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Move toward your academic finish line without breaking the bank
You're speaking my language!
by Mary Liberto Pless

There are more than 914 million English speakers worldwide. Of that, just 331 million speak English as a first language. That leaves more than 500 million people who are bilingual. Those who only speak one language—English—might have some catching up to do.

New more than ever, world languages are becoming important not only for travel or communicating with your in-laws, but also for getting a leg up in business, manufacturing and economic relations.

CCBC Continuing Education offers an extensive bank of world languages, giving students ample opportunity to study the language of their choice and become better connected to the world. More than just teaching vocabulary and grammar, CCBC’s World Language courses present cultural aspects of the language, history, customs and nuances of the country of origin, and strategies for developing language skills.

“Our Continuing Education classes focus on developing conversational skills through practice and interaction with the instructor and other learners,” says Don Elliott, CCBC Coordinator of Life Enrichment. “World Language students find this to be an important part of their learning process, and it gives them a better feel for both the formal and colloquial aspects of the language.”

Kate Hamill, an English teacher at Catonsville High School, has been studying French at CCBC for the past eight years. She and her husband, Steve Getttings, love the Saturday morning class.

“It has become the highlight of our week,” she explains. “We gather together as people who love the language, travel, and being part of an ongoing community dedicated to lifelong learning.”

With a little practice, you can have a “good morning” wherever you go!

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What speaks to you?

CCBC offers credit and/or Life Enrichment courses in:

- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- French
- German
- Korean
- Italian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tagalog

Visit www.ccbcmd.edu for a schedule of classes.

Don’t just survive school—THRIVE!
by Carla Parish Ward
Coordinator, Student Success Center, CCBC Catonsville/Owings Mills

Whether you’re a teenager making your way through high school, or a “40-something” finding yourself back in class after a double-decade absence, you might not think you have the skills to survive—let alone thrive—in the classroom. It doesn’t have to be that way.

Even if it has been a while since you’ve worked an algebra problem, read a classic novel, or written a sentence containing more than 140 characters, just take a deep breath and follow these “Top 10” steps to conquer any class.

1. DON’T BE AFRAID. You’re not alone. There are people and resources to help you along the way. Identify and reach out to them.

2. GET COMFORTABLE WITH YOUR SURROUNDINGS. Tour your school so you know where to find your classes and resources like tutoring, advising and counseling. Attend orientation.

3. CLEAR THE COWBELLS. The less clutter in your study space and in your head, the more time you will save. Organize your space.

4. SHOW UP. Even if you don’t understand everything discussed in class, you will benefit by simply showing up each day.

5. SMILE AND SAY HELLO. You will feel more at ease with classroom activity. Classmates can make good study buddies.

6. TAKE GOOD NOTES. Write down things the teacher emphasizes, repeats or writes on the board. These tend to show up on tests or quizzes.

7. GET TO KNOW A LIBRARIAN. Librarians are amazing heroes who can come to your rescue when Google and Wikipedia “research” just won’t cut it with your teacher.

8. READ SOMETHING—EVERY DAY! It can be a favorite magazine, a blog, even a comic strip.

9. THINK—ABOUT EVERYTHING. Critical thinking skills help you express your thoughts in a meaningful way.

10. HAVE FUN. Learning new things requires work, but it is also exciting and enlightening.

Tips for learning a foreign language in a classroom setting

- Take classes, not shortcuts. Listening to a CD while sleeping isn’t really an effective way to learn a foreign language.

- Choose an in-demand language, whether for personal or business reasons. Learning resources and people with whom you can practice will be easier to find.

- Go above and beyond class requirements. Watch a foreign movie (no peeking at subtitles!) or cook an ethnic dish.

- Immerse yourself! Use your new language skills in everyday interactions. Find a native speaker who can practice conversations with you.

Making the connection

A recent survey of 300 hiring professionals reported that 91 percent of employers use social media in recruiting new staff. This should not be a surprise since the three social media giants—Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter—now have 1.5 trillion users.

How can social media help you maximize your career success?

First, a few cautions.

- Refrain from complaining about work issues, colleagues, pay or other conditions online. Avoid over-celebration of snow days, counting down to the weekend or vacation.

- Don’t boast your own horn without regard to others. Expect the same give and take, rules of courtesy and acknowledgment as in any face-to-face community.

- What goes online is searchable and often indefinable. Remove any content or photo tags that could damage your work life reputation.

Be active, creative and professional in your social media connections.

- Verify privacy settings so you know who will be viewing your status updates and photos, videos, comments and “likes.” Use good judgment when adding coworkers and supervisors.

- Consider creating a profile on LinkedIn or other professional sites where you can be found by recruiters, network with others in your field, and advance your knowledge through groups.

- Follow the LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter accounts of companies you would like to work for. Network with current employees and get the inside track on hiring and preparation for interviews.

- Use blogs, Twitter accounts and online marketplaces like Pinterest, Etsy, Craigslist, Amazon, eBay, Instagram or Tumblr to advertise your products or services.

Want to know more?

Contact CCBC’s online career counselor at career counselor@ccbcmd.edu or by calling 443-840-3131. Ask about Maximize Career Success, a new one-credit course at CCBC that explores the impact of social media on job search and advancement.
BRINGING IDEAS TO LIFE

by Hope Davis

Taking a product from concept to production can be daunting. It involves a lot of time, effort—and in most cases—money. But CCBC’s Fab Lab is making it easier for creative people to make that leap from idea to reality.

The Fab Lab is a high-tech workshop where entrepreneurs, product developers, inventors and business people can get help making prototypes of their inventions. After taking a three-hour introductory class, anyone can make use of Fab Lab resources.

“Small businesses and entrepreneurs no longer need to make a heavy investment in prototyping equipment,” says Doug Kendzierski, CCBC department chair for Applied Technology. “The process has been transformed by personal fabrication technology. The Fab Lab allows you to make a small investment which could result in big returns if you come up with a marketable product.”

Entrepreneur Shelly Nicholas and her business partner felt they had reached an immovable barrier in their efforts to market an innovative design for elastic hair ties. Producing a prototype for their product, Pretty Knotty, would be costly.

“We could have invested thousands of dollars in developing a prototype and not had a product that worked the way we envisioned,” says Nicholas. “We just didn’t have that type of capital to spend.”

When Nicholas discovered CCBC’s Fab Lab, it breathed new life into the project.

“The Fab Lab helped us do exactly what we wanted to do-test the idea before making a big investment,” explains Nicholas.

After taking the introductory course, the entrepreneurial duo was able to use the lab’s software and equipment to create four prototypes. Plus, they had knowledgeable CCBC instructors to guide them through the process.

“To have access to the education and the opportunity to use the equipment was a dream come true,” Nicholas says.

The current plan is to make changes to the Pretty Knotty design and then move on to testing, patenting and raising start-up capital. But without the help of the Fab Lab, she doesn’t think she and her partner would have gotten this far.

“The Fab Lab is a hidden gem,” exclaims Nicholas. “It’s an amazing resource for the community.”

Shelly Nicholas (below) created working prototypes of innovative hair accessories using CCBC’s Fabrication Lab technology.

Veterans make transition from combat to classroom

by Hope Davis

“Combat veterans may feel like recluses when first transitioning into college,” explains Army veteran and CCBC student Chris Schuyler. “Civilians often don’t understand our terminology or what we’ve been through. While others seem so carefree, we often just sit back and observe. Adapting to the college environment can be difficult.”

With that in mind, CCBC continues to find new ways to reach out to its veteran population. One visible improvement is the development of Veterans Service Centers on campus. These centers provide a designated space for veterans to connect with their peers and obtain literature on GI benefits, scholarships, financial aid and academic counseling.

A new component has been added to CCBC Veteran Services: the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) initiative. This innovative program offers educational outreach and mental health services to eligible veterans. CCBC is working with the Veterans Administration Maryland Health Care system to offer this extended outreach and care.

Through the VITAL program, student veterans have enhanced access to mental health services offered outside of CCBC. Veterans can make appointments to see a VA-provided clinical psychologist on site at CCBC Catonsville three days during the week. The goal is to create simplified pathways connecting veterans in need of specialized services with the resources they require.

“I think these additional services are a great idea,” says Schuyler. “I appreciate having a dedicated space for veterans on campus. With adequate support and resources, such programs can be expanded and provide a better experience for veterans transitioning to college.”

To find out more about veterans services at CCBC, visit www.ccbcmd.edu/veterans or call:

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By Mary De Luca

It’s the time and value factors that make this program so beneficial.

Michelle Still, daughter of Emily Still, junior at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology and PEP student.

Parallel Enrollment (PEP)

With the Parallel Enrollment Program, you can complete anywhere from a course or two to an entire semester of college credits while still a junior or senior in high school. Baltimore County residents pay just half of CCBC’s in-county tuition rate.

Visit www.ccbcmd.edu/pep or call CCBCCatonsville, 443-840-4716 CCBC Dundalk 443-840-3616 CCBC Essex 443-840-1362

PEP ROUTE SAVINGS SHORTCUT!

Save big on the tuition costs of 15 college credits:

As a PEP student: $797
As a CCBC student: $1,590
As a Towson University student: $2,830

Diploma to Degree

For most high school students, taking on a full college course load during high school would be quite a challenge. But a few highly motivated students selected for the Baltimore County Public School (BCPS) – CCBC Diploma-to-Degree (D2D) program are doing just that.

Scheduled to complete the program in 2014, these D2D students will simultaneously earn an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies at CCBC and a high school diploma from BCPS. For information, call Timothy Hayden, BCPS Office of School Counseling, at 410-887-0291.

Following the Pathways

It’s smart and it works! Career Pathways places students in an actual workplace environment that matches up with what they are learning in high school. It starts in a Baltimore County Public High School, continues at CCBC, and culminates in an associate degree, further postsecondary study, or employment in a technical or other career field.

You can earn up to 23 free college credits upon successful completion of one of the BCPS high school Career and Technology Completer programs. Check out the details at www.ccbcmd.edu/techprep.

Go to UMBC

$28,340

Go to Stevenson University

$94,248

Community college credits cut costs
to complete a bachelor’s degree*

* Comparisons based solely on tuition rates effective Fall 2012 for Baltimore County residents and do not include other costs and fees.

When you get a good foundation, it’s easy to build upon it. You never get complacent and you’re always learning something new every day.

Benjamin Rogers, who completed Core Construction Pre-Apprenticeship training at CCBC Randallstown in 2010, Benjamin is now in year two of a four-year electrical apprenticeship to earn his journeyman status.

More savings!

Interested in earning as much as $8,000 more per year and about $400,000 more in your lifetime? Put in as little as two years (full time) or about four years (part time) to earn a postsecondary academic credential – an associate degree or certificate.

For a fast track to sustainable employment, pick up a professional license or certification through one of CCBC’s many trade and industry-specific career training programs. These intensive training programs prepare you for quick entry into fields as diverse as technology, health, construction, manufacturing, education, security and business. Check out your options at www.ccbcmd.edu/ceed.

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Kofi Osei, 2011 Eastern Technical High School graduate who enrolled in CCBC with 16 articulated credits in Network Technology and nine more PEP credits, enabling him to complete his associate degree in December 2012 and begin studies at UB in the spring of 2013.

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GET STARTED CLOSER TO HOME.

Because so much of my education at CCBC was paid for by scholarships, I should financially be able to attend graduate school. CCBC has helped make grad school a reality for me.

Jillian Gates, CCBC Class of 2012, transferred on full scholarship to UMBC.

Many students accepted into their “dream schools” haven’t counted on the more than $50,000 a year in tuition, not to mention room and board, books and other living expenses. Starting your college career at CCBC can get you the same degree – but for a whole lot less.

Enroll in a transfer program at CCBC, graduate with your associate degree and 31 credits, and be ready to transfer to your dream school. Even better, you can still be eligible for scholarships. Your CCBC degree also guarantees you admission to any school in the University of Maryland System.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ARTICULATED CREDITS.

Credits earned at CCBC can translate to credits honored by another college or university. To see exactly how your CCBC credits in a variety of transfer programs can save you time and money at partnering colleges and universities, visit www.ccbcmd.edu/agreements/college_search_viaprogram.html. The link will also give you access to a video with sound advice from transfer graduates.

I wanted to be able to use most of my credits once I went to a university. CCBC made sure that happened for me.

Kesharna Brooks, CCBC 2011 graduate, now enrolled in Stevenson University’s Paralegal Studies program.

It can be hard to pay for school without getting into debt and working a regular job. Financial aid gave me the push to keep moving forward without having to stress over tuition costs.

Shanka Lofton, CCBC Class of 2012, financial aid and scholarship recipient who transferred to University of Baltimore.

DO YOUR FINANCIAL AID HOMEWORK.

Learn all you can about financial aid basics, how to apply, how to save and borrow money, how to avoid long-term loan debt and more by viewing a short “Financial Aid TV” video series at http://bit.ly/ccbchelps. With the right amount of prep work, you can secure aid from a mix of federal, state and institutional sources, and perhaps arrange for an on-campus student employment position.

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$795

$4,777

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The world saw a typical college student, pressed for time and money.

CCBC saw a problem solver, doing college the smart way.

When UMBC junior Kassandra Sandacz realized she needed to pick up a Spanish class, she thought of CCBC. Our winter and summer courses offer a fast, convenient and affordable way for students enrolled at other colleges to accelerate their futures.

For Kassandra, that meant taking an online class, on her own schedule, for just five weeks. And the best part? Her CCBC class cost about 80 percent less than similar classes at UMBC.

WINTER CLASSES ENROLLING NOW!
January 2 - 18 (3-week session)
January 2 - 25 (4-week session)

Visit www.ccbc.edu or call 443-840-CCBC.

“Taking a course during the summer was less stressful, and it was online, so I was able to work around my schedule!”

Kassandra Sandacz
Junior, UMBC
CCBC summer student