



from the desk of

President Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.

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Dear Eagle Nation:

I hope that you have enjoyed your holidays and a well-deserved respite from the rigors of study and a truly unprecedented year. Thanks so much for your flexibility in helping to make the past year healthy, successful, and memorable. I am excited and ready for what we will accomplish together, in 2021.

University Highlights

Coppin State University students, faculty, and staff continue to make differences in an array of areas, and I am pleased to share some campus highlights and things to look forward to:

New Science Programs to Launch in 2021

I am proud to announce that Coppin State University has launched two new master's degree programs for fall semester 2021: MS in Applied Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (AMBB) and MS



in Polymer and Materials Science (PMS). Both programs will create exciting new opportunities for students to pursue degrees in science and high technology fields. The AMBB program leads to careers in medical, food, drug and other research fields. The PMS program leads to careers in chemistry, teaching, materials research and development, manufacturing, cosmetics industry, physics and engineering.

The AMBB program is structured to provide undergraduates in biology, chemistry or biochemistry with advanced knowledge of biochemistry and molecular biology. Students receive cutting edge instruction in areas of study, including infectious diseases, vision research, metabolic studies in various tissues, chemistry of biomolecules, protein engineering, and cell culture methodologies and are encouraged to apply this knowledge to an area of specialization during their thesis research.

The PMS program is designed to give students an understanding of the general phenomena of design, synthesis, characterization, and function of polymers, specifically those classified as biomaterials, bioplastics, blended fuels, nano-materials, biomarkers, and soft polymers (polyester, gel, oil and resins). Students will receive an in-depth understanding of the relationships between the structure and properties of materials. Polymer and materials science enable many advanced technologies to be used to impact everyday life, such as flat screen TV's, light weight aircraft panels and engines, medical devices, coatings and paints, and more.

Congratulations to the department of Natural Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

President Anthony Jenkins Named Business Journal's 2021 Faces to Watch

I am honored to be selected by the Baltimore Business Journal as one of the 2021 Faces to Watch. Annually, the publication picks 10 people in the Greater Baltimore area who they feel is poised to do big things in the coming year or are involved in big projects set to come to fruition. I believe people are seeing that Coppin State University is poised to do great things and make an even greater impact in the Baltimore area and community. I am honored, but I can't do it alone. I know that we, together, have work to do. Thank you for doing your part in making CSU a greater institution for our students and the community, at large.



Lastly, thank you for continuing your commitment to keeping our campus safe during these challenging times. Our latest COVID-19 updates can be found [here](#).

Take care, be well, and Go Eagles!



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