

COTTEY Chronicle

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Marla Kannady Foreman

The Cottey Volleyball program hit the ground running this past Saturday! The students came in early to prepare for their season this fall, which starts with a tournament in Manhattan, KS on Aug 25/26th. The Comets will then host two home matches on Aug 29th and 31st. Match time for both home matches will be set for 6pm. The Comet volleyball team has 11 returners and 5 new freshmen to complete the 2023 roster.

Carmen Bourbon

Dr. Carmen Bourbon, professor of Spanish, attended the 105th Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Salamanca, Spain, June 26-29, 2023. She presented a paper titled "Miguel de Unamuno, The Intellectual Influencer of the Spanish Generation of 1898." Dr. Bourbon also participated in a series of workshops and keynote sessions.

Dr. Bourbon also graded Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Cultural Tests as an on-line Distributed Reader for the Educational Testing Service, June 12-18, 2023.



Goutam Sarker

I am pleased to share that one of my research articles, which I co-authored, was published in the *Scientific Reports* journal last month. *Scientific Reports* is an online open access scientific journal published by the Nature Publishing Group.

Our study focused on the Genus *Micrurus*, a venomous group of snakes with medical significance. Through our research, we discovered several new lineages within the genus that require proper identification and classification as distinct species. Furthermore, we highlighted the importance of further research on the venom composition of this group. The link to my article is here: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-023-37734-5>

Pooja Saxena

I presented the following paper at the International Society of the Learning Sciences in Montreal, Canada:

Saxena, P., Keune, A., Thompson, N. & Peppler, K. (2023). *To Quilt is to Math: Investigating the Breadth and Depth of Mathematics in Fiber Crafts*. International Society of the Learning Sciences (ISLS) Annual Meeting 2022, ICLS track.

In addition, I am the peer reviewer for the AERA (American Educational Research Association) and ISLS (International Society of the Learning Sciences).



Nancy Kohn

Dr. Nancy Kohn attended the Animal Behavior Society's annual meeting in Portland Oregon during July 11-15, 2023. She also attended the Animal Behavior Society's pre-conference workshop on Inclusive Mentoring. Prior to the conference, Dr. Kohn had the chance to meet up with former Cottey Student Emily Kresin at one of her field sites where she was studying silver spotted butterflies.



Dr. Nancy Kohn also spent two months transforming the RBAC Cottey Community Garden. The Cottey garden runs on donations and anyone can help out or harvest produce. The garden is used by Dr. Quick's Food and Culture class, Dr. Kohn's Botany class, and sometimes Ecology classes.

Jodi Ahmedou

New International Student Orientation had three students from France and Nigeria. Pictures show students being picked-up from Kansas City International Airport, students at the Gordan Parks Museum with the project director Kirk Sharp, Fort Scott National Historic Site with Ranger Charles Stallworth, and visiting with PEO Ronda and spouse Rob Hassig, who gave us a tour of their lovely Queen Anne Home that is on the National Historic Registry of homes for Fort Scott, KS.

During our orientation, students learned a variety of information necessary to adjust to life at Cottey College, along with opening up a bank account, exploring Nevada, MO, and the local Bushwhacker Museum. The students also indulged in a tasty slushie/shaved ice, and even had a visit with a local trooper who gave them the ins and outs of the law, all in a fun way.

