

Sarah Polo & Jon Green

The 2026 Merry Ann DeVaney Sauls Writing Contest is now open! Please encourage students to submit work completed in their Cottey courses!

[Click here for full contest rules & details.](#)

Contact Sarah Polo or Jon Green with questions.

*Merry Ann
Devaney
Sauls*

WRITING CONTEST



Scan the QR code for
details, contest rules,
and entry form!

ELIGIBLE SUBMISSIONS:

Projects completed for a Cottey class
between

MARCH 25, 2025 & MARCH 23, 2026

DEADLINE TO ENTER:

Monday, March 23, 2026,
11:59 PM

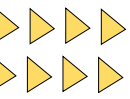
FIVE CATEGORIES WITH PRIZE MONEY FOR WINNERS IN EACH:

- Introductory Writing (FWS 101 & WRI 102)
- Academic Writing
- Capstones
- Professional Writing
- Creative Writing

QUESTIONS?

Email Dr. Sarah Polo
(spolo@cottey.edu)

or Dr. Jon Green (jgreen@cottey.edu)



Jamie Bloomfield

HANGING OF THE GREENS FORMAL DINNER

DECEMBER 6, 2025

Ticket Sales for faculty & staff will take place during lunch in the Raney Dining Room foyer on the following dates:

- Monday, November 10
- Tuesday, November 11
- Wednesday, November 12
- Thursday, November 13
- Friday, November 14

If you are unable to purchase your ticket(s) during this time, please email jbloomfield@cottey.edu.

[CLICK HERE to reserve tickets for Hanging of the Greens](#)

FIRST SEATING:

Hors d'oeuvres – 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm Dinner - 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm

SECOND SEATING:

Hors d'oeuvres - 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm Dinner – 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm

- Cottey Residential Students: FREE!!
- Commuter Students: FREE (Paid for by SGA)
- Faculty & Staff Price: \$20
- Guest & Family Prices:
- Adults: \$22
- Children (ages 12 & under): \$18

Questions? Contact:

Jamie Bloomfield – Dining Services Office Assistant at extension 2150



Nancy Kohn

On Thursday, October 16 the botany class went to Prairie State Park. At the park, the students met up with Park Naturalist Dana Hoisington who introduced the students to some prairie plants during a walking tour.

The students also had the chance to see the parks bison herd.





COTTEY COMETS SHINE AT THE PITTSBURG STATE CAREER FAIR!

Cottery College Career Services had a successful and impactful trip, taking 12 well-prepared students to the highly-anticipated career fair at Pitt State University (PSU) on October 14. This event provided a vital opportunity for students to step out of the classroom and interact with a wide range of potential employers and internship sites.

Preparation Pays Off

The success of the day was built on thorough preparation. The participating Comets didn't go in cold – they were equipped with the tools and confidence necessary to make a strong impression. Before the fair, students diligently updated their resumes and participated in a pre-fair workshop. This session was crucial, focusing on essential professional skills such as:

- Crafting compelling elevator speeches
- Mastering the professional handshake
- Developing effective conversation starters

Students also learned about the importance of appropriate professional attire and modern networking techniques, including ways to quick-link with employers using the Linked-In app and other digital resources.

Connecting with Opportunity

At the fair, the preparation paid dividends. The Cottery students navigated the large event, engaging in meaningful conversations with representatives from diverse organizations. They were able to put their polished communication skills and updated materials to use, exploring real-world career paths and potential internships.

The trip to PSU was more than just a visit; it was an essential step in the students' professional development journey, bridging the gap between their academic training and the demands of the modern workforce. Cottery College Career Services is proud of the professional demeanor and engagement shown by our Comets and looks forward to seeing the connections they made translate into future opportunities!



Dr. Sarah Polo's WRI 361 class on Women's Rhetorical Education traveled to Massachusetts October 7-11. Our major sites of focus were four of the original Seven Sisters College: Radcliffe College (now the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University), Wellesley College, Smith College, and Mount Holyoke College.

At each, we were able to meet with staff, view and handle archival materials, tour or walk the campuses, and learn the fascinating histories and ways these institutions have contributed to women's education in the US. In addition, we got to experience the city of Boston and its rich history, as well as take in the beautiful fall scenery outside of the city. Participants in this excursion were Dr. Sarah Polo, Dr. Trisha Stubblefield, and students Izzy Rutherford, Julie Ramirez, and Tatum Marang.

The Harmon Chair in English funds made this trip possible.

Select pictures from this trip include: The students next to the grave of Mount Holyoke founder Mary Lyon, the school and woman who served as the inspiration for Virginia Alice Cottey; the students next to the Boston Women's Memorial; the students and Dr. Polo outside Schlesinger Library on the Harvard University campus; and the entire group outside of the Boston Public Library Central Branch.



Julie Tietz

Shout out to all the faculty who attended the exciting volleyball match on October 14! Even the coach of the opposing team was impressed at our attendance!

Mark your calendars for the next faculty night on November 12 at 5:30 pm, and let's all show up to support our basketball team. Go Comets!



Timothy Eatman

Bring the Cottey Magic: Basketball Season is Here!

The excitement is building, and the hardwood is calling—Cottey Basketball season is here, and we can't wait to see you in the stands!

Our student-athletes have been preparing with passion and purpose, and as we tip off a new season, we invite you to be a part of something bigger than the game itself. Your presence at our home contests makes a tremendous impact. When our players look to the crowd and see their professors, mentors, and campus leaders cheering them on, it fuels their confidence and reminds them they're supported—on and off the court.

This fall, we have four home games, and we'd love to see the stands filled with Comet spirit:

This year, our Enrollment team has captured something truly special with the phrase Cottey Magic—the energy, unity, and pride that make our community so unique. And now, we need you to help us bring that magic to every home game.

So, grab your Comet gear, bring your voice, and join us courtside. Let's pack the Hinkhouse, lift our Comets, and make this a season to remember.

Together, we bring the Cottey Magic.

Go Comets!

- Wednesday, November 12 - Southwestern 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 25- Ottawa 5:30 PM
- Monday, December 1- William Baptist 5:30 PM
- Thursday, December 4-Crowley's Ridge 5:30 PM

