers at conferences around our area.

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Dr. Matthew Haley and Dr. David Wilson both served/led at Surge 150 (the Georgia Baptist Music Camp) this summer. They also took a group of students to serve with Jubal Ministries on their Cuba mission trip this past fall.

PEP UPDATE & PLANNED EXPANSION

Brewton-Parker College is pleased to announce that our PEP team met with our Commission representative (formerly SACSCOC) to discuss next steps related to approval and program expansion. We feel confident in sharing the following updates:

Current Compliance: We are in compliance with operating in all four prisons, as we received official Board approval for the two locations requiring approval.

Future Expansion: We are permitted to expand under the PEP designation, provided we follow the applicable Off-Campus policies and procedures regarding notification and/or approval.

Based on this guidance, the PEP team is planning to onboard **Long State Prison** for second-session courses, with approximately **40 students** available for enrollment. Our current plan would be to offer a three-credit-hour core course along with our one-credit-hour BPC Success course.

WELCOME FACULTY HIRED 2025-2026

Please join me in welcoming our newest faculty members who are joining the BPC family.

Rena Beasley (2025), Assistant Professor of Education & Lead Faculty for Master of Education Program Division of Education, Behavioral Sciences, and Humanities B.A., Augusta State University; M.Ed. Georgia Southern University; Ed. S., Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University

Eric Carney (2025), Associate Professor of Kinesiology Division of Education, Behavioral Sciences, and Humanities—B.S., M.A., Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus; DPT, Massachusetts General Hospital of Health Professions; additional studies in Spinal Manipulation, Dry Needling, Osteoporotic from American Academy of Manipulative Therapy; Vestibular Rehabilitation Specialist, American Musculoskeletal Institute

Darlene Dickens (2025), Assistant Professor of Biology Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences - B.S., M.Ed., Ed.S., Georgia College

Kyle Findley (2025), Assistant Professor of Sport Management Division of Education, Behavioral Sciences, and Humanities - B.S., M. S, University of Georgia

Blake Kirby (2025), Instructor of Nursing, School of Nursing B.S.N., Georgia Southern University; Preliminary Studies for MSN, Grand Canyon University

Anna Reese (2025), Assistant Professor of Biology & Exercise Science, Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, B. S. Middle Georgia State University, M.S. Grand Canyon University

Cynthia Reese (2025), Assistant Professor of English, Division of Education, Behavioral Sciences, and Humanities , Assistant Textbook Coordinator, Title IX Compliance Office & Alternate Section 504/Civil Rights Officer, B.S. Brewton-Parker College; M.Ed., Georgia Southern University; M.A., Valdosta State University

Susan Todd (2025), Assistant Professor of Biology (Part-Time) Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences - B.S., M. Ed., Georgia Southern University; additional graduate studies at Illinois State University

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Still Looking. . .Faculty Needs

Brewton-Parker College is currently looking to hire for the following faculty positions:

- Christian Studies
- Chemistry
- Business Administration (Management)
- Kinesiology
- English (Prison Program)
- English (Dual Enrollment)
- Please direct potential candidates to the employment page on the BPC website.