

COTTEY Chronicle

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Darlina Cooper

Founder's Day Weekend will take place Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7. We will have over 200 alumnae and their guests on campus that weekend. We invite all members of campus to participate in any of the weekend activities. The Founder's Day Weekend schedule can be found online at cotteyfoundersday.com.



Denise Carrick Hedges

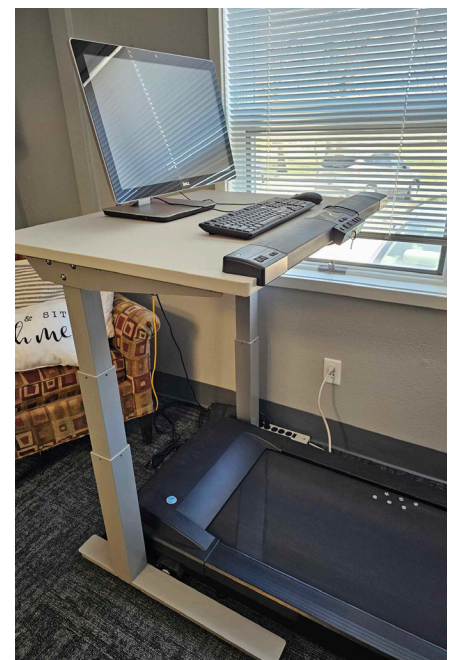
Led by Denise Carrick Hedges and Dr. Mary Mba, students in the Be a Changemaker class traveled to the College Leadership Summit in Chicago, Illinois to explore the topics of social justice, human rights, and inclusion. While there, students led a Changemaker networking session where they worked in small groups with attendees to help brainstorm through the changemaker action project workbook and helped attendees begin to draft their own grant proposal to fund their own Changemaker project.

Robin Conner

The Work and Walk Station is up and running! What is this you might ask? This is physical wellness opportunity that is open to all students and employees, allowing you to log on to a desktop computer, access your files, and work and walk at the same time!

The desktop is adjustable in height, making it comfortable while walking at your own set pace on the treadmill. Located within the Student Wellness Center, the Work and Walk station is in private and confidential office space, that also includes an office phone to easily transfer your office phone to. The Work and Walk station is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reserved for 30 minute increments through Event Manager, under the Student Wellness Center, or you can also email Robin Conner to reserve a time.

If you have any questions or would like a quick tour of the space let me know! We look forward to seeing you!





Kathy Pivak

During the first week of spring break, students in ENG393: Social Justice and the Industrial Revolution, traveled to several significant sites in England. Arriving in Manchester, the class started with a walking tour of relevant sites, including the Peterloo Memorial and a statue and memorial dedicated to Emmeline Pankhurst. The class also enjoyed visits to the Science and Industry Museum, the People's History Museum, and the home of Elizabeth Gaskell, a prominent Mancunian and author of two of the class's assigned novels.

Traveling next to Ironbridge Gorge, students saw the first iron bridge in the world, visited a living history 19th-century working-class town, and visited neighboring pottery and tile factories/museums.

Following this part of the trip, the class traveled south to Hampshire, where we experienced firsthand the contrast between the industrialized north and the agrarian south, with visits to Jane Austen's home and Chawton House Library, a large country house that was once the home of one of Jane Austen's brothers. Chawton House Library is now dedicated to the recovery and study of works of 18th- and 19-century British women writers, and our "Curator's Tour" there reflected that focus. Some highlights of our visit to Hampshire were a private, full afternoon tea in the billiard room at Chawton House and, for some students, meeting Jane Austen's great, great, great, great grandnephew!

Overall, the class had a great time and learned a lot, and we are very grateful to have received full funding for this trip through the Harmon Chair in English.



Trisha Stubblefield

The ENG 103 Introduction to Literature Class: Taylor’s Version was very excited to welcome Katherine Kerbs Best (Cotney, ‘12) back to campus to guest lecture on Emily Dickinson and Taylor Swift. As if the students didn’t enjoy her discussion enough, she brought friendship bracelets for the class. Needless to say, her lecture was not only insightful and engaging, but we all had a lot of fun, too.

Katherine completed a B.A. in English at William Jewell College in 2014 and a J.D. at the University of Missouri School of Law in 2017. Currently, Katherine is a drafting attorney for the Missouri House of Representatives, and in addition to drafting two of the amendments that appeared on last fall’s ballot, she drafted the bill for “The Taylor Swift Act” (legislation that would fight against deepfake porn on the internet).

Katherine’s visit was the last of a series of visits, including lectures by Dr. Jackie Lordo on musical form and by Dr. Karla McCain on the Indigo Girls, as well as a collaboration with Dr. Sarah Quick’s ANT 392 Anthropology of Music and Dance Class that explored Swift’s fandom.

Whether you are a Swiftie or not, be sure to visit this spring’s Academic Showcase to see the class’s creative projects!



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Oindrila Roy

Emily Cook, who graduated with a Baccalaureate degree in International Relations and Psychology from Cotney College in 2023, has been accepted to the PhD Program in Political Science at the University of Missouri in Columbia with a fellowship, graduate-studies stipend, and full tuition waiver. At the University of Missouri, Emily will specialize in International Relations, with an emphasis on conflict studies and the human rights of forced migrants.

During her time at Cotney College, Emily co-authored a paper with Oindrila Roy titled “Exploring the Relationship between the 1951 Refugee Convention and Refugee Workers’ Rights in Signatory versus Non signatory States,” and presented it at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Conference in Chicago in April 2023.

