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SGA Hosts Executive Elections

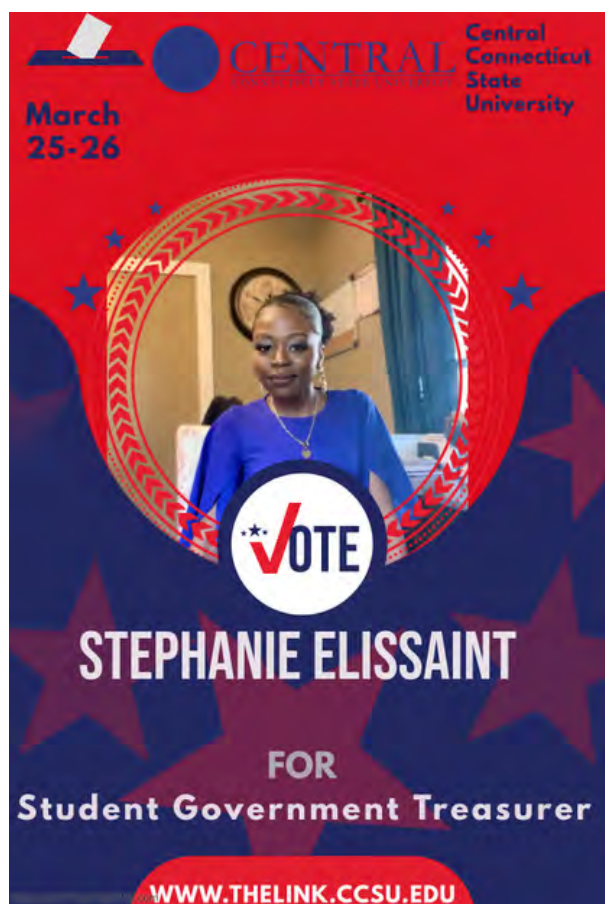
The SGA Executive Board Elections began on March 4th-10th with Candidate declaration. Then campaigning began on March 10th and lasted until March 24th. The Executive Board Debate on Wednesday, March 24th, at 7:15pm featured all the candidates answering questions from the debate moderators, Scott Hazan, Director of Student Activities & Leadership Development and Dr. Robbin Smith, from the Political Science Department.

There were also questions from the audience for each candidate as well. Voting began on March 25th and ended March 26th at 11:45pm.

SGA Elections Continued



There were flyers posted on the SGA Instagram account of all the candidates, and they had a voting contest for the first 100 voters to get a free t-shirt. On March 27th the winning candidates were announced through email to all students at 5pm.



The Presidential candidate who ran uncontested was Nicole Elsingner. Elsingner is the current SGA Treasurer, and this is her second year in the role. She has been a member of the SGA senate since her first year at CCSU.

The Vice Presidential candidates were Ola Olamuyiwa, Kelli Parady, and Martin Reyna. Olamuyiwa is the current Interim-VP of the SGA, and Parady and Reyna are current Senators.

The Treasurer candidates were Stephanie Elissaint, and Austin Sahms, both current SGA Senators.

The new SGA Executive Board for the 2021-2022 academic year is:

- President: Nicole Elsingner
- Vice President: Ola Olamuyiwa
- Treasurer: Stephanie Elissaint

The future Executive Bboard is going to start meeting with the current Executive Board soon to start transition of leadership and prepare for the next academic year. Elsingner is ready for a great year at CCSU and being able to support the student body in the beginnings of transitions back from remote to unground experiences and learning.

The Show Must Go On - Spring Week



Above is a logo created for Spring Week 2021, which will appear on many promotional items in April.

Boxes of T-shirts have been filling a small SA/LD closet since March 2020. These T-shirts, purchased by the Inter Residence Council (IRC) and Central Activities Network (CAN) were part of the preparations for a New York City themed Spring Week before Covid forced everyone home. To honor last year's plans, and to get the t-shirts out of storage, IRC and CAN are resurrecting NYC themed events for the month of April. While student groups are unable to host trips to the Big Apple, they are able to bring elements of the city experience here to CCSU. While some event elements are tentative, please let your students know they can follow @can_ccsu to get up to date information!

Calling all student film makers! CAN is partnering with Campus Movie Fest to bring the largest student film festival to CCSU, virtually. Students who are interested in making their own short film must submit their piece by **April 12** at <https://campusmoviefest.com/ccsu>. Watch your movie premiere LIVE on the virtual red carpet on April 29th. Email us if you have any questions at ccsu.can4@gmail.com!

Have you ever been to a movie night in Bryant Park? CAN will be screening Disney Pixar's *Soul* on Tuesday, **April 13** at 7:30PM at an outdoor location TBD. There will be a limited number of promotional blankets distributed at the event for students to sit on. *Soul* follows a NYC music teacher/jazz musician through a journey to realize his dreams.

Break-a-plate is a great way to relieve stress. The Central Activities Network is working with a vendor to host this event safely on Wednesday, **April 21** at the Club Fair from 12PM - 3PM in the Student Center Circle.

Though we won't be able to recreate the bright lights of Times Square, the students will be hosting NYC Style hot dogs, zany characters, and a green screen photo novelty on Wednesday, **April 28** at 1:00PM.

IRC, CAN, & REC Host Spring Week: More events are in the works for April 19-24, including a Basketball Shot Contest on April 19, a Paint Night on April 20, IRC Pub Trivia on April 21, an Earth Day celebration on April 22, Karaoke Night on April 23, and an in-person viewing of a virtual Spring Concert on April 24.

Seniors Are Feeling Appreciated this Spring

CLASS OF 2021

The Senior Toast was held on Sunday, **March 21** to celebrate the Class of 2021. The weather turned out to be an asset, as speeches were able to take place in a socially distanced manner as the sun set on the CCSU campus.

Videos from faculty and staff were played inside the Semesters area of the Student Center, where seniors could pick up a flute filled with sparkling cider to toast with. The theme of the event was very apparent to anyone who happened to be walking by. There were 5 small fire pits spread throughout the 7 Centuries Courtyard outside of the Devils Den, as well as a live ice-sculpting demonstration.

The Senior Class Committee would like to thank everyone who made this event possible. From submitting videos, catering, Student Center tech services, and live speakers, it

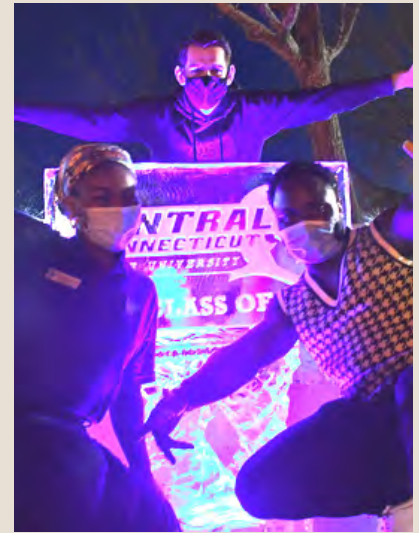
truly took the campus community to make the Class of 2021 feel special.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

The stress experienced by our students resulting from personal financial difficulties is worth exploring in more detail given the challenges they may face when it comes to the growing burden of student loans and job prospects in this Covid economy. But how do you get students to talk about money when it is a clear source of stress?

You go to Tik Tok!

On **March 25**, the Senior Class Committee hosted Nicole Victoria aka No Budget Babe, a Tik Toker, CEO, and money coach. Instead of talking about how to make a budget, she focused on how to have a better relationship with finances and acknowledge the psychology around money.



IN THE NEWS WITH *campus recreation*

STAYCATION EVENTS

CCSU Campus Recreation hosted various events during Staycation week. Each event was led by student employees who enforced COVID policies and helped to make it a super successful week. There were residents, commuters and faculty that all got involved in the festivities.

The goal was to provide students & staff with an outlet to get involved, and that was accomplished. In the future, they look forward to providing more activities for students, staff and faculty to come together for.

STAYCATION Week: 3/15-3/19

- Intramural Soccer Tennis Tournament (4:30-6:30pm)
- Triathlon (5:00-7:00pm)
- Twilight Yoga (7:30-8:00pm and 8:30-9:00pm) various days
- Paint-A-Pot (3:00-5:00pm) twice during the week
- BINGO (7:00-8:30pm, 50+ Participants hosted in person & virtual)
- Intramural Pickleball Tournament (4:30-6:30pm)
- Cardboard Canoe Race (6:00-8:00pm, 5 teams participated)



LADIES WHO LIFT

On March 8th, CCSU Campus Recreation and The Ruthe Boyea Women's Center debuted the Ladies Who Lift fitness program. There have been a number of staff and students in attendance that have made it a space where women feel comfortable! This is a fitness class aimed to help women feel empowered and comfortable in our weight room. Fitness instructors Samantha McCreath and Abigail Searl are leading the class and educating women on proper form and technique! This class occurs on **Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:30pm.**

FITNESS CLASSES

Campus Recreation

- Monday...
 - Aerobic Boxing 12:00pm
 - Ladies Who Lift: 7:30pm
 - Yoga: 7:30pm & 8:30pm
- Tuesday
 - Circuit Training with Sam: 9:00am
 - Strong by Zumba: 4:15pm
 - Zumba: 6:00pm
 - Yoga: 8:00pm & 9:00pm
- Wednesday
 - Aerobic Boxing: 12:00pm
 - Ladies Who Lift: 7:30pm
- Thursday
 - Circuit Training with Sam: 9:00am
- Saturday
 - Circuit Training with Sam 12:00pm

To register a spot in a fitness class, go to: myrec.ccsu.edu.



SPRING CLUB FAIR: A CLUB REGISTRATION "LAUNCH PARTY"

Student-led clubs and organizations are going to be invited to participate in an event on **April 21, 2021** from 10AM - 3PM. While this event may resemble a Club Fair, the true intention is to celebrate their accomplishments while also connecting with leaders about end-of-year tasks.

While club fairs are usually a recruitment method, this program is really a launch party for Club Registration.

Club Registration opens on April 5th on the virtual engagement platform The Link (thelink.ccsu.edu). SA/LD will be encouraging clubs to host elections for new leadership in order to get the new club executives ready to lead in the fall.

Students may be reaching out to faculty members to see if they are willing to be their club's faculty advisor. This position supports club initiatives and creativity.

STUDENTS LEARNING @ LATE NIGHT PROGRAMMING

With the weekly Devil's Den events, it gives club leaders the opportunity to plan and execute events on campus, or virtually, for their peers.

On **March 4th** Tea Club Student quote from Charles Hosek: "I'd have to say, our Program Advisor Genovese played a critical role in building our tea club event, and the club's success wouldn't have been made possible without her. Genovese's brilliant attitude allowed us to get the most out of our event, engaged while assisting ideas and generating buzz in residual events. Genovese goes beyond her roles and is detrimental for aspiring clubs to flourish after the pandemic."

The Japanese Culture Club hosted a "chill night" for the campus community on **March 11th**. Club President, Ellie Gamauf, says "It was a very different experience compared to hosting a regular Devil's Den. But we made the best with what we had and we're very satisfied with the turnout it had. I wasn't expecting many people to be there but we're happy that some stayed nonetheless. We also knew that not many of our members could attend but happy that people who lived on campus were able to have a fun time. Overall, it was a nice experience and would hope that Devil's Den events can still be a thing moving forward."



March 18th the Inter Residence Council hosted a Poetry Slam, their first event of the semester. "It was awesome getting to host an in-person activity that all residents and commuter students were welcome to be apart of. We are excited for the next Devil's Den gathering in April. Nothing beats the feeling of the CCSU community!" said Jaden Diaz, IRC Vice President.

On **March 25th** CAN hosted a Trivia Night with the host of HQ Trivia, Scott Rogowsky. Student leader, Isabella Cenatiempo, got to experience working directly with the talent to prep him for the show. Which will help her in the field of hospitality and tourism.

UPCOMING DEVILS DEN EVENTS:

- April 1: Out of This World with the Geology & Planetary Science Club, featuring the film Contact, Dip N Dots, and a green screen novelty that makes it look like you're in space!
- April 8: Be Mindful with Habitat for Humanity featuring DIY air plant and succulent novelties and a smoothie food truck.
- April 15: Paint Night with the Muslim Student Association featuring free food!
- April 29: Caribbean Festival with the United Caribbean club, featuring a guest DJ!
- May 5: Drag Ball hosted by the Pride Club!



RESIDENCE LIFE CORNER



Spring Greetings from the Department of Residence Life!

Spring has sprung @CCSUResLife and with it brings fun times, room picks and fall enrollment. As we move out of COVID times, we are excited to already see an uptick in our fall housing enrollment numbers. We can't wait to have more students move back onto campus! On the sunny side of things, we are excited to offer new meal plan options for fall, which will save our students dollars.

We will also offer some special new Living Learning Communities, LLCs for short. Our Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) are on-campus communities designed for students with common majors or academic interests. Students in our LLCs will be clustered together within specific our resident halls. Students enrolled in the LLCs will receive extra support and mentoring by skilled faculty in their subject area. Additionally, LLC students will be offered special programs and themed events that will offer a "wow" experience. These LLCs will include options in such areas as Education, Nursing, Equity, Justice & Inclusion; Explore; and theme housing for Freshmen and Graduate Students. More information on LLCs and how to register soon. Watch for emails.

The Resident Assistants across campus are taking advantage of the incoming warmer weather to plan more in person programs. In March the Vance Hall Resident Assistants

held "Saturdays are for the Girls" an event that offered Vance Hall Residents an opportunity to get outside and play yard games. Resident Assistants across campus supported CAN and IRC's Staycation week with a pot painting program they hosted with RECentral. IRC hosted a hybrid trivia night in Alumni Hall and a Slam Poetry event in semesters that had students at the mic the entire event. The Inter Residence Council is preparing to work with Central Activities Network again to plan our traditional collaborative Spring Week. Starting April 13th the two organizations will be teaming up to provide a number of in person events for students.

For the most up to date information regarding the Department of Residence Life throughout the semester please follow our Instagram at @CCSUReslife. You can also see our Instagram posts on our webpage now! Check out our department website at <https://www.ccsu.edu/reslife/index.html> for more information on upcoming programs and important dates. The Residence Halls and the Inter Residence Council each have their own Instagram accounts to follow as well. Log in and support our resident student community! Faculty and staff, "Want to partner on programs with @CCSUResLife?" Email us Reslife@ccsu.edu



Student Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS



Devil's Den Out of This World
Hosted by: Geology & Planetary Science Club
April 1 at 7PM
Semesters, Student Center

Conspiracy Theories in Science
Hosted by: Women in STEM
April 1 at 7PM
[Online](#)



Devil's Den Be Mindful
Hosted by: Habitat for Humanity
April 8 at 8PM
Semesters, Student Center

The Fine Art of Fine Arts Coordination
Hosted by: National Association for Music Educators
[Online](#)

AIGA Portfolio Conference
Hosted by: American Institute of Graphic Arts
April 10 at 10AM
[Online](#)



Campus Movie Fest
Hosted by: Central Activities Network
April 12 Deadline
[Online](#)

NYC Cinema Movie Night
Screening of Disney Pixar's Soul
Hosted by: Central Activities Network
April 13 at 7:30PM
Outdoor Location TBA



Blue Devil Dinner Downtown
April 14th from 3pm-6pm
Shuttle leaves from Bookstore Entrance
Scavenger Hunt starts at New Britain Library

Guest Speaker: Pedro Segara
Hosted by: Pride
April 14 at 7PM
[Online](#)



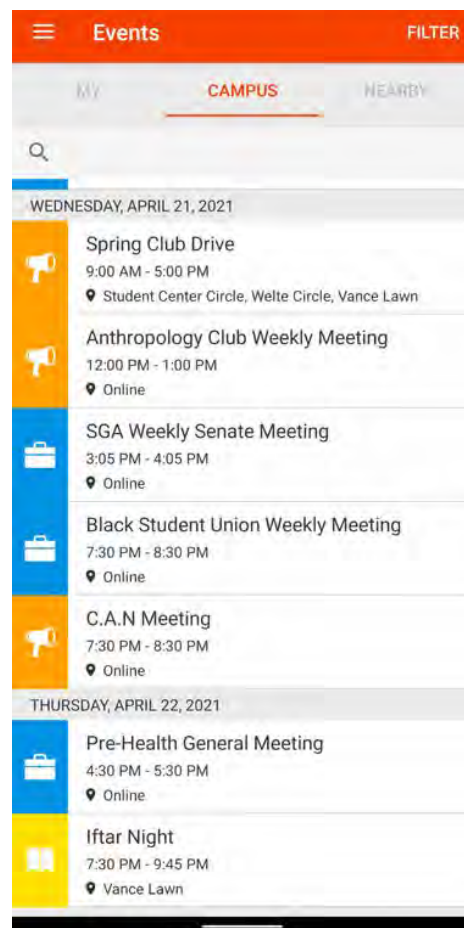
Paint Night
Hosted by: Muslim Students Association
April 15 at 8PM
Semesters, Student Center

3rd Annual Marketing Association Conference
Hosted by: Central Marketing Association
April 16 and 17
[Online](#)

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