As Cottey College alumnae, we represent the spirit and purpose of the forward-moving vision of Cottey. From the first day on campus to the last, Cottey prepared us to go out into the world as strong, intelligent, learned women, ready to affect change by doing good work. Collectively, we have experienced every kind of change and growth, and thanks to our time in Nevada, Missouri, we have been equipped to meet the challenges of the future. We may not know every Cottey sister personally, but we are connected by a deep affection for Cottey College, the place where we were transformed from girls into women.

The challenge before us as Cottey alumnae strongly resembles the opportunity we seized when we became Cottey students: to move forward in the Cottey College spirit and to do good work. A priority of A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College urges alumnae to fund the transformation of Neale Hall as part of a new state-of-the-art fine arts building.

Neale Hall, the second-oldest building on campus, stands as a testament to the resilience of the Cottey spirit. It has housed a swimming pool and gymnasium, been used as a movie theatre and a space for giant sleepovers, and currently houses a portion of the arts programs at Cottey. Our mandate is to help create a home for Cottey's fine arts programs by providing funds to renovate Neale Hall. This new building will nurture the talents of young women who have chosen to make our alma mater their alma mater!

We stand at the door to the future.

The time for “clearer vision, larger service, and concentrated effort” has come. — Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard

The challenge:
To raise $2 million by January 2014 to help transform Neale Hall into a state-of-the-art facility for the arts.

The incentive:
The privilege of naming the Neale Hall portion of the new Fine Arts Instructional Building.

The legacy:
A building that will stand the test of time, but more importantly, a place that will nurture and grow the artistic abilities of Cottey students.

In achieving this milestone, alumnae will be investing in the futures of young women who are walking in our footsteps. As we have so often sung, “We’ll leave our name on Cottey history!”

http://cottey.edu/give/alumnaechallenge

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- Filling out the enclosed donation form and returning it to Cottey.
- Making a gift online at http://cottey.edu/give/alumnaechallenge

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\* CALL, E-MAIL, OR FACEBOOK YOUR COTTEY FRIENDS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.

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