



## MONDAY MORNING MENTIONS

Wow! I Love Coppin Week was great from beginning to end. We had a variety of wonderful events ranging from a panel discussion entitled, “Decades After Fannie Jackson Coppin: Revisiting Opportunities and Challenges”, to celebrating Fanny Jackson Coppin’s 178<sup>th</sup> birthday on the quad with cookies and hot apple cider.

A few of last week’s highlights, good news, and updates are listed below.



\*\*\*Nine new members were inducted into the Foundation Merit Scholarship Program during Fanny Jackson Coppin Week. The Class of 2015 inductees bring the merit scholarship program up to twenty scholarships since its inception in 2012. Each endowment represents a \$25,000 commitment to CSU. This year five scholarships were awarded and it is expected that 12 will be awarded next year.



\*\*\*The College of Health Professions honored CHP alumni at the Nursing Alumni Awards Gala last week. Ms. Crystal Day-Black, Class of 1985, Mr. Moses Asiedu, Class of 2009 and Mr. Thel Moore, Class of 1994 joined Congressman Elijah Cummings, Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Dr. Jayfus Doswell as award winners. Over 400 attendees were on hand for the Sunday Gospel Concert sponsored by the CHP.

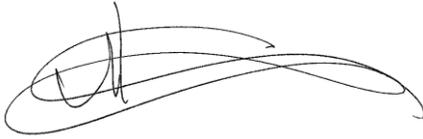
\*\*\* The Office of Human Resources held its Annual Service Awards ceremony “*Your Touch Matters*”, in recognition of Coppin’s retirees and faculty and staff with 5-45 years of service. Nearly 150 people were in attendance as members of the Cabinet joined me in thanking each person for their valuable contribution to our campus. Included in the list of honorees with an impressive 45 years of service are, Dr. Ronnie Boyd and Dr. Larry Martin. I commend each attendee for their continued commitment to Coppin. Special thanks to Dr. Lisa Early and her team for an excellent event.

\*\*\*Dr. Jay Perman, President of the University of Maryland-Baltimore, gave the keynote address at the First Annual Pre-Med Day held last week at CSU. A morning panel discussion featured area physicians and an afternoon panel discussion featured admissions representatives from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

\*\*\*The results of the Our House Community Mentoring Pilot Program and the Connecting Ladies Across Campus Mentoring Program have been encouraging. Of the 48 freshmen who started in the Our House Pilot, 40 returned for their sophomore year. That represents an 83% retention rate, compared to CSUs past average of between 60 - 65%. Five new houses have been established in the second year of Our House bringing the total to ten.

\*\*\*Congratulations to Dr. Ezeka, Dr. Baryeh and Dr. Miller from the College of Business, Dr. Hinds-Jackson and Ms. Lori Harvin from the College of Health Professions and the Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation for being named award winners in the Institutional Advancement Small Grant Program. Well done!!!

With Coppin Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Thompson', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Maria Thompson, Ph.D.  
President