

NM STATE COTTEY CHAIR UPDATE

Hello Chapter Cottey Chairs,

I hope this finds all doing well during this most of unique times! I have received information about Cottey that I wanted to pass along to you. Also, there are three young ladies who are in various stages of the application/acceptance process—let's hope all three decide to attend!

Although the recruiting season for this year is winding down, keep looking for young ladies in your area high schools who you think would be interested in looking at Cottey. Their web site contains lots of helpful information; www.cottey.edu. As well, Stephanie Grgurich, Enrollment Outreach Coordinator, is very helpful with the application process. Her email is sgrgurich@cottey.edu. Thank you for promoting Cottey! Your efforts are important and appreciated!

Students have been on campus since January 19 and will not have a usual spring break. Instead, the college is giving them days off during the semester. Our three students from NM are on campus and will enjoy hearing from you. Haili Bingham and Karina Gchachu both live in P.E.O. Hall; Dominica Chavez is a commuter student which means that because of her senior status and good standing with the college she is allowed to live off campus. Her mail should be sent c/o Student Life Office.

Address formats for our students follows:

(Student Name) (Use this for Haili and Karina, both in P.E.O. Hall)
(Residence Hall)
COTTEY COLLEGE
1000 W. Austin Blvd.
Nevada, Missouri 64772

When addressing mail to an entire suite, please format the address as

(Suite Name) (Use this for NM Suite in Reeves Hall)
COTTEY COLLEGE
1000 W. Austin Blvd.
Nevada, Missouri 64772

All mail for commuter (non-residential) students should be addressed to their local address, if you know it, or as indicated below.

(Student Name) (Use this for Dominica Chavez). She was a featured writer in
Commuter Student the most recent Viewpoint magazine (p. 12), writing about the new
c/o Student Life Office Stock Trading Lab. Great article!
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I am going to “copy” segments of recent correspondence from Margaret Haverstic, Director of P.E.O. Relations. Contact information for the office is peorelations@cottey.edu or call 417-667-8181, extension 2122.

As we look forward to the new year and better days ahead, the spring and summer calendar reflects the goal of academic excellence, an honoring of tradition, and a desire to return to normal interactions balanced with a measured concern for safety and consideration of responsible action. Most notably, the spring break dates have been altered, the student trip abroad to Greece has been revised, and the 2021 Summer Workshop for high school juniors and seniors has been cancelled; alternative visit opportunities are being discussed. More information on these changes may be found below.

We continue to be thankful for the support of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and we feel blessed to be able to operate with a positive outlook in our enrollment, a debt-free financial situation, and successful academic and student life programming. Thank you for all that you do to help create incredible futures at Cottey!

Cottey is pleased to provide you with new digital resources. We are in the process of completing more videos for our resources page. One of our new videos is an update from Dr. Jann Weitzel, president, and the other video highlights P.E.O. engagement with Cottey. In addition, there is a one-minute photo montage video, and we will be adding a few short videos with students who will speak about their Cottey experiences. To supplement the videos, other digital resources are, of course, available. Updated and new materials will be available by March 1, on the Cottey website in the P.E.O. “[Promote](#)” section.

Since these materials are electronic, they may be distributed as an attachment to an email or as a link in an email, or they may be shared on Zoom or in other meeting platforms.

Suggested P.E.O. Scholarship Timeline

Listed below are a few suggestions to help align your award schedule with the timeframe in which students receive financial aid information from the colleges they are considering. We hope this information will be helpful to you as you perform your volunteer duties. If you are responsible for awarding state/province/district P.E.O. scholarships to Cottey students, this information is for you even if you don’t have the title of Scholarship Chairman.

November to January – distribute scholarship applications for following academic year

January – send returning student Spring awards to the Office of Financial Aid

February – review submitted applications and make award decisions

March 1 (or as soon as possible) – email the Cottey Office of Financial Aid with the scholarship award winners. Please include student names and scholarship amounts. It may be helpful to include a spreadsheet if scholarships are coming from multiple funds/sources.

April to August – email the Cottey Office of Financial Aid if there are any changes to the original scholarship awards. Complete all of the necessary steps to request funds, especially

funds held at P.E.O. Foundation. Case history forms must be submitted electronically to the Foundation.

Please note: Hannah Masters is the new director of financial aid and may be reached at hmasters@cottey.edu. We are happy to report that Sherry Pennington is still at Cottey! She is our new Spirit Shop manager and will be delighted to greet you (and sell you some amazing Cottey swag) in the new location at the Susan Bulkeley Bulter Center for Student Center.

Thanks to gifts from many alumnae, P.E.O.s and BILS to the CONNECT initiative, there is much to celebrate. Groundbreaking for the Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Campus Life took place on August 18, 2020, and the dedication of the newly refurbished facility will be held on March 27, 2021, during the alumnae Founder's Weekend festivities and on the birthdate of Virginia Alice Cottey. The Chapel is a centerpiece on campus and is the site for special remembrances, particularly during Founder's Weekend activities when alumnae gather to celebrate the rich Cottey heritage and their lifelong friendships. The upper level of the Chapel continues to house the sanctuary, which will be revitalized and air-conditioned to provide a beautiful space for gatherings of students and visitors. It also provides a venue for concerts, lectures, weddings and special services. The student snack bar, the Chellie Club, named after Chellie Stevens Wright, past president of the Supreme Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, will move to the Center for Campus Life from Hinkhouse Center, and the Cottey Bookstore/Spirit Shop will move from Main Hall.

Cottey is offering two online workshops you may be interested in attending. For more information, here is where to look. Cottey Globe Trotter 2021 cottey.edu/peo/globetrotter. Discover Your Purpose: 4 Steps to Transforming Your Energy. For more information regarding this class and the registration process, go to cottey.edu/learn-with-cottey. Also, the very popular Vacation College is scheduled for August 8-13, 2020. For more information go to cottey.edu/peo/grow.

Other Important Information

- **Students should not be requesting money from any s/p/d, local chapter, or P.E.O. member. Please notify the Office of P.E.O. Relations if a student contacts you to request money. The College will assess the student's needs and proceed accordingly.**
 - Because the adopt-a-student/suite program is coordinated by the individual state/provincial/district Cottey committees, the College does not maintain records of which students/suites are sponsored more heavily than others.
 - If you have questions regarding financial aid, please contact Hannah Masters, director of financial aid. Her number is [417-667-8181](tel:417-667-8181), ext. 2192. Her email address is financialaid@cottey.edu.
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Please consider the following dates when sending a care package to Cottey students. These dates are especially important for packages containing perishable items:

Finals week is May 10-13, 2021 and Commencement is May 16, 2021.

The final date to purchase Cottey Cash is Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Cottey Cash purchased in the 2020-2021 academic year expires May 16, 2021. There are two ways to order Cottey Cash. Credit card orders may be placed by completing the online order form; click [HERE](#). You will receive an email confirmation of your purchase.

You may also send a check to the Office of Student Life, Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin Blvd, Nevada, MO, 64772. Be sure to write "Cottey Cash" and the name of the student or suite on the memo line of the check and make the check payable to Cottey College. If you wish to send cards along with the check for Cottey Cash, please mail the cards and check to the Office of Student Life and your card will accompany the Cottey Cash.

All correspondence should include a contact number in the event that the College has questions for the sender.

The final date to purchase a Finals Week Care Package for spring is Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Credit card orders may be placed by completing the online order form; click [HERE](#).

I've given you a lot of information and thank you for your patience! Please share as you wish with your chapters and contact me with questions. My email is millerb842@gmail.com and my cell phone is 505-870-7334.

Thank you, take good care, be safe, and LIPEO,

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Chapter BP, Rio Rancho
And Cottey Alum