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From Baseball to Career

Throughout our lives, people strive for success. So, when Cameron Harris talked to Scripps's students about the meaning of baseball, the common association with the word was a home run.

"When you think about baseball, your goal is get a home run, but you should be aiming to get on base," said Harris.

Scripps hosted a second career fair panel yesterday, titled "Equity in the Industry from a Non-traditional Lens". The panel featured filmmaker Cameron Harris, Edith Bullard-Britt CCO of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, and Moshay Simpson of NASA Langley Communications.

Each panelist explained their profession in a unique way. Simpson explains when you think of NASA you envision astronauts floating in space. He further tells students that at NASA, there are various professional fields. Employees at NASA come from all different backgrounds including actors, scientists, and teachers.

Bullard-Britt recommends students not to restrict themselves in their future careers.

"Do what you want to do, do not have a limited skill set," said Bullard-Britt.

She further advises students in the media industry that strong communication skills are crucial.

Harris introduced a snippet of the film "Moneyball". In the clip, the protagonist explains that the game of baseball has changed. Harris relates the film to the workforce by explaining that in one's career, the environment is likely to alter.

"When the game has changed, how likely are you going to be successful?" said Harris.

He explains that it is important, in whatever one does, to stay focused in the end.

At the end of the panel discussion, there was a Q&A session. The first question was what challenges Black professionals face in their careers.

Simpson explains that in his reality, he is going to have to accept that there is discrimination and unfair treatment in the world.

Bullard-Britt emphasizes that when you excel at what you do, people cannot discount you for what you look like.

Harris stressed the importance of not conforming in the workplace. Wearing a hoodie and being his authentic self helps Harris discern who accepts him for who he unapologetically is.

"I'm not looking for acceptance by my enemy," said Harris.

Megan Hicks, a freshman, enjoyed the panel. It provided her insight into the struggles of adulthood and the overlooked realities of the journey towards fulfillment in life.

“People really don’t talk about the cost of happiness,” said Hicks.