



MONDAY MORNING MENTIONS

October 5, 2015

Good Morning Coppin Family,

I look forward to celebrating the life and legacy of Fanny Jackson Coppin and feeling your school spirit during I Love Coppin Week, October 10 – 17. I invite you to participate in the activities and events that will be announced in upcoming communications. A few of the past week's highlights, good news, and updates are listed below.



***Congratulations to the College of Business for being selected as one of the Top 50 most innovative small college business departments by the Business Research Guide. The Guide's editors noted the "focus on experiential learning at CSU, highlighting the flexibility in course offerings both on line and in traditional format." The Guide's "mission is to provide reviews and offer analysis of technologies, products and services, and career and education options".

*** Coppin State University is a partner in a USM grant recently approved by the First in the World Program. The grant will provide \$3,000,000 to five USM schools and five community colleges to fund the development of a statistics based curriculum aimed at improving retention and student achievement. Coppin was the only HBCU chosen to participate along with Towson, UB, UMBC and UM-College Park from the USM. Dr. Min A, assistant professor in the Math and Computer Science Department, will serve as coordinator for the CSU component of the grant.



The 14th Annual Information Technology Division (ITD) Diversity Day took place September 29. Delicious dishes from around the world were lovingly prepared and enthusiastically enjoyed by IT staff and guests from across campus. Those in attendance are preparing their appetites for next year. Thanks to the ITD for this teambuilding event.

***The second Meet and Greet Reception aimed at introducing me to alumni and friends around Baltimore took place last Tuesday at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. Over fifty alumni and friends were in attendance. Tomorrow night a Corporate and Foundation Reception will be held in the new Science and Technology Center. It will be a great opportunity to showcase the new building. Receptions in November will take place in Towson and Owings Mills.



***I will be hosting listening sessions throughout the academic year to learn more about the Coppin family and hear your ideas about how we can work together to move Coppin forward. The first two sessions will be held in the Talon Center Fireside Chat Room on October 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 and October 20 from noon to 1:00. An electronic invitation will be emailed to the campus on Tuesday, October 6. Please RSVP online.

With Coppin Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Thompson', written over a white background.

Maria Thompson, Ph.D.
President