

Viewpoint

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For Women, By Women, About Women

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Dr. Jann Rudd Weitzel Becomes the 12th President of Cottey College

Letters to the Editor

I am trying to reach someone who can provide information on how to obtain a particular article found in one of the early Viewpoint Magazines.

The article told the story of a student who was one of the first students to design her own course of study with a known goal and was successful in that desire at Cottey, resulting in the TAZO Tea Co., I believe.

I would love to have a copy of that article to share with my chapter CL, to show them another unique opportunity that Cottey provides our students. Then we'll "Taste" the fruits of a Cottey Education, a rejoice!

Thank you so very much, Barbara Sutherland Marquardt, (Cottey, 1952)

Dear Barbara, Zhenia Muzyka, Class of 1995, was the founder and owner of Zhenia's Gypsy Teas. There is a short profile of her on page 19 of the Fall 2014 issue of the Viewpoint. That issue is available online at <http://www.cottey.edu/viewpoint-home/archives/>. That issue is the one with a photo of a butterfly on the cover.

Zhenia was also the feature story in the Spring 2009 issue of the old Viewpoint tabloid. Here is a direct link to that issue <http://www.cottey.edu/viewpoint/pdf/Spring2009.pdf>
Steve Reed

I just received the Summer 2016 edition of the ViewPoint magazine. I wanted to let you know that my mother Anita

Jordan died on January 30, 2016. She attended Cottey College. She was an office administrator for a short while. Once she married and had 2 children, she was a stay-at-home mother. She always helped us with reading and our school work.

I can't find the information about when she attended college at Cottey and what she studied. If you find that information if you could please email it to me.

Mary Jordan Ireland

Dear Mary, Thank you for taking the time to notify the College of your mother's death. I have updated her account and added you to the database so that you receive the next issue of Viewpoint.

According to our records your mother started at Cottey College in 1943 and, although she did not receive a degree, would be considered a member of the Class of 1945. Three of her classmates have been back on campus in the past five or six years for various events. In my 20+ years of working at the College, I have gotten to know some of them well. When they see the notice of your mother's passing, they no doubt will recall some fond memories of her.

Please accept my belated condolences to you and your family.

*Sincerely,
Kristine Anderson Fulton '89
AVP for Institutional Advancement*

A Message from the EDITOR

A few changes for this year

You may have noticed two things about this issue of the *Viewpoint*. One, this issue arrived later than it typically would have, and two, it has more pages than the usual *Viewpoint*. Both are by design.

As we looked at the events happening this academic year, we realized there were big events, like the inauguration of Cottey's 12th President, that would fall after the delivery of the regularly scheduled issue. Were we to follow our standard deadlines, the inauguration of Dr. Weitzel wouldn't have appeared in the pages of this magazine until the March 1 issue.

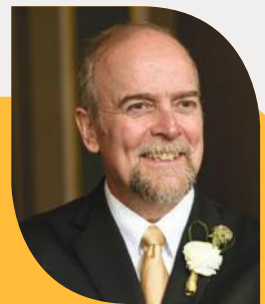
We wanted to be more timely with the coverage of some of those special Cottey moments, so we've changed things for this year. For the 2016-2017 academic year, we will only have two issues of the *Viewpoint*, instead of three. But, to make up for one fewer issue, we've added additional pages to each of those.

We hope you will enjoy the oversized fall/winter issue of the *Viewpoint*, along with the bigger spring/summer issue to come in late May. At the end of the year, we'll analyze the results and decide whether to go back to three issues or stick with two larger copies.

Of course what makes a bigger issue more compelling is having plenty of news for it. That's where you come in. Keep us informed of your news. Let us trumpet your successes in the pages of your magazine!

Please let us know what you think of this change. As always you are encouraged to write me at sreed@cottey.edu.

Sincerely,
Steve Reed, editor





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Dr. Jann Rudd Weitzel became the 12th President of Cottey College on October 22 surrounded by members of the Cottey community including faculty, staff, students, P.E.O.s and her family.



let your *Imagination* soar at

Vacation College

Classic Italian Cooking
Siberian Journey
The Art of the Journal
Golf Clinic
Math and Art
Pastel Drawing
Beginning Genealogy
Wall Street - Past and Present
Event Planning with Pinterest

May 16-21, 2017

The theme of the inauguration of Cottey's 12th President, Dr. Jann Rudd Weitzel, was Imagine. You have a chance to let your imagination soar with incredible learning opportunities from Cottey faculty and staff at Cottey College's Vacation College. A few of the proposed courses are to the left. A complete schedule will be available online after January 2 at www.cottey.edu/peo/grow

Cottey's Newest Trustee: The Honorable Jim Bickel

Cottey College is pleased to announce the appointment of the Honorable James R. Bickel as the newest member of the Cottey College Board of Trustees. His seven-year term began on June 1.

Judge Bickel has been the Presiding Judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit of Missouri since 2001. He retired from the bench at the end of June. Prior to his election as Presiding Judge, he had 27 years of private law practice in Nevada with the firm Russell, Brown, Bickel and Breckenridge. He also served as the judge for Nevada's Municipal Court.

Judge Bickel has a passion for the benefits of drug courts and he established treatment courts in all four counties of the 28th Circuit. Forcing substance abuse treatment on addicts, instead of incarceration, has turned lives around for hundreds of participants, reunited families, and made communities safer.

Judge Bickel received his undergraduate and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was president of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Order of the COIF initiate, Missouri Law Review.

He has served on the Missouri Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Committee and the Attorney General's Professional Liability Review Board. He has served as

special assignment judge on the Missouri Supreme Court and opinion writer for Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District.

In 2004, Judge Bickel was named Citizen of the Year by the Nevada Rotary Club, and in 2005 he was named an Outstanding Missourian by the Missouri House of Representatives.

Judge Bickel is a member of Nevada United Methodist Church and served on the board of directors of the Missouri United Methodist Foundation from 1993-2001 and on the Foundation's executive committee from 1999-2000.

A U.S. Army and Vietnam veteran, Judge Bickel is married to his wife Sherry. They have three children and four grandchildren. Outside of work, he enjoys golf, bridge and watching his grandchildren's ballgames



The Honorable Jim Bickel

Sherri Taylor, CFRE, Named Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Sherri Taylor, CFRE, accepted the position of vice president for institutional advancement.

Taylor brings to the position experience in annual and major gifts, donor acquisition and retention, capital campaign design and implementation, project management, case development and marketing. Since 2013, she served as senior fundraising counsel with Graham Pelton, and was one of Cottey's primary consultants from Pursuant/Ketchum

during Cottey's comprehensive campaign, A Defining Moment. She comes

to the position with a knowledge of and love for our institution.

Taylor's previous experience, in addition to her work at Graham/Pelton has included serving as vice president of advancement for William Penn University; vice president of Ketchum, a strategic fundraising organization; and as an executive consultant with RSI Institutional,

a fundraising organization primarily for faith-based schools, seminaries, youth organizations and para-churches.

Taylor earned a Bachelor of Arts in education from William Penn College. She also has earned credentials as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). She has been on the board of directors for AFP, Greater Dallas Chapter, and has served for several years as a volunteer with the USO.



message from the PRESIDENT

Living in Community

The Oxford Dictionary defines “community” as “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.” Regrettably, over the past months leading up to the election, as a nation, we have experienced a division, a pulling apart of our national community; however, those months of turmoil and negativity have now ended, and regardless of our political views or feelings about the outcome of the recent votes, it is my hope that we can all move forward as a national community that allows us to continue being both great and strong.

“Great and strong”... words taken from the campaign slogans of both the Republican and Democratic parties during the recent campaigns are also words that describe the past, the present, and the future of our college. Think about this: Cottey College was founded prior to women being allowed to vote; it has weathered wars, conflicts, and terrorism; it survived the Great Depression; it was in place during the Civil Rights Movement, the first flights into space, and the introduction and expansion of technology. While many other women’s colleges have either closed their doors or chosen to become coed, Cottey College has held strong to its mission, to offer a great education to its students. The school that Virginia Alice Cottey imagined in the 1880’s is strong, it is great, and it continues to serve its mission.

Over the past year, I have been asked many times, “What makes Cottey so special?” Where to start? At Cottey, we have outstanding students who come to this institution from all over the globe, young women who choose to travel to a small town in Missouri to be part of something great, something marvelous... Cottey College where they interact with and learn from amazing faculty and

staff dedicated to the education of young women, who work tirelessly to ensure that our students receive a first-class, rigorous education on a gorgeous, well-kept and well-facilitated campus. We have the backing and continual encouragement of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, our Board of Trustees, our alumnae, and our friends of the college. We are supported by the community of Nevada, as residents open their businesses to our students and offer community service and internship opportunities. The list could go on and on.

Cottey women are truly a part of a community, a community of scholars, a community of women, a community that will travel with them and be a part of them through the years. This community, Cottey College, encourages every student to take an active role on campus, not simply be a number. It encourages each woman to speak aloud, to let her voice be heard. The college encourages every student to investigate, reason, ask questions, and thinking critically, not just believe what someone else tells her she should believe. She is an active learner, a student who participates in class by sharing her thoughts and opinions. She is a leader, she is a member of a sisterhood, she is a member of a strong community of women spanning generations.

That membership in the community of Cottey is what I’ve discovered and what amazes me every single day, and that is the answer to the question, “What makes Cottey so special?” Every young woman should experience the difference that Cottey can make in her life.

Jann R. Weitzel

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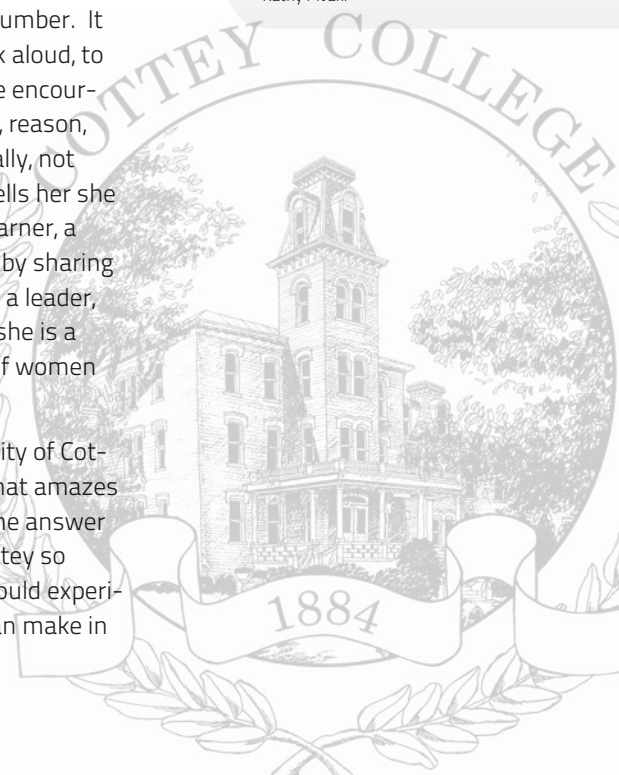
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Christi Fulton Ellis '96 Named Coordinator of Alumnae

Cottey College is pleased to announce the appointment of Christi (Fulton) Ellis as the new coordinator of alumnae relations. Ellis is a 1996 Cottey alumna who continued her education at William Woods University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and University of Central Missouri where she earned her master's degree.

Since completing her academic studies, Christi has been a valuable and valued member of the Cottey family having served as a residence hall director for three years and an adjunct assistant professor of dance for eight. She was also owner and creative director of Music 'N' Motion for more than ten years.

Ellis serves on the Cottey College committee for P.E.O. Chapter DS, as social media manager for the Optimist Club of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and as president of the Heart of America Chapter #28, Dance Masters of America. She brings passion for Cottey, leadership skills, and event planning experience with her to this position. She will be a tremendous asset to Institutional Advancement as Cottey continues its efforts to engage and enthuse its alumnae in the mission of Cottey College.

When asked about her goals for the alumnae office, Ellis said, "I would like to increase Cottey's connection with our alumnae by creating regional groups across the country. 2017's focused areas are Texas (the Dallas-Fort Worth area and southern Texas), the Washington DC area, Southern California, the Kansas City area, Oklahoma (Oklahoma City and Tulsa), and the Twin Cities area in Minnesota."

"With these regional groups, we would encourage them to have gatherings approximately 2-3 times a year," she added. "Their activities could be anything from social time to share Cottey stories, to networking opportunities, send-off parties for Cottey students as they get ready to come to Cottey, watch parties for Cottey's livestreamed events, fundraiser events, recruitment gatherings for prospective students, or going out together as a group to volunteer in their community and continue Cottey's mission to be contributing members of a global society."

"Of course I would love suggestions for more areas as well as alumnae volunteers from those areas to help assist in getting them started!"

If you have ideas or suggestions for the alumnae office, please contact Christi Fulton Ellis at 417-667-8181, ext. 2122, or by email at cellis@cottey.edu.



Christi Fulton Ellis '96

Save the Date for Founder's Day 2017!

Registration for Founder's Day is opening soon! If your class year ends with a 2 or a 7 you'll want to be here for your class reunion. Visit <http://community.cottey.edu> and click on the link for details and online registration. Online registration will be available in mid-January.

March 31-April 2, 2017



The Cottey College Alumnae Community: Lifelong, Intergenerational, Global

Cottey students automatically become Cottey College Alumnae Association members after they have completed two full-time semesters. They start off as a group of young women with different personalities, interests, and backgrounds living in the same place and transition to interdependent friends, suitemates, and classmates. After two semesters, we hope they have begun to appreciate the camaraderie that only the Cottey experience provides and the far-reaching nature of the Cottey College alumnae community. Older alumnae know that this special community can last a lifetime, crossing generations and covering the globe.

The Cottey College Alumnae Association (CCAA) exists to cultivate this community.

A sense of community does not just happen. It takes hard work, good communication, appreciation of different opinions and personalities, and sharing common experiences. The CCAA Executive Board members work closely with the Alumnae Coordinator, the Class Agents for the 71 active alumnae classes, the Regional Group Leads, and Former CCAA Executive Board members to maintain the Cottey-to-alumna and alumna-to-alumna bonds.

Each Founder's Day weekend, we celebrate our alums by presenting five awards to members of the extended Cottey community who have brought distinction to Cottey within their personal, professional or Cottey community. These awards include Distinguished Alumna, Alumnae Service, Outstanding Young Alumna, Friend of the College, and Honorary Alumna.

As alumnae continue to support one another, the CCAA Executive Board members and their key collaborators are working toward the common goal of Cottey's growth and success. Each member of the CCAA Executive Board brings a different period of Cottey history to the table, and together members work to help Cottey progress into the 21st Century.

Two of our new projects are Regional Groups and the newly formed Traditions Committee.

Regional Groups were created to bring area alumnae together to promote Cottey College, offering activities that meet the needs of their particular community. These groups are largely casual in nature, but can provide social events, networking opportunities, and recruitment programs to create awareness of Cottey

College. They are also an important source of information about campus happenings and a means to encourage continued financial support of Cottey.

Traditions bring strangers together - sharing a laugh or a secret or making a forever memory can have a tremendous impact on a Cottey student. Feelings of loneliness often disappear quickly when joyful music and whimsical songs fill the air. Though traditions continue to emerge and change through the years, their presence is forever on campus. Your CCAA Traditions Committee is working with alums from every era to preserve their favorite traditions and share them with other alums and current students.

The CCAA Executive Board has several goals, but particular focuses on the following:

- increasing measurable alumnae involvement through financial support, alumnae connections, presence at Founder's Day, and soliciting nominees for awards and Executive Board positions, and
- increasing student referrals by alumnae.

These goals also include the desire to create an alumnae community that both celebrates Cottey's past and looks enthusiastically toward Cottey's future.

A vibrant community depends upon the active participation of all of its members. Consider becoming an active Cottey community participant:

- Returning to campus for Founder's Day. Remember the rule: nobody comes to Founder's alone. Even if you are just toying with the idea of attending your next reunion, get your ducks in a row now and contact your classmates!
- Supporting Cottey financially with an annual gift. Each and every gift (no matter the amount) helps raise the alumnae giving rate.
- Referring a student at www.cottey.edu/referstudent. Who better to share the benefits of a Cottey education than its own alumnae? You have firsthand experience with Cottey's impact on your life - you slept in the suites, attended classes, ate delicious food and made lifelong friends. Share the value of a Cottey College education and help make a difference in a young woman's life!

Comets Add Two to Coaching Staff

Meg Brewer - Softball

Cottey Comets Athletic Director Stephanie Beason announced that Meg Brewer has been hired as an assistant coach in softball. She will assist new head coach Mark Skapin in recruiting and instruction.

Although Brewer hails from Bayport, New York, for the last two seasons she was a player and coach in Denmark with Gladsaxe Softball and Baseball Club in the Greater Copenhagen area. She was also a member of the Danish Softball Federation where she was a clinic instructor.

Brewer received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the State University of New York at New Paltz where she was also a member of the softball team. She was a pitcher and played third and second bases. She was team captain for two years, was named an All-American Scholar Athlete by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and was named to the All-Academic Softball Team by the State University of New York Athletic Conference.

"We're fortunate to have someone with Meg's skills as our new assistant coach," said head coach Mark Skapin. "She embodies the work ethic on the field and in the classroom we want our student-athletes to have."

Brewer began her duties with the College in October.



Meg Brewer

Mark Cole - Head Golf Coach

Mark Cole of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, has been hired as the first golf coach at Cottey College. Cole will begin recruiting student-athletes for Cottey's first golf team immediately.

Cole has been the head golf coach at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. His main responsibilities included the reestablishment of a regionally competitive golf program. He implemented a golf minor, expanded playing schedule and training opportunities, added a women's golf program and initiated golf academy plans for the college master plan. Cole expanded recruiting territories to include international players and transfer students. Through aggressive recruiting efforts, the program went from a national ranking of 258 to ninth in a three-year period.

Cole currently holds a single-digit USGA golf handicap and is pursuing United States Golf Teaching Federation (USGTF) Level III Coaching Certification, which he should complete this semester.

"We're extremely excited to have Coach Cole on board to begin our golf program at Cottey," said Athletic Director Stephanie Beason. "His recruiting style and coaching techniques have spoken for themselves in the past with the improvements he has made with other programs. It's a time of growth for the athletic department and we're looking forward to Mark guiding our golf program to a competitive and successful future."

Cole earned a B.S. in special education from Millersville State College in Millersville, Pennsylvania, and has a master's in education from Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

Cottey will begin competitive golf in fall 2017. Cottey is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II and competes in Region XVI.



Mark Cole



The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll has named Cottey College to their Honor Roll with Distinction for Interfaith and Community Service. An institution may be recognized in one of four categories including General Community Service, Economic Opportunity, Education and Interfaith Community Service. Cottey qualified for the honor roll in all four categories making Cottey the only college in Missouri to receive such high recognition.

The President's Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a higher learning institution can receive for its commitment to community, service-learning, and civic engagement. Additionally, the program recognizes institutions that raise the visibility of practices that enhance community and campus relationships.

Cottey has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll six times

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-Dr. Jann Weitzel

since 2008. However, this is the first time Cottey received recognition in all four categories and "with Distinction" for Interfaith and Community Service.

Renee Hampton, coordinator of career training and transfer planning, and Rev.

Erica Sigauke, director of spiritual life and campus diversity, participated in a panel that presented at

Cottey Again Named to President's Honor Roll

the President's Interfaith and Community Service meeting held at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., in September where the announcement of the honor roll recognition was presented. Specifically, Cottey was recognized for three programs: Martin Luther King Day of Service and Celebration; Multicultural Festival; and the Peace Week Celebration. Additionally, Cottey also participates in the President's Interfaith Campus Challenge.

"We are honored to be named to this prestigious honor roll and applaud the work of our students and the wonderful support provided by the Nevada community. This is an example of working hand-in-hand to build understanding and appreciation of the diverse world in which we live," said Dr. Jann Weitzel, president of Cottey College.

Honor Roll applicants include all categories of higher learning institutions. They include public and private colleges and universities, community colleges, minority-serving institutions and both for-profit and not-for-profit schools.

This recognition follows the recent announcement by *U.S. News and World Report* naming Cottey College as one of the top Regional Colleges in the Midwest. *BestValueSchools.com* named Cottey as one of the Most Affordable Colleges in Missouri and one of the top Women's Colleges in the United States.

- Best Regional Colleges in the Midwest
-U.S. News and World Report
- Best Affordable Women's Colleges
- Best Value Colleges in Missouri
-BestValueSchools.com
www.cottey.edu



THE INAUGURATION OF

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, approximately 500 guests, including representatives from 16 other colleges and universities, alumnae, students, faculty, staff, and friends of the College, gathered in the Auditorium of the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts to celebrate the inauguration of Jann Rudd Weitzel, Ph.D., as Cottey's 12th President.

The ceremony was preceded by a week of activities that coincided with the inauguration's theme of *Imagine*.

COTTEY COLLEGE'S 12TH PRESIDENT

“Your participation in our inauguration is greatly appreciated. You’ll notice I said the words ‘our inauguration.’ This event is not about one person. This event is not about one president; rather it is about the entire institution of Cottey College, all of its constituents and its future.”

With this opening statement in her inaugural address, Dr. Weitzel let it be known that her presidency would be inclusive of the entire Cottey community and would strive for the betterment of the College.

The theme of the inauguration was IMAGINE, and Dr Weitzel said, “That single word—Imagine—is at the core of what it will take to move Cottey forward. We cannot sit still. We cannot wait for the future to come to us and magically unfold itself. We need to first imagine our future and then take the steps necessary to make it come true.”

To find out what those steps are, you may listen to her full remarks at www.cottey.edu/inauguration. On that page are also links to a photo gallery and the means by which to make a tribute gift to the Jann Rudd Weitzel Imagine Scholarship. A copy of the inaugural program and Dr. Weitzel’s biography are also available on that site.

Many thanks to those who were able to join us for that historic event, and gratitude to all who will help us imagine the future of Cottey College and make it a reality.

Below: Cottey students form the Daisy Chain for the inauguration processional.





Clockwise from photo above: 1. Mrs. Peggy Bottorf, Chair of the Cottey College Board of Trustees, presents the presidential mace to Dr. Weitzel at the investiture ceremony. 2. The Reverend Dr. Michael M. Mason, chaplain to Lindenwood University, poses with his former colleague, Dr. Jann Weitzel, prior to the ceremony. 3. Dr. Weitzel is capped on the steps of Main Hall by her daughters Sarah Weitzel Moran and Lauren Weitzel White in honor of Dr. Weitzel's mother, Barbara Anne Rudd. 4. The Cottey Chamber Singers and reader Abigail Baumgartner perform "Woman Am I." 5. Cottey College alumna and Wheaton College delegate Susan Brinkman '72 greets Dr. Weitzel at the reception.

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The Music and Motion of Recruiting

by **Laura Boasberg**

Contributing Writer

Affinity Enterprise Group

Do you hear activity's hum? Do you see motion's blur? You're hearing and seeing a diverse Cottey student population maneuvering through their day. Just as each student is unique, so is her educational experience. Some come straight from home or high schools and stay for two years before moving on to other colleges. Others come from community or junior colleges to complete their degrees. Some stay for four years and earn every credit of their baccalaureate degree at Cottey. Each young woman, and each path, is celebrated.

The majority of students currently utilize their Cottey education as part of their college career. Cottey constantly builds upon and fine-tunes its recruitment practices to draw more transfer students. Currently, it has articulation agreements with Crowder College, Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City, Ozarks Technical Community College, North Central Missouri College, and Northwest Arkansas Community College. Young women at these learning institutions know that their credits can easily transfer so they can complete their degrees at Cottey.

"One of Dr. Weitzel's priorities for us is to increase the number of agreements we have with community, junior and two-year institutions, among others," said Natalie K. Herring, Vice President for Enrollment Management.

Last year, Enrollment Management attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Transfer Fair in Washington, D.C., and continues to partner with the honor society to reach possible Cottey recruits.

Some Cottey faculty goes above and beyond their regular responsibilities to support recruiting efforts. Jackie Lordo, assistant professor of music, and

Catherine Volle, assistant professor of microbiology and biochemistry, build time into their schedules to recruit. They are devoted to not only enriching the lives of current students, but also to finding tomorrow's rising stars. Lordo develops relationships with high school band and choir directors, as their students look to them for guidance in college selection. Lordo also travels to high schools and helps prepare the students for All-State Band competitions. When band or choir recruits visit campus, she encourages them to sit in on rehearsals so that they can get a feel for the experience they will have at Cottey.

Said Lordo, "Whenever contact happens, I make it as personal as possible whenever feasible."

Cottey's P.E.O. partners annually bus some Nebraska students to campus. These efforts may expand in the future to include P.E.O. and other alumnae busing students from across Missouri and other targeted areas from the four-state region.

There are many opportunities for recruits, transfer students and the external community to visit the Cottey College campus. Visitors are welcome any time class is in session, and starting in January 2017 the campus will be open one Saturday per month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Show Me Cottey events are scheduled on some Mondays and Fridays throughout the year for recruits and transfer students. "C" for Yourself and Summer Workshop are valuable programs for outreach. Home basketball and softball games are other opportunities to welcome those outside the current student population to experience Cottey.

There is certainly a hum and a blur. The sounds and sights of each student, recruit, each member of faculty and staff are the music and motion that make Cottey a vibrant community. Each student and path is unique and valued. Cottey thoughtfully strives to reach more young women who wish to excel and create for themselves lives of distinction.

COTTEY

Sharing Cottey

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 at 888-526-8839. Cottey is busy planning recruitment events, and who knows? We may be in your area! Start making your plans to change a young woman's life today.

COTTEY

COMMUNITY

By Steve Reed

Recently my wife Angie and I traveled to my hometown to attend a special homecoming Sunday and lunch at the church in which I spent my formative years. It was great to see so many friends there from my youth and walk through the halls of a place I used to know very well. At the lunch, we were informed that the small notepapers on the tables were there for us to jot down a favorite memory. I was a member of that church for close to 30 years so I could think of plenty. Having spent the last week working on articles about community for the *Viewpoint*, however, one memory in particular popped up in my mind.

I should first explain that the church my family attended was one that most of the members had attended for generations. My parents and grandparents were members of the church, and most of my friends were multi-generational members as well. We were a community that knew each other very well.

In the early 80s, a young mom and her hyperactive son were members of the church. That boy—let's call him Bobby—was around kindergarten age and a constant source of entertainment for those of us without children and a constant source of consternation for his poor mother.

When Bobby would go up for the children's time in the Sunday morning service, it was almost guaranteed that he would be climbing around on the altar rail, making faces or waving at folks in the congregation, or otherwise calling attention to himself. Sometimes the pastor could grab him right at the

beginning and ask Bobby to sit next to him. Sometimes, Bobby was wise to this subterfuge and stayed as far away from the pastor as possible.

Every Sunday after the children's time, youngsters could either return to their seats with their parents or go downstairs to the nursery to play until church was out. On this particular Sunday, Bobby headed out the door to the right

"I am a tree
in a story
about a forest."

—Donald Miller
*A Million Miles in a
Thousand Years*

of the sanctuary towards the nursery. Unbeknownst to anyone else, he took an immediate right turn into an alcove and exited the building. (This was over 30 years ago and most churches didn't have the strict check-in and check-out procedures for children that they do today.)

After the service, most of us stayed to visit with each other before heading to our homes. Within a couple of minutes, Bobby's frantic mother came bursting into the sanctuary telling us that Bobby had never gone down to the nursery and no one knew where he was. Almost immediately, members of the church had organized a search party to fan out from the church to look for Bobby. The police were called and off we all went to find Bobby and return him safely to his mother.

After probably 30 minutes, Bobby was found at a city park eight blocks from the church, happily playing on the swing set and oblivious to the fact that someone might miss him and be worried about his welfare.

While the memory still brings me a bit of a chuckle remembering Bobby and his antics, it reinforces for me what a community is. The communities of which I am and have been a member share some characteristics. They are groups of likeminded people who care a great deal about the happiness of others in the group as much as their own.

Regular readers know that Donald Miller is one of my favorite authors. In his book *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years* is one of my favorite lines. "I am a tree in a story about a forest." That line reminds me that living in community means we are all working together for the common good of the group. At Cottey that means we celebrate the joys when we succeed and support each other in times of difficult decisions. We each know our role in supporting that decision and do our part to help the Cottey community succeed. And in many cases, we succeed beyond our wildest imagination because so many of us are invested in the effort.

In the pages that follow, we celebrate the communities that we inhabit and the wonderful things those communities have accomplished. While pointing out a few of the trees, we will, of course, be admiring the magnificent forest of which they are a part.



SGA President Melanie Dillon presents Dr. Weitzel her very own Duck/Owl jacket at the inauguration.

A Duck Jacket Flies Back Home

Traditions at Cottey Are the Ties That Bind Generations

By Christi Fulton Ellis '96
Coordinator of Alumnae Relations

Orientation Weekend is always a hectic time. Students and families are arriving on campus, faculty members are in their offices making final plans for their courses, student life and enrollment management staff members are leading orientation sessions, and packages are arriving in the residence halls and the offices of alumnae and P.E.O. relations. So it wasn't that unusual for a delivery to show up in the Office of Alumnae Relations on the Friday of Orientation Weekend. What was inside, however, was not the typical box of goodies for a suite.

The package contained a Duck Jacket and a brief note stating, "This has been in my possession long enough, now it's yours to do something with." It was signed Norma Vaneven.

As I examined the DJ, I saw that there were only two names on it: Norma Stock '53 and Betty Dailey '52. We are familiar with Miss Betty. Betty Daily Hodges-Iancu '52 is a long time supporter of the College; she does tireless work with the Kansas City reciprocity on recruiting, publicizing summer programs, and supporting summer program participants. She was a Founder's Day Alumnae Service Award Winner in 2012.

Betty has legacies of her own. Her daughter Kathleen Navratil is a 1980 alumna; her granddaughter Tanne M. Stephens is a 2009 alumna; and another granddaughter, Grayce Navratil, is a current student.

I called Miss Betty and asked if she remembered making a DJ when she was a student and explained how we had received it in the mail from her freshman, Norma Stock Vaneven. With pure excitement she asked if we would give it to her granddaughter Grayce,

"I feel a sense of pride knowing that my grandmother wore that exact jacket when she was my age coming here."
~Grayce Navratil '17

since she is a current second-year student, but wait until the first Monday to give it to her, since Monday would be her birthday? Of course we would!

Grayce was delivered a very special package on her birthday: her Grandma Betty's DJ.

"I got the jacket on my birthday and it was the best gift I could have ever imagined getting and I was very caught off guard," said Grayce Navratil. "It's amazing having my grandma's jacket and seeing her name sewed into the collar. I took it home one weekend for my grandma to see it again and her face lit up in a way I've never seen before. When wearing my grandma's jacket I feel a sense of pride knowing that my grandmother wore that

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(Right) Norma Stock Vaneven '53

DJ Flies Back Home, from page 15

exact jacket when she was my age at Cottey and I can't help but want to skip around when thinking about that."

Upon further research and looking through the 1952 and 1953 yearbook, we found some pictures of Betty and Norma. In the 1953 yearbook there were only two pictures of students wearing Duck Jackets and, sure enough, one of them was Norma in this very DJ!

Sometimes you just have to think that Virginia Alice Cottey is looking down on us beaming with joy and I wonder if she's not sending a little Cottey magic from the great beyond!



Betty Dailey '52 (left) Balancing the budget as the business manager of the Sphinx with Carol Hansen assistant business manager.



Grayce Navratil '17 receives her grandmother's DJ.

Inspired to Serve

by Taylor Cordaro

Third-Year Student

On the weekend of November 11-13, 2016, a small group of students was taken to the Inspired to Serve: Interfaith and Social Justice Leadership Lab. Cottey College was to present one of the workshops, Education Without Character. The leadership lab was about interfaith relations and how to handle interfaith topics when they come up. It also discussed how to handle the current political climate with an emphasis on faith. Food was served, of course!

During the event, the group was split up into three sections to do a service project, either helping a synagogue set up for their annual art show, helping sort out diapers for the local diaper bank in Springfield, or touring and cleaning a facility for homeless and troubled youth. The service projects were each three hours long with a one-hour reflection at the end.

There were two workshops and two "break out" sessions. The workshop Cottey led involved four students and Reverend Erika Siguake. They presented on topics such as how to be a leader (where, when, how, etc) and the sorts of activities one can use to educate and lead, such as the Peace Week activities and the Join in For Joplin rebuilding project. The presentation was about an hour long and involved many different aspects of presentation. The other workshop involved the group sorting out their feelings and thoughts about current events. The breakouts taught how to have interfaith dialogue on and off the Internet.

The students arrived back on campus on Sunday enriched with new knowledge on how to show leadership in their lives!



Taylor Cordaro presents at *Inspired to Serve*.

Duck Jackets in Cottey History

By Nancy Delahanty Kerbs '79

Director of Assessment and Institutional Research

The story of the return of Betty Daily Hodges-lancu's duck jacket to the campus is a wonderful example of the connections between generations at Cottey. It is indicative of the bonds that are forged at the College, enriching the lives of current students, alumnae, P.E.O.s, and friends.

In this case, the jacket itself is a longtime symbol of the connections that arise at Cottey. In the words of Cheyenne Hensley, the current president of the second-year class: "As a current student I feel that my jackets connect me to previous students. They are a physical representation of the unity of our class and the classes that came before, and they cement our bonds with the freshmen class when we pass them on to them. Like the song says, we literally 'leave our names on Cottey history.'"

Cheyenne's sentiment has been carried out over and over since the denim jackets first appeared on campus in 1949. A student research paper written in 1971 is one of many artifacts compiled into a bound collection named "Traditions at Cottey" that is in Cottey's archives. According to the anonymous student's research, the denim jackets "have a rather unusual background." After World War II, it was common for men in the Navy to continue wearing the pea coat that had been issued to them, and the coats appeared at Cottey on the backs of students who had boyfriends or relatives in the Navy. One student, whose boyfriend was a farmer, wore a denim work jacket on campus. The idea caught on, and the Cottey Duck Jacket was born.

Of course the jackets have changed over the years. They didn't have ducks painted on them in the early years. By the late 1950s and early 1960s, students had begun to write their name and class year on the pockets and then pass them down to a close friend in the next class. In the late 1970s different styles of denim jackets appeared. Also at that time, the buttons, pins, and patches had been added, often with a note

about their significance slipped into a pocket. In recent years, suit-style jackets have appeared in the collection, such as the jacket presented to Jann Rudd Weitzel, Ph.D. at her inauguration in October, and the current class president's jacket, which has "Duck Commander" painted above the duck on the back.

The presence of the jackets on campus has withstood the test of time. In the 1961 yearbook, the Golden Key organization is pictured in their duck jackets, indicating that they were accepted as appropriate apparel. Many of the jackets disappeared from Cottey when the duck mascot was voted out by the Class of 1965. The mascot returned in 1970, and by the end of that decade there were enough jackets for every freshman to receive a passed-down jacket. Many jackets disappeared in the mid-1990s when concerns about the rivalry between the two classes limited where the jackets could be worn on campus. While the jackets are not worn almost daily as they once were, current students proudly display them, often hanging them from the crown molding in their rooms.

There is sincere interest among current students in the history of the jackets and other traditions. Their curiosity is put into practice by Trisha Stubblefield, Ph.D., professor of English. For several years, she has assigned a paper on Cottey history and led trips to the Cottey archives so students could select and research a topic. Those students probably have discovered what the anonymous writer of the research paper in 1971 concluded: "Cottey College is all of these traditions. But the answer to why Cottey is remembered by its students cannot be found in any book, annual, or record. Cottey traditions make the college special simply because they are the memories left behind by people who are loved."



Staci Thompson Adman '86 Leaves her Name on History

By Steve Reed



Artists Gaul Culley (left) and Staci Thompson Adman '86

All Cottey seniors leave their name on Cottey history, but alumna **Staci Thompson Adman '86** has also left her name on Kenmore, Washington, history. Over a four-month period, Adman and a colleague, Gaul Culley, painted a 12' tall and 188' long mural which tells the story of Kenmore and its people. How did she get selected for such an ambitious undertaking?

"The idea for the mural came out of a community workshop called 'For the Love of Kenmore,' led by Peter Kageyama, author of the books *For the Love of Cities* and *Love Where You Live*," Adman explained. "The city contacted Gaul Culley, the artist I worked with on the mural, because of her experience as an artist working on public art projects and public engagement. Because Gaul had moved to the Bay area for her husband's job, she told them her first step would be to work with a particular artist with strong ties to the local community, a person she calls an 'anchor artist.' That was me!"

Adman was immediately interested in the project for two reasons.

"First, I knew it would be a challenging, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me," she said. "I'm a studio artist. I normally work on a very small scale all alone in my studio. I've done one small mural with a local preschool. This mural would be a huge change for me and I was intrigued by the challenge to get out of my studio to engage with my community and work out on the street on such a huge scale. Second, I was deeply interested because the mural would specifically be a celebration of my community, past and present. That's what appealed to me the most about this project from the very beginning."

The City of Kenmore selected the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store for the location of the mural.

"That wall was just crying out for something!" said Adman. "It is 188' long by 12' tall and located on a busy

arterial and visible from a heavily used regional roadway that connects Seattle and suburbs to the north and east."

Now that the city had selected the building and the artists, the real work of deciding who and what would be featured on the mural began.

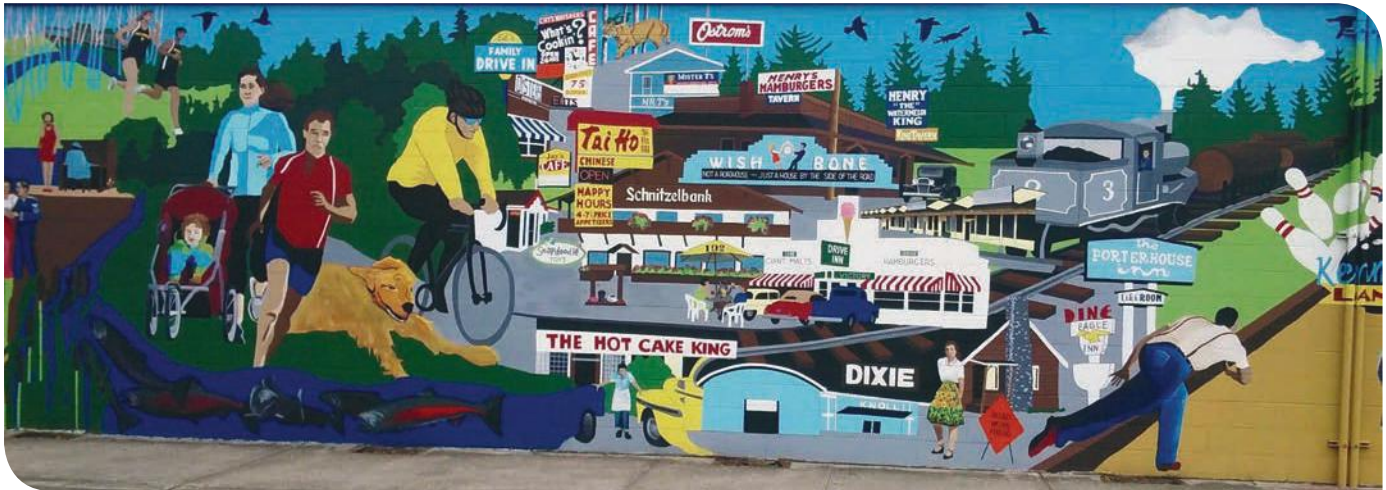
"We knew that mural would depict what we call the 'living history' of Kenmore," Adman continued. "The city of Kenmore hosted an online poll to request feedback from residents. Gaul and I met with members of the Kenmore Heritage Society to put together a list of things that they believed should be included. The Heritage Society gave us access to their online collection of historic images, which was priceless. We had so much imagery to choose from. We included images ranging from a representative of the Native American people who lived in this area long before Europeans settled to a '12' flag representing present day Seahawks fans!"

With imagery selected, the first sketches took place collaboratively.

"Gaul and I started creating the scale model mural design on paper in January of this year," said Adman. "We both selected and agreed upon the things that would be included in the mural. Our design for the mural was to scale - a 12"x188" design for the 12'x188' wall. We created our design on 21 pieces of multimedia paper taped together to create the two halves of the mural. I started with the north half and Gaul with the south, and we began creating the design by each drawing several large elements on the halves that we had. At the end of the first week we swapped halves by overnighting them to each other. Over the course of the next week we added elements to the half that the other had started on. For eight weeks we worked back and forth like that. We were talking all along about what we needed to be including and who would be responsible for what, but we also surprised each other occasionally with something that we added that week or how we represented something. That was a very unique way of collaborating, and it worked perfectly for us."

"When we were nearing the date to present our design to the committee for approval, Gaul flew up here from the Bay area and we inked it in. First we used black ink pens to turn our design into a black and white line drawing, which we scanned to make a coloring book. Then we colored in the entire design with watercolor pencils and colored ink pens."

Below: One section of the Kenmore mural



"Our design was finished and approved by a committee in March. That's when we went to work approaching the community to fundraise so that the mural could actually happen. The mural was funded in a unique way – one-third by St. Vincent de Paul (in the form of their donation of the wall and maintenance for 20 years), one-third by the City of Kenmore, and one-third by donations from the community, which included residents and businesses. This is a unique public/private/community project, considering that as part of the fundraising we were even asking other businesses to help fund artwork that was going to be located on another business's wall, albeit a non-profit community-services organization's building. We had some fun events and are selling a coloring book made from the actual black and white line drawing of the mural design."

The two artists began painting on May 1 and completed the project on September 2.

"We couldn't have done it in that time period without the help of nearly three dozen volunteers who helped paint," said Adman. [Editor's note: One volunteer painter was current Cottey student **Helen Greer**, a freshman health sciences major and daughter of **Holli Abbott Greer, '87.**] "Some volunteers came for part of a day or two, and some came day after day. It was an honor and fun to have so many people work with us and be an important part of this project. The community engagement in this project was very fun!"

One of the hazards of an outdoor mural is that it will have to endure the elements and the occasional graffiti artist.

"Luckily we had a wonderful supporter who works for a very large regional commercial paint company who made sure that the surface of the wall we were painting was prepared correctly. The paint that we used was high-quality outdoor latex paint recommended by him. When we were all done, an anti-graffiti coating was

sprayed onto the wall by a professional company. That coating also filters out UV rays that could otherwise fade the paint quickly."

With the project completed, what does Adman hope viewers get from the mural?

"I hope that the bright colors and dynamic design of the mural provide a fun bit of interest and intrigue as people pass by in the course of their daily travels. I hope that the mural provides a new way for people to learn more about the history of the city of Kenmore, even if the viewers are quickly driving by and only catch a single large element or two. If people walk by the mural, they can see all of the smaller details that we included, some of which I hope make them smile. I also hope that the mural gives people who live here a feeling of pride for their community and our history, and hopefully it is sparking and will continue to spark interesting conversations and connections based on memories that people have from living in the area over the years."



Freshman Helen Greer (second from left) helped paint the Kenmore mural with Staci Thompson Adman '86 (second from right).

Welcome New Members of the Cottey Community

Cottey College welcomed the following new full-time faculty and staff members for the 2016-2017 academic year:

Dr. Wei Cui joined the Cottey ranks as assistant professor of mathematics. Dr. Cui holds a Bachelor of Science in information and computer science, a Master of Science in applied mathematics from Guizhou University in China, and a Master of Arts in mathematics from The University of Alabama. He completed his doctorate in June 2016 from The University of Alabama where he also served as a math instructor.

Emma Ehle '14 joined the Enrollment Management staff as an Enrollment Counselor. After Cottey she received her bachelor's degree in advertising from Northwest Missouri State University in 2016.

Prof. Morgan Frew joined the faculty as assistant professor of art. Prof. Frew served as an adjunct faculty member at Cottey in 2015-16 and has served as an adjunct at Missouri State University and Drury University, both in Springfield. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting from Missouri State University and a Master of Fine Arts in painting from Pratt Institute in New York.

Staci Keys accepted the position of director of development in the Office of Institutional Advancement. She has a bachelor's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University. She came to Cottey from the Nevada Regional Medical Center in the marketing department where she was responsible for planning and coordinating fundraising and community education events for the hospital including the annual community health fair and corporate health fairs and representing the hospital throughout the region.

Kim Krokroskia has joined the Business Office as an accountant. Kim was employed at NPC Corp. in Pittsburg, Kansas, where she worked with employee benefits.

Dr. Mary Laughlin accepted the position of assistant professor of English. Dr. Laughlin holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from College of the Holy Cross and a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from Minnesota State University. She completed her doctorate in rhetoric, writing, and culture from North Dakota State University in May 2016, where she served as a research assistant to the director of first-year writing.

Dr. Jackie Lordo joined Cottey as assistant professor of music. Dr. Lordo holds a Bachelor of Music in music education from Tennessee Technological University and a Master of Music in tuba performance from the University of Texas at Austin. She completed her doctorate in music education from the University of Missouri at Columbia in December 2015. She has served as an adjunct instructor at Central Methodist University and Columbia College.

Dr. Mary Mba accepted a one-year position as a visiting assistant professor of French. Dr. Mba holds a Bachelor of Arts in French language from Abia State University in Uturu, Nigeria, and a Master of Arts in French language and literature from Kansas State University. She earned her doctorate in French and Francophone studies from the University of Kansas in 2014, where she previously served as an advanced lecturer in French.

Carly Schooley '14 joined the Enrollment Management staff as an enrollment counselor. After Cottey, she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in event and convention management at Stephens College in 2016.

The College remains truly grateful for the support of alumnae and friends who sustain Cottey's dedication to women's education through charitable giving. We wish to specially recognize the following donors with contributions from to May 26, 2016, to October 15, 2016, totaling \$5,000 or more.

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Student Spotlight / Kalina Jurkowski

By Steve Reed

Junior Kalina Jurkowski was named a 2016 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow this past spring. The Fellows program represents students from 218 Campus Compact member colleges and universities from 36 states, Washington D.C., and Mexico. The award is given to students who are committed to creating lasting change.

The Newman Civic Fellowship is intended to honor the leadership legacy of Frank Newman by recognizing community-committed students. Institutions nominate students who

- Engage in collaborative action with others from campus or from surrounding communities in order to create long-term social change
- Take action in addressing issues of inequality and political polarization
- Demonstrate the motivation and potential for effective long-term civic engagement

Upon arrival at Cottey College two years ago, Jurkowski became active in volunteering and community service.

"I have not always been involved in community service," Jurkowski said. "It wasn't until I came to Cottey that I started getting involved."

During her first semester, Jurkowski volunteered with Join in for Joplin, an AmeriCorps project, to facilitate disaster recovery to the victims of the Joplin, Missouri, tornado. With completion of that project in fall 2014, Jurkowski became involved in the Cross Generational Sharing service-learning project through her Foundations in Leadership class in the spring of 2015. Designed to reduce the isolation and depression experienced by

the elderly in senior care facilities, Jurkowski volunteered weekly at Moore-Few Care Center.

"When I experienced the Cross Generational Sharing service-learning project in my Foundations of Leadership class, I knew that socialization of seniors would become a passion of mine," said Jurkowski. "Through my weekly visits to Moore-Few Care Center, a skilled nursing facility, I became increasingly aware of the need for patient interaction with people other than the medical staff working at the facility."

"I felt compelled to help other seniors alleviate their feelings of isolation and depression," she added. "Therefore as a special treat, in addition to our regular visits, I decided to revive a holiday practice that was common to that generation through the distribution of May Day Baskets."

Jurkowski coordinated a student-led effort to provide May Day Baskets for residents as well as recruit student volunteers to hang baskets, lead songs and facilitate activities celebrating May Day 2016. She provided all student volunteers with sensory and mobility deprivation training prior to the May Day event to



Kalina Jurkowski, 2016 Campus Compact Newman Civics Fellow

further student awareness of the challenges faced daily by seniors.

As a third-year student in the international relations major, Jurkowski will spend a semester studying abroad this spring in Buenos Aires, Argentina. What are her plans following graduation in 2018?

"I'd like to join the Peace Corps and do some volunteer work in Latin America," she explained. "After that, I plan to go on to graduate school."

The Newman Civic Fellowship is a one-year experience for students in which fellows have access to in-person and virtual learning opportunities, networking events, and mentoring. While the fellowship experience is limited to one year, participants in the Newman Civic Fellowship are invited to join a national network of community-committed peers and to enter into a long-term community of Newman Civic Fellows.

Points of Pride: Becky Cole '87 and Mike Wrenn



Mike Wrenn and Becky Cole '87

It all started with a magazine. Actually, it started with this magazine, the *Viewpoint*.

After reading several issues of his wife's copies of the *Viewpoint*, Mike Wrenn reached out to the Marketing and Strategic Communication Department, excited

about how he and his wife Becky Cole '87 could bring their resources and business savvy into play to support the College. After several meetings, Wrenn and Cole knew where they were going to focus their efforts.

"Cottey College was an important part of my life," said Cole. "I want the best future for other women to have the same opportunities that I did."

"So in light of our entrepreneurial spirit and our desire to train and provide leadership, we've chosen to partner in some ways to provide opportunities and avenues to increase the leadership opportunities for women at Cottey," added Wrenn.

Vice president of marketing and strategic communication Carla Farmer shared with them the importance of increasing awareness and the brand of Cottey in the Kansas City area in order to increase referrals. Farmer stated, "We cannot afford to be the best kept secret in higher education. It is time to let Cottey's light shine so that prospective students and their parents will be aware of the opportunities offered by the College."

Building brand awareness in Kansas City has been an ongoing goal of the "Going Places" initiative since

2014. Events and one on one meetings to introduce Cottey to women of influence in the area have led to other partnerships and collaborations including with Central Exchange, Girl Scout council, Women's Foundation of Kansas City, and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America.

Wrenn and Cole are committed to the mission of Cottey and to that end have offered the resources of their company, Affinity Enterprise Group, to help the College in a variety of ways.

- Providing staff support
- Writing an article on Cottey's cross country and track and field teams in Kansas City Sports and Fitness
- Creating an all-girls entrepreneurial competition through their CEED program of which Cottey was a co-sponsor
- Hosting an art fair and sale in spring 2017 with proceeds matched by Affinity and used to create art scholarship(s)
- Having a sponsorship in the California Women's Leadership conference in May 2017 to highlight and inform participants about Cottey's Leadership Program

"The tradition of the women at Cottey has stayed with me all my life," said Cole.

"So it's our hope that we can expand the brand name of Cottey and what it is now doing and hopes to do in the future," added Wrenn.

Going Places
COTTEY COLLEGE

Class Notes

1970s

Cottey Girls of 1972

Hey girls, here's an invite for you,
Da, da, da, da.

It's an invite that we want you to do.

It's a Cottey Founder's - and it's our 45th

Come on and join the fun.

Oh, sing with us, reminisce with us,

We are Cottey girls and gather we must.

'72, '72, '72, '72.

Come to Nevada with us. Hey!!

Kim Heikes Adams '72 - kmadams@nntc.net

Judy Gover Lindquist '72 - cjslind@charter.net

Jeffrey Ellis McKinley '75 is serving as President of the Arkansas Bar Foundation Board of Directors, a non-profit organization that supports law related activities through grants and administers endowed scholarship funds for law students. She is currently Chair of the Arkansas State Chapter Membership Committee and a Master Gardener of Pulaski County.

1980s

Susan Kearns Moore '82, was recently recognized as the nation's #1 Mary Kay Sales Director for 2016.

1990s

Aleea Perry '94 successfully defended her dissertation, "Understanding the Role of the Middle Manager: A Case Study of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" and will be awarded her Ph.D. in public administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has taken a tenure-track assistant professor position in the Political Science department of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She relocated there in August 2016.

Elisa Gruendell Fisher '95 writes that her oldest got married and he and his wife are expecting a

new baby girl any day! Her youngest graduated from high school and has started college at dear ol' Cottey C and is absolutely loving it! She and Ed are adapting to their new "empty nest" status by downsizing out of their house and into a condo, traveling whenever possible, and hanging out with friends Steve and Angie. Elisa is also in the middle of her fifth year coaching colorguard and owning a custom clothing company specializing in dance and colorguard costumes.

2000s

Ashley Ensey Stasch '01 has gained her insurance license for the State of Texas and now works for U.S. Health Advisors.

Julia Weaver '03 wanted to let all of her Cottey sisters know that she recently moved back to the U.S. after working overseas for 10 years! She is now in Nashville, Tennessee, currently looking for a job and settling back into life. If any of her sisters are in the area, she would love to reconnect! julia.weaver06@gmail.com

Amber Cichon '08 graduated from Missouri State University with her Doctor of Audiology in May 2016. She will begin her career as an audiologist at the University of Missouri- Columbia. **[PHOTO 1]**

Rebeca Hernandez '09 just completed her medical degree in Mexico. She also recently won the first place in the National Photography Contest: The Social Rights in Mexico, category: right to health, 2016. She's now looking forward to pursuing a Master of Science degree in global health or human rights. **[PHOTO 2]**



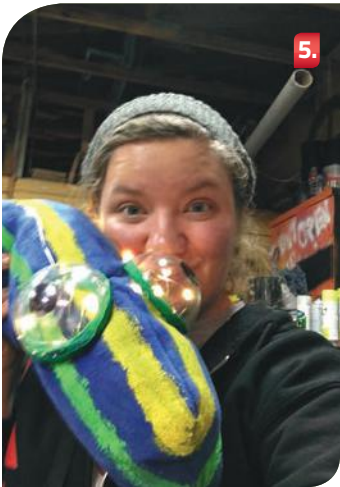
Class Notes


2010s

Kaylen Snow '10 is now TEFL/TESOL certified and is moving to Munich. Her course required 180 hours of coursework and student teaching through the International TEFL Academy. She is moving in December of this year and is super excited to be teaching English! She can't wait to experience a German Christmas, especially all the Christmas markets. She decided to move to Germany after she ended her Au Pair time there and felt that her time in Germany wasn't finished. Plus Munich is a great central hub for the rest of Europe, so she'll be traveling all around too. She and her parents plan to go to Slovenia when they visit to experience a world class restaurant that was featured on the Netflix show *Chef's Table*. **[PHOTO 3]**

Sarah Raffurty '11 graduated from Syracuse University on May 16, 2016, with a master's degree in museum studies. She is currently waiting for a job so if anyone has a lead for a job opening at a museum, she would love to hear it! Any job leads may be forwarded to her at sarah.raffurty@gmail.com. **[PHOTO 4]**

Cassie Hermes '12 landed a full-time job as resident costume designer at Helen Hocker Theatre in Topeka, Kansas. She's pretty excited for this permanent theatre job right in her hometown! **[PHOTO 5]**



Byler Suite Reunion

A passel of Byler suitemates (Robertson Hall) gathered at Lake of the Ozarks in July 2016 for some fun and relaxation. There were seven former Cottey girls, six husbands and two teenagers (one of whom is a current Cottey girl)! We had so much fun we're going to do it again in three years. Friendship ever true...

From left to right: **Faith Edson '80**, **Sherry (Hermes) Erlewine '79**, **Laurie Chapman '80**, **Chris (Preston) Weatherill '79**, **Debbie (Pennock) Dowis '80**, **Kathleen (Hodges) Navratil '80**, **Elaine (Edwards) Gillman '79**, and **Grayce Navratil '17**.



Class Notes

Births

1990s

Tamara Hartman Burkhead '95 and Brian Burkhead are thrilled to announce the better-late-than-never birth of their son, George Dean Burkhead, born August 28, 2016. He weighed 9 lbs., 3 ozs. and was 20" long. **[PHOTO 1]**



2000s

Kamay (Plunkett) Abel '03 and her husband Tyler would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Maeve Victoria Abel, CSC 2036! She was born on July 30, 2016, in Lawrence, Kansas, weighing 8 lbs., 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. We couldn't be happier and our new little family is residing in Lawrence, Kansas. **[PHOTO 2]**

Carrie Dohack '04, and her husband, Justin Willett, welcomed Daniel Forrest Dohack-Willett to the world on May 15, 2015. Weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces at birth, Danny joined proud big brother Carter Willett as well as Neko the wonder dog and six urban hens.

Shortly after celebrating Danny's first birthday, Carrie left the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, where she had been the lifestyle editor for eight years, to start a new career track as a strategic communications associate at the University of Missouri-Columbia. This spring, Carrie will teach a fashion communication class at the Stephens College School of Design. Carrie and her family make their home in Columbia, Missouri.

[PHOTO 3]

Lestlie Berryhill '06 is pleased to announce the arrival of Hunter Stark Kinney who was born June 23, 2016. He currently loves his waffle teether and laughing while mommy sings along with the *Hamilton* soundtrack.

[PHOTO 4]



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Weddings

1990s

Nicole Facciuto '95 married her love, Eric Hargrove, on April 30, 2016, on their farm in Northern California. They were married by Nicole's Cottey senior, **Christina Whitehouse-Suggs '94**, which was magical. [PHOTO 1]

The couple also launched CORKY'S NUTS, which is named after Nicole's father, the walnut farmer. They sell fresh, seasonal organic walnuts online and ship directly from the farm after the annual harvest. They've had lots of love from fellow Cottey sisters who now know their nuts intimately. They're the best tasting walnuts you've ever had and *Sunset Magazine* named them "Best of the West" in their September issue! corkysnuts.com

Christi (Fulton) Ellis '96 married Scott Ellis in a sunset ceremony on a perfect evening in May at Powell Gardens outside of Kansas City. The wedding was attended by many of Christi's Cottey colleagues and Cottey sisters. They honeymooned for two weeks in Paris and London and now reside in Overland Park, Kansas. [PHOTO 2]

2000s

Kamay Plunkett '03 married Tyler Abel at St. John's Catholic Church in Lawrence, Kansas, on October 17, 2015, in front of family and friends. Some of those special friends were Cottey sisters **Libby North Andres '02**, **Jennifer Rackham '03**, **Melissa**

Chee '03, **Lyndsay Yates '03**, **Stephanie Grgurich '03**, and **Alaina Murray Niebalski '03**. [PHOTO 3]

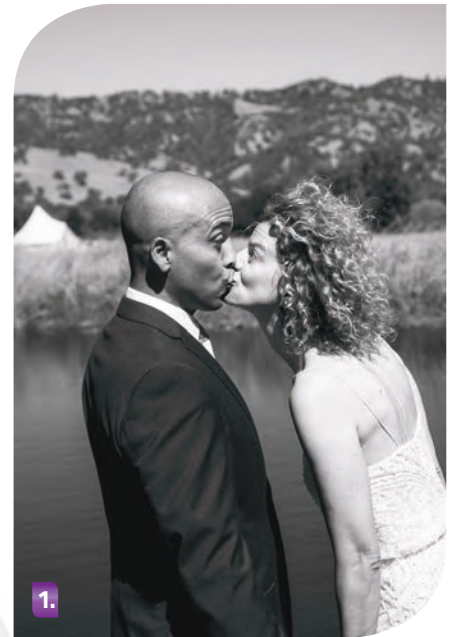
Vesi Hristova Jones '09 married Brad Jones on May 7, 2016, at Nashoba Valley Winery in Bolton, Massachusetts. In attendance were Vesi's high school friend **Mariya Ivanova '08** and Cottey roommate **Elizabeth Pippin '09**.

Vesi transitioned to the role of clinical social worker at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts, in April 2016 after working as a staff clinician on the inpatient psychiatric unit at North Shore Medical Center in Salem, Massachusetts, this past year.

Elisa Ledesky '09 married Steven Tedrow this summer after he was healed of Leukemia! The couple had a lovely small wedding in a historic barn in Coupeville, Washington, followed by a glorious honeymoon road trip to Alaska and back. They now live in Coupeville, overlooking the water and enjoying the view of Mount Baker in the distance.

Steven is a commercial fisherman in Alaska, recently flying to Dutch Harbor. He will be fishing in Alaska until sometime in January. While Steven is away over the next few months, they ask you to hold them up in your prayers!

This year Steven and Elisa have committed to volunteering in their



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church's youth group. They love seeing what God is up to in their local church and are grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community, as well as to have the great ministry outlet!

Elisa is also in the midst of looking for work. (Please pray that Jesus opens the right doors!) Steven and Elisa dream of living simply, working and saving money so that they can buy property on north Whidbey Island and then design and build their own home. So finding a good job is necessary for helping make this dream come true!

They really hope that this note finds you healthy, happy and thriving!

[PHOTO 4]

2010s

Ria Jewell '11 announced her engagement to Aaron Allen. Their wedding was scheduled for December 18, 2016, in Kaneohe, Hawaii. **[PHOTO 5]**

Obituaries

Judith Ann (London) Olson '54 passed away April 23, 2016, in Aurora, Colorado, at the age of 81. She is survived by her daughter **Jennifer (Matt) Evans '82**; her son Jeff (Marcy) Olson; five grandchildren **Molly Evans '05**, Emily Reilly, Abby Akin, Reilly Olson and Ryan Olson. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rocky Mountain Stroke Center, 5666 South Bannock Street, Denver, CO, 80120.

The College was notified of the deaths of the following alumnae:

Kathleen Dunning Baimonte '37
Frances Bruton '41
Connie Roe '42

Elizabeth Irwin Purnell '43
Margaret L. Orndorff '44
Anita Jordan '45
Margery Klingler '47
Jane Garcia '47
Helen Preston '47
Mary Frances Phillips Stark '49
Patricia A. Fessel '49
Jean Hill Hansen '49
Katherine H. Young '51
Lea Rae Kittleson Oberholser '53
Beverley Anne Hansen Smith '53
Nancy F. Chalmers '53
Ann Keleher '53
Janice Ellen Brown Johnson '53
Judith Olson '54

Ann Morris '54
Jane Ann Robinson Hutchins '55
Nancy Hoyt '57
Eugenie Brandhorst '57
Susan Whitehead '58
Janet Hrutfiord '58
Mary Mead '59
Terri Champagne '60
Carlyn Blevins '62
Donna Mirkes '64
Pamela Doss '65
Roberta "Berta" Banyard Luehrs '65
Betty Belz '65
Lynn Frasl '67
Ellen Murin '77
Brenda Crowley '78

Faculty/Staff Notes

Dr. Carmen Bourbon, associate professor of Spanish, graded Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture (Speaking and Writing) Exams in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 12-18. Also in June, she attended the Conference on Second Languages and Cultures: Theory, Practice and Instructional Strategies, College Board, at the Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 17. Dr. Bourbon also presented a poster, "Afro-Garifuna Women of the Caribbean: Voices of Struggle and Resistance" at the 98th Annual Conference of The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Miami, Florida, July 8-11. Finally in August, she attended The Spanish Literacy Institute Fostering Spanish Language and Literacy Development Conference held in Chevy Chase, Maryland, August 3-4.

This fall, Dr. Bourbon attended the Midwest Association for Language Learning and Technology 2016 Conference held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 8. She took part in a panel discussion on Digital Technology and Learning Strategies for the Spanish Language Classroom.

Prof. Jo Byrnes, associate professor of dance, presented movement sessions for the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education's Professional Development workshop on August 11 at Nevada Middle School.

Prof. Paula Chelminska, assistant professor of international business, was appointed as the Jeanette and Joseph Head Associate Chair in Business at Cottey College. This endowed chair was established in 2014 by a bequest of Joseph and Ellen Head.

Dr. Carol Clyde Gallagher, director of the Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness, and adjunct assistant professor of leadership, accompanied baccalaureate students to the Na-

tional Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), hosted by the American Association of University Women, in June. There, Dr. Clyde presented a standing-room-only workshop on "Women and Leadership: What We Know and How to Take the World by Storm!" which received outstanding evaluations by participants. Additionally, Dr. Clyde presented on the Institute's current research project "Educating and Developing Undergraduate Women Leaders: Best Practices and Practical Applications" to a group of campus professionals. The conference involved nearly 1,000 women from across North America to network with, learn from and engage each other on issues related to women and leadership.

Dr. Amanda Cook, assistant professor of music, attended the annual conference of the International Clarinet Association in Lawrence, Kansas, from August 5-6.

Mr. Mike Dombroski, instructional technology specialist, received the George Hertrich Service Award, which honors a member for outstanding service to Ohio TESOL and the profession, from Ohio TESOL at their annual convention in Columbus, Ohio, on October 7. This award recognizes contributions to the professionalism of their membership and dedication to furthering the ideals of Teaching English as a Second Language.

Dr. Amanda Gilchrist, assistant professor of psychology, attended the ERP Mini-Bootcamp Workshop during the annual meeting of the Society for Physiological Research in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 20-21. The training helped attendees learn how to use EEG to study brain activity during psychological tasks.

Dr. Selena Kohel, associate professor of psychology, participated in a Summer Opening Retreat at Plum Village: Mindfulness Practice Centre. The retreat

took place July 22-29, in Loubès-Bernac, France. Dr. Kohel was able to increase her knowledge of mindfulness, in part by engaging in sitting meditation, eating meditation, working meditation, and/or walking meditation each day. She plans to introduce each type of meditation to students across her classes.

On June 25, **Dr. Sarah Quick**, assistant professor of anthropology and sociology, chaired a session, "Teaching Through Food," and attended Scarborough Fare: Global Foodways and Local Foods in a Transnational City. This was the Annual Meeting and Conference for the Association for the Study of Food and Society; the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society; and the Canadian Association for Food Studies at the University of Toronto Scarborough in Canada.

Prof. Theresa Spencer, professor of music, was appointed the Gene Wild-Missouri Professor of Fine Arts at Cottey College. This endowed chair was established by the Missouri State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in 1975 in honor of Miss Gene Wild, Chapter PP, of Missouri State Chapter.

Dr. Julie Tietz, professor of psychology, attended the Serious Play Conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 26-28.

The Governing Board of the Arts Council of Johnson County (Kansas) voted unanimously to approve the membership of **Dr. Chioma Ugochukwu**, vice president for academic affairs, on its governing board. The Arts Council serves as a voice for the Arts in Johnson County and works to build a creative culture. The Council assumes an active role in arts policy and advocacy initiatives for the benefit of the county and the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area.



The Annual Fund

“Imagine the Possibilities”

Hello from Nevada! My name is Christina Litherland, and I am very proud to be a senior at Cottey College. In May 2017 I will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a concentration in women writers and a minor in women studies.

When I arrived at Cottey three years ago, I knew I wanted to immerse myself in the college community. I joined the Leadership, Experiences, and Opportunity (LEO) program on campus, which quickly became the highlight of my freshman year. I never considered myself much of a leader before I came to Cottey College. Through workshops, leadership series, distinguished speaker lectures, field trips, volunteering and encouragement from the faculty and staff, I was pushed to become involved. Before I knew it, I had unconsciously achieved my goal of finding my place in the Cottey community.

I could not have imagined all that would come from my involvement with the LEO program. One of my proudest accomplishments was a six-week trip to India through Operation Groundswell that was funded with support from Cottey College. This allowed me to put into practice, on a global scale, the skills I learned in the LEO program. It gave me the opportunity to demonstrate my leadership abilities and impact social change in a culture very different from my own. Thank you for allowing me to have this experience.

Wishing you all the best,

Christina Litherland

Contributions to The Annual Fund help make it possible for Christina and other young women at Cottey College to have the extraordinary experiences that help them grow, explore and make a difference in the lives of others. I hope you will join us as we Imagine the Possibilities for all our students. You may contribute online at <http://cottey.edu/annual-fund>.



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Cottey Ranked Among the Best Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report

On September 13, U.S. News & World Report announced that Cottey College is nationally ranked in its annual 2017 U.S. News Best Colleges rankings. This announcement follows on the heels of two national rankings by BestValue-Schools.com.

"This is immensely gratifying," said Dr. Jann Weitzel, president of Cottey College, "and confirms what we on campus always have known about Cottey. This College has been providing excellent education for women for over 130 years. Our faculty resources, financial resources, retention and graduation rates are top notch and to have those recognized by the industry leader in college rankings proves what we've been telling students and parents all along, Cottey is a great college."

Cottey is one of only three schools in Missouri and one of only two women's colleges listed in the Midwest rankings. Seventy-nine colleges from eleven states are included in the Midwest ranking.

U.S. News defines regional colleges as schools that "focus almost entirely on the undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts."

U.S. News bases its rankings on the following criteria: retention, assessment by peers and counselors, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, and alum-

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ni giving rate. In the calculations 77.5 percent of a school's ranking is based on a formula that uses subjective measures of academic quality. The remaining 22.5 percent is based on academic reputation, determined by a peer assessment from top academics at colleges.

"Rankings are helpful to prospective students and parents as they make their post-secondary educational choices," said Dr. Weitzel. "They rank the strength of the academic program and give applicants information on key factors to consider when making a college choice. However, the best way to make that final decision is to visit campus and see if that college or university is the right fit. We hope this ranking will encourage more young women to visit Cottey and see for themselves what we have to offer."

The rankings are available online at www.usnews.com/colleges.