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Parent Newsletter

This year, Centenary College's Earth Week Committee welcomes members of the community to the celebration of **Earth Day**, which will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**, on the front lawn of Seay Building. This is the eighth anniversary of Centenary's celebration of Earth Day.

The family-oriented event will appeal to children of all ages! Admission to this event is free and will kick off at 8 am with "Breakfast with the Birds." Nancy Madacsi, retired Director of Centenary's Taylor Memorial Library, will lead a nature walk/bird watching stroll at the Charles O. Hayford State Fish Hatchery, located next to the campus. The Earth Day Celebration main events will begin at 10:00 am. on the front lawn of the campus and will end at 3:00 pm. Dunkin Donuts in Hackettstown will be donating donuts and coffee for the participants.

[For more information click here.](#)



140th Commencement

*May 16, 2015
1:00 pm
Front Lawns of the
Seay Building*



Over 450 students have applied for their degrees, most of whom will be participating in the ceremony on May 16th. Lineup and robing for students is between 12-12:45 am in the Quad, and the procession including bagpipes and Fife and Drum Corps, begins promptly at 1:00 pm.

Ceremony times vary, but we hope the graduate recessional is underway by 3:30pm. For those attending we remind you that there is a good amount of congestion and excitement following the ceremony. Students want to take photos with college friends, meet their family members, and spend a few moments with the friends they've made over the last several years. A police officer will be on-site to direct traffic, but it will not be a typical, slow day on the roads around the college. For these reasons, we suggest you leave ample time for your dinner plans and reservations.

For more detailed information on commencement, including schedule of events, information on the Honorary degree recipients, and much more, visit our [commencement webpage here](#).

School of Professional Studies Open House

Now that your children are working towards earning their college degrees, it's time to wake up your career or finish the degree you started years ago. Join us for some gourmet coffee and desserts at the Centenary College School of Professional Studies Open House Coffee Bar on May 9 in Parsippany.

Centenary College SPS offers the convenience of accelerated classes either one night a week or online. It's a chance for busy adults to complete their Associates, Bachelors or Masters degree in about 2 years.

While you're enjoying your coffee, you can meet with an Enrollment Counselor and discuss how you can fit school into your life and earn the degree you've always wanted.

We hope to see you anytime between 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on May 9 in Parsippany.

Parsippany Learning Center: 300 Littleton Road – Parsippany, NJ
For more info, please call: Michael Graziano at 973-257-5190 x5043
or email: spsinfo@centenarycollege.edu



Family Plan

We understand the cost of higher education is increasing and it is important that we try to help our families reduce that cost.

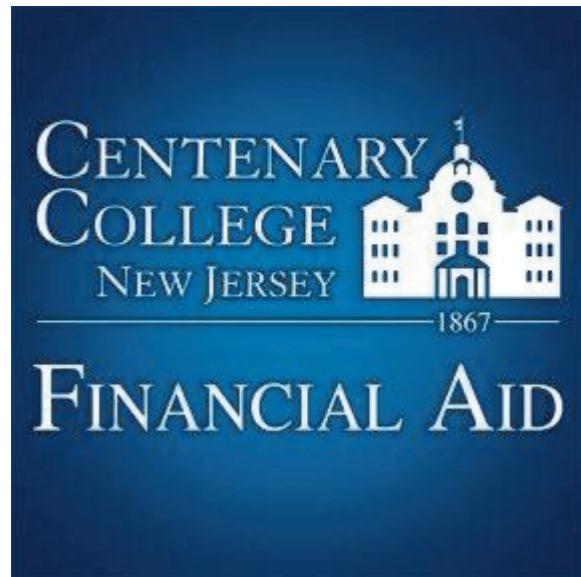
Centenary College offers a **Family Plan**. This means that ANY traditional full-time undergraduate student is eligible for the family plan if their parent or sibling is attending ANY Centenary College program. That means that as a parent, you can attend one of the School of Professional Studies evening programs and get up to 10% off your child's traditional full-time undergraduate tuition.

The Family Plan still applies even if the parent is attending the School of Professional Studies and is already receiving a scholarship or corporate discount off the SPS tuition. The relationship between the students must be parent/child or siblings to be eligible. Our enrollment counselors are ready to discuss options with you. Contact us at spsinfo@centenarycollege.edu or at 973-257-5190 for more details.

Financial Aid

**An Important Note from Our Financial Aid Office:
You May Qualify for the Public Student Loan Forgiveness Program!**

The Public Student Loan Forgiveness Program was established to encourage individuals to enter and continue in full-time employment in lower-paying, but vitally important public service jobs. The program allows eligible borrowers to cancel the remaining balance of their Direct loans after serving full-time at a public service organization for at least ten years while making 120 qualifying monthly payments after October 1, 2007. [Click here for more information.](#)



Safe & Comfortable Campus

A safe and comfortable campus is critical to academic progress. It is also the basis of a great college experience. We take many steps to keep our campus focused on providing what you expect from a student-focused college. To that end we have various initiatives designed to educate your students on many safety related measures.

Centenary is committed to creating and maintaining an environment free of harassment and sexual violence. At Centenary such behaviors are not tolerated and are prohibited both by law and by College policy. In our continuing efforts to maintain a campus free of harassment and sexual violence, we have partnered with one of the leaders in the Risk Management industry, Workplace Answers. Workplace Answers will provide the modules for on-line training courses that every student and employee will be asked to take.

Centenary's STOP (Students Taking on Prevention) and The Addiction Recovery Project have been actively engaged in raising awareness, preventing, and breaking the stigma associated with interpersonal violence and addiction recovery. Throughout the semester, students have attended weekly speaker series and listened as individuals in long-term recovery shared their story from addiction to recovery. Centenary has also partnered with The Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County to host a workshop titled, "Fifty Shades of Destruction to Women and Girls" which will focus on the topic of the media's portrayal of unhealthy relationships in the media. Campus leaders have been trained in bystander intervention and have been given the tools they need to feel confident responding to high risk situations. Centenary College is also honored to be hosting the "Spring Into Recovery" day event on campus which will involve members of the community along with individuals state-wide focusing on the issue of recovery and reducing stigma in our communities.

Along with many other exciting initiatives, Centenary College continues to remain active in addressing safety and compliance on our campus and in our community.



Learning & Living on Campus

Centenary College is a great place for your student to take advantage of the many resources available to them while also having the opportunity to live on their own and learn responsibility. After all they need to wake themselves up to get to class. The Office of Residence Life would like you to know many of the great benefits of living on campus as well as some of the concerns some students face with living off campus.

Many students desire the independence and freedom of living on their own, students often will choose to find a place near the college to live with friends instead of taking advantage of the opportunities on campus. Students who decide to live off campus are not under the same supervision and monitoring that on campus students benefit from. For example any issues or complaints that are made against the students by the community are dealt with by the local law enforcement, where on campus students go through our Code of Student Conduct process and are spoken to with the goals of addressing behavior and helping the student learn and achieve their best while here at Centenary College.

The Residence Halls are locked 24/7 all year. Upon moving into Campus each student will receive a photo ID card that will give them access to their individual bedroom. Each student will also receive a hard key that will let them into their assigned Residence Hall. There is a Campus Security officer on campus 24/7 that does rounds of the buildings to ensure they remain locked at all times.

With many events and activities occurring on campus and in the Halls daily, there is constantly something for students to get engaged and meet their peers. There may even be an opportunity for your student to become a leader on campus.

Centenary College has many resources and staff that are willing to assist and help students well after the 4:30pm office hour. Unsure of who to speak to about a question you may have or a concern? No matter the question there are people available 24/7 and ready assist you. A Resident Assistant (RA) is located on each floor and has gone through extensive training to help students work through problems they may encounter. Complex Directors are professional staff that oversee the entire building and residential population in that building, while also living in the building.

Learning & Living on Campus (cont.)

Your student can benefit from the convenience of on-campus housing and the safety of secure residence halls monitored by professional live-in staff. With no need to get up early to put gas in the car to drive to class only to search for a parking space; residential students enjoy the luxury of sleeping in and walking to class to stop by the cafeteria after class before walking back to their room.

For more information on how your son or daughter can benefit from Residential living, please [visit our website](#) or you may email the Office of Residence Life at residencelife@centenarycollege.edu with any questions you may have regarding living on campus.



Career Development Center

Volunteering is often times overlooked when college students are seeking relevant work experience. As the hectic schedules and workloads of the academic year dissipate with the start of summer, encourage students to use their free time to begin volunteering in an area of professional interest.

If volunteer work is already a part of your student's summer agenda, it may be time to think about tailoring some of their responsibilities to help them enhance their resumes.

As business or communication students, they can think about assisting in the management of fundraising events or offering their services in social media marketing for a local business. As education students, they can work with children of all ages in non-profit associations such as the Boys and Girls Club. As psychology or sociology students, they may offer their assistance as volunteers in various community agencies. History majors might look to local museums to inquire about potential volunteer opportunities.

The possibilities are endless. Encourage your students to pursue relevant volunteer experience suitable for the talents and qualifications that they already possess.

We welcome students to call our office at 908-852-1400 x2394 or to visit our [website](#) and schedule an appointment. The Centenary College Career Development Center is available to assist with identifying volunteer locations and enhancing resumes and cover letters to better reflect students' experiences.



Student Life Events

Centenary College's twenty-eight annual Leadership Recognition Ceremony will take place on Sunday, **May 3, 2015**. At this time we will honor those students who have served the college or excelled in curricular and extra-curricular ways. For more information regarding the Leadership Recognition Ceremony please contact Nicole Corley, in Student Life, at corleyn01@centenarycollege.edu.

Monday, **May 11, 2015**, starts Senior Week. During this week there will be many activities including but not limited to Glow bowling, Graduation Rehearsal, Alumni Send Off, movies outside, Presidents Ball and lots of outdoor activities to celebrate graduation. Keep an eye out for times and date on my centenary.

Baccalaureate Ceremony will take place on Saturday, **May 16, 2015** at 9:00 am on the morning of Commencement.



Evergreen Group

Centenary College students participated in the 23rd annual river cleanup of the Musconetcong river basin. Under the initiative of the EVERGREEN group, a sustainability student group at Centenary, students cleaned up the stretch of the Musconetcong river between Route 46 and East Ave, in the Union Cemetery of Hackettstown. The group collected bottles, cans, tires, and lots of other polluting trash and prevented it from entering the watershed. The entire women's softball team joined and did their good deed. The turnout was impressive, a testimony to the commitment of Centenary to caring for the environment.



ENACTUS



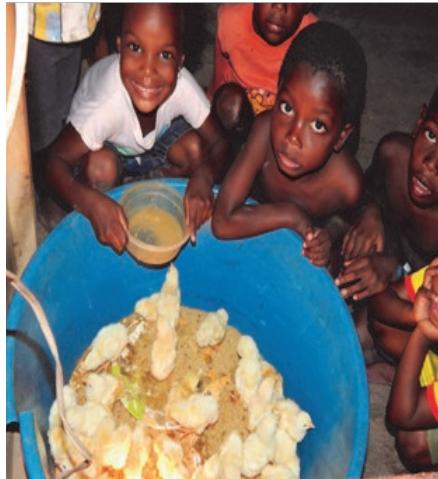
The [ENACTUS](#) team presented at the National Competition April 14-16, 2015. The team finished in the top 20% of the competition. Enactus is an international non-profit organization that brings together student, academic and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. Guided by academic advisors and business experts, the student leaders of Enactus create and implement community empowerment projects around the globe. The experience not only transforms lives, it helps students develop the kind of talent and perspective that are essential to leadership in an ever-more complicated and challenging world.

Although this group is marketed mainly toward business students, it is not just for them. Those of other majors are encouraged to join and partner with the Enactus team in their projects. All it takes is 10 volunteer hours to become an active member of the team.

Projects include: Hope Leaf, Chickens for Prosperity, Global Green Pledge, S.O.S. (Small Business Optimization Services), Chemowear, Food for Thought.



ENACTUS (cont.)



Gates-Ferry Lecturer



Doctor of Law Matthew Mahaffey, Missouri State Public Defender, will serve as Centenary College's 2015 Gates-Ferry Distinguished Visiting Lecturer. This event is free and open to the public.

He will discuss "*Law and Order in a Time of Racial Tension: How Exceptions Become Perceptions*" at 7:00 pm. Monday, April 27, 2015 in the George H. Whitney Chapel, which is located in the Edward W. Seay Administration Building. This presentation will cover the role of race, poverty, and mental health in the criminal justice system at a time of national racial tension.

"This is an excellent opportunity for members of the community to learn from this expert," says Dr. James Patterson, Chief Academic Officer and Provost at Centenary College. "I hope many individuals take advantage of this wonderful opportunity."

Matthew Mahaffey is an advocate for adult and juvenile clients and their families in and out of court regarding mental health issues, homelessness, substance abuse issues, employment needs, and other social services, before and after disposition. He also works and coordinates with existing community resources to streamline forensic services in order to avoid lapses in care and collaborates with judges on new approaches to avoid incarceration.

For more information, please call (908) 852-1400, ext. 2313.

Annual Convention of Sigma Tau Delta

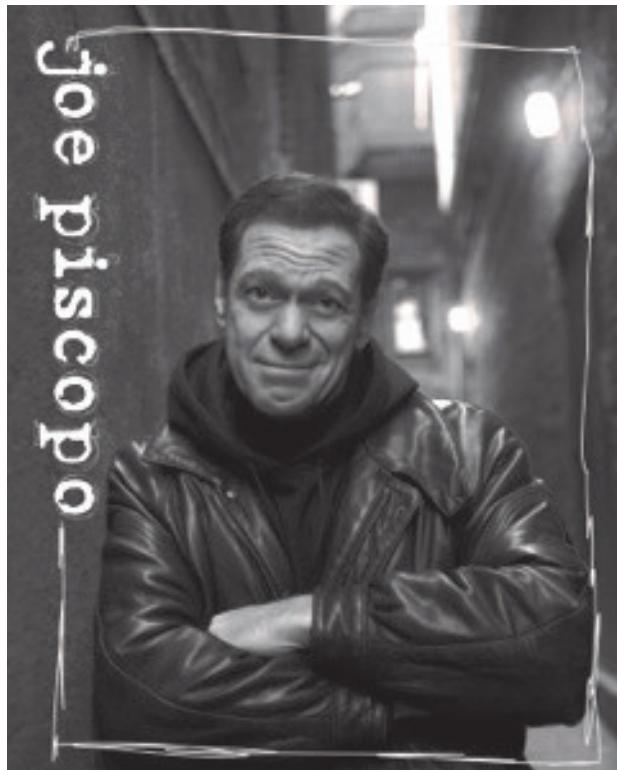
From March 18th through March 22nd, three English majors—Taylor Rudd, Susan Gorman, and Shaun Duffy—attended the annual convention of Sigma Tau Delta in Albuquerque, NM, where they all presented original work. They were accompanied by Professor Patrick Maley, from the English and Foreign Languages Department. The students did extremely well as both presenters and respondents, making Centenary shine on an international stage. Taylor Rudd was in fact recognized for excellence with a convention prize! Her paper exploring the Gothic elements of the Harry Potter series—originally written for Professor Sharon Decker’s class—was awarded third place in the category “Critical Essay: Theory, Education, Linguistics, Rhetoric, and Young Adult Literature.” In a convention featuring roughly 500 presentations, this is a very high honor. The English and Foreign Languages department is extremely proud of Susan, Taylor, and Shaun, and hope that future students will be eager to follow in their footsteps.



Sports Management

Members of Assistant Professor David Perricone's Sports Management class worked with actor and comedian Joe Piscopo on a bowl-a-thon and comedy night fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of New Jersey which took place on April 19, 2015. Mr. Piscopo is the spokesperson for the Boys and Girls Clubs of New Jersey.

Piscopo, who received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Centenary College in 2014, has won the acclaim and affection of millions through his work in television, film, theater and nightclubs over the past 25 years. After stints as a disc jockey and dinner-theater performer, Piscopo turned to comedy. In 1980, he was chosen to join a newly formed ensemble charged with one of the most difficult tasks in TV history –replacing the original cast of Saturday Night Live. [Read more here.](#)



Sports Management (cont.)



Facility Management class toured Madison Square Garden with Alumni Arden Wright class of 2013 who is a Sales Representative for MSG.



Students making sales calls for the New York Red Bulls. This course gives the students a hands on approach working directly with a professional sports team. The course is co taught by Prof. Perricone and Jamie Ponce class of 2005 who is the Director of Ticket Sales and Services for the New York Red Bulls. The class sell different ticket packages during the semester.

Study Abroad Program



**School of
International Programs**
at Centenary College, New Jersey

This semester, two students from the University of Roehampton in London are studying at Centenary through our exchange program. Iftin Ismail, (left) and Anum Nazir, (right) made Centenary College their home for the Spring '15 semester. Iftin is a Junior, majoring in Education, and will return home to pursue a teaching certification. Anum is also a Junior, majoring in English and will pursue a career in speech therapy. For both students, it is their first trip to the United States. They were offered the opportunity to study at three schools and they chose Centenary College because of its location and the courses offered. Both agree on one thing for sure. Their visit to the United States has sparked an interest to travel more and visit other countries.

Centenary students are encouraged to apply to our study abroad program and spend a semester in England, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Japan, China, or other locations. Students wishing to apply should have a 3.0 GPA with a clean judicial record and be entering their Junior year. For Centenary students, applications for Study Abroad are available in School of International Programs office or on their [website](#).



Athletics

Cyclones All-Access Live Streaming: [http://
www.centenarycyclones.com/watch/](http://www.centenarycyclones.com/watch/)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/centenary.athletics

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/
CentCyclones_NJ](http://www.twitter.com/CentCyclones_NJ)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/
CentenaryNJAthletics](http://www.youtube.com/CentenaryNJAthletics)



Live Stats: You can access live stats links from the Up-coming Events schedule on the website



Fans can also sign up to receive all their favorite Cyclones news at www.centenarycyclones.com/news

WNTI



WNTI is planning another fun night of music with Danielia Cotton at the Historic Blairstown Theatre, Main Street, Blairstown, NJ.

May 2, 2015

8:00pm show

\$20 per person

Proceeds benefit WNTI

Tickets and info at: www.wnti.org

A mix of Soul, Blues, and R & B; Danielia Cotton is an amazing singer. Her latest CD “The Real Book” is receiving national airplay and rave reviews.

Tune in to WNTI 91.9 FM for the best mix of music this side of the moon!