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END-OF-SEMESTER KICKBALL GAME

Faculty, staff, and students took to the turf for an end-of-semester destressor event with a game of kickball hosted by the Office of Student Life and Cecil College Athletics. The game was played on the turf soccer field with two dozen participants.

Teams were made up of a mix of students and staff with Ed Durham, Director of Athletics holding the position of pitcher. The hour-long competition was heated with the winning team securing the win by one run.

This first event of its kind was dubbed the Sunshine Showdown. The Office of Student Life plans to make this a bi-annual event by hosting kickball games in both the fall and spring semesters.

Other end-of-semester events included a breakfast bar, board games and puzzles, puppies, and painting with a twist, co-hosted by the art club.



BREAKFAST FOR BUSY STUDENTS

The Office of Student Life provided breakfast for students during finals week. Busy students could fuel up, connect with others on campus and recharge at the Cecil Cereal Bar.



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Cecil College Student Presented First Place at 2024 Maryland Scholars Summit

Cecil College is thrilled to share the news that Linsey Saccenti, one of our esteemed students, was presented with the prestigious Best Creative Work Award at the 2024 Maryland Scholars Summit on Saturday, April 27. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional talent and dedication of our students.

Cecil College, in partnership with Harford Community College, hosted the annual 2024 Maryland Scholars Summit. The Summit brought together students from community colleges across the state to showcase their wide range of scholarly endeavors. As in previous years, the summit provided an interdisciplinary forum for students to present their scholarly work, fostering intellectual exchange and collaboration.

“It was amazing to be a part of something as special as this. And to have my story and artwork win in the creative category was an honor I couldn’t even imagine,” said Saccenti.

Saccenti sculpture is titled “Martin the Master of Mischief,” inspired by a character she created for a short story. In the story, the main character is a cat named Martin, who lives life free from any complaints. His only mission is to expand and protect his collection of tidbits, which he keeps safely stored under the bed. That is until a second cat is welcomed into the house, putting Martin’s life’s work at stake.

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The sculpture Saccenti created for this storyline shows Martin sitting at the top of his masterpiece. It features the yarn, dice, coins, and puzzle pieces that he’s collected. This story has inspired Saccenti to storyboard, write, and illustrate a children’s book.



NEWS & EVENTS



Cecil College Business Lecturer Mark Krysiak and Aidan Hayes attended the 103rd Annual Transportation Research Board Meeting in Washington, DC

Cecil Student Recognized for Research at National Event

Cecil College’s Aidan Hayes was among college students recognized during the 103rd Annual Transportation Research Board Meeting in Washington, DC, during the week of January 6-11.

Hayes was a recipient of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship scholarship this past year and the first Cecil College student to be honored for his research work in the field of national transportation. The Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration.

Hayes and the other DDETFP Fellows were presented with certificates of achievement for their research around transportation. His research was entitled “How transportation companies can contribute to a cleaner environment and meet the growing societal demand for eco-friendly transportation.”

Student Work on Exhibit

Students in Art & Design and Visual Communications Programs Exhibit Work

The Art & Design Student Exhibit and pottery sale held an opening reception on Friday, May 3, in the Elkton Station Gallery. The exhibit features 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 July 24 and is part of Elkton’s First Friday Art Loop.

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

The Visual Communications Program hosted the Spring Student Exhibition on Wednesday, May 8, on the North East Campus. Mediums and works on exhibit included photography, graphic design, video, gaming and simulation, and web design. Some of the artwork was available for sale.

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



CECIL COLLEGE SCIENCES Celebrates National Lab Week

Cecil College students and faculty celebrated National Lab Week in April. Faculty offered fun and challenging questions and activities for students to learn about this year’s theme, “The lab is everything.”



STUDENT VETERANS CLUB Holds Memorial Day Ceremony

The Cecil College Student Veterans Club held a Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony on Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21, in the Quad on the North East Campus. Members of Cecil College faculty, staff and students, the community, and local Veterans gathered over the two days to place a flag in memory of a Veteran. TAPS was played at noon on May 21 to honor all those killed or missing in action.



Gardner Receives Donald J. Waldon Memorial Scholarship


Cecil College is proud to announce that sophomore Keshawn Gardner was the recipient of the Donald J. Waldon Memorial Scholarship and was honored during the annual banquet at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, Md.

Gardner completed an associate degree in Early Education in May. A native of Perryville, Md., he attended West Nottingham Academy before coming to Cecil College. He was a Cecil College men’s basketball team member for the 2023-2024 season.

“My goal is to become a third-grade teacher, and this scholarship has assisted me in paying for my entire tuition and books this year. Without this wonderful fraternity, I feel I would not be in the good financial position I am in today,” said Gardner, a first-generation college student.

The 47th Annual Donald J. Waldon Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Up to two Cecil College students are eligible to receive full tuition, including fees and books, from the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity scholarship annually.

PARENTS’ CORNER



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

*2023 Cecil College Graduate Survey

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CECIL SEAHAWKS



SPRING SPORTS HONORS



JAIDEN GUY - ALL-REGION 20 DIVISION 2 TEAM
Guy led the Seahawks with 4.5 assists per game and 2.0 steals per game. The freshman guard also finished second on the team with 13.2 points per game, scoring at least 10 points in 20 games and over 20 points in a half-dozen contests. He is the only Cecil College player to record a triple-double this season, posting a 27-10-10 statline in a victory over Prince George's on Feb. 19.

A New Castle, Delaware native, Guy played his best basketball late in the season. He was rewarded for his effort by being named the Region 20 D2 Player of the Month in February. He averaged 16.3 points over nine games, scoring 11 or more points in eight of them. This included a career high 28 points in a victory over R20 D1 opponent Baltimore City.

SOFTBALL RETURNS TO CECIL COLLEGE

The Cecil College Softball program returned to the diamond for the first time since 2018!

The Seahawks earned a historic first win of the season March 22, defeating the Westmoreland Wolfpack 19-11. Those 19 runs are our most runs since 2017!

Freshman outfielder Jhaydin Ledford made national headlines early in the season, leading all players at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division 2 level in batting average and on-base percentage for several weeks. The North East High School graduate finished the year 11th in the nation with a .531 batting average. Ledford went on to be named to the All-Region 20 Division 2 Softball Second Team for her play this season.

If you are interested in joining the Cecil College Softball program, visit cecilathletics.com and select the "Get Recruited!" tab underneath the "Student-Athlete" dropdown.

Cecil College Softball Returned to the Diamond in 2024
Check out the highlights at Cecil College YouTube!



GO, SEAHAWKS!



COUPER STALA - ALL-REGION 20 DIVISION 2 TEAM
Stala led the Seahawks with .414 on-base percentage, 33 RBI, 17 stolen bases, and eight home runs. The redshirt-freshman outfielder also finished second on the team in batting average (.300) and doubles (11). An Aliquippa, Pennsylvania native, Stala collected a hit in 26 games this season.



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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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Meet Cecil College Alumna Rebecca Huegel

From an early age, Rebecca Huegel’s favorite words were “why” and “how.” She was naturally inquisitive and hyper-focused on learning the answers to those two words. That determination persisted through elementary school and into junior high school when she learned about the Early College Academy program at Cecil College.

“I was very intrigued by the Early College Academy (ECA) program and heard good things about Cecil College and its community. I knew I was only in eighth grade but wanted to be in the program. It was the best decision I ever made,” said Huegel, who graduated from Cecil College in May 2023 with an associate degree in general studies and then walked across the stage at Perryville High School four weeks later to receive her diploma.

Cecil College’s ECA program accepts students entering ninth grade who have demonstrated academic excellence in their class. They start as freshmen and sophomores by taking introductory-level college classes and studying skills training from Cecil College professors who travel to Perryville, Elkton, and Oxford high schools. The teens take higher-level courses in their major on the North East Campus during their junior and senior years to complete an associate of arts degree.

As her junior year at Perryville was approaching, Huegel was looking forward to attending classes on the Cecil College campus, but she also had apprehensions due to her hearing impairment. Would she be able to keep pace with her classmates? Would there be assistance to help her understand the lectures? Would the instructors be accepting? Those uncertainties were laid to rest when she met with Raegen Iler, Coordinator for Accessibility Services, to discover all the services available to assist with her studies.

“The accessibility services department and Raegen Iler were great about providing accommodations to assist me in my studies. Cecil College had so many resources to help with my hearing impairment,” said Huegel, who has cochlear implants to help overcome her hearing loss. She depends heavily on lip reading and struggles to take notes during lectures. “Having preferential seating and a peer notetaker for lectures were a huge help and benefit in my success. Without these, I would have struggled to keep up with the lecture and comprehend the information.”

Huegel found the faculty not only understanding but extremely compassionate and willing to help her overcome her disability. Psychology Professor Meredith Lutz-Stehl and Business Associate Professor Adele Foltz didn’t just become mentors for Huegel; they became her guiding lights, leading her toward her academic success.

“I loved every minute of Professor Lutz-Stehl’s class. She taught me so much in such a short time and forever changed my studying and writing habits. Two semesters later, I had Professor Foltz for accounting. She helped me to find my love for accounting, and I loved every minute. I’ve kept in touch with her and

will forever remember her impact on my studies as she helped me to decide to major in accounting,” said Huegel, who is pursuing her bachelor’s

degree in accounting at Goldey-Beacom College to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a master’s degree. “The ECA program was a good way to get the general classes done while exploring other fields of study and get a feel for what I wanted to do. The introductory classes within the different majors helped me to decide to major in accounting after Cecil College.”

Attending Cecil College helped Huegel grow academically, professionally, and personally. She notes that the coursework and professors taught her valuable life, academic, and work lessons. She came away with enhanced study skills, improved writing abilities, the confidence to present her ideas in public, and most of all, the self-assurance to prepare for an interview that landed her an eight-week internship with Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A., an accounting firm in Wilmington, Del.

The mentorship Huegel received from the faculty at Cecil College and Goldey-Beacom College has instilled a desire to pay it forward when she is established professionally within a few years. She is looking forward to helping the next generation realize their dreams.

“Some advice I would give juniors and seniors in high school considering college is to apply to multiple schools, give it your best effort every day, and, even when it gets hard, learn from your mistakes. Never, ever be ashamed to ask for help. College professors want to see you be successful,” said Huegel.



“I graduated from Cecil College with an associate degree in accounting and am transferring to Towson University to finish my bachelor’s in accounting. Cecil College Foundation scholarships helped save me money, and the small class room sizes made every class personal. The supportive faculty and staff helped me succeed.”

Nora W.
*Cecil College, '24
Towson University*

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