



FROM THE DESK OF
PRESIDENT ANTHONY L. JENKINS, PH.D.



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Dear Coppin Community:

You have shown great resilience and patience as our university has continued to navigate through the unpredictable and unprecedented disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for that, we are extremely grateful.

Unfortunately, today, we are announcing that all Coppin State University fall sports has been suspended, due to the coronavirus pandemic. The decision was made by the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Council of Presidents and Chancellors in consultation with member institution athletic directors.

This will affect our cross country and volleyball sponsored athletic teams. We want all our scholar-athletes, parents, and alumni to know that CSU will honor all athletic financial aid awards.

Like all decisions we've made related to COVID-19 pandemic, this was a difficult one. Our highest priority is the health and well-being of our students and community. We must acknowledge the fact that our teams travel to other MEAC institutions and cannot compete without breaking in some form from social distancing guidelines still maintained by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition, sports events also invite individuals to our campus who may not be subject to the testing and monitoring that we plan to implement for our students, faculty, and staff.

We know this news is disappointing to our scholar-athletes, especially our seniors, as well as the entire Eagle Nation. While we can appreciate your disappointment, please note the university will always prioritize your health and safety above all else.

We are in this together and we encourage you to take comfort that we will work through this pandemic and come out stronger.

Sincerely,

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