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Change

Viewpoint changes coming in 2015

For decades, the *Viewpoint* was the primary communication vehicle between the College and its alumnae. Today, there are monthly enewsletters, an official alumnae Facebook page, the on-line community, and the Cottey Twitter feed. That doesn't include other communication methods such as Facebook

closed groups for reunion classes, LinkedIn, and private Instagram and Pinterest pages.

We know many of you love the *Viewpoint*, especially the Class Notes section. However, the *Viewpoint* is also our most expensive method of communicating with you as postage and

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their donor status for two years.

If you're already a donor, you'll keep receiving the *Viewpoint*. If you're not a donor, please consider a gift to your Alma Mater. You'll be educating and empowering other young women, and you'll get a bonus of the *Viewpoint* three times each year.

A Message from the EDITOR

Everything Changes

I was at a conference in the mid-90s when several of my colleagues asked if I had an email address yet. "No, not yet," I answered, as they would hand me new business cards with their email addresses highlighted. Surprisingly, approximately half of my friends at that conference did not yet have email access at their workplaces. It made for a bit of an uncomfortable split between the "haves" and the "have nots" in what would soon become a digital world.

Just a few years later, we were sitting in sessions learning about this thing called Facebook. At the time, it was only available to college students, and colleges had to apply to be accepted into the Facebook universe. Cottey College students in the mid-2000s sent in a petition for acceptance, but were turned down because the College was too small.

Of course, 10 years after the founding of Facebook, it seems as though everyone is on it. Two years ago at my professional conference, I

sat through a session proclaiming the death of Facebook as younger audiences now abandon it for newer social media outlets.

The point of all of this is not to talk about the "good old days" or lament the social isolation that seems to occur as we stare at our screens instead of actually talking to each other. Rather, it's to point out how many things have changed in the last 15 years, whether we wanted change to occur or not.

My job is still to use words and pictures to tell stories, but the methodologies are different than they were when I started here. Even the *Viewpoint* has evolved dramatically in that time. My first *Viewpoint* was a black and white issue on newsprint. I developed those photos in the darkroom that was across the hall from my office. Today, you get a professionally designed, full-color magazine, printed on high-quality paper. All photos are taken with a digital camera, and my former

darkroom is now a storage closet.

Everything changes, and if our College wants to keep up with the students it hopes to attract, it will need to change as well. This year is definitely one of change, particularly with the retirement of Dr. Rogers and the announcement of a new president this spring. There's also the construction of the new Fine Arts Building, and the dedication of the Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness. We can count on more transformations, because we know that everything changes—the Class Notes show us how your own lives have changed since you left Cottey as a student. This issue is all about changes: recent and soon to come.

As always you are encouraged to write me at sreed@cottey.edu.

Sincerely,

Steve Reed, editor





message from the PRESIDENT

Embracing Change

Just after Labor Day, I began noticing that the days are a bit shorter. I am always disappointed when I realize that there will be less daylight and that I may soon go and return from the office in the dark. Change. The word brings a twinge of anxiousness or a surge of exhilaration, but it is a natural and necessary part of every person's life and every organization's life. At Cottey, we have felt both as we have embraced many changes over the past decade.

The first strategic plan that I worked with the Cottey campus to develop was named Building a Model for Women's Education. Even the verb "building" suggested action, change. The environmental scanning and the research that informed that plan laid the groundwork for the most far-reaching change the College has embraced. In 2009, after more work by the Planning Committee and others, the Cottey Board of Trustees endorsed a plan for change by passing a resolution that Cottey should add new educational offerings that fit our mission and meet the needs of women today.

With this directive the campus began work on developing the curriculum and adjusting the culture to include third- and fourth-year students. It is a testament to the knowledge, diligence, and teamwork evident on the Cottey campus that this change process moved quickly and was endorsed by our board and accrediting agency. Now Cottey is a baccalaureate college also offering associate degrees. A great effort was made to change as wisely as possible, but also as quickly as possible because we could feel the effects of the recession on our enrollment; we could see the changes in the public's attitude toward liberal arts educa-

tion, their strong desire for the right major, the one that would lead to a job.

We needed to understand this threat, address it as well as we could, and remain, without question, faithful to our mission to educate women. Now, following the work accomplished, we all must change our mindset about how we regard Cottey and how we represent Cottey to prospective students and those who influence them. This means changing our language, learning new information about the features Cottey now offers students, and being patient. The change will not be a tsunami, but a gradual change in the ebb and flow of informing, promoting, and educating about what Cottey is today. There is a twinge of anxiousness and a surge of exhilaration as I experience this change. I rely on the fact that a careful planning process was followed to guide the change.

At the same time that the campus was working on baccalaureate status, we also recognized that we needed a different approach to philanthropy and our faithful donors. We needed to launch a comprehensive campaign to support the curricular change and to position Cottey for the future. *A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College* followed careful planning and was a remarkable success because of the faithful, generous support of P.E.O.s, alumnae, BILs, and friends of women's education. All helped Cottey see how to develop our philanthropic efforts for the future.

Change is not over for Cottey. Our enrollment is still well below our goal of having 500 students. Change will need to occur in how we promote and market the College to

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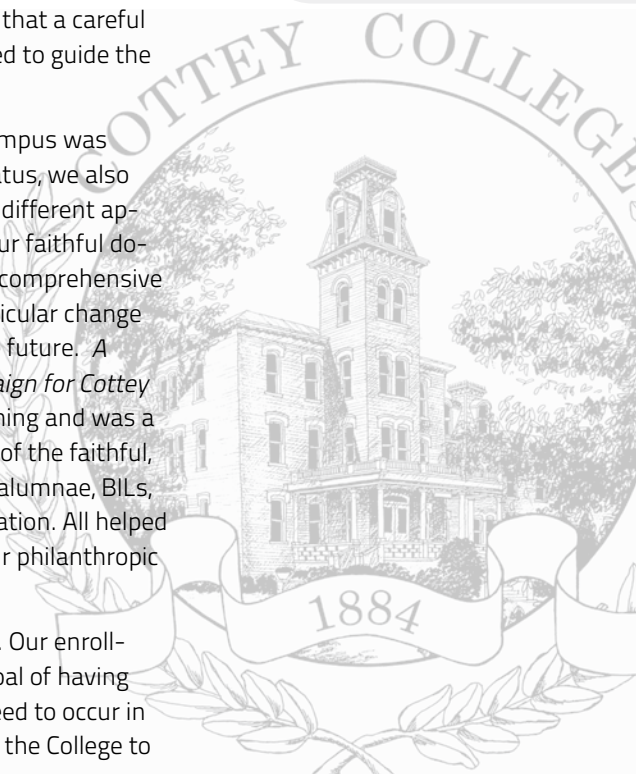
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Although things change, the mission of Cottey has remained the same.

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prospective students. We are feeling the anxiousness and the exhilaration of this process right now. We must position our College to meet the needs of women now—we must reach out to women who aspire to be tomorrow's leaders and show them that the Cottey experience is special, singular, supportive, and empowering. Our leadership programming has been growing and evolving along with our curriculum. The establishment of the Serenbetz Institute within the Center for Women's Leadership to serve as co-curricular support for leadership education for third- and fourth-year students was a testament to our dedication to leadership development for every Cottey student. One glance at our society confirms the importance of engaging women leaders in greater

numbers as decision makers.

Change is not over for me. I feel the twinge of anxiousness and the surge of exhilaration as I contemplate retirement. I cannot envision what it will be like not to have a packed calendar and daily challenges, but I refuse to avoid the change. I have planned for it as well as I can, and it is as natural as the shortening of days after Labor Day. I give you my deepest gratitude for allowing me to be a part of the change at Cottey for a decade.

Sincerely,

Judy R. Rogers

Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.



Denver Regional Group 2014

Strength in Numbers

By Mary-Frances Peterson Main '87
CCAA Board Regional Groups Chair

If you've attended one of the last two Founder's Day Weekend celebrations, you may have heard about our roll out of regional groups. The CCAA Board has always nurtured our relationships between classes with class agents and Founder's Day, but many alumnae have met across the country and discovered that meeting multi-generational, regional alumnae can be beneficial and downright fun!

There are many reasons to bring Cottey alumnae together. Probably the best reason is for networking and general connections among our fabulous Cottey grads. A lot of us have information and connections to offer younger (or older) alumnae coming to our areas and this is a great way to get together socially and connect.

The Cottey College Alumnae Association wants to accomplish multiple goals by establishing regional groups, including bringing area Cottey alumnae together to promote Cottey College within the community through socialization, projects, networking, and programs.

As alumnae renew their knowledge of what Cottey is like today they'll look into developing a plan in their area for recruiting potential students from their surrounding region. Last but not least, this is a great way to inform alumnae about campus happenings and to communicate the importance of continued financial support for the College.

Since I'm a Colorado resident, it made sense to start one of these groups in the Denver area. We have been

meeting off and on for the last two years, but I'm thrilled to say that in September, together with Cottey staff members, we hosted a very successful Regional Group Meeting in the Denver area. The second event was held in Kansas City in October with both Cottey staff and members of the Cottey College Alumnae Association Executive Board in attendance. Both events saw alumnae making great connections and meeting old and new friends. I look forward to working with alumnae volunteers to plan future Regional Group Meetings.

But don't let the first two events stop you if you're in a different market area. We would love to hear from you if you'd like to help us establish a Regional Group in your area. If you've told us you're interested, we will be in contact soon to hear your ideas and help you get started.

Regional Alumnae Groups may participate in a variety of activities created to meet the needs of that particular population. The only requirement is that these activities foster the goals of Cottey College (through all of our ideas mentioned above). Be creative with your get-togethers and think about going to the zoo, having a picnic, going to a sports event, or even just getting together in a restaurant or someone's home! We've found groups can be fun with anywhere from a few to a big crowd!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, Mary-Frances Main, CCAA Regional Groups Chair, mary-frances@widgetinc.com or 720-320-6363.





Remember Who, What, or When

From the beginning, physical activity was important to Virginia Alice Cottey's vision. According to the first catalog: "A sound mind in a sound body" should have as much weight with education of the present day as at any previous time." In the early 1900s, intramural sports activities became a focal point of physical activity at Cottey. The societies, the "Mags" and the "Ems" competed against each other, as did the classes. The list of sports throughout the first 50 years is impressive: basketball, baseball, volleyball, hockey, and tennis.

Intramural sports continued to play an important role at Cottey well into its second 50 years. Early in this era, the societies still played an active role in organizing the activities, and later that role was assumed by the R.A. Board and the "C" Club. The range of sports remained diverse and provided an outlet for many students.

In 1972, the passage of Title IX, the federal law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender in schools, gave rise to many more sports opportunities for women. Things changed at Cottey as well. In the late 1970s, the strong intramural program was replaced with intercollegiate competitive teams in volleyball, basketball, and swimming. As sport programs around the country became more sophisticated and began

recruiting athletes, Cottey found it difficult to compete. Volleyball and basketball were discontinued by a vote of the students, and swimming remained, largely as a club sport.

In 1997, the Board of Trustees formed the Task Force on Competitive Athletics to investigate the possibility of reintroducing intercollegiate athletics. The result led to the Cottey Comets taking the court in basketball in 1999 and volleyball in 2000.

"Since the passage of Title IX in 1972, mandating equity in athletics, more young women are involved in competitive sports," said then Cottey President Dr. Helen Washburn in 1999. "As these young women have become accustomed to competing athletically, they are looking for additional opportunities to continue their athletic interests after high school. It was important that Cottey address the needs of these students."

Softball was added in 2010, and cross country began competing in fall 2014. Tennis has also been approved and is anticipated to begin in 2015.

Cottey is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), Division II, Region XVI. Cottey's athletic teams are competitive and often boast winning records.

We love revisiting Cottey's amazing past. This issue's *Who, What, When* features a photo from one of the very first basketball teams in 1912. If you possess records about a relative who attended Cottey and/or taught at Cottey between the years 1884–1934, we want to hear your story. Please email Tracy Cordova at tcordova@cottey.edu with the following information: your name, your relation to Cottey, and brief explanation about your relative's tie to Cottey during 1884–1934.

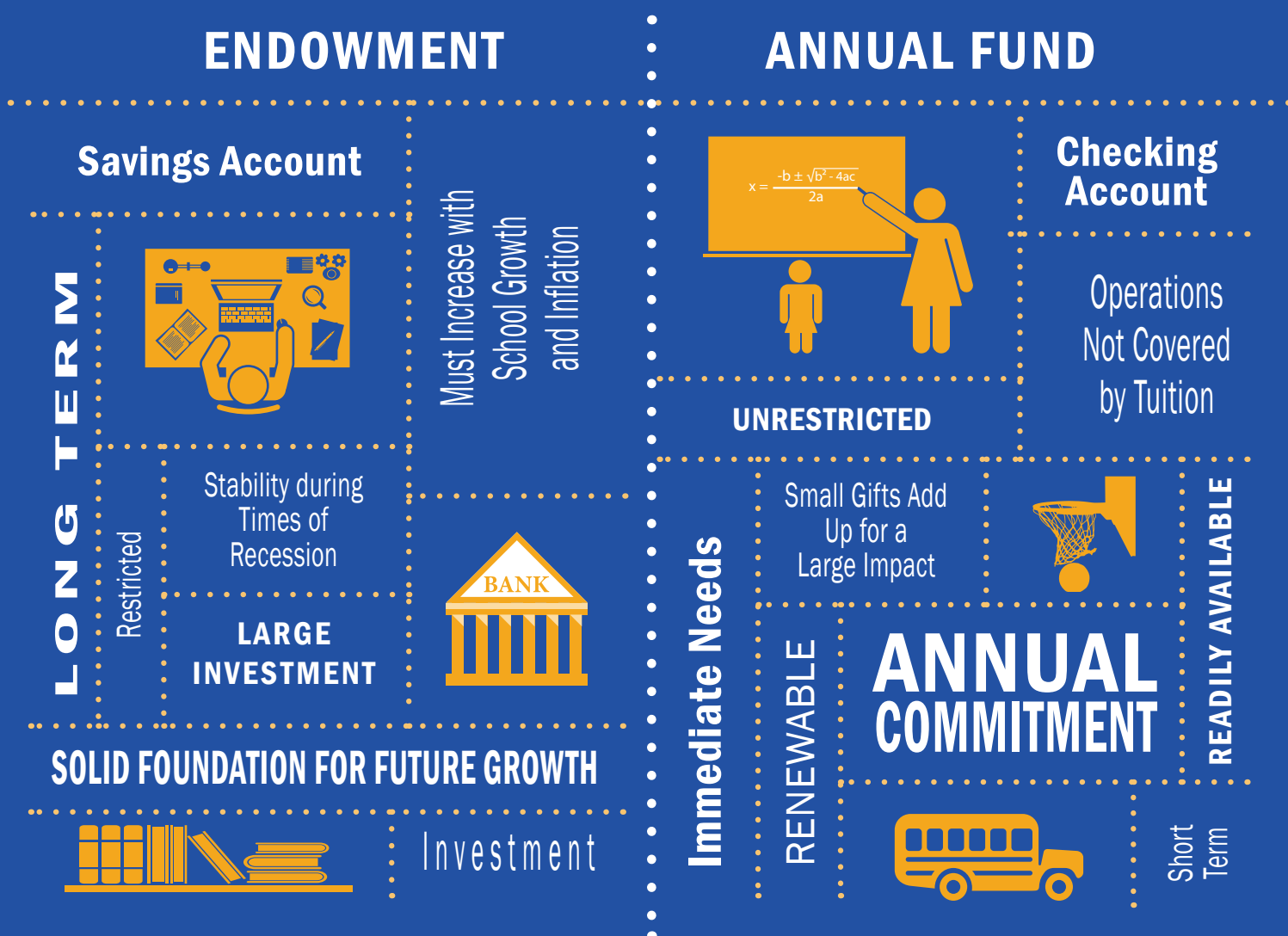


Left: The Cottey College Comets compete in their very first cross-country meet. They are pictured at the Southern Stampede at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri. Sarah Kurpuweit was the first finisher from Cottey with a time of 20:15 for the 5K event.

What's the difference?

An endowment is a long-term investment that provides for future financial benefit whereas The Annual Fund supports today's needs, now. To simplify this concept, think of Cottey College as an investment, like buying a home. The owner makes payments on the mortgage (Endowment), but also needs to cover the utility bills (The Annual Fund). The tuition students pay to attend Cottey does not cover the full amount of "operating the house." Loyal patrons of The Annual Fund ensure that each student experiences the same premier educational opportunities as the last at an affordable rate.

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Cottey's Newest Trustee Grace Chalker



Grace Chalker was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Cottey College in the spring of 2014. Grace has a deep sense of excitement, commitment and passion for the mission of Cottey College as it continues to prepare women for life-changing and world-enriching service and advancement through educational excellence. Grace brings to her tenure on the board the experience of a professional lifetime of work in the field of recruitment and admission in private, liberal arts institutions of higher education.

Initiated into P.E.O. in 1984, Grace has had what she names as the "privilege" of serving as President of Ohio State Chapter in 1999-2000. As a past state president she has served three years on the Ohio State Chapter Membership Committee and a three-year term on the Finance Committee which she chaired in 2012-13. She is a member of Chapter AE, Cleveland.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mount Union College (now University of Mount Union), Grace began her career in higher education as a house counselor on the staff of the dean of women at the Women's College of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. In 1983,

Grace joined the staff in the Office of Admission for the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio, where she was assistant director of admission and regional representative for Northeast Ohio territory.

In 1996, Grace became the assistant director of undergraduate admission for Baldwin-Wallace University in Berea, Ohio. In her 13 years at Baldwin-Wallace, Grace held various responsibilities which included staff travel management and recruitment for all undergraduate programs including the Conservatory of Music. She also was very involved in a program of recruitment, admission, and support for young single moms through a higher education opportunity at BW titled, S.P.R.O.U.T. (Single Parents Reaching Out for Unassisted Tomorrows). While at Baldwin-Wallace she served as senior associate director and interim director of admission.

In 2009, she returned to her alma mater as the director of undergraduate admission for the University of Mount Union. It was an exciting time to be at Mount Union as it transitioned from college to university status. During her tenure as director of admission, Grace was involved in opening a new Wel-

come Center (Admission and Financial Aid Offices) as well as the admission processes for two new graduate programs (Master in Physician Assistant Studies and Master of Arts in Educational Leadership). Likewise she was involved in the recruitment strategy and admission for two new undergraduate programs in mechanical engineering and civil engineering.

Grace is currently serving her fourth, three-year term as a member of the board of directors for Ohio Guidestone, a private, not-for-profit, 150-year-old social service organization which serves more than 20,000 children annually and is dedicated to preserving family relationships and helping make children, families and communities stronger.

Grace retired as director of admission for the University of Mount Union in May 2013. She and her husband, Ken, have lived in Cleveland since 1986. Ken is senior pastor of University Circle United Methodist Church. Grace and Ken have two children and two grandchildren. Grace is active in her church, a number of music ensembles, and enjoys rare leisure time at the family lake house on the shore of Lake Erie.

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CHANGE

By Steve Reed

"Fortes fortuna adiuvat."

Recently, I was having a meal with both of my adult children—a rare treat—and we found ourselves discussing the topic "What will people remember about you when you are gone?" I asked my sons what they would remember about me. There was a pause, then laughter as they shouted out, "He ate a Red Delicious apple every day for lunch!" (Shows what they know, I switched to Fuji apples several years ago.)

I can't deny I am a creature of habit. Because of that, change is rarely something I seek or embrace. It's not that I don't like change; I'm just very comfortable with the daily habits that make my life run smoothly. Well, that's what I tell myself anyway.

Author Margie Warrell wrote in an online article for Forbes.com: "[W]e are innately risk averse and afraid of putting our vulnerability on the line. The status quo, while not particularly fulfilling, can seem like an easier, softer, less scary option....we find it much easier to settle with the status quo, keep our mouths closed and our heads down rather than make a change, take a chance, or speak up and engage in what I would call a 'courageous conversation.'"¹

Warrell says we have "an innate tendency to misjudge four elements in assessing risk:

1. We over-estimate the probability of something going wrong.
2. We exaggerate the consequences of what might happen if it does go wrong.

3. We under estimate our ability to handle the consequences of risk.

4. We discount or deny the cost of inaction, and sticking with the status quo."

This will definitely be a year of change at Cottey College. Among the changes are:

- A new president will replace the retiring Dr. Judy R. Rogers
- New leadership is in place for Enrollment Management (page 12) and in the newly renamed Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, Social Responsibility and Global Awareness (page 17).
- Construction began on the new Fine Arts Building (page 16).
- A new B.S. major, Health Sciences, launched this fall (page 11).
- Cottey's accrediting agency, The Higher Learning Commission, approved allowing Cottey to offer bachelor degrees in any field consistent with its mission as a liberal arts and sciences college without additional site visits for approval.
- Cross country became Cottey's fourth intercollegiate sport.

That adds up to a lot of change in a short period of time. However, all of this change was planned and well thought out (page 1). Based on research and work by the planning committee, the Board of Trustees moved deliberately. The board also understands the risks of inaction, and has confidence in the leadership of the College to handle the consequences of that risk.

Winston Churchill reminds us, "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to

change often." Not that your college is, or ever will be, perfect, but the dedicated faculty and staff at this institution are always trying to make Cottey College the best it can possibly be.

"Leap and the net will appear." -Zen proverb

A few years ago, I was debating whether to travel to Portland, Oregon, to hear one of my favorite authors. On one hand, I knew I would enjoy the lectures. On the other, it was a bit more than I was comfortable spending. Serendipitously, as I was debating this, I received a card in the mail from alumna **Kate Valerio '09**. Hand-lettered on the front were the words, "Leap and the net will appear."

I took this as a message to quit debating the choice. I booked my flight, had a wonderful time at the conference, and had opportunities to visit with some amazing and gracious alumnae in the area. Today that card is framed and next to my favorite chair as a daily reminder to fear less.

The Latin expression at the beginning of the article is translated as "Fortune favors the bold." Let us not be timid as we embrace change and the possibilities it offers. With that in mind, I may just have a banana with lunch tomorrow.

¹Margie Warrell, *Take A Risk: The Odds Are Better Than You Think*, Forbes.com
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/margiewarrell/2013/06/18/take-a-risk-the-odds-are-better-than-you-think/>



Our Founder and Change

Virginia Alice Cottey's Vision Meant Change Was a Constant

By Nancy Kerbs

Director of Assessment and Institutional Research

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world." Margaret Mead

When anthropologist Margaret Mead was born in 1901, Virginia Alice Cottey was the president of a thriving college that was the realization of her dream to provide women with an excellent education. She was in the midst of searching for a group of "thoughtful, committed citizens" to secure her College's future when Mead set out for American Samoa in 1925 to conduct her first cross-cultural field work, and establish a pattern of research and writing that would make her thoughts on changing the world known internationally.

Virginia Alice Cottey was strongly influenced by her family's pursuit of educational opportunities during a time of conflict in our nation. Following the Civil War, Ira and Sara Cottey actively pursued advanced educations for their children. Alice, as her family called her, was an avid reader, and largely self-taught. There simply weren't a lot of educational opportunities for girls, although because of her parents' dedication, she had the chance to attend two boarding schools. A love of teaching and learning and the realization of this shortfall in society had a strong influence on her life. She developed a passion for giving young women the opportunity to learn. Her younger sisters were her first students, and her first "thoughtful, committed" supporters in establishing Cottey College.

Change was a constant for the College's founder. In the first 50 years, she directed changes in curriculum, programs, and degrees; expanded the physical plant; managed enrollment; and assured Cottey's future by presenting it as a gift to the P.E.O. Sisterhood. At age 85, she took an active part in the celebration of Cottey's golden anniversary. Her words that day reflect a woman who understood that change was

inevitable to keep her dream of a college for women alive:

"With the support of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, we shall see at the close of our next 50 years our plant expanded, our campus increased by the addition of many acres, modern buildings erected to meet the demands of patrons, hundreds of educated young women going out from Cottey halls annually prepared to win victories for God and humanity. Then if I may be permitted to look over the battlements of heaven, I will raise a shout that will make the vaulted heavens resound with joy. May we say today as Mary Lyon said of Mt. Holyoke, 'Had I a thousand lives I would sacrifice them all in suffering and hardship for Cottey's sake. Did I possess the greatest fortune I could readily relinquish it all if Cottey's prosperity demanded it.'"

The changes at Cottey in recent years are guided by a strategic plan that articulates the steps to remaining a contemporary and vital institution. *The 2017 Plan: Educating Learners, Leaders, and Citizens* was developed by the Planning Committee under the leadership of Dr. Judy R. Rogers. At the top of each Planning Committee agenda are the words of the late Joan K. Bradshaw, President of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, 1987-89:

"Times change too swiftly for an organization to permit itself to be trapped by contentment and indecision. An organization must continually attempt to adjust itself to the internal and the external environment or it will not survive."

This time of change at Cottey is exciting. The changes are inspired by the spirit of the founder, guided by the vision of Joan Bradshaw, and supported by the insight of Margaret Mead. Surely the "vaulted heavens resound with joy."

Change: Turning Foe to Friend



Six Keys to Managing Change in Your Life

By Selena Kohel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology

Ah, change. Have you ever heard coming out of your mouth or creeping into your thoughts, “I wish things could be how they used to be” or “I wish things could just stay the same?” How about “When I was at Cottey....?” If so, then perhaps, just perhaps, this article is for you.

Change can be hard, even when it’s adaptive, even when it’s necessary. Change can disrupt what is familiar, arousing feelings of uncertainty, and what may be comfortable, evoking feelings of stress. Change may result in a loss of identity, along with power, status, purpose, and function, creating a sense of imbalance. Change may feel like a loss of control.

Yet, change is inevitable. Over the years, as various members of the Cottey College community, we’ve seen Cottey enlarge and diversify its student body, as access to higher education has increased. We’ve seen an expansion in course offerings, an emphasis on multi/interdisciplinarity, and the incorporation of more technologies, as new fields and approaches to knowledge have developed. We’ve taken on additional identities and responsibilities as we, and important others in our lives, have reached developmental milestones.

What toll may all this change have on our health? A well-cited tool in the stress literature, the Holmes and Rahe Social Readjustment Rating Scale,

assigns life changing units for common stressful events to assess one’s overall levels of stress in relation to change. For example, a “change in eating habits” is assigned 15 units and a “death of a spouse” is assigned 100 units. The higher the summed score, the higher one’s overall level of stress is believed to be. The scale infers that adaptations to change may be wanted or needed for physical and psychological health. However, all people do not respond to change in the same way. Why is it that some people seem to submit to their stress, sometimes with dire consequences; others subsist, with accompanying long-standing damage; others show resilience; and others thrive?

People who are resilient or who thrive through change have been shown to have the following in their lives: positive emotions, positive social relationships, meaning, optimism, gratitude, and relaxation.

- Positive emotions facilitate healthy coping by expanding our thinking and repairing damage done to our bodies by negative emotions. Positive emotions include: wonder, playfulness, humor, joy, and love.
- Positive social relationships facilitate healthy coping by satisfying our need to belong, to feel valued by others.
- Meaning facilitates healthy coping by increasing our feelings of flow and our ability to fight

disease. Meaning-making can be accomplished by making and achieving realistic goals; through positive re-appraisal, in other words, finding something positive in an undesirable situation; and through religion.

- Optimism facilitates healthy coping by regulating the impact of negative emotions and helping us recover from stress.
- Gratitude facilitates healthy coping by helping us balance the bad with the good or focus on the good and to increase positive emotions.
- Relaxation facilitates healthy coping by helping us manage stress and increasing our immune-system functioning.

Think about the levels of each of these in your life. Could any use a boost? If so, go ahead, laugh, reach out to (receptive) others, set and reach for attainable goals, see opportunity in challenge, adopt an optimistic explanatory style (view challenges as

specific to a situation, temporary, and not due to an inherent fault on your part), keep a weekly gratitude journal, or take up yoga or meditation.

Cottey has undergone a major transformation in the past three years. More changes will take place in the immediate future, with the hiring of a new president and the recent hiring of a vice president for enrollment management and other key positions on campus. So, in some regards Cottey College is no longer the place it used to be. In other regards, it is. Virginia Alice Cottey's mission was to empower young women, and Cottey continues to seek to fulfill this mission, and succeeds, in a constantly changing world. With means that reflect the times, and perhaps the use of some stress management techniques along the way, Virginia Alice Cottey's mission has been and can continue to be realized.

Cottey's Newest B.S.: Health Sciences

Cottey College has been approved by its accrediting agency, The Higher Learning Commission, to offer baccalaureate degrees in the life sciences and physical sciences and to remove the limiting language in the general stipulation on offering specific baccalaureate programs.

Beginning in fall 2014, students may work towards a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. The "removal of the limiting language" means that Cottey has approval to develop and offer bachelor degrees in any field consistent with its mission as a liberal arts and sciences college without having to go through an

additional site visit for approval.

"We are thrilled to be able to tell prospective students they can earn a bachelor's degree in science," said Dr. Judy Rogers, President of Cottey College. "Probably most exciting for us, however, is the general approval we now have to develop baccalaureate degrees in any liberal arts and sciences field. This means we can carefully look at the majors that today's students are interested in pursuing, develop a program, and offer it."

Three years ago, the College received permission from the Higher Learning Commission to offer its first three

Bachelor of Arts degrees. With the addition of science, Cottey will offer eight baccalaureate majors: Business Administration-Management, English, Environmental Studies, Health Sciences, International Business, International Relations, Liberal Arts, and Psychology.

"These eight majors give us a solid foundation across the disciplines as we look to expand our four-year offerings," said Dr. Cathryn Pridal, vice president for academic affairs. "Our faculty are already working on new proposals which can only enhance Cottey's reputation as a growing, vital institution."

"We are still supportive of our associate degree programs and our history and tradition as an associate degree-granting college," added Dr. Rogers. "Even as we expand into more four-year degree programs, we fully support and encourage our traditional degree offerings. Our two-year programs have been excellent, and have prepared young women well to become learners, leaders, and citizens in a global society. We will continue to support those students who want to come to Cottey, earn an associate degree, and transfer to another college or university."



Points of Pride Melanie Gottlieb



Cottey College is pleased to announce that Melanie Gottlieb joined the Enrollment Management team in July as the vice president for enrollment management. She comes to Cottey with 16 years of experience in the Enrollment Management arena. Most recently from St. Louis, she worked for Webster University as the director of admission operations; she has previously held a variety of roles in international education and records and registration.

"Effectively recruiting prospective college students is a constant challenge," said Gottlieb, "and staying up-to-date on best practices is an ongoing pursuit. The pace of change in the world means constant re-examination, evaluation, and adjustment of the way that we present Cottey to our various audiences to have the most impact."

Gottlieb noted, "As Cottey changes, the perceptions that prospective students and their influencers have about the College might not match up with how we at Cottey see ourselves. One of the roles of Enrollment Management is to align those two perspectives."

"Our points of distinction, our value proposition, and our measured outcomes all help us to define and position the College appropriately," she continued. "They tell our story in ways that compel us, and are compelling to the young women and their families we hope to bring into the college community. It is in these stories that young women can see their own hopes, dreams, and ambitions mirrored. It is in these stories that we can reassure parents that their daughter can earn a degree from a liberal arts institution and

pursue a successful career. The strength of our stories, the quality of our data, and our ability to help families relate to them is what ultimately will tip the scales in favor of Cottey."

"We now offer more four-year programs than two-year programs, and those offerings will continue to grow," she noted. "But our value is more than that. The intentionality of the Cottey community to provide a challenging yet supportive environment compels growth. The opportunity to live with, study with, and collaborate with a group of other purposeful students equally engaging in intentionally designed educational and self-development activities drives a young woman to think even more critically and creatively about herself, her goals, and her ambitions better than she could at any other school."

Active in her professional organization, Gottlieb currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission officers (AACRAO) as the vice president for international education. She regularly presents on enrollment management and international education topics nationally, and was a contributing author to AACRAO's International Guide, published in 2010. She has held numerous offices in the Missouri state association, culminating in her year as president of the Missouri association in 2007.

Gottlieb earned an M.A. in information science from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a B.A. in history / American studies from Marlboro College.

A Workshop for Women Who Are Going Places!

In June, Cottey hosted its annual summer workshop for girls, but this year it was very different. The very first Cottey College summer camp or workshop was held in 1993. Originally titled "Sciencescape," it was developed to encourage young women to pursue an interest in science. Over the years, the summer workshop offerings expanded to include leadership, music, and dance. A special workshop on entrepreneurship was held in cooperation with the Missouri Women's Business Center of Kansas City one year as well.

This year, however, in lieu of summer high school programs in science, leadership, and fine arts, the College offered one revised program that was designed to meet the demands and interests of today's top academic students. This NEW summer program was titled "Workshop for Women Who are Going Places" and offered rising junior-, and senior-aged girls insight into leadership, skill development, and college and career preparation while showcasing everything Cottey has to offer for their future education.

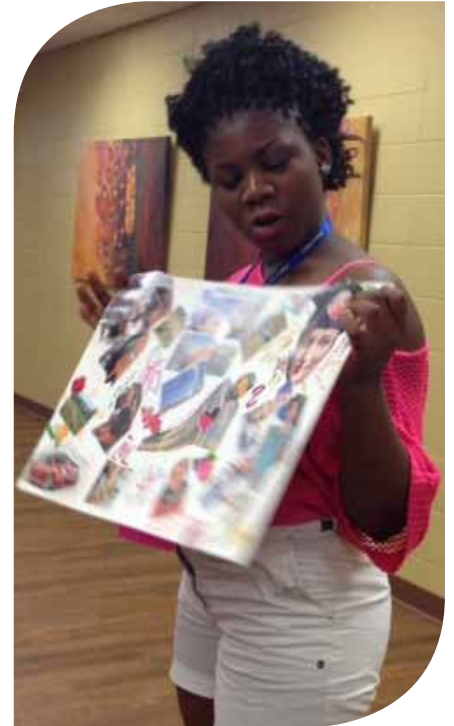
The week began with a high ropes course, building teamwork and leadership skills. Cottey professors and distinguished alumnae led sessions on topics ranging from understanding online presence to developing service learning skills. Various recreational activities were also offered each night.

The best part? In addition to the toolbox of skills that each participant took home, all students who choose to attend Cottey College will also be awarded a \$12,000 scholarship for her years at Cottey (\$3,000 annual scholarship).

The next Workshop for Women Who Are Going Places will be held June 21-26, 2015. Applications for the workshop will be available online after January 1, 2015. The application deadline is March 1. By March 15, applicants will be notified of their selection status via email. Fees and registration will be due by May 1. The cost for the week-long program is \$300.

For more information on the 2015 Summer Workshop, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at the address, phone, or email listed below, or visit the Cottey College website at <http://www.cottey.edu/future-students/workshop/>.

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Whether you are an alumna or friend and supporter of the College, now is the time to share Cottey with a young woman in your life. Use our Refer a Student Form at www.cottey.edu or simply give the Office of Enrollment Management a phone call. Cottey is busy planning recruitment events for the fall, and who knows? We may be in your area! Start making your plans to change a young woman's life today.



Alumnae Spotlight / Nicole Vap '89

By Carla Farmer

Special Assistant to the President for Marketing
Associate Vice President for Development

During the President's Reception held at the Oxford Hotel in Denver as part of the *Going Places* initiative (see page 15), the first *Women Going Places Award* was presented to Nicole Vap, Cottey alumna and executive director of 9Wants to Know Investigative Team.

Cottey College was the only school Nicole applied to, thanks to a bus trip to Cottey that inspired her when she was a little girl. As a woman from a small town in Nebraska, she had a very limited idea of what she could do for the rest of her life, but Cottey showed her that she could do anything. Nicole learned how important it is for women to collaborate and work together - not compete against each other.

Even before the school started international trips and the business leadership programs, Nicole was able to get an international experience on Cottey's campus alone. She met girls from places like Japan, France, and Africa and found it so fascinating to learn about everyone else's lives.

Nicole met some of her best friends at Cottey who are now based in Denver and all around the country. Nicole was the manager of the radio station for two semesters and loved it. For her, this college gave her great confidence in who she was and what she wanted to do. When she stepped foot onto a big, four-year school after Cottey, she was more prepared than ever. She was ready to just GO for it!

After Cottey, Nicole graduated from the University of Kansas where she received a degree in journalism - broadcast. She began her career in television broadcasting at KAAL-TV as a producer of the dual-

city 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. news. While working at KPNX-TV, Nicole worked her way up producing all of the major afternoon newscasts before moving to special projects and eventually to the investigative unit.

Today, Nicole leads a team of award-winning reporters and producers at Denver's number one news station KUSA-TV. Together, they investigate government corruption, questionable business practices, crime, and scams targeting the people of Colorado.

Nicole and her team are the proud winners of the prestigious Columbia DuPont Silver Baton for excellence in journalism, numerous regional Emmys, and the Edward R. Murrow award along with recognition from the Colorado Broadcasters Association and the Associated Press. Nicole and 9Wants to Know were 2012 finalists for an Investigative Reporters and Editors Freedom of Information award for "Failed to Death", a series of stories exposing the deaths of Colorado children under the watch of Human Services case workers across the state.

Nicole donates time as a board member on several professional organizations. She is the first female board member of Metro Denver Crime Stoppers. She is also a board member for the Investigative Reporters and Editors, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of investigative reporting, and a board member of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition.



Pictured above are Dr. Judy R. Rogers, president of Cottey College; and Nicole Vap, '89 executive director of 9Wants to Know Investigative Team.

The *Women Going Places Award* is presented to an individual or organization that exemplifies women's scholarship, leadership, or citizenship. Among the qualities taken into consideration are the following:

- Exhibits leadership skills in their field of expertise.
- Has been a role model and/or mentor to other women and girls.
- Advocates for positive social change that helps close the leadership gap and create a more equitable society.
- Demonstrates a commitment to the values of the Cottey College mission.
- Has garnered respect within the community.
- Is dedicated to helping women and girls achieve their goals.
- Gives back to the community through their time, talent, and/or resources.

Dr. Rogers presented Nicole with a tear-drop award recognizing her contributions.



High school students in the leadership program at the Womens' Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

Cottey is Going Places!

The *Defining Moment Campaign* was wildly successful, raising over \$40 million in five years for priorities such as a new Fine Arts Building, scholarship endowments, library enhancements, and faculty chairs. The goal, of course, was to provide campus improvements to help with the recruitment and retention of students. Now that work has begun on many of those, such as the new arts building, it's time to fill Cottey with students who will benefit from the fruits of this labor.

The *Cottey College, Going Places* marketing initiative was launched with the mission of increasing visibility and the reputation of Cottey College with the overall goal of positively impacting enrollment.

The recommendation from an external analyst to pursue this initiative, along with a successful pilot program in Kansas City to build awareness, underscored the value in promoting the College among its constituents.

Advertising in the Kansas City area began a year ago and partnerships were developed with organizations which work for leadership education for girls. For example, on October 10 of this year, Cottey's Center for Women's Leadership (CWL) partnered with Young Women on the Move to host WE ARE WONDER WOMEN, a first and unique opportunity for emerging female student leaders in Kansas City, Kansas. This one-day seminar connected the girls with accomplished professional Wonder Women assisted by high school peers and young adult mentors for a day of inspiration and education. Planned by girls for girls, sessions focused on mindset, choices, and skills girls

need to be Wonder Women – creating a more vibrant, healthy and peaceful world.

Cottey has also formed a partnership with the Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City. The CWL is working with the Foundation to revamp their high school program with a leadership focus. As part of the partnership, the students in their high school program are invited to a two-day leadership retreat on the Cottey campus in November. Cottey will continue to be a partner in presenting programming.

Going Places extends beyond Kansas City, however. The College identified other locations utilizing data that indicated a strong student referral base as well as alumnae, donor and P.E.O. base. Denver was the first location chosen for the rollout, due to the number of prospective students and the strong alumnae base in that city. In Denver, College officials hosted a brunch for prospective students, met with the Denver Area Cottey Club, launched the first Regional Alumnae Group [see page 3], and held a special event to recognize a noteworthy woman. The College presented the first ever *Women Going Places* Award to alumna **Nicole Vap '89** as part of the events. [See page 14.]

One of the unique features of the *Going Places* marketing initiative is the concentrated use of social media in those markets. A 15-second flash video was created for YouTube. Viewers who fit the *Going Places* geodemographics would see the video advertisement. A link directed the viewer back to a special landing page on the Cottey website. Facebook advertising was also used to reach prospective students and parents, and special graphics were designed so they could be shared via Facebook and other visual media.

To learn more about *Cottey College, Going Places*, visit cottey.edu/going-places.

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Construction of the FAB has Begun

On April 18, the College celebrated the success of the *Defining Moment* Campaign with a symbolic groundbreaking ceremony for the new Judy and Glenn Rogers Fine Arts Building. On September 22, heavy equipment rumbled on to the campus grounds to begin the work of creating a new facility.

Over the summer, utility crews spent time locating gas, sewer, and water pipes and phone lines (and in the case of one 16-inch water main, relocating it). Physical plant personnel prepared art classrooms in the lower level of the Rubie Burton Academic Center, and moved supplies and equipment out of Neale Hall. Once Neale was empty and the grounds were well marked for utilities, work could begin.

The perimeter of the work site was secured, and then came removal of trees in the construction zone. Next, the kiln area to the east

of Neale was removed and the front porch of Neale began to be dismantled as the side-walks around the building disappeared under the steady staccato of jackhammers.

The construction photo you see on this page was taken at the beginning of October. Due to print deadlines, we couldn't show you what the process looks like at the end of October. However, there is a way to see what's happening with the new building on a day-by-day basis. A camera was mounted on the southwest end of Main Hall and is focused on the construction site. To view the progress of the building, visit www.cottey.edu. In the Spotlight section is a link to see current images in real time. The camera is not a live feed, but snaps a photo every 30 seconds.

The building is slated for occupancy sometime in fall 2015. More photos and coverage will be in the spring edition of the *Viewpoint*.



Faculty Feature: Carol Clyde

By Steve Reed

The Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness has undergone a few changes. For starters, the Serenbetz name was added to the Institute after the generous \$1 million gift from Thelma Serenbetz of New York. (See the summer issue of the *Viewpoint*.) In July, Dr. Carol Clyde was hired as assistant professor of leadership and director of the Serenbetz Institute. Most recently, Clyde served as director of the TCU Leadership Center at Texas Christian University. Prior to TCU, she served as director of the Community Engagement & Leadership Center at Southern Methodist University from 2003-2012.

The Institute has moved from the Rubie Burton Academic Center to the Helen and George Washburn Center for Women's Leadership.

"We are excited about our new location within the CWL" said Clyde. "We moved in July to capitalize on collaboration opportunities thus enhancing the culture of leadership at Cottey. The CWL comes equipped with meeting space, communal areas, a classroom, and office space."

Although some things will remain the same, there are new initiatives at the Serenbetz Institute.

"We have structured all of our initiatives to fall under one of three areas: Academic Learning, Experiential Development, or Outreach and Support in order to ensure we are working toward our vision to be known as one of the nation's premier women's leadership programs," said Clyde.

The Serenbetz Institute is in the process of developing initiatives in the following areas:

Experiential Development

- Leadership Immersions, such as intensive academic study or personal enrichment travel.
- Summer Leadership Internships allowing students to develop meaningful internship experiences in partnership with identified supervisors.

Outreach Initiatives

- Supporting Women Community Leaders: ini-

tiatives to support women in their quest to enhance leadership skills.

- An Institute Library will house relevant information including books, assessments, supplies and technology to assist in developing Cottey's faculty and students in the areas relevant to the Institute.

- Leadership Coaching that empowers trained students to provide coaching to peers.

Academic Learning

- Academic Leadership Initiatives that complement current baccalaureate degree programs.
- Undergraduate Research Grants for research projects related to the study of leadership and leadership development.

What is Clyde's vision for the future?

"I would like to think that in five years we will have become known as a competitor in the academic leadership market – that we are publishing articles and whitepapers that prove our practices are sound and that we have evidence of the difference we are making to the women at Cottey – and also in the region," she explained. "Whether a student has taken classes connected to the Institute or not, they have grown in all three of these areas because of the comprehensive experience that emphasizes all three of our themes is the lifeblood of a Cottey education."

Dr. Clyde has a Master of Education degree in educational policy planning and leadership from The College of William and Mary and a Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership, higher education administration from Florida Atlantic University. She continued her education at Southern Methodist University where she earned a certificate in executive coaching and a Master of Arts in dispute resolution.



"In five years we will have become known as a competitor in the academic leadership market."
-Dr. Carol Clyde

The Library in the Digital Age

Libraries used to be places full of old, musty tomes, and stern librarians who “shushed” anyone who dared make a noise. Today, libraries might still have a large collection of musty, old tomes, but they also have everything from coffee shops to Internet access to online collections. The Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library is no different.

“Libraries that haven’t already changed by this point are way behind,” said Phill Johnson, director of the library. “It’s been more than a few years since libraries stood on the precipice between print and digital collections. We now find ourselves trying to find the right mix of materials based upon the needs of our users, but also based upon the cost of materials.”

Johnson noted that there are more digital resources available than ever before to Cottey patrons.

“Cottey has been very diligent about acquiring databases that best fit the needs of our students, staff, and faculty,” he explained. “We constantly reevaluate and watch our usage stats to

ensure we are getting the most for our money. We’ve also added thousands of e-books to our collection, thanks to our involvement with the MOBIUS Consortium. In fact, MOBIUS gives our users access to over 27 million items.”

It might seem odd to borrow a digital book, but it is a simple task that also allows instant access to resources that might have taken days or weeks to be shipped to campus before. Anyone logged into the Cottey network can electronically access over 150,000 titles through the EBSCO e-books database. That can be on a computer in the library, or a laptop in the suite. Students have 24/7 access to the digital library.

“We have around 75,000 hard copy volumes in our library,” said Johnson. “The digital collection triples the number of titles that are accessible to our students and patrons.”

As digital offerings expand in libraries, some physical changes occur as well.

“As far as space goes, more libraries are compacting collection areas and opening up collaborative learning areas. And the



more electrical outlets and soft seating, the better!”

As for a coffee shop, while there may be no café inside the hallowed halls of the Ross Library, there is a coffee maker, and students and faculty are allowed to brew and enjoy a cup of joe while in certain areas of the library. So when you’re on campus, charge your e-reader, pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea, and access resources from around the world.

Study Abroad? Cottey Can Help



Have you been envious the last few years as you’ve read about the Cottey trips to Europe, New Zealand, Guatemala, and Thailand and wished you could have the same experience? Have you wanted to study abroad? Have you been accepted to a university in another country and are now wondering how to pay for it? If so, you are encouraged to apply for the Lucille H. Smith Scholarship for Foreign Study.

As an alumna, you may be eligible for this scholarship, established by the Illinois State

Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in honor of Lucille H. Smith, past president of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The scholarship is available to a Cottey alumna who will study abroad. Applications may be obtained from Cottey’s Office of Financial Aid after February 1, 2015.

To request an application, write to:
Office of Financial Aid
Cottey College
1000 W. Austin
Nevada, MO 64772



Alumnae Spotlight / Zhena Muzyka '95

Cottey alumna **Zhena Muzyka '95**, founder of Zhena's Gypsy Tea Company, has published a book. [Muzyka was the feature story in the Spring 2009 issue of the *Viewpoint*. You can read it online at www.cottey.edu/viewpoint/pdf/Spring2009.pdf.) Titled ***Life By The Cup: Ingredients for a Purpose-Filled Life of Bottomless Happiness and Limitless Success***, the book tells her extraordinary story of struggle, hope, and audacity, inspiring women to overcome setbacks—no matter how daunting—and pursue their dreams.

As a twenty-four-year-old single mom, Zhena Muzyka had a young son in need of life-saving surgery and only six dollars in her wallet. But she also had three other powerful motivators: hope, a love of tea, and a dream to share beautiful, aromatic, organic teas with the world. By combining her knowledge of aromatherapy and her gypsy grandmother's teachings, Zhena started selling custom tea blends from a cart on California street corners—and with a lot of ingenuity and grit, her business took off. Now, thirteen years later, her son is healthy and Zhena's Gypsy Tea is a thriving, purpose-driven, fair-trade, multimillion-dollar brand.

Life by the Cup is the inspiring story of Zhena's journey to a meaningful life as founder of a company that benefits health, protects the environment, and supports humanitarian efforts. Zhena's message to women is that no matter where they are, they can change their circumstances and live their dreams.

Each chapter illuminates an inspirational life lesson through stories and wisdom passed down through generations—and also shares one of her signature tea blends as well as mouthwatering tea-based dessert recipes. Zhena's gentle insight will motivate you no matter where you are in life. Her message: Be audacious in your dreams, commit to your values, and see your passion transformed into possibility.

It's not too surprising that Zhena is a published author. She was working on a book about her grandmother, a Ukrainian Gypsy, when her son, Sage was born in 2000. Originally, Muzyka wanted to pursue a career as a writer. She won a Pillsbury Writing Award through the Santa Barbara Foundation, and herbal medicine was just a hobby. It appears that her career has come full circle from where she intended to start. According to a press release, this book is the first of a three book deal Zhena has with Simon and Schuster. In addition, she has just inked a deal with Mark Wahlberg's production company to star in a television series loosely based on ***Life By The Cup***.

Zhena's book is available online and through major retailers. For more information on Zhena, her company, or her book, visit her website at www.zhena.tv.



"Pain is the messenger of change. It demands that we grow, endure, and heal. Ultimately, pain transforms us and points us to our true north—our calling."

-Zhena Muzyka

Presidential Search Information is Online

On May 6, Dr. Judy Rogers announced her intent to retire as President of the College, and on May 9, the Presidential Search Committee was formed. Dr. Susan Santoli, former member of the Cottey College Board of Trustees, chairs the committee.

A site has been set up on the Cottey College website to inform the community of the

progress of the presidential search. Information includes a list of the committee members, the presidential search profile, and updates from the chair. Click the link on the right side of the Cottey home page, or go to: <http://www.cottey.edu/presidentialsearch/home/>.

Class Notes

1960s

Mary Beaty Edelen '65 finished the Leading Ladies Half Marathon in Spearfish Canyon in the Black Hills of South Dakota in 2:43:50. This is the third time she has run the half marathon and has taken nearly 50 minutes off her time from the first race. Her goal this year was 2:59. Edelen lives in South Dakota and is a member of the CCAA Board of Directors and is head class agent. **[PHOTO 1]**



1970s

Ann Douglass '71 - Hello to all '71 Seniors! The last two years have been a challenge for me. I lost my mother in January 2013, and this year I lost my job of 15 years in March. I'm looking for another job here in north metro Atlanta area. You can contact me at ann.douglass@yahoo.com. I am doing fine and looking forward to our 45th reunion in 2016. I hope to see you all. Aloha for now Bama!

Submitted by **Lucinda Clauter-Lull '75**: On July 5, our little town of less than 100 in the winter months, had their fireman's parade, dinner, fundraiser, etc. There are a whole slew of P.E.O.s and Cottey connections here. So five of us donned Cottey sweatshirts and hats, handed out P.E.O. and Cottey info and rode in a "Ranger" with a BIL in the parade! It's always a good time and a very crazy parade. The five of us represented eight women with Cottey affiliations. Of course me, and daughter Sarah Lull-Castillo '03; Dee Sandberg Woodard '75, Jan B. Ensminger '59, Becky Cole '87, Catharine L. Harned '72, her daughter Julia Bell '06, and Sarah McClelland Downing '03! Pretty amazing for a little place like us. One gentleman came up to us later and said his wife graduated in '63 (Karen Ketchie Davidson). **[PHOTO 2]**

Submitted by **Pamela Webb '76** - Summer Reunion! Back row: Leslie Moyer Schil-

linger '76, Pam Webb '76, Michelle Hommerding (Deirdre's Spouse). Front row: Deirdre Curtis '76, Janet Ruch Bruellart '77, and Jennifer Walter '76. We had a great time at Jennifer's home for a weekend in July. Birding, laughter, playing cards, "decking" near the river, and 38-year-old gossip! What a blast! **[PHOTO 3]**

1980s

Michele Mesmer Wolfe '80 spent a great deal of time this summer chasing her two Pekinese, Miyagi & Penny, around the park because once off their leashes, they have a mind of their own and don't know how to return to their Mommy. Once she had to spend the night in the park with a flashlight after hours as Miyagi found himself a girlfriend and didn't want to come home! **[PHOTO 4]**

Submitted by **Carrie Taylor LaSharr '81** - Six members from Ohio Suite '81 & '82 got together for their biennial reunion in Colorado this summer. They all enjoyed zip lining, an alpine slide ride, many laughs, and sharing fond memories during the long weekend. Those able to attend were: Julie Wilson '82, Lori Macklin Beidler '81, Carrie Taylor LaSharr '81, Wendy Wyman '82, Nancy Wille Gumbert '81, and Tracy Johnston '82. Photo caption - Ohio Suite '81 & '82. **[PHOTO 5], next page**

2000s

Julia Weaver Bouchareun '03 and her husband recently moved to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, following a new job opportunity. Julia has begun working in communications for an NGO, so she can be sure that her integration into the country will be fruitful. She is excited to discover a new language, food, and culture!

Greetings, Cottey folks, from **Rhys Harper '03**! Rhys spent three weeks driving from New York to Los Angeles and back to New York, photographing transgender and gender non-confirming people for his project, The Transcending Gender Project. It's gotten some great press, and Rhys' next move will be to turn it into a book. The opening exhibition is in November, and you can find the project on Facebook as well. Rhys would love to hear from you.

Anastasia Schoder Thompson '03 recently accepted a new position as a resident teacher at Hamlin Robinson School in Seattle, Washington. HRS is a private school for dyslexic students. Anastasia is excited to continue her work teaching those who have learning differences. This year she is working with middle school (6th - 8th) students in social studies, math, science, and the Slingerland Approach to Phonics/Reading.

Class Notes



Lindsey Walters Snell '04 accepted a position as Corporate Sales Manager for Norris Conference Centers in downtown Fort Worth on July 15, 2014. She and her family completed their move to Ft. Worth in August.

Ellen M. Weatherholt '04 graduated from Cornell University in May 2014. As a Cornell Plantations Fellow, she earned a Master of Professional Studies in public garden leadership with an emphasis in nonprofit management. In July, Ellen returned to Cottey to serve as the annual fund and alumnae relations assistant director. She is pleased to be back at Cottey, and is looking forward to working with all the wonderful Cottey alumnae!

Molly Evans '05 is finishing up her second year working in full-time ministry with Word Made Flesh Thailand. She is a teacher at their Creative Life Community Center educating children who sell flowers and beg in the Red Light district in Bangkok, Thailand. She loves it and looks forward to what this next year holds. To keep up with her adventures of life overseas, visit her blog at www.lovefuriously.wordpress.com.

Robin Mallinson '07 recently accepted a position at her alma mater, Cottey College!



She will be serving as the secretary for both the Center for Women's Leadership, as well as the Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness. After graduating from Cottey, Robin continued her education at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, receiving a bachelor's degree in family consumer sciences in 2009. She is excited to once again join her Cottey family and looks forward to a great 2014-2015 school year!

Beth Poortinga (AA '07, BA '14) has decided to continue her education and begin graduate school at Texas Woman's University! She is working on a double master's in history and government!

Amelia True '08 finished a teaching credential program in May 2014 at Mills College in Oakland, California. She is now teaching fifth grade at a public elementary school in her hometown of Santa Rosa, California. Amelia continues to lifeguard at a lake during the summers for Sonoma County Regional Parks.

Summer Wyllie '08 was recently promoted from report transcriptionist to emergency management staff assistant & special needs registry coordinator at the Citrus County Sheriff's Office in her hometown of Lecanto, Florida. She is enjoying the change

to an 8-5 position after over two years of night shifts. Summer is already looking forward already to her 10-year reunion

Melody Griesdorn '09 successfully completed her 10-month term of service with the inaugural class of Public Allies Iowa AmeriCorps on August 31, 2014. Two days later, she began working for Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) as the Case Manager for their Living with HIV Program. She is very grateful for the opportunities and learning provided by Public Allies and is very excited to start a new adventure with the position at MICA.

Ashley Pentecost '09 is attending graduate school at the University of North Alabama in pursuit of her Master of Arts degree in public history. Photo above: Ashley in Paris during the second week of spring break 2009. **[PHOTO 6]**

2010s

Janell Webb Doster '10 accepted a position with the Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration Service as an immigration officer on April 7, 2014. She spent almost seven weeks in Dallas, Texas, learning Immigration Law. She loves being able to help individuals and families from around the world realize their American dream while keeping our country safe. She is looking forward to the many opportunities this career holds for her future.



Pictured are (l to r): Barbara Trombley '70, Miriam Mimi Kibbie Starks '61, Alice Selch Stephenson '61, and Nancy Beckner Watt '61.

Mimi and Nancy were visiting the Sedona area from their homes in Washington state, and "found" Alice living nearby in Cornville. She in turn took us to Barbara's marvelous glitter shop (see jars in background) in Cottonwood. Barbara is the founder of Art Institute Glitter, Inc., and is a success story in her own right. Find her creative world at www.artglitter.com. If any Cottey girls, or arts and crafts enthusiasts, visit Sedona, they should for sure, go to Cottonwood (nearby) and visit Barbara's amazing shop and headquarters!

Class Notes

Kaylen Snow '10 is moving to Milan, Italy, to become an au pair. She looks forward to being abroad and experiencing Italian culture while living in an Italian home. She can be contacted via Facebook, Skype, or email. **[PHOTO 7]**

Aisha J. Truss '11 received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and black studies in May 2014 from the University of Missouri- Columbia (Mizzou). She is currently working at Assurant Employee Benefits as a customer advocate in Kansas City, Missouri, until she can locate a job in finance/banking or insurance in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. **[PHOTO 8]**

Submitted by **Katherine Kerbs '12**: Members of the classes of 2011 and 2012 enjoyed a small reunion at the 2014 Missouri P.E.O. Convention this past summer. Pictured are Tabitha Andujar-Bryson '12, Devin Napoli '11, Sarah Raffurty '11, Katherine Kerbs '12, and Amelia White '11. **[PHOTO 9]**

Tatum Lindsay '12 graduated cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, in May 2014 with a BA in gender studies. After

graduating from Mount Holyoke, Tatum completed a summer research internship at Harvard Law School assisting with projects related to copyright and intellectual property law. She loved seeing Kassi Hampton (AA '12, BA '14) and Chris McGee '11 while living in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Tatum recently accepted a job as a program assistant in the Office of Advancement at the Smithsonian Institution and is looking forward to connecting with P.E.O.s and Cottey alumnae in the DC Metro Area. Please reach out at tatumlinds@gmail.com.

Su-Bin (Alison) Park (AA '11, BA '13), was accepted into the Master of Public Administration program with a focus on health services administration at University of Missouri-Kansas City with scholarship.

Malyssa Dunson (AA '12, BA '14) recently started a new job as an ac-



count coordinator at Summit Health Quest/Diagnostics Facility in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her responsibilities include assisting and serving alongside diverse program managers to help schedule and manage on-site wellness clinics and events for many different employer groups nationwide. In her spare time, she has enjoyed spending time with her family and serving on the worship team at her local church.

Obituaries

Sara (Sally) Margaret Quick O'Malley '44 passed away peacefully on June 11, 2014, at Aloha Nursing and Rehab Centre. She was 88 years old. Sally was born in Crescent City, California, on December 24, 1925. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1948 and moved to Hawaii as a young wife in 1950. She raised six children in a home where all were welcome and every child was loved. She opened up her home as a place where all of her children's friends could gather. In her professional

life, Sally was an office manager and accountant for several local businesses – Sunshine School, Pua Lani Landscaping, and Kama'aina Kids. She was a member of the Assistance League of Honolulu and P.E.O. In all of these endeavors she made lifelong friends who loved and respected her for her honesty, courage, compassion, and integrity. She is survived by her six children: Kate O'Malley (Gary Gray), Molly O'Malley (Wayne Moyer), Michael O'Malley (Cheryl Robello), Kevin O'Malley (Leslie), Patrick O'Malley,

and Margaret Andrade (Kimo), 14 grandchildren (including Cristin O'Malley '04) and three great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life was held on July 19.

Jane Fowkes Herman '72 passed away May 8, 2014, in Blue Springs, Missouri. She leaves her husband, Tom, whom she met while at Cottey; sons Michael and Jeffrey; and her twin sister, Sue Fowkes Langseth '72.



Weddings

1990s

Allyn Lambertz '97 and Angela Beaman were married on May 17, 2014, at the Science Center of Iowa in Des Moines. Allyn and Angela met at Iowa State University. They now reside in Iowa City, Iowa. Cottey sisters in attendance included Leslie Sydow Bradshaw '96, Jennifer Murray-Bentz '97, and Melissa Lardinois Bennett '96. It was wonderful sharing the day with Cottey friends near and far! **[PHOTO 1]**

2000s

Hannah Baily Swanson '04 married Josh Swanson on June 7, 2014, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In the picture are four Cottey alums: bride Hannah Baily Swanson '04; Black dress - Ashley MacDougall Starlin '03; striped dress - Shannon Cross Morerod '04, and red dress - Randa Spars Schuster '91. Since Cottey, Hannah has completed a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and special education, and a master's degree in pre-K-12 administration, all from The University of South Dakota. Hannah and her husband reside in Alcester, South Dakota. **[PHOTO 2]**

Carrie Dohack '04 and Justin Willett were married June 21, 2014. The Honorable Patricia Breckenridge performed the ceremony at Orr Street Studios in Columbia, Missouri.



After Cottey, Carrie finished a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2007. She is the lifestyle editor at the Columbia Daily Tribune. Her husband is the Tribune's associate city editor and business editor.

This marriage also brought Carrie a stepson, nine-year-old Carter Willett. Special wedding guests included Patricia Breckenridge's husband, Bryan Breckenridge, who served on the Cottey College Board of Trustees from 2001-2008, and Cottey President Emeritus Dr. Helen Washburn and her husband, George Washburn.



The Dohack-Willett family makes their home in Columbia, where they have one dog and dreams of raising urban hens. **[PHOTO 3]**

Angela Phillips Moore '06 married Dan Moore on August 2, 2014, in Fort Scott, Kansas. Dan and Angela live in Nevada, Missouri, where Angela is the assistant director of admission at Cottey College and Dan works at 3M. Cottey alumnae Aimee Starlin Meyer '02, Clarissa Stolley Smith '05, and Betsy Miller Curtis '06, shared their love and support for the newlyweds on their special day by attending the festivities - thanks, ladies! **[PHOTO 4]**

Carli Honea Board '11 married Parker Board on August 18, 2012, in Garland, Kansas. **[PHOTO 5]**



Births

1990s

Ellie Covington Huynh '96 and her husband Hien welcomed their third child on July 24, 2014. Solace Finn Dang Huynh weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz., and was 19 inches long. His brother Aidan James (age 8), and sister Elise Hope (age 6) are proud to have a little brother! **[PHOTO 1]**

2000s

Nichole Jackson George '04 married Clay George on July 14, 2012. The couple welcomed daughter Olivia Marie George on February 24, 2014. **[PHOTO 2]**

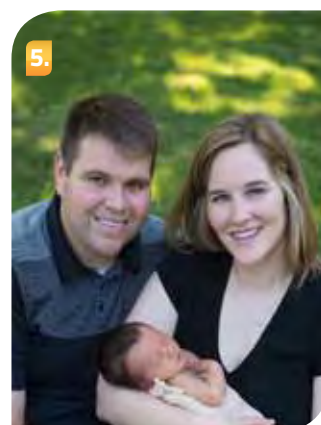
Rachael Peyton-Cushing Kresha '04 and husband Jonathan were overjoyed to welcome James Allan Kresha, born July 21, 2014. **[PHOTO 3]**

Zanna Rasp-Lambert '04 and husband Nick welcomed their first child, Benjamin James Lambert, to the world on February 15, 2014. He's healthy, happy, and so precious. We are thrilled!

[PHOTO 4]

Lauren Walker Augustin '05 and her husband, Matt, welcomed the arrival of William Robert Augustin on June 19, 2014. This is their first child and it is the first grandchild of Mary Owens Walker '75. Matt, Lauren, and Will reside in Grinnell, Iowa. **[PHOTO 5]**

Stephanie Licea Roberts '06 and her husband Chad Roberts welcomed baby girl Callie Alayna into the world on January 18, 2014, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. **[PHOTO 6]**



Faculty/Staff Notes

This past summer, **Dr. Rusalyn Andrews**, professor of theatre and speech, attended Second City Training Center in Chicago, Illinois. Andrews studied improvisation, skit writing, and writing strong women. Second City is known for training performers and writers, many of whom have become famous. Alumni of Second City are frequently included in Saturday Night Live casts. Well-known women who have studied at Second City include Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner, Shelly Long, Laura Holt, Jane Lynch, Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Rachel Dratch, Amy Sedaris, Nia Vardalos, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Bonnie Hunt. Other famous graduates include Peter Boyle, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, Mike Myers, and Chris Farley. Study was made possible by joint grants from the Lillian Corley Faculty Development Fund, Clover Faculty Development Fund, and the Cottey College Development Fund to enhance professional excellence.

Dr. Carmen Bourbon, associate professor of Spanish, graded Advanced Placement Spanish Language exams during the week of June 12-18, 2014, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This past July, **Dr. Sarah Quick**, assistant professor of anthropology and sociology, attended a weeklong "Short Course on Cultural Domain Analysis" with twelve other professionals at the Duke Marine Laboratories in Beaufort, North Carolina. This course and others offered in this NSF-supported program is for those who already have a Ph.D. in anthropology and who want to broaden or improve their skills. You can learn more at: <http://quant.org/methodsmall/scrm/cultural-domain-analysis/>

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As a result of the work and brainchild of Dr. Sarah Quick, assistant professor of anthropology and sociology, and **Susan Thornton**, library assistant and staff sponsor of student organization S.A.V.E. (Students Against a Vanishing Environment), Cottey has been awarded a special micro-grant by KCP&L (Kansas City Power & Light), as a part their "Energizing Our Environment" Micro-Grant Program. S.A.V.E. plans to use the grant to increase the availability of recycling stations on the college's campus. In addition to adding recycling bins, they plan to create educational materials on why recycling is important and facilitate a contest between the college's buildings and residence halls to showcase each group's recycling efforts.

Prof. Theresa Spencer, professor of music, is now certified in all three levels of the Somatic Voicework™ Method. She attended the CCM (contemporary commercial music) Vocal Pedagogy Institute at Shenandoah University from July 14-21, 2014, to complete the third level of certification.

Dr. Julie Tietz, professor of psychology, graded Advanced Placement exams in psychology, June 2-8, 2014, in Kansas City, Missouri.

New Faculty/Academic Hires 2014-2015 Academic Year

Laura Chaney, associate professor of theatre, replaces Michael Denison. Prof. Chaney holds a Bachelor of Science from

Texas Woman's University and a Master of Fine Arts from Tulane University.

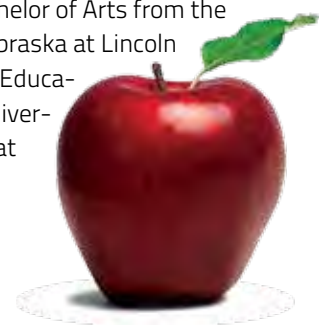
Dr. Melody Denny joins the Cottey faculty as an assistant professor of English. Dr. Denny holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from Northeastern State University and a Doctor of Philosophy from Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Peter Hyland has been hired as an assistant professor of physics and astronomy. Dr. Hyland obtained a Bachelor of Science from Case Western Reserve University and a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Trilla Ray-Carter replaces Matthew Herren as an adjunct instructor of music and will specialize in strings. Ms. Carter holds a Bachelor of Music from the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music.

Tracy Comstock replaces Carol MacArthur as an adjunct assistant professor of English. Ms. Comstock obtained her Bachelor of Science in Education from Missouri State University and her Master of Arts from Pittsburg State University.

Jennifer Cornwell joins us as the international education and international student support coordinator. Ms. Cornwell holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a Master of Education from the University of Missouri at Columbia.



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As Cottey enters the next phase of growth following the successful completion of a comprehensive campaign, we remain truly grateful for the continued support of all alumnae, faculty, staff, friends, P.E.O.s, chapters, corporations, and foundations. We wish to specially recognize the following gifts made between From June 1, 2014, and September 30, 2014.

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