

COTTEY COLLEGE Nugget #3 for Alabama Cottey Chairs

From the Office of Enrollment Management and Student Life

The new school year is off to an incredible start! The Cottey community is at its best when our new and returning students once again occupy our beautiful campus. Enrollment Management has been so pleased to welcome another stellar class to campus. Here are some hallmarks of the Class of 2027:

- 34% are first generation college students
- The average GPA is 3.47
- 85% of all new students visited campus before enrolling
- Our new students come from 24 states and 2 countries

It's always exciting to welcome a new group of Cottey students! This is made possible through the hard work of our entire campus community, from welcoming prospective students as they visit campus, to connecting each individual and her family with vital information as they make that important college decision. The campus visit remains our top indicator for future enrollment. A prospective student and her family get to know us best through *Experience Cottey*.

Experience Cottey is an individualized, year-round visit opportunity for high school girls. While on campus, prospective students take a campus tour, meet with admission and financial aid, and can have lunch in Raney Dining Room. Students will also have the option to talk with professors or sit in on a class when available, stop at the Chellie Club for a refreshment at our student snack bar, shop the Spirit Shop, and more. Additionally, any high school senior visiting campus will be eligible for a \$1,500 annual scholarship for up to four years if they enroll, meaning a total scholarship potential of \$6,000! This visit scholarship, paired with our [academic scholarships](#), means that Cottey is increasingly affordable to more prospective students.

Cottey provides a night in a local hotel for students visiting from over 100 miles from campus. We encourage any prospective student wanting to Experience Cottey to begin planning her visit with her enrollment counselor here: www.cottey.edu/visit.

It's never too early to start thinking about next year's class, and YOU can help us grow it! Cottey College is sponsoring a high school senior referrals challenge, and we're inviting all Cottey alumnae and P.E.O. members to participate. Our goal is to receive as many high school seniors referrals as possible this fall, offering more students the terrific opportunity of a transformational Cottey education! Who are the young women you know who are headed to college next fall? Let Cottey know about them here: www.cottey.edu/refer. The challenge runs from July 15 - October 15. There's still time to submit yours! (And still time to encourage your sisters to do the same!)

Supporting Cottey Students

All Support-A-Student and Support-A-Suite programs are coordinated by the individual state/provincial/district Cottey committees; the College does not maintain records about the amount of support and sponsorship that students/suites receive. Not all suites and students receive support. Remember that you may want to include commuter students in your planning. If we receive calls or email regarding student support, we provide contact information to connect that P.E.O. to the state/province/district Cottey chair.

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Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Monetary gifts of \$50 or more to a student may impact the student's financial aid package.
 - Due to federal student privacy laws, the College is not allowed to release home addresses or cell phone numbers of Cottey students.
 - The College does not sell gift cards or gift certificates to local restaurants or retailers.
 - Students are encouraged to send a thank you note. Most students follow through with the request, but we do not monitor that process. Consider including an email address or phone number for the student or suite to send a thank you.
 - Please notify Institutional Advancement if a student contacts you requesting money. The College will assess the student's needs and will proceed accordingly.
 - If you are looking for ideas about items to send students or suites, a list of care package ideas has been created. You may find it by clicking [HERE](#).
 - The academic calendar for the 2023-2024 year may be found by clicking [HERE](#).
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Connecting with Students

The current naming convention for student emails is:

**firstname(dot)lastname
@student(dot)cottey(dot)edu**

example: virginia.cottey@student.cottey.edu

When addressing mail or packages to an individual student or to a suite, please address them using the following formats:

When addressing mail to a student, please format the address as:

(Student Name)
(Residence Hall)
COTTEY COLLEGE
1000 W. Austin Blvd
Nevada, MO 64772

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

(Suite Name)
COTTEY COLLEGE
1000 W. Austin Blvd
Nevada, MO 64772

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

(Student Name)
Commuter Student
c/o Student Life Office
COTTEY COLLEGE
1000 W. Austin Blvd
Nevada, MO 64772

P.E.O. Visit Day is almost here!

October 14 is the big day! P.E.O. Visit Day is a fun open house for P.E.O.s, BILs, alumnae, and Friends of the College. Come join us! Activities include a student-led campus tour, faculty and student panels, lunch in Raney Dining Room, shopping in our Spirit Shop, and more.

Registration is required to attend, and closes September 29. Register [here!](#)

ATHLETICS

Catch up with the Cottey Comets at cotteycomets.com.

Feel free to watch your Comets wherever they may play! If they are playing in your area, we encourage you to check the host team's webpage for any changes to the schedule.

New Sports for 2024

The Cottey College Board of Trustees has approved the allocation of funds for **Competitive Cheerleading, Competitive Dance, and Bowling** programs, with competition beginning in the fall of 2024.

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If you know of a prospective student for any of these programs, or our other [eight sports](#), please submit a student [referral](#)!

Follow Us on Social Media!

Did you miss the great news about our new athletic programs for 2024? News like our new sports, International Experience destinations, new faculty hires, campus happenings and more are shared on social media all the time! Learn about your College and help spread the word by liking and sharing our content. Find us at:

Facebook: [Facebook.com/CotteyC](https://www.facebook.com/CotteyC)

Instagram: [@CotteyCollege](https://www.instagram.com/CotteyCollege)

LinkedIn: [LinkedIn.com/school/cottey-college](https://www.linkedin.com/school/cottey-college)

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