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Parent Newsletter



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January Commencement Keynote Speaker



This year's commencement speaker is Fred Mangione, Chief Operating Officer, Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center. Mr. Mangione leads an award-winning sales and marketing team and is responsible for the strategic development and implementation of marketing, branding, sales plans and customer relationship management metrics for both the team and the arena. He also manages the communications, game operations, and sponsorship departments, overseeing the development of strategic marketing and activation campaigns for corporate partners of both the team and the arena.

He has leveraged his sales background and played a key role in the transformation of the team brand from New Jersey to Brooklyn, the development of the Barclays Center brand and the five programming franchises at Barclays Center. He has redefined the sales process by focusing on branding and advertising strategy development, improving product messaging and driving sales across all marketing channels. Mr. Mangione is responsible for all revenue streams for both the Nets and Barclays Center. Under his leadership, the Nets moved from last place in the NBA to Top 5 in gross ticket sales and merchandise sales. Barclays Center became the top U.S. venue for ticket sales revenue and tickets sold within its first year of operation. In 2013, he was named Chief Revenue Officer, a newly created position for the Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center.

Fred Mangione joined the Nets in 1999 as the Director of Ticket Sales and worked his way up the ranks. During his tenure as head of sales, his team set revenue records that still stand today. Prior to joining the Nets, he was the Director of Sales for the 1999 Women's World Cup Giants Stadium venue. He started his career in minor league sports, selling tickets and working in marketing for minor league hockey and Arena Football.

A native of Jefferson, N.J., Mr. Mangione received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and Marketing from Centenary College. He resides in Glen Rock, N.J. with his wife Jennifer, daughter Madeline, and son Mason.

Honorary Degree Recipient

Robert J. Polakowski is a lifelong resident of New Jersey from Bayonne. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Jersey City State College in 1965 and a Master of Arts from Seton Hall University in 1970. He is a former classroom teacher in Jersey City.



Mr. Polakowski arrived in Trenton in 1971 as a field representative for membership for the New Jersey Education Association. For some seven years he was responsible for organizing and implementing an annual statewide membership campaign to raise operating funds from some 1,100 local and county affiliates. Membership grew from 72,000 to 115,000. In 1978, Mr. Polakowski became Associate Director for Government Relations representing the interests of school employees before the New Jersey Legislature and Congress. In addition, he served as campaign consultant to Democratic and Republican candidates for office at the state and national level. In 1988 Mr. Polakowski became Vice President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey, representing the interests of New Jersey's 14 independent colleges and Universities. For 26 years he focused on securing operating funds, student aid and capital construction revenue. Mr. Polakowski retired on July 1, 2014, after 36 years as a registered lobbyist.

Mr. Polakowski is a resident of Lawrenceville and the Blue Heron Golf Club in Galloway, NJ. His family includes Sona, his wife, son Mark (deceased), and daughter Jennifer, who is the Deputy Director of New Jersey Nursing Initiative (NJNI) a RWJF Program. He has two grandchildren, Collin and Reese.

January Commencement

January 10, 2015—11:00am Gymnasium, John M. Reeves Student Recreation Center

Commencement Information:

[Get Cap, Gown, and Diploma information here »](#)

Please note:

- All campus locations are CLOSED for the Winter Break between 12/24 and 1/4/15, and will reopen on 1/5/15 for resumed pickup of regalia.
- Parsippany will have gowns available for pickup after break 1/5/15 & 1/6/15.
- After 1/7 all regalia will be available in Hackettstown only.

If in doubt, contact your preferred location of pickup before going there.

[Read the Commencement Day Schedule here »](#)

[Reservations for the Commencement Breakfast here »](#) (*Reservations end at on January 9, 2015*)

[The Marketplace: Order Photos, Videos and Gifts here »](#)

[Get Parking information here »](#)

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, cancellation information will be available by **8:00 a.m.** on **January 10, 2015**. You can call our main number for any updates: **(908) 852-1400**. Snow date is **Sunday, January 11, 2015** (same schedule will apply).

New Alumni Welcome Event

The Alumni Association cordially invites graduates to join them for fun, food, drinks & prizes.

Who: All new September 2014 and January 2015 alumni

When: 6:30 p.m. January 8, 2015

Where: Alumni Alley in the David and Carol Lackland Center

To RSVP, contact the Alumni office at alumni@centenarycollege.edu or call (908) 852-1400, ext. 2167.

School of Professional Studies

Don't Make a Resolution... Make a Decision

At this time of year, many of us are starting to make resolutions with the best intentions of making our lives better next year, but how many of those resolutions will even make it to February? This year, instead of making a new year's resolution, make a firm decision. If you'd like to earn a degree as a working adult, there has never been a better time than right now to get started.

The Centenary College School of Professional Studies is hosting an open house coffee bar on Saturday, January 10 in Centenary's Parsippany learning center at 300 Littleton Road. Stop by any time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to enjoy a selection of gourmet coffees and learn how you really can earn your degree while still having time for work and family. Complete a master's, bachelor's, or associate's degree in about two years by taking classes just one evening per week or online. No GRE or GMAT exam is required, and you can easily transfer in college credits that you earned years ago.

As the parent of a Centenary student, you'll also benefit from the Family Discount of 10% off your child's full-time undergraduate tuition. To learn more, email SPSinfo@centenarycollege.edu or call 1-877-437-3746.

Financial Aid News

Don't Forget About SAP!

SAP or Satisfactory Academic Progress is just what it sounds like – students need to “do well” in their classes in order to keep their financial aid. There are three SAP measurements Centenary College checks for each semester:

- **GPA:** Is the student keeping a good GPA
- **Pace of Completion:** Is the student completing the classes or are they dropping/withdrawing/failing classes
- **Maximum Timeframe:** Is the student going to graduate on time?

SAP will be reviewed again at the end of the Fall 2014 semester. For more information on SAP (and other policies), please visit our webpage at www.centenarycollege.edu/financialaid and click on Policies.

Start Preparing Now for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

Although the new year is not quite here, it is never too early to prepare for your financial aid for the 2015-2016 year. Our priority deadline for returning students is **April 1, 2015**. By this date, the FAFSA must be filed as well as all missing documentation submitted. Many students miss out on scholarships and grants because he/she misses the priority deadline and many funds are first-come, first-served.

Did you know you can refile a FAFSA as early as January 1, 2015? When you re-file, much of your personal information is saved from the previous year, making the re-file process shorter. We recommend filing your 2014 taxes early to ensure your tax information is available in time to meet the priority deadline. Don't forget to complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov.

Financial Aid News (cont.)

Register and Pay for the Spring Semester

Registration for the spring semester began on November 3rd. Students who have not registered should do so ASAP. If you are having trouble settling your fall bill, please contact our office ASAP to discuss financial aid options that could help you out.

Spring bills are due on January 9th. The financial aid for the spring semester is already pending on students' bills. Students can (and should) view their bill online through my.Centenary. If you are interested in additional financial aid options to help with the spring bill, please contact our office before the winter break so your bill can be settled by the payment due date.

If you are on social media and would like to stay informed about the latest financial aid deadlines, scholarships, and news, "like" our Financial Aid Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/CentenaryCollegeFinancialAid or follow us on Twitter @CentenaryFinAid.

From all of us in the Financial Aid Office, we wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

Reminders from the Student Billing Office

The Centenary College Student Billing Office has changed to electronic billing. For more information about electronic billing (e-Bill), go to www.centenarycollege.edu/ebilling.

For information regarding Spring 2015 due dates and late payment fees go to www.centenarycollege.edu/UGpayment.



Career Development Center

On November 3rd the leadership of the Career Development Center changed hands and Joshua Walker, an alumni of Centenary College, stepped into the Director of Career Development role. After 8 years with Centenary as a student, alumni, staff, and adjunct faculty member he is ready to handle the challenge of getting Centenary students ready for a career with the perspective of someone who came up through the system.



As a reminder to all students and alumni, the Career Development Center offers a wide array of resources, and encourages current students and alumni alike to utilize them as often as necessary. We are here to assist with

- Resume & Cover Letter Writing
- Communication & Interview Skills
- Internship Preparation & Placement
- Finding Part-Time & Full-Time Employment
- General Career Counseling

To make an appointment, simply click: <http://centenarycareer.setmore.com>



Student Life Relocation

Student Life offices which include: Dean of Students, Residence Life, Student Engagement, Educational Opportunity Program, Student Activities, Community Service, Intramurals, Campus Ministry and First and Second Year Experience, have relocated to the old kitchen area in the Student Activities Center.

In our new space, Student Life can now provide students with a one-stop shop for all of their co-curricular needs; as well as enhance the Student Activities Center usage with the ultimate goal of providing a Student Center where Students are the center. To that end, students are encouraged to stop by and stay tuned for more information regarding the grand opening.



Centenary College recently held a grand opening for the new Wellness Center for Counseling and Health. Located at 605 Grand Avenue, the Center is a newly renovated and elegant Victorian home located in an easily accessible part of campus. It offers a convenient one-stop location for the counseling and medical needs of the Centenary student population.

Disability Services Office

The mission of the Disability Services Office (DSO) at Centenary College is to provide a full range of reasonable accommodations and support services to students with disabilities in order to ensure compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990).

Based on nationally regarded best practices, the Disability Services Office seeks to foster independence and to develop the self-advocacy of students with disabilities. In addition, the office strives to serve as a liaison and resource to the members of the Centenary College community regarding disability issues.

The DSO also offers two programs specifically designed to support students with mild emotional and learning disabilities, Project ABLE and STEP Ahead. Both programs provide a "bridge" between the structured and sometimes modified secondary-school setting to the predominantly self-directed college environment. The STEP Ahead program is an intense 4 week residential pre-college program held during the summer. It is designed to enhance the development of a student's self-advocacy, independence, interpersonal and academic skills. Enrollment is limited to 12-15 students who have specific learning disabilities and whose educational background indicates a need for basic skills remediation, developmental education, or specialized supported challenges designed to address academic, social, and emotional concerns.



Veterans Day 2014



In celebration of Veteran's Day 2014 and to recognize the valor, courage, and sacrifice of those who served or are currently serving, "The Honor Tree" made its second annual appearance in front of the cafeteria in the David and Carol Lackland Center on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. In addition, student representatives from our Second Year Experience (SYE) program organized a letter writing campaign through Operation Gratitude, a California-based organization that sends over 150,000 care packages per year to deployed troops. The letters written by members of Centenary's campus community will be included in the care packages distributed through Operation Gratitude. Many stars were hung and many letters written in support of our troops and in support of these two outreach opportunities, both so well-received by the campus community.

The Office of Veteran Services would like to take this opportunity to thank the campus community for its incredible support of our student veterans/veteran dependents attending the College and to those men and women currently deployed around the world. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the SYE volunteers and the student veteran volunteers for their involvement and initiative in these worthwhile activities.

The Office of Veteran Services accepts Honor Tree star requests throughout the year. Please email the information to pavlichkom@centenarycollege.edu.

To learn more about available services and resources, and the mission of the Office of Veteran Services at Centenary College, please go to www.centenarycollege.edu and click on the American flag in the lower right corner. To learn more about SYE, its mission and focus, please visit <http://www.centenarycollege.edu/cms/en/second-year-experience/>.

Global Lecture Speaker

The Global Lecture Speaker for The School of International Programs` this semester is **His Excellency Joon Oh, Ambassador and Permanent Resident of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations.**

Ambassador Oh addressed the College Community on November 13, 2014 in the Sitnik Theatre in the David and Carol Lackland Center.

The Ambassador spoke about “The United Nations: Can It Be A World Government?”, and shared his experiences as a career diplomat for the government of South Korea. A reception for the Ambassador followed in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Lackland Center.

The address was open to the public, and all students, faculty and staff were encouraged to attend.

The School of International Programs presents
Global Lecture Series

School of International Programs

 **The United Nations:
Can It Be A World Government?**



Featuring guest speaker
H.E. Mr. Oh Joon
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

Thursday, November 13, 2014, 10:00 am
Sitnik Theater, David and Carol Lackland Center
Centenary College

*Reception to follow in the Board Room (2nd Floor)
*This event is free and open to the public
*Contact: April Chang (chang@centenarycollege.edu)


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Actor Stephen Rea & Dramatist Sam Shepard

A Public Interview with Stephen Rea and Sam Shepard took place on November 17, 2014 in the Sitnik Theatre in the David and Carol Lackland Center.

Stephen Rea is an actor and director. He has appeared in many award-winning films, including *Angel* (1982), *The Crying Game* (1992), *Interview with the Vampire* (1994), *Trojan Eddie* (1995), *Michael Collins* (1995), *The Butcher Boy* (1997), *End of the Affair* (1998), and *Breakfast on Pluto* (2004). He is also a founding director, with the playwright Brian Friel, of the Field Day Theatre Company. Field Day is currently staging Sam Shepard's *A Particle of Dread* (*Oedipus Variations*), directed by Nancy Meckler, in the Signature Theatre, New York.

Sam Shepard is a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and actor. Among his many plays are *Curse of the Starving Class* (1976), *Buried Child* (1979), *True West* (1980), *Fool for Love* (1983), *A Lie of the Mind* (1985), *The God of Hell* (2004), *Kicking a Dead Horse* (2007) and *Ages of the Moon* (2009). As an actor his credits include *The Right Stuff* (1983), *Fool for Love* (1985), *Steel Magnolias* (1989), *The Pelican Brief* (1993), *All the Pretty Horses* (2000), *The Pledge* (2001), *Black Hawk Down* (2001), *Mud* (2012) and *August: Osage County* (2013).



In the News

President Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite's article *The Added Value of Small Independent Colleges* was featured in the Huffington Post.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-barbarajayne-lewthwaite/the-added-value-of-small-_b_6172988.html?1416251518

Dr. Haiduc-Dale was featured on Melissa Estock's show, Hometown, on WMBC-TV this past Saturday. It was a wonderful interview. Please see the link below.

<http://wmbctv.com/wmbctvnews/2014/11/08/hometown-noah-haiduc-dale/>

Dr. Shane Fitzpatrick was featured on WCCO-Minneapolis "The Jordana Green Show" to discuss the Obama plan and the threat of terrorist action here in the United States. WCCO is a CBS affiliate and is broadcast in 26 states. We established a relationship with this station last winter and they keep asking for Dr. Fitzpatrick back as a guest!

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/audio-on-demand/jordana-green/>

Professor Christopher Linne

Each year, the Van Winkle Achievement Award is presented to a remarkable professional of great accomplishments and outstanding service to Centenary College. This individual is someone who brings honor to our institution as well as the community at large. This year, Centenary presented the Van Winkle Achievement Award to Professor Christopher Linne. He is more than a professor here at Centenary; his achievements go beyond the classroom and beyond the College.

Besides being an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice & Sociology and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Studies Program, Professor Linne and his family created the Linne Family Scholarships at Centenary College and county College of Morris. His accomplishments extend beyond New Jersey. He travelled to Ghana multiple times and helped various schools providing them with educational development opportunities and school supplies. He recently completed a fundraising initiative to install a water system at a public school complex that serves over 4,500 students in Brahabehome-Obuasi, Ghana.

In the News (cont.)

Dr. Breandán Mac Suibhne, Associate Professor of History at Centenary College, served as the Fall 2014 Gates-Ferry Distinguished Lecturer. His presentation, *The Molly Maguires and the Politics of post-Famine Adjustment in Ireland*, took place on November 19th in the Lackland Center .

Dr. Mac Suibhne is a historian of society and culture in modern Ireland. A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and University College, Dublin, his publications include *Society and Manners in Early Nineteenth-Century Ireland* (Dublin, 2011) and, with David Dickson, *The Outer Edge of Ulster* (Dublin, 2000; South Bend, 2001). He was a founding editor, with the critic Seamus Deane, of *Field Day Review*, a journal of political and literary culture. He is completing a book on the subject of his talk which will be published by Oxford University Press. He has also previously addressed this topic in seminars and public lectures at Cambridge University, the National University of Ireland (Galway), New York University, Quinnipiac University, the University of Ireland, and the University of Ulster.

Suzanne McCarthy, Senior Director of Academic Success and Advising Centenary will complete her first of a three-year term as the Professional Development Director on the Board of the College Reading and Writing Association. McCarthy recently attended the annual conference of the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) in St. Paul, Minnesota where they unveiled a new logo and an entirely redesigned website in an effort to better showcase the organization. [http://www.centenarycollege.edu/cms/index.php?id=1645&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=2576](http://www.centenarycollege.edu/cms/index.php?id=1645&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=2576)

Athletics

Want to know how to follow all of the Cyclone Athletic Teams?

Fans can find all information on their favorite Centenary team via our website at www.centenarycyclones.com as well as on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/centenary.athletics

Twitter: www.twitter.com/CentCyclones_NJ

YouTube: www.youtube.com/CentenaryNJAthletics

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



Upcoming Winter Athletic Events

Baseball and Softball Teams 1st Annual Restaurant World Series

Saturday, January 23rd, 2015 - 6:30pm

John M Reeves Student Recreation Center

For more information please contact Kim Broking or Scott Kushner

Phone: 908-852-1400 x 2906 or x 2344

Email: brokingk@centenarycollege.edu

kushners@centenarycollege.edu

Winter Promotional Dates

- Dec. 20th** Men's Basketball Camper Appreciation Day
Cyclones vs Rutgers-Newark 2pm
- Jan. 3rd** Women's Basketball Camper Appreciation Day
Lady Cyclones vs Kean 1pm
- Jan 17th** Men's Basketball Alumni Day
Alumni Game 1130am,
Cyclones vs Marywood 2pm
- Jan 28th** WBB / MBB Coaches versus Cancer Night
Lady Cyclones vs Cedar Crest 6pm,
Cyclones vs Keystone 8pm
- Feb. 7th** WBB / MBB Take a Kid to the Game Day
Lady Cyclones vs Notre Dame of MD 2pm,
Cyclones vs Immaculata 4pm
- Feb. 14th** Men's Basketball Senior Day
Cyclones vs Baptist Bible 2pm
- Feb 16th** Women's Basketball Senior Night
Lady Cyclones vs Marywood 7pm

#Giving Tuesday

With the holidays upon us it is important to remember the spirit of giving!



EOP Toy Drive with Hackettstown Police Department

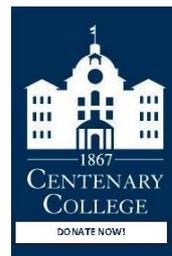
Bring a new, unwrapped toy to support local families....going on now through December 16th. Contact Glenda at zellarsg@centenarycollege.edu.

Midnight Run

The College will be going on three more Midnight Run trips in the Spring semester. Any clothing donations including new socks and underwear are always appreciated, as well as travel sized toiletry items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, razors and shaving cream. Items can be brought to the Student Life office. Contact Lindsay at smith105@centenarycollege.edu.

Centenary Fund

Gifts to the Centenary Fund help provide a collective pool of support to ensure the best possible resources for current and future students. These gifts provide financial resources that benefit students in many ways, including scholarships, student life activities, providing the latest technology, and maintaining and improving our facilities. Contact Emily at walkere02@centenarycollege.edu.



Giving Tree

Any new and used children's clothing and toys for ages Newborn -18 will be donated through the United Way to local families in Warren and Sussex counties. Items can be brought to the Student Life office. Contact Lindsay at smith105@centenarycollege.edu

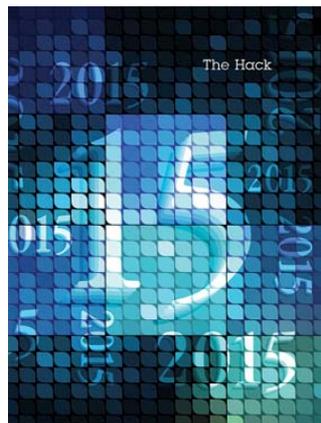
Trinity Church

The church food pantry will be collecting canned goods to donate to local families for the holiday season. Please bring any canned items to the Student Life center through the end of the semester! Contact Don at gephardd@centenarycollege.edu.

Centenary Publications

The **2015 Hack Yearbook** on sale now through January 18, 2015 for the low price of \$60. (After January 18 the price will increase to \$65). Visit www.jostensyearbooks.com and search for Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ. Click 2015 Yearbook and follow the prompts to place your order. The Hack yearbooks sold out last year. Don't Delay, pre-order your copy today!

The yearbooks will arrive late April/early May 2015 approximately 2 weeks before graduation. They can be picked up at the Campus Bookstore in the Seay Building, which will open graduation day. Please include your email with your order so you will be notified when the yearbooks arrive.



Create a custom Recognition Ad

Show your student how proud you are and create a custom Recognition Ad for their 2015 yearbook! Yearbook ads are a great way to celebrate student success, milestones, and reflect on the person your student has become.

Visit www.jostensadservice.com and select Order a Student Ad and type in Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ. Then register to begin creating your custom ad. Last day to order your Recognition Ad is February 16, 2015.

Any Questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800 or contact Justine at hyle-primej@centenarycollege.edu



See the latest edition of the student newspaper, The Quill, online at <http://www.centenarycollege.edu/thequill>

Fall Fashion Show

The Fall Fashion Show, managed by the Fashion Coordination and Promotion class, was held recently at the John M. Reeves Student Recreation Center. This year's fashion show presented some particularly unique projects including hat designs by the AFC class, *Hat Making and Creativity in Fashion*, the *History of Costume* class and more. See clip from WMBC-TV as Professor Mia Whang's *Flat Pattern* class prepares for the exciting event.

<http://wmbctv.com/wmbctvnews/?s=Centenary+Fashion+Show>



Sunday, January 25, 2015

Mardi Gras Party at the Stanhope House with the Storyville Stompers.
Flyer attached.

PocoNotes & WNTI Present...

MARDI GRAS STOMPIN' AT THE STANHOPE HOUSE

THE STORYVILLE STOMPERS

6.00 PM
JANUARY 25, 2015

A NEW ORLEANS
TRADITION SINCE 1981.
WINNER, NEW ORLEANS'
BEST TRADITIONAL
BRASS BAND.

45 MAIN ST.
STANHOPE, NJ

General Admission: \$25 Advance/\$30 Door. Keepsake Wristband & Second Line Hankie
For Tickets & Information: WNTI.org - (908) 979-4355 Ext. 1 or PocoNotes.com - (888) 800-POCO