



MONDAY MORNING MENTIONS

March 7, 2016

Good Morning Coppin Family:

What a great week of activities Homecoming 2016 provided! I want to extend my congratulations to the new inductees in the Athletic Hall of Fame. I also want to thank everyone involved in making all the Homecoming events a success. Be sure to attend next year when we intend to make Homecoming 2017 even better.



HIGHLIGHTS, UPDATES, AND GOOD NEWS!



Mr. Hyacinth Ezeka and his students from the College of Business are busy providing free tax counseling and tax preparation services to members of the West Baltimore community. Mr. Ezeka's VITA Tax Service is an example of the positive impact CSU faculty, staff and students are having on the surrounding community. The VITA office is located in rooms 108 and 109 of the HHSB. The office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Congratulation Mr. Ezeka and students!



Dr. Beverly J. O'Bryant, Founding Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, was the 2016 keynote speaker for the 19th Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. O'Bryant's address, to the nearly 1,000 attendees, included data from research literature, examples from case studies, and insights from her personal experiences. At the same conference, Dr. Michelle Pointer, Chairperson, Department of Applied Psychology and Rehabilitation Counseling in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, was the recipient of the McGraw Hill Distinguished Scholar Award. She also facilitated a three-hour CEU session: *"Ways that Values, Personal Attitudes, and Beliefs Inform Ethical Practice."* Congratulations on representing CSU so well.

HIGHLIGHTS, UPDATES, AND GOOD NEWS (Cont...)



The annual CSU Breakfast of Champions event was held last Tuesday in the Talon Center. Student athletes were honored for their performance in the classroom. Each year, CSU student athletes set the bar high for academic achievement. This past fall the average GPA for all student athletes was 3.13. Sixteen student athletes finished with perfect 4.0 GPAs during the fall semester. In addition, sixty five student athletes finished the semester with GPAs over 3.0. This is a pride point for everyone at Coppin. Keep up the good work!!!



The Annual HBCU Retention Conference was held in Ocean City this past weekend. Mr. Steve Delice, Director of the Our House Community Mentoring Program presented at the conference. Thank you, Mr. Delice for sharing our successful mentoring program with other HBCUs!



Dr. Hany Sobhi, Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences, is the 2016 recipient of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Faculty Award in the category of Excellence in Research. Dr. Sobhi joins awardees from UMBC and UMCP as award winners. Dr. Sobhi will be recognized at the Board of Regents April meeting. Congratulations Dr. Sobhi for making the entire CSU community very proud!

With Coppin Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Thompson".

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