

**Name:** Lauryn Flanagan

**Major:** Arts, Design, and Interactive Media (ADIM)

**Primary Campus:** Catonsville

**Hometown:** Baltimore County, Maryland

**Time at CCBC (When did you start at CCBC?):** Fall August 2018

**Clubs, Activities, etc. (CCBC Involvement):**

Previously, I was involved in Proudly Rallying behind the Intersectionality of Social Minorities (P.R.I.S.M) as well as the Photography Club. I am looking into joining the Art Club as well as the American Sign Language Club.

**Interests/Hobbies:**

1. Photography/Photo Editing
2. Singing
3. Listening to music
4. Creative writing (when inspiration hits)

**Interesting Facts:**

1. I have taken choir/vocal music from elementary school up until my junior year of high school. I've always loved singing, even though I always was and still am nervous about it.
2. I am somewhat of a good writer. In the past, I have won awards and trophies for some of my essays. I even was a runner up for the Champions of Courage Essay Competition in 2015-2016 and even had my segment appear on TV.
3. I have been taking photos unprofessionally for about 3 years. In the future, I would love to start a small photography business.

**What has helped you succeed so far at CCBC?**

One of the main things that's helped me so far is all of the mentoring staff, my professors and my family. Their support pushes me to keep going even when everyone else tells me to quit.

Another thing that helps me is knowing that even though things can get difficult, I'm one step closer to my main goal. If someone else can do it, why can't I?

**Why did you decide to become an FYE Mentor?**

I decided to become a mentor because I wanted to get out of my comfort zone, meet new people and put the best version of myself out there. I also wanted to be able to help students get more acclimated with CCBC as well as also allowing them to become more comfortable being themselves.