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Coppin State University (CSU) has a rich, 122-year history of changing the social and economic trajectories of those seeking advancement through education. The institution opened its doors in 1900, just 23 years after the end of Reconstruction triggered a migration of six million African Americans from the south in hopes for a brighter future. In that tradition, the CSU College of Business, Center emerged as a catalyst for positive economic mobility.

The close of the 2022 fall semester concludes two years of operation for the Center for Strategic Entrepreneurship (CSE). Since its launch in January 2021, the CSE has pursued a strict course of relationship-building, program development, fundraising, and outcomes-based demonstrations. The effort has resulted in a full menu of academic innovations that support every aspect of teaching, research, service, and community engagement through entrepreneurship.

This summary of 2022 achievements provide insight into the three pillars of CSE operations: economic development, education, and social/community innovation. Each pillar involves intentional engagement with public, private, academic, and community partners. This kind of intentional interaction with external stakeholders combined with the focused inclusion of students, faculty, and staff has helped the CSE establish a reputation for sustainable, value-added ecosystem influence. Programming currently includes:

- Startup assistance with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC, TEDCO)
- Real Estate Acquisition Program for Students (REAPS)
- New Psalmist Future Founders Program
- Coppin Entrepreneurship Organization for Students (CEOs)
- COB Entrepreneurship & Innovation Certificate Program
- Faculty Fellows Research Program
 - The Coppin EXCEL (Excellence in Entrepreneurial Learning) supported by Annie E Casey Foundation
 - Making the Future: From Pre-pandemic Impact to Post-Pandemic Economic Sustainability (\$5 million Maryland Makerspace Initiative Program)
- CSE Alumni Advisory Board
- Baltimore City Public School System Pathway Advisory Committee (PAC) Membership
 - Business Management Finance
 - Carver Vocational-Technical High School
 - Edmondson-Westside High School
 - Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
 - Patterson High School
 - Reginald F. Lewis High School
 - Manufacturing Engineering Technology (Carver Vocational-Technical High School)
- Economic Inclusion Conference @ Coppin
- Global Entrepreneurship Week (Student Entrepreneurship Fair)
- iCorps Summer Launch Program (2023)
- Westside on the Rise Webinar Series