Rebecca Zeltinger ‘94  
President

Rebecca Zeltinger ‘94 grew up in Minot, North Dakota, but has lived in the Washington, DC area since graduate school. She is proud to be a daughter and a granddaughter of a P.E.O. and an elder sister to two other Cottey graduates.

At Cottey she lived in Reeves Hall both years and was vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, president of Rotaract, a Golden Key, and played club volleyball. Cottey was not only a launch pad for her academic career, but also for so much more—never mind the things she learned about herself and how to work with others through simple things like sharing one phone with 13 suitemates!

After Cottey she took a year off to do an internship in the Archives of the National Gallery of Art. The following fall she returned to school at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, to pursue a bachelor’s degree in philosophy. After Cornell she returned to DC and got her Master’s in Information Science with an emphasis in Archives Administration from the University of Maryland at College Park and has been in the DC area ever since.

She had an 8½-year tenure first as a solo librarian and later as the Director of Knowledge Exchange creating and managing an online information sharing and collaboration space for the Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program. After beating cancer in 2004, she took more of an interest in health and helped invent a low-calorie food. In August 2015 she left her position as the Director of Operations for a small technology company and is presently the Knowledge and Talent Manager for an intelligence and security contractor.

Rebecca has seen from her younger sisters’ experiences how Cottey keeps getting better and better over the years. She presently serves as CCAA President and formerly served as a member of the Alumnae Campaign Steering Committee for the Defining Moment Campaign for Cottey College. She is honored to be a member of the CCAA Executive Board working to encourage alumnae engagement for a bright future for our dear old Cottey C in which it remains a place for creating incredible futures for women, by women, about women. She shares what Cottey means to her in this short video.

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