

CoeFundDays: Trivia Tuesday!

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As part of CoeFundDays, hosted this week at Coe by the Philanthropy Committee, Team Trivia was held Tuesday night at the PUB from 7:00-8:00pm. The Jeopardy styled game featured five categories: Cedar Rapids Facts, Kohawk Student Activities, Coe Admission Facts, Coe Fund Facts, and Kohawk Alumni Facts. Students

received chips and dip at the event, and the winning team won Pancheiros gift cards.

According to Coe Fund student employee, Shannon Zelek, "CoeFundDays is an educational week to help students recognize where our college gets its donations from and how those are used," she said, "Before I was a student here, it used to be called

Tuition Run Out Day/Week because if only tuition was used to help the college function, this time of year would be when the school would have to shut down because we wouldn't be able to afford anything else. Power, water, and so much more get funded from donations that are not tuition based."

About 45% of the Coe Fund dollars were used to help pay for student scholarships and financial aid this past year, with 99% of Coe students receiving some form of financial aid. Meanwhile, 32% of the

Coe Fund dollars helped improve daily lives on campus, and 25% went toward teaching and library services.

Zelek and her colleagues hope that this week's events help serve as a reminder to graduating students about the benefits of helping to support future Kohawks and their education. "Philanthropy can come in forms of time, talent, or treasure as we like to call it at the Coe Fund," she concluded, "We appreciate any and all of those forms of philanthropy from any alumni or friend of the college."



Cheyenne Baker ('18) and Jaida Adams-King ('16) pose for a photo at Tuesday's Trivia Night, having been on a team together during the competition.

Trivia:
What is the average class size at Coe?

Answer: 16 students.

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A stellar Thursday Forum

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Each year, Coe College hosts the weekly Thursday Forum, featuring lectures by professors from departments all over campus. This year, there was a new face in the lineup of lecturers: Adjunct Assistant Professor of Physics Firdevs Duru.

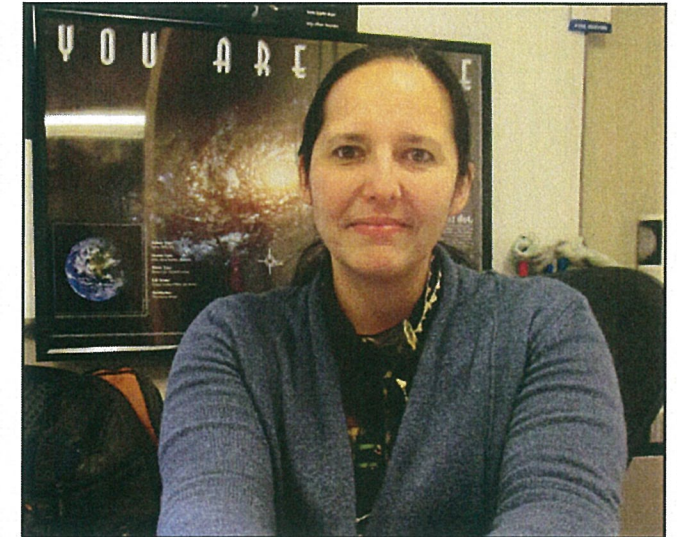
Duru chose for her first lecture series to be an overview of our solar system. "I wanted to do something that is not too advanced in physics but at the same time, fun," Duru explained.

She split the presentation into four parts. The first week gave an overview of the topic while the second week focused on the three main astronomical

The third week focused on the terrestrial (or Earth-like) planets Mercury, Venus, and Mars. The fourth week will focus on the Jovian (or Jupiter-like) planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, as well as the asteroid belt.

Despite what the topic of the lecture series would lead one to believe, Duru did not originally enter physics with an emphasis on space. During her studies to obtain her PhD in experimental high energy physics, she attended a talk on the Cassini mission to Saturn. It was too late to pursue another PhD in the space field, so she began working with her current advisor and obtained a Master's in space physics instead.

Duru has done extensive research on Mars with NASA. This past Decem-



Professor Duru gave her first lecture series on our solar system.

Photo by Lisa McDonald.

ber, Duru and one of her students went to the American Geophysical Union fall meeting in San Francisco to present on their data analyzing the response of the Mars ionosphere to interplanetary coronal mass ejections, i.e., bursts of gas and magnetic fields arising

from the Sun.

The last part of the lecture series occurs next Thursday in Kesler starting at 8:45 a.m. Next month's Thursday Forum four-part series on the history of Asia Minor by Associate Professor of Physics Ugur Akgun will begin March 3.

Coe College Photo of the Month Contest



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