

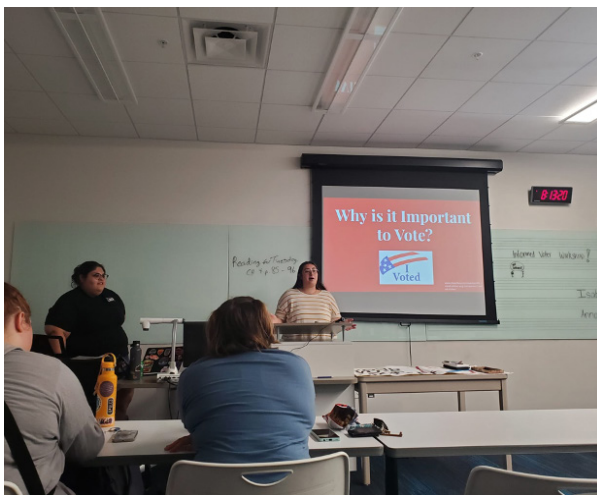
# COTTEY Chronicle

October 5, 2023

## Theresa Spencer

Cottey's adjunct piano professor and accompanist, Isaac Hernandez, was featured in an article from KSN 16 in Joplin. The story was part of KSN 16's coverage of Hispanic Heritage Month, and outlines Isaac's journey from student to professor. The article contains insightful quotes from Hernandez, including: "When you feel things going so naturally, there's no place for regret because everything has been so smooth. Even now, everything seems unbelievable sometimes."

[The full article can be viewed here.](#)



## Oindrila Roy

The International relations program collaborated with the Serenbetz Institute to celebrate Constitution Day at Cottey College. On Thursday, September 21, Leadership Assistants Isabel Garcia and Anna Delamotte offered the "Informed Voters Workshop" to enhance civic engagement and disseminate information on the voter registration process. This event was a success and attended by thirteen students. The workshop focused on the importance of voting, the process of voter registration, and major myths about voting. It also included a deliberative module for students to engage in constructive political dialogue. The content of the workshop was purely non-partisan.

## Jackie Lordo

The Cottey College Department of Music will host an Instrumental Music Concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th, in the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts. The performance is free, and no tickets are required.

The concert will feature the Cottey College Wind Ensemble and Handbell Ensemble, both under the direction of Dr. Jackie Lordo. Featured selections include "Dance of the Imp," "Big Four March," and "For the Beauty of the Earth." Come hear Cottey students, community members, and Nevada High School students join together for this afternoon of music.

## Nancy Kohn

Dr. Kohn's ecology class went to Jacob Branch stream in the Walter Woods Conservation Area near Joplin, Missouri on September 10 to collect data for a stream ecology laboratory. Two former ecology students helped with the data collection.



## Nancy Kohn

Dr. Kohn took five biology majors to the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Missouri Herpetological Association held at Bull Shoals Field Station on 23 September 2023. During the breaks, the students enjoyed exploring the biodiversity of the area.

## Paula Chelminska

On Saturday, September 23rd, I took students to Sequence Climbing, in Kansas City, for an indoor climbing activity. These students belong to the International Friendship Circle (IFC) student organization, and I'm the sponsor. Afterwards, we had lunch at an Indian restaurant. It was a great opportunity for group activity, and the students had a lot of fun. They probably didn't realize how much they would be working on their arm muscles! ;)



## Stephanie Grgurich

Cottey College was well-represented at the 76th Convention of the International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Cottey display room was busy with visitors from Wednesday through Saturday, and College personnel, including Dr. Niles, Michelle Wood, Staci Keys, Darlina Rose, and Stephanie Grgurich, as well as members of the Board of Trustees welcomed visitors, answered questions, and shared all the great happenings on campus. Additionally, Malikah Fard-Allah, CSC 2018, was the Cottey project speaker, and she did a wonderful job representing her Cottey story and the benefits of a Cottey education. To view a highlights video of the entire event, please click [here](#).

The College attends various state/provincial/district conventions each year, but the International Chapter convention is an important opportunity to showcase the College to our supporters. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in helping prepare for CIC; so many in our campus community (and beyond) had a hand in the success of the event.

## Sarah Polo

The First-Year Writing Seminar Curricular Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the Fall 2024 Common Reader for First-Year Writing Seminar (FWS 101). Cottey faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit nominations using this nomination form [here](#).

Nominations are due November 1. Please see a September 29 email from Dr. Sarah Polo for more in-depth details and resources. We appreciate your contributions in shaping the curriculum of Cottey's First-Year Writing Seminar!



## Connie Allen

As travel needs begin to increase and more vehicles are being used, this is a friendly reminder that reserving a college vehicle is a two-step process.

1. Please go into Event Manager (EvM) and fill out a reservation for the vehicle you need. Using this tool will let you see what vehicles are available on the day you need to travel. Please note that if it is a trip for more than one day you need to choose the multiple-day options so that the reservation shows up correctly on the calendar. Vehicles are reserved on a first come, first served basis so please plan ahead as much as possible.
2. Once you have secured the vehicle in EvM, please fill out the Travel Authorization and check the appropriate person for approval. This is needed for billing and approval purposes. You will find this on the MyCottey site in the Employee tab under Forms. Just click on it and input your information, ensuring the same vehicle is on both. Please note you will not get a confirmation in EVM until a matching Travel Authorization has been submitted and approved.