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**NEW STUDENT  
ORIENTATION**



# DEAR INCOMING STUDENT,

Welcome to Cottey College and to the opportunity to create your own incredible future. We are so excited and pleased to welcome you to our campus and to inspire you, throughout your Cottey experience, to become the learner, leader, and citizen you have the potential to become. Whether you are from the local community or from hundreds of miles away, we are delighted that you are joining our campus of intelligent, creative, adventurous, caring, and talented women.

Our entire Cottey community, including faculty, staff, alumnae, and the P.E.O. Sisterhood, ensures that you are a priority. From individualized mentoring, to an intimate classroom setting allowing true student/professor collaboration, to approachable and accessible faculty and staff, we are committed to — and believe

in — advancing women’s education. Whether in the classrooms, the dining room, the library or leadership center, the residence halls, Hinkhouse Center, or elsewhere, we are all here to assist you as you develop and effectively use your voice and act with courage. Please, don’t ever hesitate to ask questions; each of us is here to help you reach your academic, personal, and professional goals.

We are confident that you will find the community of Nevada welcoming to you and your family. Within our safe community, you will find many opportunities to interact with residents through community service, internships, attendance at church or local events and celebrations, or when shopping or enjoying any of our local restaurants.

Personally, I wish to welcome you and your family to Cottey. Virginia Alice Cottey founded Cottey over 140 years ago to ensure a quality education for young women, and our campus continues today to meet that goal.

Welcome. I’m so excited to meet you!  
*Stefanie D. Niles, Ed.D.*  
*President, Cottey College*

# SCHEDULE



# ARRIVING AT COTTEY

Saturday, August 24, 2024

## Residential

## Commuters

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### Orientation Check-In

Main Hall, Circle Drive  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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### Orientation Check-In

Main Hall, Circle Drive  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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### Residence Hall Check-In

Your Residence Hall  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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### Obtain Comet Card

Raney Dining Room, Foyer  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

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### Obtain Comet Card

Raney Dining Room, Foyer  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

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### Meet Your Orientation Group

See Personalized Schedule  
7 p.m.

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### Meet Your Orientation Group

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## OPTIONAL

Campus Tour 1 p.m (Chapel, Front Steps)

Visit the Spirit Shop 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Center for Campus Life)

# Saturday, August 24

*\*Denotes families and guests are welcome to attend*

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**\*9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Orientation Check-In (Stop Here First),** *Main Hall, Circle Drive*

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**\*9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Residence Hall Check-In (Stop Here Second),** *Your Residence Hall*

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**\*9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.**

**Obtain Comet Card,** *Raney Dining Room, Foyer*

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**\*9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Spirit Shop Open,** *Center for Campus Life*

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**\*11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Picnic Luncheon,** *Raney Dining Room, Adult \$10, Children \$7 (6-12 yrs.)*

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**\*1 p.m.**

**Campus Tour,** *Chapel, Front Steps*

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**\*2 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Presidential Welcome with Dr. Niles,** *Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

## **\*2:40 - 5 p.m.**

**Parent and Guest Orientation Session, Center for the Arts, Auditorium**

- 2:40 p.m., *The College Transition* with Dr. Landon Adams
  - 3:40 p.m., *How to Help Your Student Thrive Academically* with Dr. Karla McCain
  - 4:15 p.m., *Navigating Your Student's Financial Journey: A Parent's Guide* with Hannah Masters
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## **2:40 - 5:10 p.m.**

**New Student Orientation Sessions, See Personalized Schedule. Note: Please take your laptop with you!**

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## **\*5 - 7 p.m.**

**Welcome Buffet, Raney Dining Room, Adult \$14, Children \$10 (6-12 yrs.)**

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## **7 p.m.**

**Meet Your Orientation Group, See Personalized Schedule**

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## **8 p.m.**

**Comedian Magician, Trent James, Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall**



# Sunday, August 25

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**\*9 - 10 a.m.**

**Student Wellness Center Open House**, *Student Wellness Center*

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**\*9 - 10 a.m.**

**Legacy Meet and Greet**, *Rogers Fine Arts Building, Foyer*

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**\*9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Spirit Shop Open**, *Center for Campus Life*

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**\*9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Library Open**, *Library*

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**\*9:30 a.m.**

**Campus Tour**, *Chapel, Front Steps*

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**\*11 a.m.**

**Walmart Shuttle**, *Chapel, Front Steps*

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**\*10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Brunch**, *Raney Dining Room, Adult \$14, Child \$10 (6-12 yrs.)*

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**\*10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Obtain Comet Card**, *Raney Dining Room, Foyer*

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**1 p.m.**

**New to Cottey Class Photo**,  
*Chapel, Front Steps*





**1:30 p.m.**

**Convocation Preparation**, *Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall*

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**\*2 p.m.**

**141st Opening Convocation and Signing of the Cottey Book**, *Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

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**\*Immediately Following**

**Convocation Reception at the President's House**, 738 *West Cherry Street, East of Campus*

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**4 p.m.**

**Families and Guests Depart Campus**

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**4 - 5 p.m.**

**Music Auditions (Required for all Music Students)**, *Rogers Fine Arts Building, Room 303*

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**4 - 7 p.m.**

**Chellie Club Proudly Serves Starbucks Grand Opening**, *Center for Campus Life, Chellie Club*

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**5 - 7 p.m.**

**Dinner**, *Raney Dining Room*

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**7 p.m.**

**Step Sing**, *Main Hall, Front Steps*

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**8 - 11 p.m.**

**Sunday Funday at Nevada Community (Transportation Provided)**, *Chapel, Front Steps*

# Monday, August 26

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**7 - 9 a.m.**

**Breakfast**, *Raney Dining Room*

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**8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Library Open**, *Library*

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**8:30 a.m. - Noon**

**Individual Academic Advising Appointments**, *See Personalized Schedule*

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**8:30 a.m. - Noon**

**Thank You to Scholarship Donor Session**, *See Personalized Schedule*

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**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Welcome Home Picnic**, *Raney Dining Room*

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**2 - 3 p.m.**

**Quackademic Splash: Ducks, Water, and Wonder at the Library**, *Library*

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**3 - 4 p.m.**

**Mandatory Title IX Training**, (Mandatory for all New and Returning Commuter and Residential Students), *Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

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**4 - 5 p.m.**

**Mandatory Housing Meeting for all New and Returning Students**, (Mandatory for all New and Returning Students), *Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

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**5 - 7 p.m.**

**Caricatures with SAC, Raney Dining Room**

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**5 - 7 p.m.**

**Dinner and President's Ice Cream Social, Raney Dining Room**

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**7 p.m.**

**Comet Student-Athletes Information Session, (Mandatory for all Comet Student-Athletes), Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall**



# Tuesday, August 27

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**7 - 9 a.m.**

**Breakfast, Raney Dining Room**

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**7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

**Library Open, Library**

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**8 a.m.**

**Classes Begin**

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**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Custom Zen Gardens with SAC, Robertson Hall, Lawn**

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**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Lunch, Raney Dining Room**

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**5 - 7 p.m.**

**Dinner, Raney Dining Room**

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**7 - 9 p.m.**

**Theater Information Session, Center for the Arts,  
Auditorium**



# Wednesday, August 28

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**7 - 9 p.m.**

**Theater Audition Session, Center for the Arts, Auditorium**

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**8 p.m.**

**College Essentials Bingo with SAC, Raney Dining Room**

# Thursday, August 29

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**7 - 9 p.m.**

**Theater Audition Session, Center for the Arts, Auditorium**

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**7 - 9 p.m.**

**Papers, Projects, Campus Events, Oh My! Let's Get Organized, Center for Campus Life, Chellie Club**

# ◆ REMINDERS ◆

## ORIENTATION EVENTS

Specific activities are designed for students or for families/guests and noted in the schedule.

## DRESS ATTIRE

Casual clothing is appropriate for all activities with the exception of Opening Convocation and Brunch on Sunday, August 25.

## INTERNET ACCESS

For family/guests and students who require internet service during the weekend, computers are available in the Library and in the computer suites in each residence hall.

## NAME TAGS

New students, ***please wear your name tag*** to all Orientation activities. Also, keep your Orientation folder with you at all times.

## RESIDENCE HALLS

All three residence halls are locked at 10:30 p.m. each night. Guests are not allowed in residence halls after 10:30 p.m.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please submit or look for items at the Robertson Hall front desk.

# ORIENTATION OFFICE HOURS

## Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library

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**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, Saturday, August 24

**9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**, Sunday, August 25

**8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**, Monday, August 26

*The library will resume regular business hours of 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27.*

## Business Office, Main Hall, First Floor

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**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, Saturday, August 24

*Administrative offices will resume regular business hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, August 26.*

## Financial Aid Office, Main Hall, First Floor

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