



COTTEY
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COTTEY COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

IMPACT REPORT

2024-2025



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To get involved, nominate yourself or an alumna to join the CCAA Board at <https://cottey.edu/alumnae>.

The CCAA Board traditionally meets on campus twice a year: once in the fall and again in the spring, just before Founder's Day Weekend.



PRESIDENT
Randi Turk
Class of '68
Arizona



VICE PRESIDENT
Kerry Tate
Class of '86
Texas



SECRETARY
Zoe Albright
Class of '91
Missouri



TREASURER
Carol Bradley
Class of '68
Texas



COTTEY CLUBS
Lori Royal
Class of '76
Missouri



HEAD CLASS AGENT
Denise Bishop
Class of '83
Kansas



**AWARDS/
NOMINATIONS**
Sarah Lull
Class of '03
Florida

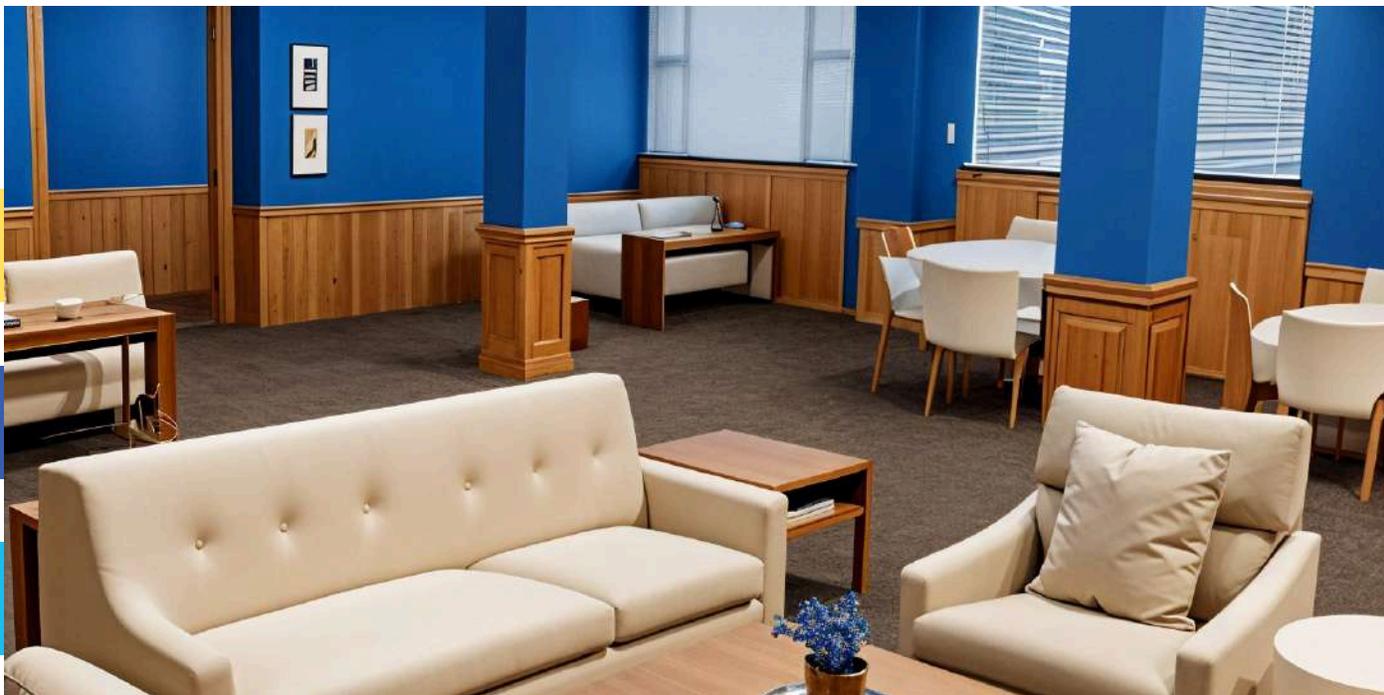


DEVELOPMENT
Sarah Raffurty
Class of '11
South Carolina



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Mary Edelen
Class of '65
South Dakota





LIGHT UP ROBBIE PARLOR!

It's been a busy and exciting year for the CCAA Board of Directors! Our mission is to connect and serve alumnae while supporting students - and this year, the college has given us the perfect opportunity to do all three.

Cotley alumnae have always answered the call when the College needed them, and this year is no different. We are thrilled to introduce our newest initiative: the Robertson Parlor Renovation Fund, or **"Light Up Robbie Parlor!"** Robertson Hall, which includes the Raney Dining Room, is often the first residence hall that P.E.O.s, prospective students, and parents see when they visit Cotley. The parlor, however, is in need of a refresh. **Our goal is to raise \$100,000 to give this beloved space a fresh coat of paint, new carpet, and updated furniture, creating a welcoming home away from home for students.**

Alumnae groups can come together to contribute to the fund, helping the College enjoy a refreshed space while providing students with a beautiful and comfortable place to gather and relax. Individuals or groups who give \$1,000 or more will have their names proudly displayed on a plaque in the parlor.

Let's brighten Robbie Parlor together!

Ducks and Daisies,
Cotley College Alumnae Association Board of Directors





FOUNDER'S 2025

Over 150 alumnae from classes ending in 0 and 5, along with friends from other years, returned to Cottey from April 4 to 6, 2025, for a Founder's Day Weekend filled with laughter, reminiscing, singing, shopping, and, yes, even surviving a tornado!

The theme of friendship, love, and loyalty truly came to life. Founder's Day honors Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard and the lifelong bonds formed at Cottey. The weekend was a beautiful reminder of the connections and support that make our community so special.

Two members of the Class of 1994 reflected on their previous Founder's Day experience. Heidi Thomas shared, "It felt as if time and distance had no impact on the friendships forged as very young women." Heidi "Ave" Avery added, "Our deep Cottey sisterly bond is our ability to pick right back up. We are not 'reconnecting' because we never 'disconnected.'"

That is the true power of the Cottey sisterhood — something we were grateful to experience alongside so many alumnae during Founder's Day Weekend.

Join us for this year's Founder's Day, March 27-29, 2026: Cherished Memories - Endless Horizons!



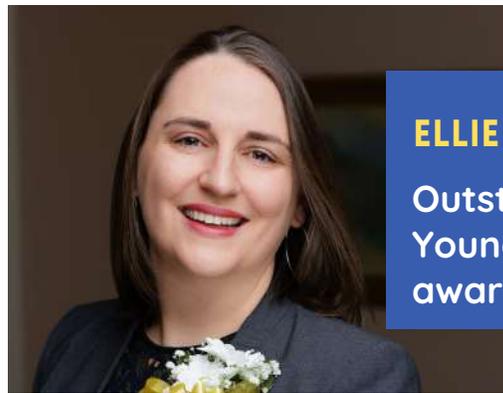
FOUNDER'S DAY AWARDEES

Each year, the CCAA board recognizes alumnae who have brought distinction to the College through their achievements and service, as well as friends who have shown exceptional dedication to Cottey's mission.

**CHAPTER GA OF
CALIFORNIA**
Friends of the
College award



ELLIE SPRESSER '10
Outstanding
Young Alumna
award



**CHERYL PAPE
DENSLOW**
Honorary
Alumna award



**CHRISTINE RENNER
'77**
Alumna Service
award



**BARBARA J.
SCHROEDER '74**
Distinguished
Alumna award



**SARA MONTESDEOCA
JIMENEZ OF MADRID**
"Blanche Hinman
Dow International
Scholar" Award



BOOK CLUB

The **Cottey Book Club** brings together alumnae from across the decades to enjoy lively discussions of both fiction and nonfiction. Whether you're a longtime reader or just getting back into books, it's never too late to join the fun!

The club meets on the **third Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m. Cottey time** via Zoom. To find out about the current book selections and obtain the Zoom link, please contact board member Lori Royal at Lori.royal@student.cottey.edu or lroyalama@gmail.com.



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In Fall 2024, alumnae came together for a special mid-year reunion filled with connection and fun! The event featured a campus update from Dr. Niles, highlights of the latest CCAA Board projects, and interactive activities like Cottey trivia and scavenger hunts.

But the best part? Alumnae had the chance to reconnect and visit via Zoom with classmates and friends from across the country and around the world.



COTTEY SWAG

Every Fall, CCAA hosts a pop-up shop packed with fresh Cottey swag! Alumnae, P.E.O.s, and friends can shop the latest designs in t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, and totes. Keep an eye on social media for announcements and grab your favorites before they're gone.

All proceeds support CCAA projects - so you'll look great in your new Cottey gear and give back to the College. A true win-win!



LETTER WRITING

This year, alumnae carried on the beloved tradition of writing letters and sending notes of welcome and encouragement to new and returning students at the start of the school year. Many who included a return address or email were delighted to receive a response from students — proof that Cottey connections truly are the best.

CLASS AGENTS

Class agents play a vital role in keeping alumnae connected and informed about Cottey. Right now, the CCAA board is in touch with 86 class agents — but we know we can do even better!

Below is a list of classes currently without a class agent. If your class is on the list, we'd love for you to consider stepping into this meaningful role. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Head Class Agent Denise Bishop at denise.bishop@student.cottey.edu or discodiamond1963@gmail.com.

Classes without an agent:

1947, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1967, 1982, 1991, 1992, 2015, 2017, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024.

STAY CONNECTED

- Follow us on Facebook at Cottey College Alumnae and on Instagram at @cotteyalumnae.
- See if your class has a Facebook group and join the conversation.
- Watch your mail and email inbox for letters from your class agent and look for alumnae board articles in the Viewpoint.
- And if you're a former board member, make sure you're receiving the monthly Duck Line to stay in the Cottey know!



ALUMNAE GIVING

Cottey alumnae make a lasting impact! Thanks to your generosity, campus life — indoors and out — has been enriched in countless ways.

The CCAA board proudly supports initiatives like the **Alumnae Green Room, Rosemary Suite, Legacy and Dow Scholarships, Library Fund, Stockard Faculty Chair, Campus Visit Fund**, and now the exciting **Robertson Parlor Renovation**.

Beyond these projects, individual alumnae have helped transform the campus by funding classrooms, establishing the student center, restoring the chapel organ, furnishing chapel interiors, creating outdoor gathering spaces, and so much more.

Your support continues to shape the Cottey experience for generations to come!

CLASS GIVING

These are the strongest giving classes during 2024-2025.

Top %: Class of 1970 - 15%

Top Amount: Class of 1958 - \$61,775

Overall Class Giving: 5.03%



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MISSION

The MISSION of the Cottey College Alumnae Association is to develop and sustain a bond between Cottey College and its alumnae by creating a loyal alumnae base; facilitate and promote activities and events that will encourage the interests of Cottey College, its students, and its alumnae; cultivate a sense of community among alumnae; and support the mission and goals of Cottey College.

CORE VALUES

- Promoting purposeful collaboration with alumnae
- Fostering loyalty, engagement, and connection
- Championing inclusivity
- Celebrating Cotteyhood, the special world inhabited by Cottey alumnae