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Student Life Welcomed Seahawks to Campus

Cecil College Office of Student Life welcomed new and returning students to campus this fall with fun games and activities. Students enjoyed outdoor games and ice cream on the quad, a matinee showing of *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* in the Milburn Stone Theatre and a carnival-themed club day during Welcome Week.



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NEWS & EVENTS

Cecil College Opens The Academic Success Center

In our continued efforts to make academic success our number one priority, Cecil College opened the Academic Success Center this fall semester. The Center provides free tutoring for students in math, reading and writing as related to courses offered at Cecil College. The opening was celebrated with an open house allowing students to experience all the Center has to offer and pick up some Cecil swag!



BIOLOGY CLUB HOSTS PUMPKIN FEST

Students in Cecil College's Biology Club hosted Pumpkin Fest on October 31. Club members shared pumpkin recipes and fun facts about pumpkins while offering cider, cider doughnuts, seasoned pumpkin seeds and candy.



NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

Cecil College students and faculty celebrated National Chemistry Week in October. Faculty offered fun and challenging questions and activities for students to learn about this year's theme, the healing power of chemistry.



ART & DESIGN STUDENTS WORK ON EXHIBIT

The Art & Design Student Exhibit and pottery sale held an opening reception on Friday, December 1, in the Elkton Station Gallery. The exhibit features ceramics drawings, paintings, designs, sculptures, and ceramics selected by the art faculty, representing the range of work created in the program. Some of the artwork is available for sale with proceeds benefiting art students. The exhibit runs through January 10 and is part of Elkton's First Friday Art Loop.

To view student artwork online, visit <https://arts.cecil.edu/FallExhibit>.

Learn more about the arts at Cecil College by visiting arts.cecil.edu today!



PARENT'S CORNER



95% of graduates surveyed would recommend Cecil College to a friend or family member.*

*2023 Cecil College Graduate Survey

Parents and guardians play a vital role in their student's education. Cecil College makes it easy for you to find information necessary to answer your questions. Visit cecil.edu/admissions/parents to learn more about:

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CECIL COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL 2024 PREVIEW

Cecil College Men's Basketball heads into the holiday break looking forward to an exciting second half of the season.

The new year brings a trip to New York as well as back-to-back ranked opponents in Orange County and Monroe College (Jan. 6-7).

The Seahawks' first home contest of 2024 features a showdown with conference foe Allegany (Jan. 13). Just four days later, Howard travels to Cecil in a matchup that is sure to have postseason implications.

After a four-game stretch on the road, the Seahawks return home in mid-February for three straight contests. A February 28 matchup with Montgomery (MD) completes Cecil's regular season schedule.

The Seahawks are set to host the Region 20 D2 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments on March 8-9. The winners receive an automatic bid to the NJCAA Division 2 National Basketball Championship.



Did you know? Our commitment to academic excellence is the driving force behind the high transfer rate of Cecil College student-athletes to four-year institutions to further their academic and athletic careers.

In addition to our focus on outstanding academic performance, Seahawk student-athletes have achieved the highest athletic recognition on an individual basis, including:

- All-Maryland JUCO Conference Team
- Region 20 Student-Athlete of the Month
- NJCAA All-Region 20 Team
- NJCAA Region 20 All-Tournament Team
- NJCAA All-American

Academic Excellence and Athletics: a winning combination at Cecil College! Learn more at www.cecilathletics.com.

FALL SPORTS HONORS

Cecil College Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball recently wrapped up their 2023 seasons. Three student-athletes were named to All-Region 20 D2 teams.

MEN'S SOCCER



AIDAN HAYES - SECOND TEAM

Hayes, a sophomore goalkeeper from Trinidad & Tobago, goes down as one of the best between the pipes in the history of the program. He finished third in the NJCAA with 136 saves this season. Hayes made at least 10 saves in a half-dozen games.



LEON NJOROGHE - HONORABLE MENTION

Njoroge, a sophomore from Kenya, made a major difference in the Seahawks defense after arriving in late August. He played a key role in helping Cecil collect four shutouts this season.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



LILY LANDIS - HONORABLE MENTION

A sophomore libero from Elkton, Maryland, Landis led the Seahawks in digs (223) and aces (39) this season. She finished with at least 10 digs in 14 of her 17 matches, including season-high 23 digs against Westmoreland.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Meet Cecil College Alumna Holly Martin

Holly Martin has a passion for nature and the way the modern world interacts with and affects the natural order of the environment. When she came to Cecil College, she was looking for a career path that would help her understand these impacts and possibly provide her with opportunities to make changes for the better.

Now in her senior year at Towson University, where she will complete her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies with a minor in biology this spring, she is networking to develop connections with non-profit organizations focused on environmental justice. With more than 73,793 acres of agricultural land in Cecil County, she is passionate about the intersectionality related to concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO) in Maryland and the role of environmental planning.

“There were three reasons Cecil College stood out for me upon graduating high school. It gave me an affordable way to pursue my dream of higher education while still being close to home. Thirdly, it enabled me to get a head start on classes by taking online courses while still in high school,” said Martin, a 2020 alum of Perryville High School. “Many of my courses at Cecil College laid a foundation for my coursework at Towson University. I transferred most of my prerequisites and core requirement courses, allowing me to start my upper-level courses immediately.”

A native of Conowingo, Martin learned of the top-quality environmental and biological courses offered at Cecil College from family members who previously went through the programs. Cecil College offers an Associate of Applied Science in Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, Bioproduction, Equine Studies, Horticultural Science, and Physics.

Through the advice of family members and talking with classmates in her first semester at Cecil College, Martin laid the foundation of her education. She quickly discovered the sciences came naturally to her, embraced the course work, and made positive connections with the faculty.

“Christine Warwick and Heather Cadogan were my favorite professors as they were amazing at breaking down complex processes for students and offering

extra help to ensure each student understood the material,” said Martin. “Professor Warwick had us do study guides at the end of each chapter, and at the time, as a new student, I didn’t quite understand their benefit. But looking back, they were great to study material for exams, and I’m glad she pushed us to do them.”

Martin realizes her interest in environmental sciences goes hand-in-hand with the issue of climate change, which has become an industry. As a powerful economic driver, investment in climate change industries within the United States has grown from \$890 million in 2015 to more than \$576 billion in 2022, according to Environmental Business International research firm.

“Cecil College’s environmental science concentration was a great foundation and helped me in successfully transferring to Towson University.”

that covered the cost of tuition, books, and some of her living expenses.

“I was awarded the Battelle STEM Scholarship, the Cecil Pride Scholarship, the Collegium de Vinum Scholarship, and the Zalewski Family Scholarship. These scholarships helped me stay focused on my studies as they helped relieve any worry about financials. Many students I knew at Cecil College also worked part-time or full-time jobs while pursuing their academic goals. Knowing there is less of a financial burden on a student can be a big game changer,” said Martin.

Martin encourages high school juniors and seniors to find various ways to save money; don’t assume going into debt is the default to go to college. She advises that high schoolers reach out for local scholarships, attend a local college to reduce costs, or take online courses over the summer to get a head start.

“Too many students feel they are missing out on the “college experience” if they do not immediately go into a four-year university. In the long run, avoiding student debt and obtaining a good education is more valuable. You can still have two years to experience those; don’t feel pressured to take the same path as everyone else,” advises Martin.

Martin’s goal was to complete her education with little college loan debt, opening the doorway to work for a non-profit upon graduation. At Cecil College, she applied for and was awarded several scholarships



“I would recommend Cecil College to anyone. The instructors are excellent to work with and the small class sizes make for better connections with students and instructors.”

Matt R.
Engineering
Cecil College, ‘23
UMBC, ‘25

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The Cecil College Foundation provides scholarships to recent high school graduates as well as adult students. All current and future students of the College are encouraged to apply.

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