

Cerallos jumped right into life at the Coláiste, only realizing after he started studying again how much he missed the academic study and free ranging discussions with his old teacher, Iobairt. He proved to be an excellent student, and soon after his entrance to the Coláiste he met Conall Conchobhar (KUL al KRU hur), the man who would become Cerallos' mentor and advisor for the next two years.

His training over the two years at the Coláiste was divided into several areas:

- He had classes and studies with the rest of his crew – his Criú, as the units of Bairdéir are named - (Béar, Dílis, Gavril, and Skáth) which focused on enhancing their ability to work together and use the strengths of each to compensate for the weakness in the others. The group spent much time together over the entire two year course of study, learning which of them should lead in different situations. Cerallos began to find his place in the party, showing affinity for travel and survival in wilderness situations and for the spiritual aspects of life.
- Some of Cerallos' studies focused on improving his combat abilities. He improved his skill with the blades that have become his favorite weapons, as well as his knowledge of *BeyaKalari*, the Water focused form that is his preferred martial art.
- The largest part of Cerallos' academic and field study time was devoted to completing his education in the priesthood of Domhan. He finished learning the intricate ceremonies of worship of the Gods of Domhan, as well as how to minister to the spiritual lives of the people of his country. He also learned to focus his *creideamh*, the force arising from the tide of faith flowing through him, to perform works of that faith in the service of his Gods.
- One year to the day after he entered the Coláiste, Conall took Cerallos on a 'field trip' into the mountains of Áit Naofa – the sacred range to the East of Tearmann. He left Cerallos in a dell in the mountains with instructions for a particular way to enter a trance and to focus his *creideamh* for 12 hours. When he awakened from his trance state, Cerallos was confronted by a *Sliabh Madra* ('SLEE-uv MUH-druh'), one of the feared 'Hounds of the Mountains.' The huge hound linked with Cerallos' mind and offered him the chance to bond with one of her pups. The pup would become Cerallos' boon companion in return for Cerallos' commitment to treat the pup as his own pack. Ruarc, the hound, grew quickly. He spent much time with Cerallos at the Coláiste, learning to work with Cerallos' Criú as his own pack; in return, Cerallos spent a lot of time with Ruarc and the Sliabh Madra of his pack, learning to interpret the subtle communication of the hound's body language as well as their intricate language of barks, whines, and whistles. After an initial period of adjustment, students at the college became accustomed to Ruarc's presence there. However, only on rare occasions and with every attempt at stealth does Cerallos take Ruarc about the town due to the disruption the great hound's presence causes.

By the end of his time at the Coláiste, the bond between himself and the rest of his Criú was cast in steel. In addition, he has learned the worth of the rest of the Bairdéir – the Queen's judgment in the matter of character has been flawless when it comes to those offered this opportunity. While some don't make it through the training, it is never because of lack of character.

The Bairdéir, both those established and those in training, spend much of their 'free time' at Airgead's – a pub in the outer city that has become a favored place for students at the Coláiste to gather for fellowship and friendly, often very animated, discussions of topics of study at the school, different instructors (even while said instructors are present, as they often are at Airgead's), and the relative merits of just about everything. Airgead McFionnuar, the proprietor, is remarkably tolerant of the idiosyncrasies of the students, and they've become almost his sole clientele. Due to the difficulty of taking Ruarc into the outer city, Cerallos did not spend quite as much time at Airgead's as the others, but by the end of his studies he was still intimately familiar with every nook and cranny of the pub, and thoroughly enjoyed the company of both his own Criú and of many of the other students at the Coláiste.

The suite in the dormitory where the party spent their first night becomes theirs on a permanent basis when they accept positions in the Coláiste. Even after their studies end and they graduate, this suite will belong to this Criú until they disband voluntarily. There are rooms for as many as 7 in the suite, which is also the maximum number in any one Criú. Cerallos' Criú spend a lot of time here, studying together and discussing their experiences over the two year course of study.

Graduation is a simple ceremony, held in the public Throne Room with the Bairdéir who are in town in attendance. It is a public affair, so anyone who wishes can attend but it is a rare event when more than 10 or 15 people besides the Bairdéir and the honorees families attend.