April Stern, Director of Early College
ECA Program Overview

- Offer a progressively rigorous academic experience
- Courses offered on-site at Cecil College
- Cohort learning model 9th and 10th grade
- College scholarships provided
- Transferrable Credit
- Parental access to college records
CONTINUOUS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT PROGRAM
Increase college completion rates
Develop awareness of collegiate culture
Provide an alternative pathway to college enrollment
Academic Features

- Concurrently complete high school & college requirements
- Complete an Associates Degree in General Studies
- Assess college skills levels intermittently throughout the program

Academic milestones:

- College-level writing skills demonstrated at conclusion of sophomore year of high school
- College-level math skills demonstrated at conclusion of junior year of high school
Support Services

- ECA orientation required prior to every semester for parents and students
- First-Year Experience course required
- Students assigned same college advisor for four years
- Academic Success seminars required for three years
- Access to tutoring, library resources, writing center, math lab, and computer labs
- Academy Director serves as single point of contact for parents
Admissions Criteria

During the spring of 8th grade, students should provide the following application materials for admission:

- A transcript (or its equivalent) with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- A college admissions application
- College bound scholarship eligibility form
- Student questionnaire
- Parent and child acknowledgement of expectations
ECA Cost

➢ On average, an Associate’s Degrees is 60 credits.

➢ Cost of tuition only is approximately $3,660 for in-county residents with the Cecil College Scholarship.

➢ Cost of tuition only is approximately $7,320 for in-county residents without the Cecil College Scholarship.

NOTE: Cost based on 2019-2020 tuition rates and are subject to change.
# ECA Curriculum

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ECA Student Outcomes

- Cohort 1- Juniors average GPA 3.48 (5 semesters)
- Cohort 2- Sophomore average GPA 3.75 (3 semesters)
- Cohort 3- Freshmen average GPA 3.86 (1 semester)
Applications are due no later than July 15th

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