

Name: Christina

Major: Business Administration

Primary Campus: CCBC Essex

Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland

First Semester at CCBC: Fall 2020

CCBC Involvement:

- First-Year Experience Mentor Program
- FYE Summer Bridge Mentor (Summer 2021)
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- Business Club Member

Interests/Hobbies

- Painting/Marker Art
- Jump roping
- Youtube/Video editing
- Travel
- Although I don't have much time these days, I love to read
- Watching TV
- Business
- Tennis

Interesting Facts

- I lived in China for 5 years.
- I speak 3 languages.
- I have 3 siblings.
- My favorite number is 3.
- I am currently interested in opening up an online shop to sell my artwork in the near future.
- I love ice cream. My go-to is strawberry ice cream.
- In high school, I played the cello.

What has helped you succeed so far at CCBC?

- When I first started out at CCBC, I had no idea where to begin. I was told to reach out to an academic advisor, who has been a great source of help to me throughout my first year at CCBC. Whether it was helping me choose my courses for the semester or providing information about the transfer process, she was very patient with me and informative.
- I would say because my time management skills are pretty strong, it has helped me get tasks done before the deadline. I keep organized by printing out a calendar and writing my assignments and outside school responsibilities down in advance. I cross out tasks as I go, and it's the best feeling knowing that I am almost done for the day and that I can finally have some me time.

- An affordable education. I feel like financial stress can prevent a lot of people from reaching their goals. CCBC offers many scholarship opportunities that have allowed me to focus on school and not worry a whole lot about costs. That being said financial literacy is still important wherever you go.
- My peers and my determination to be the best version of myself have further facilitated my success at CCBC. Everyone has their own struggles, and I know that everyone's journey is different. I keep that in mind, and I feel inspired by the people I work with and meet. Everything happens for a reason. Good or bad. But at the end of the day, it is about trusting the process and believing in myself.

Why did you decide to become an FYE Mentor?

- One day, I was looking through the CCBC Newsletter, and I came upon the opportunity to get involved and be a part of Student Life. In high school, I was heavily involved and took on too much at once, eventually leading me to feel unmotivated and burnt out. Then Covid-19 hit, and I was beginning to lose my sense of self. However, after taking a break from extracurriculars, I thought why not give myself another chance and see where this program might take me. So, I applied to be an FYE Mentor for the Spring 2021 semester, and I got accepted. I am glad to be a part of the First-Year Experience team, and I've gotten to meet people along the way that have shaped my character development. I enjoy my work in helping others succeed at CCBC, and if I'm able to guide them and make a difference...even if it's a small one, I'm all for it. My advice for anyone who is starting out at CCBC or wants to learn something new is to give yourself a chance. You may never know how much one can accomplish. Give it a go!