

# Quarterly Newsletter / Summer 2023 Edition

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## *Update from the Chair*

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There is a lot happening as we move through August, begin a new school year, and kick off the 2023-2024 CUSS cycle. There is much to be excited about as we face the start of the fall semester. I am excited to share with you some updates from the 2022-2023 cycle and news for the 2023-2024 year ahead.

The Council recently wrapped up our 2022-2023 in July. I want to take a moment to thank each and every member of CUSS for their hard work and dedication to our group. We met primarily virtually for our monthly meetings but did have one in-person meeting at Frostburg State University (FSU), which was full of energy and collaboration. We were also able to bring the group together in person July 2023 at the University of

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## CUSS SPOTLIGHT:

### *AWARDS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE: BOR AWARDEES*

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Each September CUSS' Awards and Outreach Committee sends out the Regents Staff Awards Packet to each University within the USM system asking for nominations for the Board of Regents Awards. This is the time that staff can nominate another member who they think made a significant impact on their university.

The Board of Regents Staff Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Board of Regents for the achievements of Exempt and Nonexempt staff from institutions within the University System. Ten members of the ten awards will receive a \$2000 stipend. For more about the award please visit the

Coppin Corner Resource Center Opens Coppin State University has launched Coppin Corner, a new on-campus resource center providing basic food and personal care products to registered Coppin State students. This is a critical component of the university's efforts to address food insecurity which can negatively affect student success and retention. "Coppin Corner will not solve every problem our students face; however, we are hopeful it will allow them to focus more on their studies, and less on where their next meal is coming from," said President Jenkins.

We welcomed new freshmen and transfer students to campus, as well as their families, for our first to New Student Orientation sessions of

have honored service dogs alongside their humans during commencement ceremonies,

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## 2023 – 2024 CUSS REPRESENTATIVES

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