



MONDAY MORNING MENTIONS

November 16, 2015

Good Morning Coppin Family:

I want to thank the Faculty Senate for organizing a wonderful welcome reception for me last Wednesday. I was very moved by the kind words, the lovely memory book, and inscribed vase presented to me to commemorate the occasion. CSU—you are the best! I feel I'm the luckiest university president on the planet.

A few highlights, good news, and updates are listed below.

***Mary Bacon, a junior Social Work major at CSU, will be a featured speaker at the Thurgood Marshall Gala tonight. Coppin will be represented by seven CSU students funded by the Coppin State University Development Foundation. The students will be taking part in a leadership program sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall Foundation.

***Zooman and the Sign opens up a three night run at the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium on November 20th. In addition to its regular 7:30 p.m. evening shows, Zooman will also be presented to Baltimore area high school students who will participate in a talk back session led by CSU's Leonard Hamm.



***November is a busy month for professional development at Coppin. The 7th Annual Faculty Research Conference is scheduled for November 20, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Faculty from all disciplines across campus will present their research at this annual scholarly event. The conference will be held in the Health & Human Services Building. Also, ninety-seven people registered to attend last Wednesday's 3rd Annual Staff Technology Symposium. Information was shared on the newest IT innovations available to Coppin staff members. The event was sponsored by Daly Inc.

***Dr. Sean McKittrick, Vice President, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, spent the day at Coppin last Wednesday working with academic and administrative leaders in the first step in the re-accreditation process. There will be a great deal of activity over the next two years as Coppin prepares for its self-study and spring 2018 site visit. Look for upcoming communications regarding next steps in preparing for re-accreditation.

*** Dr. Jamal Uddin, Director of the CSU Center for Nanotechnology, is an invited speaker at the upcoming International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies ([Pacifichem](#)) conference to be held in Honolulu in December 2015. The organizing committee for the symposium "Advances in Terahertz Spectroscopy and Imaging," at Pacifichem 2015 will present Dr. Uddin with a plaque commemorating his contributions in organic solar cells and nanoparticles.

***Our club football team defeated University of Maryland Eastern Shore to win the Mid-Atlantic Conference title. CSU will play Middle Georgia State University in Salem, Virginia on Saturday, November 21st. Playoff winners will compete for the National Championship on December 5th. The four teams qualifying include CSU, Miami of Ohio, Sacred Heart University and Middle Georgia State University.



With Coppin Pride,

Maria Thompson, Ph.D.
President