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Learning Moved Outdoors This Spring

Students in classes and clubs took learning outdoors this spring.

Biology Club students participated in the EarthEcho Water Challenge by testing water in the portion of North East Creek that runs through campus. Students tested the turbidity, temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen level of the water, indicators used to determine the quality of the water and how well it can support living organisms. Results were uploaded to a worldwide database and can be viewed at monitorwater.org.

Painting students tested their skills at the Plumpton Park Zoo. The spring weather was ideal for both artist and animal alike, a partnership that made for some great art. Art and Design students are partnering with the Zoo to raise money for the animals through art.

Students in Introduction to Engineering Design took catapults designed and built in class out to the quad for testing. One catapult's projectile repeatedly traveled approximately 64 feet landing in the center of the quad.



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NEWS & EVENTS

GRAD EVENT DAY 2023

Cecil College hosted the annual Grad Event Day in April where candidates for graduation had an opportunity to purchase their caps and gowns, pick up graduation tickets and enjoy lunch. Representatives from Career Services were on hand to help students polish their resumes, and alums from the Alumni Association were there to welcome students to the club.



Cecil College Student Illustrates a Children's Book

A childhood dream became a reality for Ethan Kellum after publishing his first book with author Leasy James. Kellum, an art and design major at Cecil College, illustrated *To Who You Will Be*, a children's book about a parent's love letter to their child.

"One of my lifelong dreams has been to have my work published. I have always wanted to be a professional illustrator, and this book has been a dream come true for me," said Kellum.

Kellum is perfecting his style while pursuing an Associate of Arts in Art and Design at Cecil College. He plans to transfer to the University of Delaware for a bachelor's degree in fine arts or graphic design.

Kellum's creativity was recently on display as a cast member of the *Sponge Bob the Musical* stage performance at Milburn Stone Theatre, where he played the role of Patchy, the Pirate. Theater has been a creative outlet for him since middle school, and he landed a role in the Spring performance of *Godspell* at Milburn Stone Theatre.

"I try to stay active while attending Cecil College because I think staying connected with the community is important. I've been a part of so many cool experiences, I've met so many people and made so many friendships and connections," said Kellum. "Cecil is a tight-knit community, yet it's such a welcoming and supportive community."



Poster Contest Winner

Cecil College freshman Andrew Toll embraced and captured the importance of individuals with autism and the significance of their contributions to society. Toll's design was the winning submission to the Neurodiversity Poster Contest sponsored by Cecil College's Office of Disability Support and Wellness in celebration of Autism Acceptance Month. "The concept was to humanize people who have autism. They are humans too; the only difference is that they have other needs," said Toll.

The Neurodiversity Poster Contest was open to all Cecil College students to provide an inclusive and creative platform for students to express their hopes and concerns related to autism and neurodiversity. Toll was awarded a new laptop for his winning design.



PI DAY CELEBRATION

Students joined Math Lab staff to celebrate Pi Day, an informal mathematical holiday celebrated on March 14 (3/14), the date comprising the first three digits of the number pi (3.14159...). Students enjoyed pie, made Pi Day bracelets, wrote "Piku" poems and participated in fun math activities.

PARENT'S CORNER



97% of graduates surveyed would recommend Cecil College to a friend or family member.*

*2022 Cecil College Graduate Survey

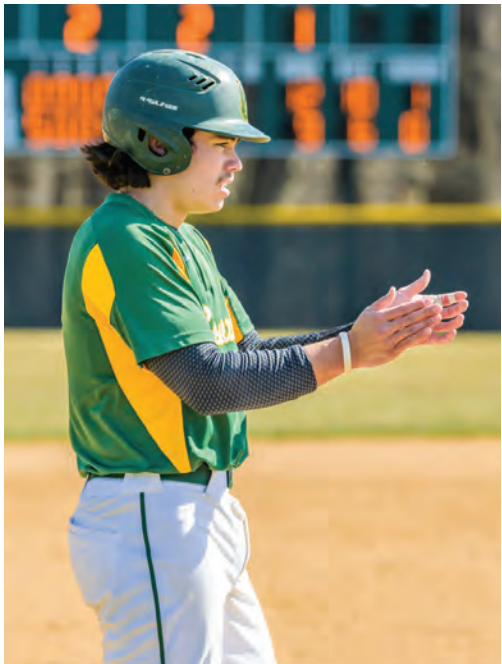
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CECIL SEAHAWKS



CECIL BASEBALL TURNING HEADS THIS SPRING

Cecil College Baseball returned this spring for a successful 2023 campaign. The Seahawks surpassed last year's record with 22 wins this season. A blend of experienced returners as well as an exciting freshman class proved to be the right mix for their success.

Under NJCAA Hall of Famer Head Coach Charlie O'Brien, the Seahawks posted a .297 batting average. Cecil's offense produced 87 doubles and 10 triples, both of which land top four amongst Region 20 Division 2 teams. Leading the charge on offense was sophomore Pat O'Brien, who topped the team in batting average and stolen bases.

Cecil's pitching staff stepped up their game as well this season. The Seahawks' starting rotation was headlined by Kyle Stively (4.71 ERA), Joel Blanco (54 strikeouts), and Rafael Solano (four wins). As a unit, Cecil pitchers tossed the third-most strikeouts in Region 20 with 338.

The Seahawks received a boost from their schedule, with the majority of their games being played at Cecil College. 17 of their 22 wins came at home as a result, including a sweep of NJCAA D1 opponent Hagerstown and a dramatic win over Montgomery in the home finale.

Cecil ended the regular season with a sweep of CCBC-Dundalk on the road, which earned the Seahawks a spot in Region 20 D2 postseason tournament for the first time since 2018.

For more information on the Seahawks, be sure to check out cecilathletics.com.



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

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Three Seahawks Named to the All-Region 20 Division 2 Team

The Seahawks' Vernon Simmons, Nick Carrington, and Marlon Lewis have been selected to the All-Region 20 Division 2 team.

Carrington makes the list for the second time while Simmons and Lewis land on the team for the first time.



VERNON SIMMONS
First Team | Sophomore | Guard

- Averaged 15 points per game, tied for the team lead
- Led Cecil with 7.9 rebounds per contest
- Finished with 10 double-doubles
- Had at least 10 points in 23 of his 32 games
- 10 games with at least 20 points
- Dropped a season-high 31 points against Pitt CC



NICK CARRINGTON
Second Team | Sophomore | Guard

- 2021-22 All-Region 20 Honorable Mention
- Tied for the team lead at 15 points per game
- Led the Seahawks in assists (3.2) and steals (1.9) per game
- Collected at least 10 points in 31 of 32 games
- Hit the 20-point mark three times
- Scored a season high 30 points against Sullivan County



MARLON LEWIS
Honorable Mention | Sophomore | Forward

- Led Cecil in blocks per game (1.7) and field goal percentage (49.6%)
- Average 11.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game
- 20 games with at least 10 points
- 15 multi-block games
- Earned four double-doubles
- Dropped a season-high 19 points against Hagerstown

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Cecil College was a perfect fit for First-Generation Alumna Jessica Cooke

Discovering one's passion sometimes takes a lifetime. For others, it comes in an inspirational moment. That was the situation for Jessica Cooke when she first placed her hands in wet clay in the ceramic studio at Cecil College's Elkton Station.

"Painting has been a passion my whole life. But if I hadn't decided to attend Cecil College, I would never have discovered my love for working with clay and the empowerment it instills," said Cooke, a 2018 North East High School graduate. "I now know the direction I wish for my life."

Cooke planned to attend Cecil College for two years as it enabled her to keep her job and save money while working toward an associate degree. Fortune was in her favor as Elkton Station was closer to her home than Cecil's main campus, which put the possibility of taking a ceramic course on her pathway to success. "I tried out a class thinking it was something different in art, and that class was my introduction to ceramics. I loved it so much that I changed my major to fine arts," said Cooke.

Upon graduating from Cecil College with an Associate of Fine Arts, she transferred to Salisbury University, where she carried over her passion for ceramics. Being in a university setting assisted in growing self-confidence on the potter's wheel along with sculpting. Cooke found confidence through the ability to help classmates with challenging tasks in addition to her skill loading kilns, which is a very meticulous chore. In May of 2022, Cooke completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

"Jessi's creativity, enthusiasm, and academic success made her a standout student in the Art and Design Program," said Cecil College Art Professor Lauren Vanni, who runs the ceramic's lab. "She was continuously recognized for her outstanding work, and she earned the departmental award in Art & Design in the spring of 2020. This award goes to an outstanding student selected by the art faculty. Her achievements continued as she pursued her bachelor's degree at Salisbury University."

"All of Jessi's wonderful qualities that made her a standout student then, make her an integral part of our team in the ceramics studio at Cecil College today. We are happy to have her back in the studio helping students as the Ceramics Studio Assistant. She is an inspiration to students," said Vanni.

Cooke has now returned to her first alma mater to perfect her skills as a studio assistant at Cecil College's ceramics lab. This offers the opportunity to enhance her knowledge of pottery and ceramics. The continual challenge remains making glazes that produce the outcome she seeks for each pottery piece.



Working in the Elkton Station studio also allows Cooke to experiment with the different clay forms, as each has its unique quality. "Working in the ceramic studio, I am doing what I love. I am helping other students, and I am learning new skills. It is an extensive learning process

because I want my own studio someday. I cannot wait to get into the studio to work on my projects."

Her dream is to establish an art studio where community members can come to make art and learn more about ceramics and painting, and she has begun to gather equipment, including a kiln given to her by a family member.

"I plan to save money in the next few years and determine the next step. In the meantime, I am trying to learn as much as possible," said Cooke. "I want a pleasant, inviting environment. I would love to have a place where people want to come to create their art, discuss their work, and help one another."

While pottery and ceramics are her primary focus, she hasn't forgotten about her first love of painting, looking for a way to integrate both mediums. Her current work is on display in the Milburn Stone Theatre Gallery. Through detailed paintings and playful ceramics, Cooke explores nostalgia, grief, forgiveness, and layered identity. Her current exhibit, Memory Garden, uses sentimentality as a love letter for old childhood memories and to seek closure from inevitable realities. Memory Garden will run through July 18. For more information, visit www.cecil.edu/galleries/.



Seahawk Colin is graduating with a degree in General Studies. Colin is heading to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University after graduation. Congratulations, Colin! Thank you for choosing Cecil College.

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