

COTTEY Chronicle

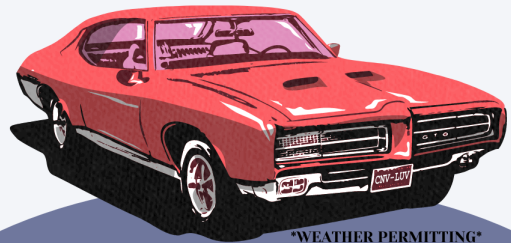
April 26, 2024

Blaklee Sanders

Students, come to join the Student Wellness Center in our second annual Car Smash! We would love to see people “smash away stress” from finals. All participants will be required to sign a liability waiver before participating.

CAR SMASH

JOIN BLAKLEE IN RELIEVING THE STRESS OF FINALS AND GRADUATION AT THE CAR SMASH!
ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER BEFORE PARTICIPATING.



WEATHER PERMITTING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

WELLNESS CENTER LAWN
BEHIND RANEY



COTTEY COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

Bird Songs

CHAMBER SINGERS
SPRING CONCERT

COTTEY COLLEGE | Friday, April 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
Missouri Recital Hall

Theresa Spencer

Everyone is invited to Chamber Singers Spring Concert “Bird Songs.” Friday, April 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the Missouri Recital Hall.

Sandra Chaney

On Thursday, April 11, students in the US Environmental History class visited a local, family-owned cattle breeding operation, Hinkle's Prime Cut Angus (HPCA), as part of their study on contemporary food systems. Founder and owner of the operation, Mr. Kenny Hinkle, explained that he and his wife, Janyce, started the seedstock operation in 1995 "from the ground up." Unlike other such operations, Hinkle said, his is a small, sustainable size.

HPCA raises registered Angus bulls and cows using traditional practices (green grass) and modern technology (artificial insemination and embryo transfer), to produce breeding cattle whose offspring are valued for their high-quality beef. HPCA sells about 300 bulls each year and a smaller number of cows to buyers regionally and around the country. Some buyers have come from as far away as Australia, New Zealand, and Kazakhstan. Part of HPCA's operation includes selling bulls' semen to cattle producers and transferring fertilized embryos to cooperating

surrogate herds. Hinkle told students, "We love our cattle. They have a good life; they're our livelihood." The excursion shed light on how beef production today includes animal husbandry and genetic technology.



Participating students were Bryce Bearson, Maddy Brennaman, Chasity Drue, Sophia Mirabella, Avery Morris, and Katie Wright.

Trudy Burr

Pre-Finals Week EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS - Come study with us!!

OPEN:

MIDNIGHT Sunday April 28th through Thursday May 2nd.

Treats at 7-11 pm on the hour

Drawing for gift cards will be at 11 pm - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

PRIZES:

Different gift card each night, with Thursday night having 2 drawings.

TREATS:

Sunday April 28 - Popcorn with toppings

Monday April 29 - Cookies

Tuesday April 30 - Donuts

Wednesday May 1 - Candy/ Energy bars

Thursday May 2 - ICE CREAM With toppings



Trisha Stubblefield

The Assessment Committee would like to convey our deepest thanks to everyone who helped make Assessment Day such a success!

Thanks to the College for devoting a day to assessment each spring; thanks to the marketing department for taking pictures, putting together a promotional video, and creating social media posts to highlight the event; thanks to physical plant for moving tables out and adding chairs to capstone presentation rooms, and for allowing us to unlock doors so families and community members could attend; thanks for faculty who served as door monitors; thanks to everyone who engaged in assessment work, completed presentation rubrics, or attended presentations; and thanks to the Cottey

community for supporting our students during the capstone process, whether it was by attending their presentations, encouraging their success, preparing them for this milestone, or cheering them on from afar!

Don't miss the business capstones later this spring and the history, biology, and leadership capstones in the fall!

Trisha Stubblefield

Cottey students cleaned up at the Sigma Tau Delta/Sigma Kappa Delta International English Honor Society Convention Awards Ceremony this year. Three students--Chloe Bollin, Gideon Hatt, and Alex Lay--had work accepted, and all three students took home awards!!

Gideon Hatt won second place in the Beth DeMeo Poetry Awards for the best poetry analysis papers by Sigma Tau Delta students. Gideon is the first Cottey student ever to receive a Sigma Tau Delta convention award! She received a nice check to go along with the award!

Chloe Bollin received Best Sigma Kappa Delta Paper of the convention! She, too, went home with a check! It should be noted that over 600 papers were accepted to the convention this year! And two Cottey students won paper awards!

Finally, Alex Lay won third place in the Sigma Kappa Delta national photography competition! She also received a nice monetary award! Be sure to congratulate these students on their impressive awards!





Manjira Ghosh Kumar

Oral Presentation in the Missouri Academy of Science, 2024

Health and biomedical sciences major Karol Knierim gave an oral presentation at the 2024 Missouri Academy of Science annual meeting, held April 12-13. The event was hosted by Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO.

As part of her STEM research fellowship, Karol participated in this research under the guidance of Dr. Manjira Kumar in the 2023-2024 academic year. The title of the presentation was “ANALYSIS OF MICROCYSTIN PRODUCTION OF CYANOBACTERIA WITH AN EXPOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DRUG POLLUTANTS.”

Trisha Stubblefield

The Cottey English department hosted Eileen Espinoza on April 12 for a creative writing workshop titled, “Awake in Spring: Writing of the Natural World.” Prof. Espinoza lectured on contemporary nature writers and then created space for participants to write to several prompts inspired by the lecture. Students were able to share their work at the end of the workshop.



Prof. Espinoza is an award-winning Appalachian writer and producer. She teaches graduate poetry and creative nonfiction, as well as undergraduate writing courses. Prof. Espinoza is under contract with the University Press of Kentucky to publish her first nonfiction book, “Carrying the Bones: Rituals for a Dying World (2024).”

She is the recipient of the 2021 McQuern Award in Nonfiction and a finalist for both the 2021 Annie Dillard Award for Creative Nonfiction and the 2020 Marica and Jan Vilcek Prize for Poetry. Her work has been anthologized by Bell Hooks, Nikki Giovanni, and Dorothy Allison. Eileen is the cofounder of Boshemia, a feminist arts and culture media outlet that produces a biannual print magazine, website, and podcast. Beyond her work in academia and the arts, she is committed to serving LGBTQ+ youth as a certified Crisis Counselor and community youth organizer.

This event was funded by the Harmon Endowed Chair in English.

Sandra Chaney

Panelists Emma Notick and Keegan Masterson share Pre-Law Experiences

Emma Notick and Keegan Masterson shared experiences and offered advice for students considering a career in law at an on-campus pre-law panel discussion on Sunday, April 7. Emma said that shadowing several lawyers over the summer and having an internship with the Vernon County Public Defender's Office were beneficial in confirming her long-held goal of pursuing a legal career, as were her courses in business. She also underscored the importance of networking to develop contacts with attorneys in several types of law.

Keegan stated that a summer internship with a state senator, a Cottey course in public policy, and classes requiring writing shaped her decision to go to law school and gave her valuable preparation. Both students agreed that preparing for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) was challenging and time-consuming! Students applying to law school use the services of LSAC.

While Keegan has decided to take a gap year before applying to law schools, Emma has opted to begin her legal studies this fall. She has applied to five schools, all of them in states where she wants to live and work. Emma is pleased to have been admitted to three so far; she is awaiting word from the others.



Trisha Stubblefield

Sigma Kappa Delta and Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Societies were pleased to welcome thirteen new members to our Cottey chapters in an induction ceremony held April 12.

Congratulations to our new Sigma Kappa Delta members: Danielle Beauregard, Hannah Erz, Victoria Farmer, Crestin Lusk, Ren Sawyer, Carol Ann Shively, Ciandra Troth, Grace VanEngen, and Alice Williams.



Congratulations to our new Sigma Tau Delta members: 'Riah Crutchfield, Caroline Little, Finn McAdams, and Annie Qiao.

Please congratulate these students on their excellent work in English and Writing courses!

Sarah Quick

The Anthropology of Music and Dance class visited the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City right before Spring Break. Dance professor Miles joined us for the visit. We also enjoyed coffee on Troost afterwards!





Trisha Stubblefield

The ENG/WGS 333 Mid-Century American Women Poets class was excited to welcome Cottey alum Kate Schneckloth (Cottey, '12) to discuss Adrienne Rich with us. After receiving her A.A. at Cottey, Kate received a bachelor's degree in English Studies from Trinity College in Ireland and a Master's degree in contemporary literature from St. Andrew's in Scotland (where she wrote a dissertation on Buffy the Vampire Slayer). She has almost completed her coursework for a Ph.D. in African Diaspora Studies.

Sarah Quick

On March 20th, The Choreography class allowed the The Anthropology of Music and Dance class to observe (while taking field notes) and join them in some dance exercises as well. Here we are as a large group enacting negative space poses with each other!



Trisha Stubblefield

The English department is very proud to share that Gideon Hatt, a senior English major from Oregon who is minoring in Writing and Art, has been accepted to graduate school at Rutgers University (English with a media studies emphasis) and Portland State University (English with a book publishing emphasis)!! Gideon has decided to attend....drumroll, please!....Portland State! We are excited for this next chapter and are very proud of Gideon! Please congratulate her when you see her!

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Oindrila Roy

Caroline Little, currently a senior, will join law school at the American University in Washington DC after graduating with her Bachelor's degree from Cottey College in May 2024. Caroline is an International Relations major with a minor in Writing Studies.