

# NOTES



CREATORS OF INCREDIBLE FUTURES

*women who wow!*

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MISSOURI RECITAL HALL

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FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND GLOBAL AWARENESS



*Tatenda Ndambakuwa*



*Dr. Katherine Rose-Mockery*



*Kathryn Red Corn*



*Brenda Mott*

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#EMPOWEREDTOLEAD  
#COTTEYCHANGEMAKER

**Kathryn Red Corn** considers her service as the Director of the Osage Tribal Museum for 17 years as her greatest accomplishment. The Osage Tribal Museum is the oldest tribally owned museum in the United States. As director, it was her responsibility to protect, display and preserve the cultural and historical artifacts so important to the Osage People. This included identifying, inventorying, and preserving ceremonial clothing, paintings, photographs and artifacts.

Since her retirement in 2015, Red Corn has remained active in the life of the Nation, providing service to the Osage Minerals Council and the Pawhuska Indian Village Five-Man Board (both elected positions.) In his book *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, author David Grann acknowledged the contributions of Red Corn to the book, providing insight, research, and friendship.

**Brenda Mott**, founder and CEO of ScrapsKC. Raised by parents who lived through the Great Depression and World War II, Brenda Mott learned how to reuse materials before it became culturally chic. Serving others at an early age was a family expectation and she has spent a lifetime giving back to the communities she has called home.

As a teacher, Brenda learned how to spark learning in her classroom on a limited budget and often utilized creative reuse to enhance her students' education. Additionally, she encouraged her own children to reuse items for practical and creative uses while developing their creativity and learning.

Brenda's passion for volunteering combined with her background in teaching and reuse led her to open ScrapsKC in 2016 after a homeless man asked her for a job. ScrapsKC's mission to care for Kansas City's environment, education and homeless through creative reuse permeates every aspect of ScrapsKC and provides a safe and creative environment for all who visit. In just three years, ScrapsKC has diverted over 135 tons of materials from the landfill, educated thousands of children and adults and provided opportunities to the homeless for refuge, food and work.

Brenda lives in Kansas City, Missouri, with her husband who works as a full-time volunteer at ScrapsKC. She has three adult children who have inspired her with their creativity and how to engage and build relationships with the homeless.

**Tatenda Ndambakuwa**, Cottey College Class of 2015, was born and raised in Harare, Zimbabwe. Her enthusiasm for technology has led her to pursue studies in Machine Learning. She is passionate about the application of mathematics in technology, policymaking, and food security. She is the Founder of Shiri AgTech, an agricultural technology company creating mobile applications as service solutions for African farmers. In her spare time, she is an avid soccer player.

For 34 years, **Dr. Katherine Rose-Mockry** has dedicated her career to promoting gender equity and elevating the status of women. Prior to her retirement in July 2019, she served as the director of the University of Kansas Emily Taylor Center for Women and Gender Equity since 1998. Prior to her tenure at KU, she worked at the UCLA Women's Resource Center, serving as director from 1991-1998.

Rose-Mockry has approached her work with the belief that working to bring about gender equity and fostering change comes from the development and promotion of awareness, involvement, and empowerment. During her tenure at KU, she created numerous programs and initiatives to achieve this end. A few examples include: creating KU's first sexual assault response policy; creating the KU Women of Distinction Calendar and expanding recognition efforts to honor KU gender equity leaders and trailblazers (including Cottey's role model Dr. Mary Mba); and establishing the Jana Mackey Distinguished Lecture Series as an honor and tribute to former KU student Jana Mackey, who was a victim of intimate partner violence. In addition, she has taken the lead to develop programs and services for pregnant and parenting students, staff and faculty, and collaborated with diverse departments to create a Women in STEMM speakers series and the KU Women in STEMM Mentoring Program (WiSTEMM).

Her commitment and accomplishments have been honored numerous times over the years. A few of the awards she has received include the KU C.L.A.S.S. Award for outstanding leadership by staff members on behalf of students and has been inducted into the KU Women's Hall of Fame. Additionally, she served as co-chair of the Women in Student Affairs (WISA) community of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, expanding the organization's scope to be more inclusive of nonbinary and trans individuals in discussions, outreach, and focus.

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