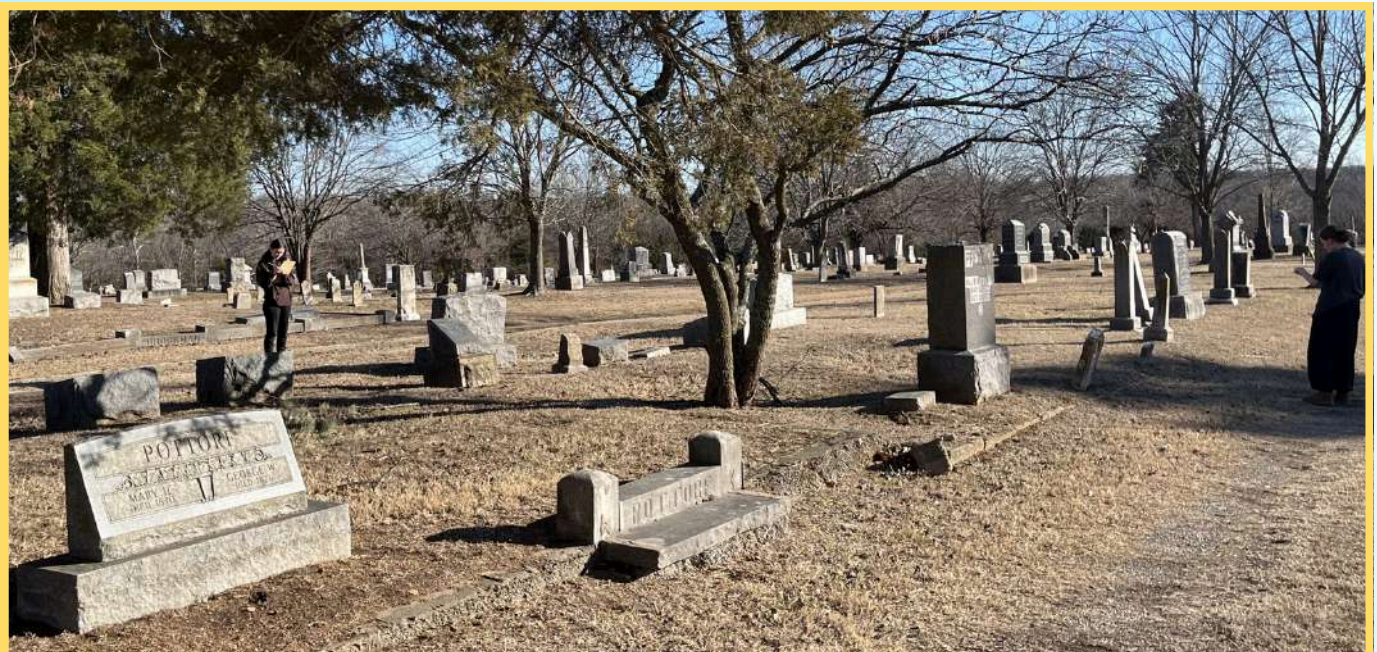
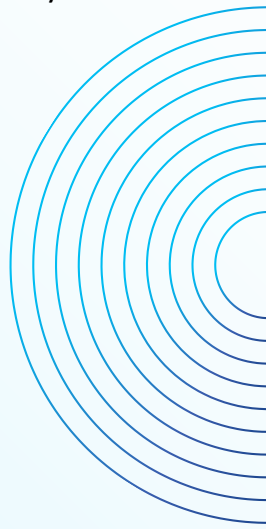




Sarah Quick

ANT 101 General Anthropology, February
voluntary fieldtrips!

Students visited the Deepwood cemetery and
the KC zoo for non-human primate
observations.



Julie Tietz

Mark your calendars for the first home flag football game of the season on April 4 at 1 pm! Faculty will be recognized at half-time of this game, so be sure to wear your Comets gear and come out to support the players at the Nevada High School football field. Go Comets!



Heather Walker

Let's fill the seats of the Missouri Recital Hall and support Senior Cora Neher as she presents her senior piano recital. Combining the passion of writing with the love of music. It is a wonderful selection of pieces to be performed.

Friday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.

Missouri Recital Hall

**CORA NEHER'S
SENIOR
PIANO RECITAL**

5:30pm
Friday, May 1

Cottey College

Trisha Stubblefield



Dr. Karla McCain, Dr. Carol Clyde, Dr. Cody Page, and Dr. Trisha Stubblefield attended the 2026 NetVUE Conference on March 19–21, in Kansas City, Missouri. This year's conference theme, Vocation: An Itinerary of Hope for Higher Education, inspired the group to think deeply about how we might create meaningful opportunities for our campus community to think about vocation in our own lives and in the lives of our students. Be on the lookout for the implementation of some exciting ideas!

Jodi Ahmedou

Fellow Gilman Scholars Samiha, Helen, and Cottey's very own Riley Severance, a junior studying political science and currently studying abroad at the University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland, had a wonderful time getting to know one another and learning more about the Gilman Scholarship, while also sharing insights into the mission of the Ireland–United States Commission for Educational Exchange.

They enjoyed meaningful conversations about places to visit in Ireland, activities to experience, and the broader benefits of studying abroad—particularly the future opportunities it may open, such as the Fulbright Scholarship.

They were also fortunate to be joined by 2021 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Victoria Hill, who shared her experiences living in Ireland, offered tips for success, and highlighted some of her favorite destinations across the Emerald Isle.

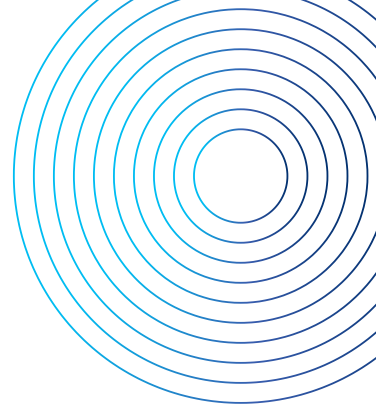




Julie Tietz

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming flag football game on April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Nevada High School football field.

Faculty will be recognized at halftime of this game, so be sure to wear your Comets gear and come out to support the players! Go Comets!



Sarah Polo

Dr. Sarah Polo attended and presented at the 2026 Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) March 4-7 in Cleveland, OH. CCCC is the largest professional gathering of scholars in the field of Writing Studies.

Her individual, 30-minute presentation was titled "Learning and Teaching Histories of Women's Rhetorical Education through Experiential Learning."



Finn McAdams

The Serenbetz Institute and College Writing faculty held the Wow at Work panel discussion on Thursday, February 12 at 11 a.m. in the Missouri Recital Hall. The panelists included Becky Mock, an Audit Director at Media Marketing Compliance, Jeanne Kemp, the VP of Enterprise Finance Transformation at Brunswick Corporation, and Teryn Greer, the Executive Director for Discovery Behavioral Health. Dr. Jon Green served as moderator.

The panelists shared the stories of their careers, along with the importance of communication in each of their fields. One Cottey student said that they learned "to not be afraid to be confident in a professional setting and that you can create room for yourself at the tables you want to be at by making valuable connections and communicating clearly."



Dr. Ganga Fernando

Last week 8 students in Organic Chemistry (with Prof. Tenzin Ingsel) and Analytical Chemistry (with Dr. Fernando) visited the National Institute of Materials Advancement (NIMA); a state-of-the-art research facility focused on bio-based materials, polymers and electrochemistry at Pittsburg State University, KS. Students visited with scientists that work full time at this facility to bring solutions to today's scientific problems and the demand for environmental friendly and biodegradable polymers and materials. Students learned about internship opportunities, collaborations, graduate school applications and funding opportunities for master's degree through NIMA. This visit was funded by the chemistry department funds.





CAREER SERVICES: A SEASON OF GROWTH AND PROFESSIONAL DISCOVERY

It has been an incredibly productive spring for Career Services, as our students have leaned into professional development through workshops, regional travel, and immersive hands-on experiences. From refining resumes to witnessing real-world forensic science, the past two months have been dedicated to bridging the gap between the classroom and the career.

A FRESH LOOK FOR OUR HOME BASE

Beyond our off-campus adventures, we are thrilled to announce that our "home" in the Kolderie has received a much-needed facelift. We have upgraded the center with new tables, desks, and chairs, creating a modernized and inviting professional environment. While there are still a few finishing touches to complete, the new look is already a hit—students are already making great use of the refreshed space for their career planning and research.

PREPARATION AND EXPLORATION

The momentum for the semester began in February with a series of specialized workshops. Students focused on sprucing up their resumes and mastering the art of the "elevator pitch" to ensure they were prepared to make a lasting impression at upcoming events.

In March, we put those skills into practice. Groups of students traveled to Pittsburg State University and Missouri State University to attend their large-scale career fairs. These trips provided vital opportunities to network with recruiters and explore diverse job and internship openings across the region.



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IMMERSIVE LEARNING AND INDUSTRY TREKS

A highlight of the month was a unique Career Trek organized in collaboration with our Head of Security. We accompanied Criminology students to Southwest Missouri Forensics in Ozark, Missouri, to observe an autopsy firsthand. This provided a profound, real-world look into the technical and professional realities of forensic careers.

Back on campus, the energy was high for the second annual Cottey Career Conference on March 26th. It was inspiring to see so many students dressed in professional attire and fully engaged in the day's events. The sessions led by alumnae presenters, the formal Etiquette Lunch for our juniors and seniors, and the afternoon networking sessions all fostered meaningful connections.



LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into April, the focus remains on individual readiness. Psychology students are currently wrapping up their Mock Interview sessions, refining their communication skills for the graduate school and job search process.

We invite all students to join us for our next professional development offering:

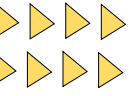
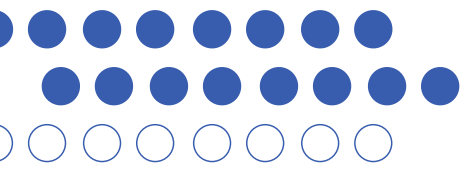
EVENT: FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP (PRESENTED WITH US BANK)

DATE: APRIL 15

TIME: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: RBAC 109

This session will provide essential tools for managing finances after graduation. We are proud of the initiative our students have shown this semester and look forward to supporting their continued success!



HR UPDATES

NEW EMPLOYEES

- **Avis Hauf** - AM Server
- **Georgette Prichard** - Associate Director of Enrollment Communications and Database Management
- **Trent Roby** - Campus IT Support Specialist
- **Lynda Lindsay** - AM Dishwasher

