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COTTEY COLLEGE

*Creators of
Incredible Futures*

Cottey College was founded in 1884 as a place where women could put their dreams in motion. In 1927, ownership of Cottey was gifted to the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Today Cottey is the only nonsectarian institution of higher learning in the country solely owned and supported by women.

We are partners in the important work of educating women.

In the diverse and supportive environment of Cottey College, women create incredible futures as they develop their potential for personal and professional lives of intellectual engagement and thoughtful action as learners, leaders, and citizens. Cottey is a fully accredited four-year independent liberal arts and sciences college for women offering baccalaureate and associate degrees.

Bachelor degree programs include a focus on women's leadership, social responsibility, and global awareness in addition to the specific major requirements. Classes incorporate an interdisciplinary approach in an academically challenging setting with leadership opportunities for women in a caring and dynamic community.

The LEO (Leadership, Experiences, Opportunity) program and the Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness offer all students opportunities to discover, develop, and demonstrate their leadership skills.

Cottey College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the National Association of Schools of Music. Cottey was ranked as #4 Best Regional College, #4 Most International Students, #5 Best Undergraduate Teaching, and further recognized for social mobility and as a best value college in the Midwest region in 2022 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Cottey has a residential capacity of 350, and the student population typically includes both residential and commuter students from 40 states and 20 countries. Most classes have fewer than 20 students, resulting in students becoming active participants in their educations as they work, research, learn, and plan forward together collaboratively with their professors.

Students may participate in more than 35 organizations, ranging from academic organizations to community service clubs to groups dedicated to healthy living, and they may attend cultural events, lectures, and recreational activities without additional cost to them. They reside in residence halls comprised of diverse communities of approximately 10 women in apartment-style suites.

Each Cottey student has the opportunity to participate in a college-sponsored international experience paid for, in large part, by the College. Students, staff, and faculty have studied abroad in England, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, and Greece.

Cottey competes in intercollegiate basketball, cross country, esports, flag football, golf, softball, track, and volleyball as part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Athletic scholarships are available.

Learn more about Cottey College by visiting our website at cottey.edu and by taking a virtual tour; experience your college by attending Vacation College or P.E.O. Visit Day or by just stopping by for a visit. Cottey is debt free due to conscientious management of resources and through continued loving support from P.E.O.s, BILs, alumnae, and friends of the College. Your gifts for endowed scholarships, the Annual Fund, and special projects have helped make Cottey what she is today and what she will be in the future!

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