
Meet Kailyn Cottle

For Kailyn Cottle, the University of Mount Olive is one of many places that she calls “home.”

Cottle was born in Wilmington, NC. At the age of three, Cottle moved with her family to Cambodia, where her parents were called to be missionaries. Kailyn is the daughter of James and Lynette Cottle. Her grandparents are Kenneth and Betty Cottle and the Reverend Adrian Grubbs and Jo Ann Grubbs.

Cottle believes faith is about surrendering and allowing God to shine through your weaknesses. “Faith is taking one step, and every single step is surrendering a little bit of yourself,” she said.

Cottle constantly asks God, “What is it that I need to fix? Who is it that I need to minister to? What do I need to love for you?”

Cottle wanted her college experience to be at a university that would encourage students to build their spirituality. She has found that at UMO. Cottle enrolled at UMO in 2015 to pursue a degree in psychology with a minor in criminal justice and criminology. She is a member of the Sisterhood of Crown and Martlet, the UMO Honors program, the Chamber Choir, and the Concert Choir. She is a UMO Ambassador and a research intern in the Department of Psychology. Cottle is on course to graduate in May of 2019.

Afterwards, she plans to pursue a master’s degree and then seek a career helping women and children who have been the victims of human trafficking.

“I am overwhelmingly thankful that God chose me for this life, and I pray that I can use my experiences to be a better representation of Him,” she said.



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