## Alabama Cottey College Recruitment and Scholarship Committee

Dear Cottey Chairs of Alabama's 41 P.E.O. Chapters,

Thank you for heading the Cottey team for your chapter this year! I am writing to introduce the 2023-24 ACCRSC (Alabama Cottey College Recruitment and Scholarship Committee) and to let you know what assistance you can expect from us this year. Here are our committee details:

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ACCRSC's 3 jobs are listed below: Job 3 is urgently important for all chapters!

### JOB 1—Keeping Alabama Cottey Chairs Informed with "Cottey Nuggets"

- The Committee will send you Cottey updates to share with your chapters in Sept, Oct, Nov, 2023 and Jan, Feb, Mar, and April, 2024.
- Please look for this email address and add it to your contact list: (<u>alabama.peo.cotteychair@gmail.com</u>).
- You will receive these "Cottey Nuggets" (via email) by the first day of those 7 months. We hope
  you can take 1 minute at your chapter meeting to pass on these "Cottey Nuggets" to your
  sisters. Included will be assigned weeks for your chapter to reach out to our AL students as well
  as to Cottey's International students.
- In addition to emailing these "Cottey Nuggets" to you, Mary Donald, our webmistress for <u>www.peoalabama.org</u> will post them. Look for "Cottey Nuggets" at https://www.peoalabama.org/accrsc-news

JOB 2—Administering Scholarships: Review applications, make awards, and administer 3 scholarships:

- The Alabama State Cottey Scholarship Fund
- P.E.O. Foundation fund, Judith Caudle Strada '68 Cottey Scholarship
- P.E.O. Foundation fund, Sally Kingsley Cottey Scholarship

**2023-24 Scholarships:** Alabama's second-year Cottey student **Kuiper Naefe** and our incoming freshman **Elena Adams** are both receiving scholarships from each of these three funds.

**2024 Application Deadline:** The application deadline for these scholarships is February 15, 2024. Updated application information can be found at <a href="https://www.peoalabama.org/accrsc-news">https://www.peoalabama.org/accrsc-news</a>

JOB 3—Recruitment and Referrals: Recruit and Refer rising high school juniors and seniors to Cottey College. Cottey College President Stephanie Niles issued a challenge to P.E.O sisters and Cottey Alumnae (Cottey Referrals Bonanza) to refer 1,000 female high school seniors to Cottey this fall between July 15 and October 15, 2023. Why this is critically important is addressed in President Niles' July 2023 20-minute message: <a href="https://members.peointernational.org/resource/message-dr-stefanie-niles">https://members.peointernational.org/resource/message-dr-stefanie-niles</a>. Please take 20 minutes to watch this. More information on the Cottey Referrals Bonanza follows.

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# **Cottey Referrals Bonanza**

Calling all Cottey alumnae and P.E.O.s! Cottey College is sponsoring a high school senior referrals challenge and inviting all Cottey alumnae and P.E.O. members to participate. The goal is to refer 1,000 female high school seniors to Cottey this fall, offering more students the terrific opportunity of a transformational Cottey education!

**Timeline:** July 15 – October 15

**Prizes:** As a reward for these efforts, Cottey will provide the following prizes to individuals or groups that refer the most students:

#### P.E.O. Member

- The top 5 individuals will receive a customized Cottey Pin Extender.
- The top 3 chapters will receive a cupcake party for their chapter.
- The top State/Province will be recognized in the P.E.O. Record.

#### **Cottey Alumnae**

- The top 3 individuals will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Cottey Spirit Shop.
- For each member of the top 3 class years, they will receive a Cottey swag item.
- The top referring decade will be recognized in Viewpoint Magazine.

**How to Participate:** To refer a high school student, visit <a href="www.cottey.edu/referstudent">www.cottey.edu/referstudent</a> and fill out the form for each student being referred. The form must include the high school student's name, email, mailing address, and graduation year for it to count as a referral.

**Scoreboard:** The names of participating individuals will not be listed on the scoreboard (though the winners will be announced at the end of the competition), only a number representing the total referrals they have submitted. Class and chapter information will be listed. Referral totals will be updated weekly.

While this challenge is focused on high school seniors, all high school student referrals are appreciated and can be submitted, however, non-senior student referrals will not count towards the prize totals.

Use this easy form to **REFER A STUDENT**