



from the desk of

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Dear Eagle Nation:

Homecoming is upon us! The Coppin State University Eagle Nation kicks off our Homecoming celebration with a series of virtual events, throughout this week, from March 1-7. While the pandemic conditions prevent us from hosting Homecoming in-person, this year, we still want to invite our alumni and friends to connect with us. I encourage you to mark your calendars and make plans to join us, online.

For a list of Homecoming events, [click here](#).

Homecoming is a special tradition at all institutions of higher education, particularly, Coppin State University. It's a time when members of the Eagle Nation—students, alumni, faculty, staff, family, and friends—come together to embrace our traditions and truly celebrate the university, as we share our common appreciation. Likewise, it's an opportunity for our alumni to reflect on their time at CSU and share their memories of what makes it a special part of their lives.

I take pride in knowing that our students become alumni who are making a difference in organizations and communities, throughout Maryland and around the world. They include founders and entrepreneurs; executives in health care, finance, and government; scientists and medical professionals; and educators, artists, sports figures and many more.

It is fitting that this year's alumni theme is "Eagles Still Soaring in a Virtual World," and the student theme is "Quarantine Live," as both themes exhibit how CSU is doing just that. Since March 2020, our Eagles (students, faculty, staff, and alumni) have adapted to changes in many ways (academically, professionally, and no doubt, personally), and CSU is, indeed, soaring thanks to their strength and commitment.

The students and alumni have worked hard to ensure that there is something planned for everyone. Although physically separated, let's remember that Homecoming is driven by school spirit! Through Zoom, Teams, social media, or other platforms, join us as we show our support and pride for CSU, and make this year's Homecoming one to remember! #CSUHomecoming21

Happy Homecoming, Eagles!

COVID-19 Updates

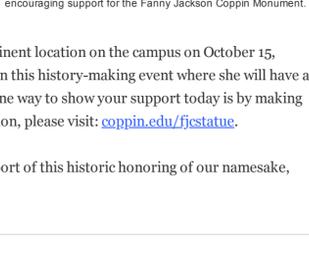
[CLICK HERE](#) for the latest COVID-19 updates.

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:

Support the Fanny Jackson Coppin Monument

Even though we are unable to celebrate homecoming together on campus this year, you can still support our beloved Coppin. Last fall we announced the dedication of a life-size, bronze monument of our namesake, Fanny Jackson Coppin. The monument will be erected in a prominent location on the campus on October 15, 2021. Please consider participating in this history-making event where she will have a permanent and physical presence. One way to show your support today is by making your donation. To make your donation, please visit: coppin.edu/fjstatue.



Click image to watch the President and First Lady's message encouraging support for the Fanny Jackson Coppin Monument.

I want to thank you all for your support of this historic honoring of our namesake, Fanny Jackson Coppin.

Coppin State 2020-21 MEAC Northern Division Champions!

Anthony Tarke scored 31 points on 11-of-11 shooting to lead Coppin State's men's basketball team to a 94-74 victory at Delaware State on Sunday night at Memorial Hall. The victory gives the Eagles at least a share of the MEAC Northern Division crown, its first regular season championship since the 2003-04 season.



A Mid-Season Watch List member for the Lou Henson Award, Tarke was dominant out of the gate as his 11-of-11 performance is a new school-record and is tied for the second-most field goals without a miss for any NCAA player this season. Tarke also dished out seven assists, one off his career high, and matched a season-high with three 3-pointers. Tarke was one of four Eagles in double figures as DeJuan Clayton recorded 15 points, going over the 1,500 career points total in the process. Yuat Alok made 5-of-9 field goals and a pair of threes and finished with 14 points. Nendah Tarke added 13 points and added a season-high nine rebounds and five steals.

The Eagles will head to the 2021 MEAC Tournament at Norfolk Scope Arena with a 9-12 overall record and 8-4 mark in the MEAC, tying them with Norfolk State. Morgan State is currently 6-4 in league play and is scheduled to make up their final two games with Delaware State on Thursday and Friday. The MEAC Tournament takes place March 7-13. To follow the tournament, including information on viewing games, [click here](#).

Congratulations to CSU's men's basketball team, Derek Carter, director of athletics, Head Coach Juan Dixon the entire coaching staff for a historic victory!

State of the University Address Scheduled

On Thursday, March 4, at 1:00 p.m., I will present the State of University Address and I will share some of our 2020 successes, important issues that we face, and my vision for Coppin State University, in 2021, and beyond. To view the address, visit: <https://www.coppin.edu/watch>.

President Jenkins To Host Campus Town Hall Events

Following my State of the University Address, I will host a series of town hall events: one each, for students, faculty, and staff. I will be joined by my cabinet members, and this will be an opportunity for the campus community to ask questions and have an intellectually engaging discussion about solutions and how we can work together in moving the university forward. The town hall event dates are March 8, 9, and 10.

Members of our campus community will receive additional details along with a link to RSVP and submit questions, prior to the event dates.

Coppin Will Launch New BSN to DNP Degree Program Starting Fall '21 Semester

I am pleased to announce that our Helene Fuld School of Nursing will launch a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program starting fall semester 2021.

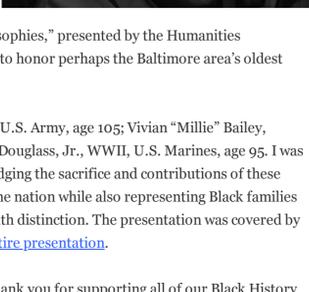
The BSN to DNP program will provide registered nurses with a BSN degree an accelerated path to the DNP degree. Prospective students interested in pursuing an Master on Science in Nursing (MSN) for the role of Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) are encouraged to explore this new option which combines the graduate and doctoral coursework into one seamless terminal degree without the time and expense of earning an MSN along the way. The program marks a major milestone for CSU by becoming the university's second doctoral offering and by making the program one of only two BSN to DNP programs in the nation at an HBCU.

The inaugural program will begin accepting applications from mid-March until May 15. In 2019, Dr. Joan Tilghman, CSU professor and DNP program chair, was awarded a \$147,000 two-year planning Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) grant to help facilitate the BSN to DNP program development.

Good work Dr. Tracy Murray, Dean and Professor, College of Health Professions, Dr. Tilghman and the entire Helene Fuld School of Nursing faculty and staff!

Black History Month Celebration Concludes

This past week we concluded our month-long Black History Month celebration with the lecture, "The History of Vaccine Hesitation," presented by the Helene Fuld School of Nursing faculty, a Dance Master Class: "Katherine Dunham and Lester Horton: The Synergy of Dance Philosophies," presented by the Humanities Department and a special ceremony to honor perhaps the Baltimore area's oldest black veterans.



Honored were Ezra Hill, Sr., WWII, U.S. Army, age 105; Vivian "Millie" Bailey, WWII, U.S. Army, age 103; and Lee Douglass, Jr., WWII, U.S. Marines, age 95. I was delighted to participate in acknowledging the sacrifice and contributions of these super seniors who did so much for the nation while also representing Black families and Baltimore's Black community with distinction. The presentation was covered by [WBAL-TV](#). Here is the link to [the entire presentation](#).

To the entire Coppin Community, thank you for supporting all of our Black History Month activities. Special thanks to Dr. Errol Bolden, Black History Month committee chair, the entire Black History Month planning committee, the Division of Academic Affairs and the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

Legislative Updates

The Maryland Legislature continues its 2021 session, and I will include updates in this newsletter, highlighting a number of bills that are of interest to the Coppin State University community. I would like to express my gratitude to all of the Maryland Delegates and Senators working hard to help ensure that Coppin can continue its distinguished and important mission.

SB858 Coppin State University Funding (Sen. Antonio Hayes)

This bill will provide an annual appropriation of \$3 million to CSU for fiscal years 2023 through 2026.

Purpose
To establish a new student union facility and two student residential facilities.

Status
A hearing is set for March 3rd before the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee.

HB918 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Underrepresented Teacher (Del. Marlon Amprey)

Purpose
This bill is to provide Higher Education Repayment Assistance for repayment of undergraduate or graduate study loans that were obtained for tuition, educational expenses, or living expenses by eligible Black and Latino males or other historically underrepresented groups in the teaching fields.

Status
A hearing is set for March 3rd before the House Appropriation Committee.

The Capital Budget hearings before the Senate and Houses Capital Budget Subcommittees are set for March 9th at 3 p.m.

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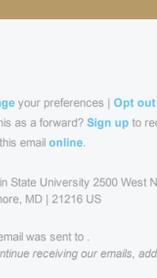
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Lastly, thank you for continuing your commitment to keeping our campus safe during these challenging times.

Take care, be well, and Go Eagles!



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