



MONDAYMORNINGMENTIONS

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Good Morning Coppin Family:

The CSU community can be very proud of how our student athletes performed at this year's MEAC Basketball Tournament. I was part of the crowd watching as our women went for the title in Saturday's finals. Unfortunately, the Eagles lost to North Carolina A&T but gave everything they had to win. It was great seeing them defeat North Carolina Central, Morgan State and South Carolina State to reach the finals. Congratulations, ladies!!! The men's team also did well upsetting North Carolina A&T before falling to South Carolina State in the second round. The women ended the season with 16 wins and 16 losses while the men finished with 9 wins and 22 losses.

Highlights, updates, and good news are listed below:



Another former CSU student athlete, Christina Epps, class of 2014, won the 2016 USATF Women's Indoor Triple Jump Championship. The meet was held in Portland, Oregon on March 11. Christina will represent the United States in the World Championships.



Over 700 Baltimore citizens were in the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium for the mayoral debate sponsored by BUILD on Sunday, March 13. This was the second mayoral debate to be held on our campus in the last two weeks.



Thomas Sadowski, CEO of the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore, has been named Vice Chancellor for Economic Development at the University System of Maryland effective May 2. In this role he will be USM's senior representative on university-industry-government collaborations. I will invite Mr. Sadowski to Coppin to tour our campus and interact with students, faculty and staff to share ideas on the economic development of West Baltimore.



CollegeBound Foundation will be sponsoring a NCAA Eligibility Seminar at Coppin on April 9. The seminar will be held in the Talon Center from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Former NFL player Keion Carpenter will be a guest speaker. The seminar will be aimed at Baltimore area students who wish to play sports on the collegiate level.

The searches for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Students Affairs and Director of Athletics are underway. The search firm of Academic Search, Inc. (ASI) is assisting us with these three executive-level, national searches. ASI team members will make periodic visits to campus throughout the process. Search committee chairs will communicate with the campus community regarding the progress of each search.



Last Monday, Baltimore City Police Commissioner, Kevin Davis joined Chief Leonard Hamm and former athletes at a press conference to announce a fundraiser planned for April 11. The Shooting for Peace basketball game will promote messages of unity, hope, strong neighborhoods and positive choices with Baltimore youth.

The Career Services Center hosted the Spring Job Fair on Wednesday, March 9. Twenty-five (25) organizations were represented and 144 students networked with employers to learn about employment and internship opportunities. We appreciate the students' participation and all who encouraged students to attend or contributed in other ways to make this event successful. We especially thank Dr. Ericka Smith and Professor Hyacinth Ezeka of the COB who brought their classes. We also thank Ms. Linda Bowie, Director and Ms. Helen Dunkley, Internship Coordinator, who coordinated the event.

With Coppin Pride,

Maria Thompson, Ph.D.
President