

# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



COTTEY  
COLLEGE



# 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

# FIRST DAY: QUICK VIEW

## Saturday, August 23, 2025

### Residential

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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.

3

#### Obtain Comet Card

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

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#### Verify or Complete Cottey Safety Forms

Raney Dining Room  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Commuters

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#### Orientation Check-In

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

2

#### Obtain Comet Card

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

3

#### Verify or Complete Cottey Safety Forms

Raney Dining Room  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# FIRST DAY: DETAILED

## Saturday, August 23, 2025

### PLEASE NOTE:

*This schedule is subject to change. You will receive your final schedule at Orientation check-in.*

*If you have a personal laptop, please bring it to your student orientation sessions on Saturday.*

### 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### **Orientation Check-In**

*Main Hall, Circle Drive*

#### **Residence Hall Check-In** (Residential Students Only)

*Your Assigned Residence Hall*

#### **Obtain Comet Card**

*Raney Dining Room, Foyer*

#### **Verify or Complete Cottey Safety Forms**

*Raney Dining Room, Foyer*

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### 9 - 11 a.m.

#### **Chellie Club Open**

*Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel*

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### 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **Library Open**

*Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library*

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### 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### **Salad and Sandwich Luncheon**

*Raney Dining Room*

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

**Meet Your Mentor and Orientation Group**  
*Outside of Hinkhouse*

**Community Builder with Chris Niles**  
*Hinkhouse, Main Gym*

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2:45 - 3 p.m.

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

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3 - 4 p.m.

**Parents and Guests Orientation Sessions**  
*Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

**3 p.m.**  
*The College Transition: Supporting Your Students*  
Dr. Landon Adams

**3:30 p.m.**  
*How to Help Your Student Succeed Academically*  
Dr. Karla McCain

**Student Orientation Sessions**  
*Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall*

**3 p.m.**  
*Student Finances: How To and Next Steps*  
Ms. Hannah Masters

**3:30 p.m.**  
*Life of the Party*  
Ms. Meghan Vincent and Mr. Dakotah Johnston

**4:15 p.m.**

**Load transportation to the Lamar Fair**

*Chapel Drive*

*\*\*Sack lunches provided by Dining Services\*\**

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**4:45 - 8:15 p.m.**

**Lamar Fair**

*Lamar, MO*

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**8:30 p.m.**

**Load transportation to travel back to Cottey**

## **Sunday, August 24**

**9 a.m.**

**Legacy Meet and Greet**

*Judy and Glenn Rogers Fine Arts Building, Atrium*

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**9 - 10 a.m.**

**Student Wellness Center Open House**

*Student Wellness Center*

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**9 - 11 a.m.**

**Chellie Club Open**

*Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel*

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**10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Library Open**

*Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library*

**10:30 a.m.**

**Parents of Student-Athletes Information Session  
(Mandatory)**

*Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall*

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

**Brunch**

*Raney Dining Room*

**Obtain Comet Card**

*Raney Dining Room, Foyer*

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**11 a.m.**

**Campus Tour**

*Chapel Drive*

**Walmart Shuttle**

*Chapel Drive*

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**1 p.m.**

**New to Cottey Class Photo**

*Chapel Front Steps*

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**1:30 p.m.**

**Convocation Preparation**

*Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall*

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**2 p.m.**

**142nd Opening Convocation/Signing of the Cottey Book**

*Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

*\*\*Reception to follow at the President's House\*\**

*738 West Cherry Street, East of Campus*

**4 p.m.**

**Parents and Guests Depart Campus**

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**6 p.m.**

**Mandatory Housing Meeting for New and Returning Students (Residential Students Only)**

*Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

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**6:15 p.m.**

**Commuter Student Meet and Greet**

*\*\*Commuter and Townhouse students will pick up their mailbox keys during this time\*\**

*Center for the Arts, P.E.O. Foundation Art Gallery*

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**6:45 p.m.**

**Title IX Training for New and Returning Students (Residential and Commuter Students)**

*Center for the Arts, Auditorium*

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**7:25 p.m.**

**Pizza Dinner**

*Center for the Arts, Lobby*

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**8 p.m.**

**Magician Danny H.**

*Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall*

# Monday, August 25

**7 - 9 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

*Raney Dining Room*

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

**Library Open**

*Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library*

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**8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Large Group Advising for *Education and Business Students Only***

Education Majors

*Education Lab, Lower-Level Library*

Business Majors

*Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 203*

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

**Individual Advising Appointments**

*More information provided following arrival to campus*

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

**Welcome Lunch Buffet**

*Raney Dining Room*



## 1:10 – 3:10 p.m.

### **Academic Sessions**

**(three rotating sessions, 40 minutes each)**

Your Academic Success

*Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 109*

Technology Set Up

*Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 158*

Cottey Portals: MyCottey and eLearning 101

*Rubie Burton Academic Center, Room 107*

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## 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

### **Library Event**

*Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library*

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## 4 p.m.

### **Music Auditions (Required for all Voice, Piano, and Chamber Singers)**

*Judy and Glenn Rogers Fine Arts Building, Room 303*

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## 5 - 7 p.m.

### **Dinner**

*Raney Dining Room*

### **President's Ice Cream Social**

*Raney Dining Room*

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## 7 p.m.

### **Student-Athletes Information Session**

*Center for the Arts, Missouri Recital Hall*

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## 7 - 9 p.m.

### **Cottey Family Game Night**

*Outside Robertson Hall*

### **Chellie Club Open**

*Center for Campus Life, Lower-Level Chapel*

# Tuesday, August 26

**7 - 9 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

*Raney Dining Room*

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

**Library Open**

*Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library*

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**8 a.m.**

**Classes Begin**

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

**Campus Activities Giveaway Event**

*Outside Robertson Hall*

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

**Lunch**

*Raney Dining Room*

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**5 - 7 p.m.**

**Grill and Chill (Sponsored by Dining Services, Athletics, and Campus Activities)**

*Outside of Hinkhouse*



# Wednesday, August 27



**8 p.m.**

**College Essentials BINGO**

*Raney Dining Room*

# Thursday, August 28

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

**Activities Expo**

*Raney Dining Room*

# Friday, August 29

**9 p.m.**

**Dawson Hollow Concert**

*Center for Campus Life, Amphitheater*

# 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 24.

## 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 23

**9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**, Sunday, August 24

**8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**, Monday, August 25

*The library will resume regular business hours of 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26.*

## Business Office, Main Hall, First Floor

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**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, Saturday, August 23

*Administrative offices will resume regular business hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, August 25.*

## Financial Aid Office, Main Hall, First Floor

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**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, Saturday, August 23

*Administrative offices will resume regular business hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, August 25.*

