



Student Bios

Brian Wood is an army veteran who served during the period between January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2017. He is currently working toward an Associate Degree in Computer Engineering Technology at Isothermal Community College.

Taylor Mitchell is a US Navy veteran. She served for 2 1/2 years. Taylor is currently pursuing her nursing degree at Western Carolina University. She has a passion for the ocean, and is currently learning to free dive.

Patrick Barton is a native of Transylvania County and graduated from Rosman High School. After graduation, Patrick entered the US Army and served in the Reserve for 8 years. During that time he was deployed to Afghanistan. Upon discharge from active duty, Patrick became a police officer with the City of Brevard Police. He worked there for nearly 10 years primarily in the capacity of a narcotics detective including a 2 and ½ year assignment with DEA. Patrick has since left law enforcement and is awaiting graduation from Mars Hill University in December with a degree in psychology.

Robert Buchman is a Navy veteran currently attending Western Carolina University pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. He enjoys hiking and camping with his dog.