



Biomolecular Sciences

BMS student profile

Since 2018 Amellia Lyn has been the smiling face of Student Service Center, now located in room 101 in the Applied Innovation Hub, the new engineering building next to the library. Amellia is not just part of CCSU at the center from 8 am-4 pm, she's a full-time student here as well. Her activities on campus don't stop there. A BMS major, she is chair of the CCSU Biology Club and also is a mentor for other students.

The Biology Club (<https://thelink.ccsu.edu/organization/biologyclub>) has a hybrid meet-up every other Wednesday at 4:30, combining in-person attendance in NC 231 and online through Teams.

"Every club gets a grant, and we'll use most of ours to attend the Eastern Colleges Science Conference, ECSC, this April in New Rochelle," Amellia said. "The grant will cover our hotel and transportation costs." At the conference, CCSU students learn about other undergrad students' research and present posters of their own—and there's an awards banquet.

Even if students don't wish to attend the conference, the club has other activities. "We are getting different graduate schools to come talk to our members." The schools are recruiting students for their grad programs.

Amelia mentors through the Central Success Center, part of the Career Development Office. "To be a mentor, you need a GPA of 3.2 or better," she said. She currently has five students she meets with. "I help my mentee through their first year at CCSU giving them advice through tough situations, help them understand the advising notes their professors give them, schedule next semester courses, and ultimately be a big sister to my mentees."

She has advice for students interested in the medical profession. "Do the hands-on work as soon as possible. You need the hours to get into medical school and to figure out what you enjoy doing."

Last spring and summer Amellia shadowed an APRN at a regional cancer center and that experience confirmed her desire to go to medical school. A course in emergency medicine (BMS 380 training for Emergency Medical Technician) piqued her interest in that field. "My future goal is to go to med school and study cardiology, emergency med, or oncology."

As for students still working on their undergraduate degree, she says, "Don't be afraid of BMS! The professors are incredibly supportive and they understand students' circumstances."



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