



## MONDAYMORNINGMENTIONS

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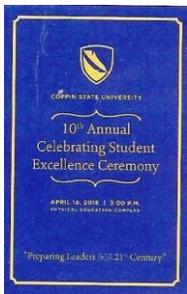
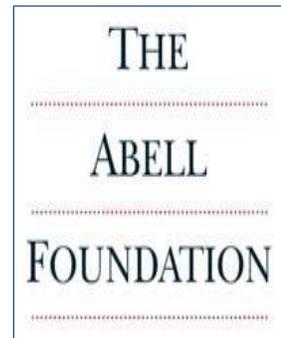
Good Morning Coppin Family:



I am not able to adequately express my gratitude to you for the outpouring of love and support I received during Investiture Week. It was a great way to celebrate CSU's rich legacy and prepare ourselves to build a bright future. Every aspect of the week-long festivities contributed to mark this important moment in our history. Thanks to all who planned, participated, and attended the April 29<sup>th</sup> investiture ceremony and reception. My family members and I will always consider it one of the most memorable events in our family history. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Highlights, updates and good news are listed below:**

Coppin State University has been awarded \$32,000 by the Abell Foundation to support the College of Arts, Sciences and Education – School of Education's Cross-Institutional Partnership with Coppin Academy for Early Access and Success. Dr. Yi-Ping Huang and Dr. Marjorie Miles are the principal investigators on the project that will begin this fall. This marks the first time CSU has received two Abell grants in the same year. The Abell Foundation is providing \$100,000 for the expansion of the Our House Community Mentoring Program from five houses to ten houses, effectively doubling the size of this mentoring program.



I was honored to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Student Excellence Ceremony that took place in the Physical Education Complex on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The academic achievements of students from Coppin State University, Coppin Academy, and Rosemont Elementary and Middle School were recognized. The Deans of each of Coppin's four colleges presented awards to senior students who have been outstanding performers in the classroom during their academic career at Coppin. "Well done award winners, we are proud of you!"

Although I was only here for a short time during Mr. Derek Brown's tenure as Coppin's women's basketball coach, I was impressed by his ability to inspire his players to excel both on the court and in the classroom. He brought Coppin's program to new heights during his seventeen year tenure as Head Women's Basketball Coach. His steady hand and patient approach to coaching has kept the program at the forefront of MEAC athletics. I wish him well in retirement – he will be missed. Coach Brown, I hope to see you often at Coppin games in the future. Thank you for your service and leadership.





**Class of  
2019**

Over 100 freshmen took part in this year's Freshmen Pinning Ceremony on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This was the first year that the ceremony has been held but I look forward to it becoming a tradition at CSU. Special thanks to Shaquille Carbon, President of the Student Government Association and to the CSU student body for making it a success. Thanks also to SGA Vice President, Grace Kelly Anoma, for following up the ceremony with the Black and White Affair; which provided networking opportunities for CSU students with CSU alumni. A new tradition has started.

The CSU Non-Profit Leadership Alliance conducted a Spring Mixer on April 27<sup>th</sup> bringing leaders from Baltimore area non-profits to campus to speak with students interested in the non-profit field. Non-profits provide support for those in need not only in Baltimore, but around the country. Many of our alumni are involved in non-profit work for a variety of causes. Coppin State University Development Foundation Board member, Val Traore, is an example of what CSU alumni are doing in the field of non-profits. Val is President of the Food Bank of South Jersey. She is one example of many of the CSU alums giving back to their communities.



With Coppin Pride,

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