

Name: Blessing

Major: Business Administration

Primary Campus: CCBC Catonsville

Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland

First semester at CCBC: Fall 2015, I did ESOL for two years.

CCBC Involvement:

- First-Year Experience Mentor Program

Interests/Hobbies:

- Gym
- Hiking
- Watching shows
- Listening to podcasts

Interesting Facts:

- I am the first person to go to college in my family.

What has helped you succeed so far at CCBC?

- Planning ahead helps me a lot. Planning helps me focus on what I have to do for each class or next semester.
- Planning helps to critically assess the goal to see if it's realistic. It allows setting a time frame by predicting when the goal can be achieved.
- I have a family that supports me, especially my parents.
- Now, I have the FYE mentor team. I learned a lot in such a short period of time. I used to study by myself, but now I have friends that I can study with.

Why did you decide to become an FYE Mentor?

I got to the United States pretty late. Most of my time in school was learning English in ESOL classes. I did not know I could be a part of anything. I have never joined a school's club or played sports in high school because I thought you have to be smart in order to do those activities. Then, I was looking through CCBC webpages back in Spring 2020. I learned about FYE, and I really like what they do. I thought I should apply for it. I wanted to be a part of a team that is able to help students like me. Shortly after I got to be a part of the team. So far, I am learning that you don't have to know everything to be something, and I learned that I should always ask questions/help if I need to.