April 4, 2016

Good Morning Coppin Family:

The campus is preparing for our biggest event of the academic year which is commencement. The dates and locations are as follows:

Friday, May 20, 2016 – Graduate Ceremony, James Weldon Johnson Auditorium
Saturday, May 21, 2016 – Undergraduate Ceremony, Physical Education Complex

David J. Johns, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans has accepted the invitation to be our guest speaker for the undergraduate ceremony. Look for more information on these two important dates.

Highlights, updates and good news are listed below.

The Career Services Center and the Office of Student Teaching will host Teacher Recruitment Day Wednesday, April 6. The event will take place in the Talon Center from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Representatives from various school systems will be present including Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Calvert County, Harford County, Howard County, Montgomery County, Washington County and the York, Pennsylvania School District.

CSU has been awarded a Pathways to Professions (P2P): Preparing Highly Effective Early Childhood Workforce grant of $152,000 by the Maryland State Department of Education. Designed as a 4-year initiative, P2P aims to provide high quality programs with high impact services leading to a highly effective childcare workforce. The P2P initiative will provide full support, including tuition, fees, books, and clinical experience costs for eligible childcare providers pursuing BS degrees in four specialized areas: (1) Early Childhood Education, (2) Elementary Education, (3) Special Education, and (4) Early Childhood Human Development. The P2P executive team includes Dr. Yi Huang serving as Principal Investigator, and Dr. Marjorie Miles, Dr. Mabel Murray, and Dr. Daniel Joseph serving as key participants.

The CSU baseball and softball teams saw action over the weekend. The softball team won two out of three games against UMES, scoring 3 runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a thrilling come-back win in game one of the series. Freshman, Megan Narvaez pitched complete wins in games one and three of the series. The baseball team won one of three games against Delaware State as freshman, Kyrstian Negron, pitched a complete game shutout.

In other Eagle news, four members of the Bowling team made the All-MEAC Academic Honors, they included, Brionca Beard, Shelby Mendoza, Erica Monk and Jasmine Newman. In addition, the CSU Ladies Eagles Track and Field Team finished fourth at the Maryland Invitational over the weekend. CSU athletes qualified for the MEAC Track and Field Outdoor Championships in eight different events.
State of Maryland Comptroller, Peter Franchot (left), will be visiting the COB VITA office on April 13.

In addition, the Economic Inclusion Conference and Evening Pitch Competition will be held at CSU on April 27. Thurgood Marshall College Fund CEO, Johnny Taylor (right), will be the featured speaker.

The 27th Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Championship Tournament kick-off was Saturday, April 2nd in Torrance, California. Coppin's Honda Team is represented by Wanda Parks (Captain), Quinisha Bull, Mason Neal, and Kaylin Lewis. Thanks to Coach Jason Goode and Director of Student Activities and Leadership Josalyn Bryant for preparing the team for competition.

The CSU Honda Team competed in the A. Phillip Randolph Division against Norfolk State, Morehouse College, Tennessee State, North Carolina A&T, and Alabama A&M. The final 16 teams will compete today for the National Championship.

Coppin's team faced serious intercollegiate competition at the National Qualifying Tournaments to become one of forty-eight teams competing.

Congratulations and good luck to our team.

With Coppin Pride,

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President