

## Jon Green

Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society members Puja Kharel and Ren Sawyer, along with Sigma Tau Delta advisor Dr. Trisha Stubblefield and Sigma Kappa Delta advisor Dr. Jon Green, attended the Sigma Tau Delta Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA, from March 29th through April 2nd.

At the convention, Puja Kharel presented a creative nonfiction piece titled, "Generational Legacy or Red Curse," and Ren Sawyer presented a critical essay titled, "Justice for Charlotte Lucas." In addition to delivering their papers, the students attended keynote addresses from authors Jesmyn Ward and Aimee Nezhukumatathil, as well as the Sigma Kappa Delta Awards Luncheon.

The trip also included some scouting for potential future Cottey excursions in Grand Isle, LA!



## Trisha Stubblefield



Dr. Green and Dr. Stubblefield were thrilled to see Gideon Hatt (Cotney, English BA, '24) at the English Honor Society Convention in New Orleans, March 29-April 2. Gideon was there to present a paper titled "At the Gates of Tumblr: A Defense of Gatekeeping," an essay originally written for Dr. Green's Discourse Analysis class.

We are also very proud to share that Gideon recently finished (early!!) an M.A. in book publishing at Portland State University!

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Sigma Kappa Delta member Puja Kharel received an award in the "Best in Convention" category for her paper titled, "Generational Legacy or Red Curse," which she presented at the Sigma Tau Delta Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA.

Puja presented this paper as part of the panel "Creative Nonfiction: Belonging and Resistance." Congratulations, Puja!



## Kelly Irvin

On April 8, a group of four Cottey students—representing Health and Biomedical Sciences, Biology, and Chemistry—ventured to Kansas City for an immersive Career Trek to KCAS Bio. This visit provided a unique "behind-the-scenes" look at the world of bioanalysis and the critical role Contract Research Organizations (CROs) play in developing life-changing prescription drugs.

The day was made possible through the generous support of Cottey alumna and P.E.O. sister Cathy Hoffman, who coordinated the visit. Students were joined by Dr. Fernando, Professor of Chemistry, for an afternoon of professional networking and facility tours.



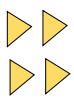
## Kim Severance

On Saturday, April 4th, the Rotaract Club of Cottey College hosted its inaugural 1-mile awareness walk: Steps for Special Olympics in support of the Nevada athletes. The morning brought together a dedicated group of students, community members, a faculty member, and Special Olympic athletes and their families, all walking to champion inclusion and athletic opportunity.

The Rotaract Club worked incredibly hard to bring this vision to life. Their dedication to the Nevada Special Olympics has set a strong foundation for the future, and the club is already looking forward to growing this event into an even larger campus and community tradition next year.

Thank you to everyone who supported another step toward a more inclusive community!





## Sarah Polo

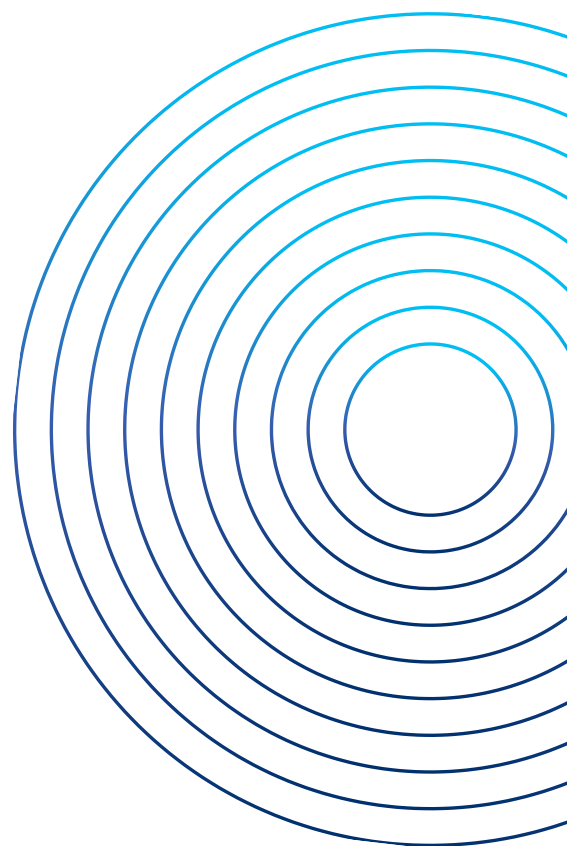
Several of our English majors, Writing minors, and Secondary Education - English majors traveled to the 11th Annual Cavalier Conference on Writing and Literature, held April 10 at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS.

For students in Dr. Polo's WRI 360 (Teaching Writing) class, this was an especially apt opportunity to see how the pedagogies and theories we've been reading about might manifest in real teachers' practices. We had a great time attending sessions, listening to the keynote, and chatting with other writing and English educators!

The theme of this year's conference was "Plot Twist," which made for some interesting conversations about challenges and changes in the field and profession.

Funding to attend this conference was provided by the Harmon Endowed Chair in English.

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## Trisha Stubblefield

The English honor societies, Sigma Kappa Delta and Sigma Tau Delta, held an induction ceremony Friday, April 10. Honor society members have the opportunity to present their work at the national convention, have their work published, and win scholarship money, as well as participate in fun on-campus activities.



Congratulations to our new members!

Pictured left to right:

Lindsey Zellmer (Sigma Kappa Delta)

Grace Deaton (Sigma Kappa Delta)

Nina Kantorek (Sigma Kappa Delta)

Izzy Rutherford (Sigma Tau Delta)

Deanna Foster (Sigma Tau Delta)

Elisabeth Taylor (Sigma Kappa Delta)

Two other SKD inductees, Puja Kharel and Raylee Coates, were absent from the ceremony.

Kelly Irvin

The Campus Climate Committee is hosting an employee picnic Friday, May 1, from 4-6 p.m., at BIL Lodge.

Faculty & Staff  
Welcome!

# Cottey Together: Employee Picnic and Games



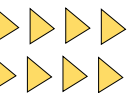
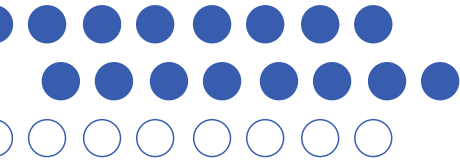
Join your colleagues for  
food, lawn games &  
outdoor fun



Friday May 1 | 4 PM – 6 PM

BIL Lodge

Hosted by: The Campus Climate Committee



# HR UPDATES

## NEW EMPLOYEE

*Larissa Hardin*

Director of Student Accessibility and Academic Success

