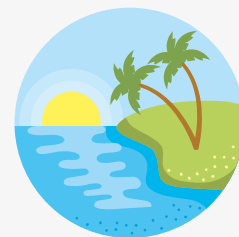




SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Student Spotlight:

Kelli Fincher

Meant to be: I remember receiving an e-mail about STEM Core, so I applied. I didn't really know what it was about so I didn't think I wanted to go forward. Later on I spoke with my pastor who said **a scholarship was coming for me**. Just after that Malissa told me I had been accepted into STEM Core, and I knew this was supposed to happen.

Overcoming obstacles: My major challenge with school is math. What's being taught now isn't what I learned. I haven't been in school for 12 years. When the pandemic shut things down it was even more of a change with the teaching structure. I've been working in **hospital settings**. It's really different.

Sisterhood: There is not a lot of mentorship for young women, and lots of them don't have help. My own experience helped me open my eyes to create a **mentorship platform**. I want to open a door to help young women out. Everyone thinks you party party party in your 20s and then start to worry about life at 30-no! Women need to be prepared to be bold and successful. They should be comfortable at 30.

Many kinds of wealth: Invest in yourself. Don't just focus on your career. Get certified in other things. Learn about investing, coding, and stocks; foundational literacy. Get your mind into **entrepreneurship**, so if your plan doesn't go the way you want to go, you will have foundational literacy to fall back on.



ACCELERATING POTENTIAL



**Hacked
& Loaded**

STEM Core's in-house cybersecurity internship ran virtually through June 2021. Each team designed an original network security plan and presented their capstone projects in front of a panel of judges.

Mike Simmons and Quintin Ott earned the highest presentation score for their security design. Congratulations to the winners, and to all of our interns for an amazing experience!



MEET THE INTERNS!

From left to right, the 2021 summer interns were Kelli Fincher, Kaylah Johnson, Michael Simmons, Sandy Sergio, Quintin Ott, Jeba Chowdhury, Stephen King, and Nicholas Arellano.

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REMEMBER!

STEM Core will enroll you in the correct accelerated math course, but it is your responsibility to register for the rest of your electives and classes to fulfill your major requirements. Talk to an academic advisor for help.

SUMMER CHECKLIST:

Register for Fall 2021 classes, beginning on Monday, August 30th.

Book a tutor or study group for a review session before class begins to start off strong

Wait until the first day of class to purchase books and materials in case the professor is able to provide different or online resources

Prepare to come back on campus safely by booking a vaccine appointment at the Essex campus and stocking up on reusable masks.

For more information on CCBC Essex's weekly Friday vaccine clinic, please check out the link below.

Remember, the clinic is free for residents of Baltimore County, and so is parking.



The IRL Page:



FOR EVERYONE:

Has STEM Core helped you get through the semester? Want to expand our community? Refer a friend to the STEM Core program for a chance to win a gift card! **Admissions for Fall semester are rolling through August.** We also accept applications all year round! If you are already a member of STEM Core, no need to apply again, just email us your confirmation for participating in the 2021-2022 school year.



FOR CAMPUS INFO:

Some hybrid classes are now in session. Make sure to double check your registration to see if a class that you signed up for is online vs in person. Remember to remain socially distant, and double up on your masks!



TO FIND YOUR WAY:

Sign up for your Focus 2 profile to learn about your strengths, values, and interests in relation to possible majors and careers. Go to the CCBC homepage, then resources for students, then career center, and scroll down to the "Focus 2" bullet beneath the "Move Ahead With Career Services" banner. Remember, "CCBC" is the access code when you first create a profile.



SCHOLARSHIP MONEY NOTICE:

If you receive funding from CCBC or scholarships for the fall, it may not reflect in your account balance until a few weeks into the semester. Don't panic if you receive a bill before the semester begins. You can check with financial aid here: <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Costs-and-Paying-for-College/Help-Paying-for-College.aspx>



FOR FALL SEMESTER:

If you are planning on applying to internships or jobs this fall, put together a first draft of your resume before next semester begins. Once you have a template, you can edit that to best fit each application instead of starting from scratch.

Want to see updates on something specific to your interests?
Email stemcore@ccbcmd.edu with your ideas!

