

COTTEY Chronicle

November 17, 2023

Laura D. Chaney

The theatre department recently closed the fall mainstage show *The Sweet Science of Bruising*. The show is entered in The American College Theater Festival (ACTF) and was adjudicated by professionals in the theatre field. We received rave reviews of our production by the two adjudicators and three students were nominated for Irene Ryans: Dyllen Andrews, Taylor Jordan, and Sasha Smith.



Professor Chaney will take student actors and designers to Des Moines, Iowa in January to compete at ACTF in which they will have responses on acting, design, and stage management for all of Cottey's productions between January and December. Student Irene Ryan nominees are Klair Soukup and Abigail Kohout from *Eleemosynary*; Savannah Remington, Kordelia Taylor, and Alexis Ward from *Glow'n Up*; and Dyllen Andrews, Taylor Jordan, and Sasha Smith from *The Sweet Science of Bruising*. Student designers and stage managers who will compete are: E Blaha, Taylor Jordan, Kordelia Taylor, Natalie Vogel, Lauren Smiley, Sasha Smith, Riah Crutchfield, Alexis Ward, B'Lynn Evans, Klair Soukup, and Kate Soukup.

Dr. Mary Mba

The Mid America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) awarded Dr. Mba the Outstanding Contribution to Equity Award during the 25th annual meeting of the organization on October 19-20, 2023, in Topeka, Kansas. Dr. Mba served as the vice-president of the organization from 2019-2020 and as the president from 2020-2022. She led the organization through the pandemic years and successfully organized a virtual conference (2021) and a hybrid conference (2022) that transformed the organization from regional to international.

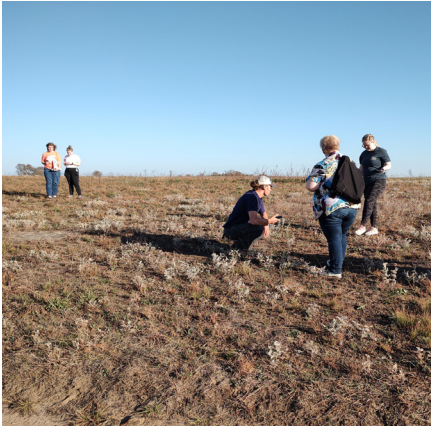
Carmen Bourbon

On November 9, Alpha Mu Gamma had their annual bake sale. Proceeds from the sale went to Operation Underground Railroad, a non-profit organization that has dedicated themselves to empowering survivors and eliminating the atrocious crime of human trafficking on a global scale.



Nancy Kohn

On November 4, Dr. Kohn attended the 50th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Herpetological Society, held at The University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.



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On November 8, Dr. Kohn's botany class went to Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie to learn more about prairie plants from Isaiah Tanner. Isaiah is the Osage Plains Fire and Stewardship Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy. The students had the chance to explore the prairie while using two apps to help them identify grasses and other herbaceous plants.

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On November 9, Dr. Kohn's ecology class went to Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie to learn more about prairie ecology and land management from Isaiah Tanner. Isaiah is the Osage Plains Fire and Stewardship Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy. The students also had the chance to see what secondary succession looks like.



Jackie Lordo

Mark your calendars for the last few music performances of the semester! Student recitals are Sunday, Nov. 19th at 3pm and Monday, Nov. 20th at 7pm; these recitals feature students enrolled in elective or applied lessons. The Instrumental Music Concert is Dec. 3rd at 3pm; this concert will feature the Wind Ensemble and Handbell Ensemble.