

## FYE Mentor Profile

**Name:** Zeal Goolesby

**Major:** Major in Science/Marine Biology

**Primary Campus:** Catonsville

**Hometown:** Catonsville, MD

**Time at CCBC:** Fall 2018

### CCBC Involvement:

- Green Club
- Phi Theta Kappa~ Vice President of Service
- Honors Program

### Interests/Hobbies:

- Obsessed with reading fictional books
- Adores writing fictional stories and poems
- Enjoys baking a variety of desserts~ donating some, eating some
- Using my microscope to view my blood sample was pretty neat
- Writing my book
- Watching kid cartoons

### Interesting Facts:

- I have been published multiple times
- I have over sixty Tsum Tsums
- I have been certified in child care and food safety
- I legitimately preformed a spell on myself when I was a child

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

- So far, the student success center has been very helpful. My rival has always been math, so the tutoring sessions in the success center were great when I need explaining on how to solve certain problems. I am very slow at understanding math equations and doing simple math in general, but the professors were there to help with specific problems I brought, which helped me because I was able to focus on one thing at a time.
- Another factor that helped me succeed so far is the connections I made while on campus. I can say with certainty that if I had not chatted with my classmates, I would not have found out about any of the clubs I am involved in. I found out about the Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa through a friend and would have never gained interest in FYE had I not attended Orientation. Attending events and socializing, if only for a couple hours, can have the possibility of building connections that will later effect your life.

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

I decided to become an FYE Mentor because I understand how it feels to be a newcomer, and not just in college, but in anything. For some people, being the "newbie" can be scary. I would not say I was scared per se when I began college, but I was nervous. I want to help diminish some of that nervousness other students might have. I do not want them to hesitate asking questions because they do not know where to start asking. I want them to come to me and ask. I want to be there for the freshman and help their college experience go as smooth as possible. I have always been interested in helping others, too, whether it be my friends too lazy to get themselves a spoon at lunch, a homeless shelter in need of volunteers, or a lost student on campus. If we all helped one another, I think there would be less fear and more confidence in going through life.