

P.E.O. CHAPTER PRESENTATION

Cottey College

Founding Story

OF COTTEY





Virginia
Alice
Cottey

FOUNDED

By Virginia Alice Cottey in 1884

EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

Women deserve the same quality of education as men

STARTING HER COLLEGE

Virginia Alice took her savings of \$3,000 and contacted Methodist ministers around Missouri. Finally a reverend in Nevada, MO agreed to donate the land for the school to be built.

A SPECIAL GIFT

In 1927, she gifted the school to the P.E.O. Sisterhood to take care of the college moving forward.

Today's Cottey





- **Enrollment:** 266 students (fall 2023)
- **Student body:** 37 states represented and 9 countries (fall 2023)
- **Alumnae:** 10,600+
- **Campus:** 15 buildings on 12 city blocks
- **Student/Faculty Ratio:** 7:1
- **Athletics:** 8 scholarship sports offered (3 sports coming in 2024 – Cheer, Dance, Bowling)
- **Ranked as a Top 10** Best Midwest Regional College by *U.S. News and World Report* 7 consecutive years.



Cost

OF ATTENDING COTTEY





98%

Of students
received
financial aid



46%

Of students who
graduated in
2022 had no debt

Degree Programs

BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE





4-YEAR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Biology
- Business Administration/Management
- Criminology
- Elementary Education
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Health and Biomedical Sciences
- History
- International Business
- International Relations
- Organizational Leadership
- Psychology
- Secondary Education
- Theatre
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

2-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Arts- Music
- Associate of Science

International Experience

KEY DIFFERENTIATOR





OVERVIEW

- One week experience internationally
- Program began in 2000
- Cottey pays for airfare, hotel, and some meals
- Some past destinations include: London, Paris, Florence, and Madrid

STEP INTO THE WORLD CLASS

- A Cottey student respects diversity, is attentive to cultural context, and demonstrates ethical reasoning and action.
- Students learn about the history, politics, economy and geography of the country. Through journaling, students assess the similarities and differences in the beliefs, behaviors and customs of the international location and the United States.



Student Life

CAMPUS EXPERIENCE





More than 25
clubs and student
organizations

INCLUDING:

ART CLUB

BAKING CLUB

BOARD GAME CLUB

STUDENTS AGAINST A VANISHING ENVIRONMENT



Suite Life

8-14 STUDENTS IN A SUITE

LIVING AREA

KITCHEN

MULTI-UNIT BATHROOM

BEDROOMS (SINGLE AND DOUBLE)

SHARED LIVING SPACES ARE CLEANED BY COTTEY STAFF



Campus Life

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
EVENTS
PROGRAMS

Career

PREPARATION





CAREER PREPARATION



LEADERSHIP AND GLOBAL AWARENESS

The Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness was established in the fall of 2010 to support Cottey College's mission to educate women so they may realize their full potential as "learners, leaders, and citizens."

The Serenbetz Institute issues grant awards to Cottey College students and faculty to enhance learning through **summer leadership internships, undergraduate research grants, leadership immersions, and other leadership programming.**



CAREER PREPARATION



INTERNSHIPS

Approximately 25% of students complete an internship each year.

CAREER SERVICES

Mock Interview Process and Job Search Assistance

Supporting Cottey

HOW CAN P.E.O. MEMBERS HELP?





Referrals

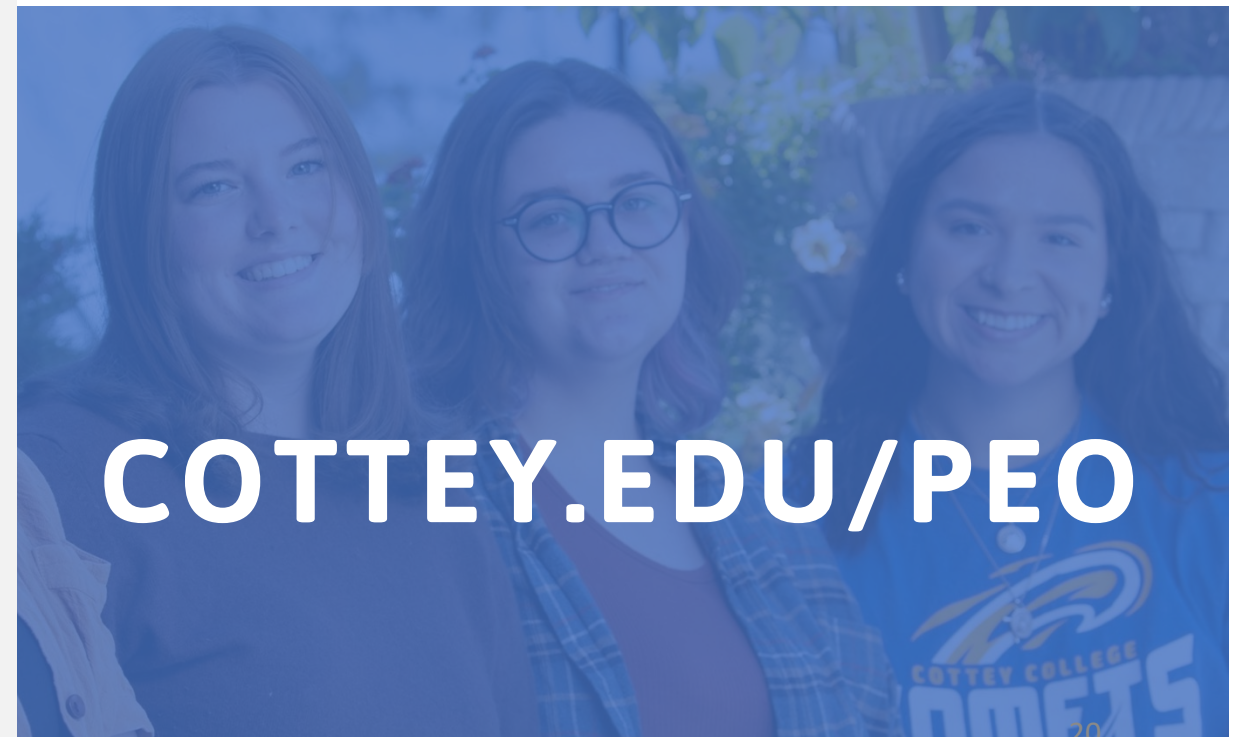
- Do you or someone in your sphere of influence have a student in high school?
- Talk about Cottey

Supporting Students

- “Support a Suite” and “Support a Student” programs
- Cottey Cash
- Finals Week Care Packages
- Cakes for Cottey

Visiting Cottey

- P.E.O. Visit Day
- Vacation College
- Individual Tours



Thank

You!