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April 2014

Parent Newsletter

May Commencement Speaker



Centenary College is pleased to announce that its keynote speaker for the 139th May Commencement is the Honorable Thomas H. Kean, former Governor of the State of New Jersey, Past President of Drew University and past Chairman of the 9/11 Commission.

The Commencement will take place on the Hackettstown, N.J. campus on May 17, 2014 where he will also receive an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters.



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NEW JERSEY

139th Commencement, Saturday, May 17th

Commencement practice

Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30pm
Front lawn of the Seay Building

Immediately following graduates are invited to attend the annual Alumni Welcome.

Saturday, May 17, 2014,

Front lawn of the Seay Building.



The schedule is outlined below:

9:00am - Baccalaureate Ceremony in the
Sitnik Theater, David Carol Lackland Center

10am to 12 noon - Commencement Brunch
Dining Room at the David & Carol Lackland Center.

12 noon - Robing and Lineup on the Quad behind Seay Building.

1:00 pm - 139th May Commencement - Processional.

Professional photographers will capture every graduate at least 3 times as they accept their degree and walk across the stage to shake the hand of the College President.

For more information on the events of Graduation week, please visit www.centenarycollege.edu/commencement .

Information is updated regularly as it becomes available.

Alumni Welcome Party

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
6:30pm

With light refreshments and great prizes!

President's Circle Dining Room
David and Carol Lackland Center

For more details and to RSVP, please contact
Office of Alumni Relations at (908) 852-1400, ext. 2167.



A L U M N I

Financial Literacy Month

Since March of 2004, April has been recognized nationally as Financial Literacy Month. This year, Centenary College has organized a month-long program titled “Financial Literacy: A Passport to Understanding Your Finances.”

This program is aimed at teaching our students various topics related to financial literacy, including budgeting, credit and debt management, borrowing student loans wisely and money in the real world.

Please encourage your student to attend this year’s programming as it is an excellent opportunity for them to learn valuable information that will carry our students through college and into their adult life. This program is free and registration for the workshops is not required.

Please see the schedule of events on the next page for information on dates, times and locations of each workshop.

For more information about Financial Literacy programming at Centenary College, contact Jonathan Ramirez at ramirezj@centenarycollege.edu



**FINANCIAL LITERACY
MONTH IS HERE!**

Financial Literacy Month Events



Your Passport to Understanding Your Finances

Budgeting:

Monday 4/7/2014 at 1:00pm

Presented by Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)
(President's Circle Room, Lackland Center)

Credit and Debt Management:

Monday 4/14/2014 at 1:00pm

Presented by HESAA
(President's Circle Room, Lackland Center)

Student Loans - Borrowing and Repayment:

Monday 4/21/2014 at 1:00pm

Presented by HESAA
(President's Circle Room, Lackland Center)

Money in the Real World:

Monday 4/28/2014 at 1:00pm

Presented by Tiffany Zappulla
(Board Room at Lackland Center - upper level)

Gates-Ferry Lecture

Terrorism: America at Risk

Dr. Shane Fitzpatrick, Associate Professor of International Studies and frequent briefing analyst for the New Jersey Department of Homeland Security, will serve as a 2014 Gates-Ferry Distinguished Lecturer.

His presentation “*Terrorism: America at Risk*” will be given at 7 p.m. April 8, 2014, in the Edith Bolte Kutz ’42 Theater at the David and Carol Lackland Center. This event is free and open to the public.

In the presentation, Dr. Fitzpatrick will discuss recent terrorist attacks throughout the world and will reveal terrorist strategies that most impact American citizens and the law enforcement community.

Dr. Fitzpatrick, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, is a nationally renowned expert on counterterrorism. He has worked with Homeland Security and served as a briefing analyst for the FBI and law enforcement agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Dr. Fitzpatrick has made a broad range of presentations on the continuing threat posed by terrorism to the United States in the aftermath of 9/11. Dr. James Patterson, the Provost at Centenary College, observes that: “In light of the striking relevance of the topic, Centenary is fortunate to have the opportunity to present a renowned scholar/practitioner to the wider community.”

See Dr. Fitzpatrick’s online bio and listen to select radio presentations online at: www.centenarycollege.edu/fitzpatrick

Centenary College: Not Just for Kids Anymore



What better way to bond with your son or daughter than by sharing the experience of earning your degrees together? Maybe you haven't taken a college course since the Bush administration—the first Bush administration—but with evening and online graduate programs at Centenary College, it's never been more convenient to earn your master's degree.

Centenary offers 10 master's degree programs in business, counseling, education, and public administration. If you enroll in any of these graduate programs at Centenary College, your son or daughter will benefit from the Family Plan Scholarship, which saves 10% off the full-time undergraduate tuition for every year that both you and your child are enrolled at Centenary.

You've always emphasized to your children the importance of earning a college degree, so why not enjoy the same benefits of continuing your own education? Centenary offers traditional 15-week graduate courses that you can take on our Hackettstown campus, as well as accelerated 8-week graduate courses that you can choose to take online or at our Parsippany or Edison location. Some degrees can be completed in as little as two years.

You should be very proud that your son or daughter is taking the first step toward their career. If you're ready to take the next step in yours, call our graduate admissions team to learn more at 1-877-236-4723 or attend our Graduate Studies Open House on Saturday, April 12 at 9am. To learn more or to register, visit CentenaryCollege.edu/Graduate.

Career Center News

With graduation just around the corner, The Career Center has been preparing a full roster of programming to ensure students are prepared for life after Centenary. This spring's "4 Steps to Success" events will get your undergrad on track to securing gainful employment whether it's after graduation or for part-time and internship opportunities right now.

Speed Mentoring, April 3rd President's Circle Room, 5:30pm

This annual event brings 15 alumni and local mentors together with current students for a networking session in a format similar to speed dating. Students will rotate from table to table speaking with professionals in business, education, communications, law, social services, finance, and more. Keep in mind that **The Alumni Mentoring Program**, which matches students with alumni in their field of interest, is also available year-round.



Spring 2014 Career Fair, April 9th Lackland Center, 2:00 – 5:00pm

This year's fair will be held in the Lackland Center and will welcome more than 40 employers and the return of our LinkedIn photobooth, where students can have a free professional headshot taken. Confirmed employers include Verizon Wireless, Edward Jones, Bloomingdale's, the NJ State Police, & more. [Click here](#) for the full list of attending employers.



Career Center News

“Money in the Real World”, April 28th

Lackland Board Room, 1:00pm (Students can bring their lunch trays)
Once students have obtained a few job offers, it is critical for them to start thinking about the realities of entry-level work. This presentation is the last in a series of valuable workshops for students on financial literacy all month long. Subjects such as realistic salary expectations and financial survival after graduation will be discussed. Students will learn how to "work their way up" in an industry and make career choices that will help them pave the way to financial stability in their future. It is suggested that participants attend prior sessions in this series. Information can be found on page 3.

Students need all of the support they can get when it comes to thinking seriously about their future. Please encourage your son or daughter to visit the Career Center frequently during all four years at Centenary College to ensure their marketability in today's competitive job market!

Centenary College's Ladies & Gents Club is partnering with the Career Development Center to create a closet and give students the opportunity to obtain professional attire for the upcoming career fair or any other event pertaining to a professional matter. All items will be dry-cleaned before being signed out by a student.

Some students are not aware of the appropriate dress code for their first job interview, career fair, or internship, and this opportunity will assist as a guide and a way to save money on buying new suits, shirts, etc.

Donations of business professional clothing to help students look professional would be appreciated. Specifically we are looking for:

Men's: Suits, Slacks, Blazers, Dress Shirts, Belts, Ties

Women's: Suits, Dress Pants, Blazers, Shirts, Blouses, Dresses

There are marked donation bins in **Brotherton, the Cafeteria, first floor of Ferry, or Residence Life/The Care Development Center** to drop off items.

Small Colleges Have A Big Impact in New Jersey

By Dr. Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, Centenary College President

As New Jersey and the nation continue to struggle with creating sustainable economic growth and jobs, the critical role of higher education — and small, independent colleges in particular — deserves continued close attention and support from policymakers and the public.

While large public universities such as Rutgers get most of the spotlight (and the lion's share of financial support from Trenton), small, private colleges still play a major role creating educational and economic opportunities for New Jersey's residents. And while some have questioned whether these smaller institutions can endure, the fact is their survival is essential to the future growth, competitiveness and economic well-being of our state.

Naysayers have been predicting doom and gloom for small, independent higher education for some time. It is true that independent colleges, particularly those that are tuition-dependent, are facing fiscal challenges unseen in years. But these institutions in general — and, I am proud to say, Centenary College in particular — can and will survive and thrive.

The key to private higher education's continued survival is twofold: We need to diversify our revenue streams to decrease our reliance on traditional students' tuition payments, and we must be creative in the ways we save and spend money in order to provide our students with the best opportunities at a reasonable cost. That may sound like common-sense business, but the fact is, running a modern college is in many ways about business decisions that work hand in hand with educational ones.

One way we have increased our revenue at Centenary is by expanding our academic offerings to address the growth sectors of the economy. For example, we have created a Master of Health Care Administration program, scheduled to start this fall through our School of Professional Studies. Likewise, we have crafted partnerships on many levels in order to benefit those who come to Centenary. For instance, we recently cut the ribbon on an Environmental Science Center, at the Charles O. Hayford State Fish Hatchery, to better to help our students study the world in which we live.



All of that said, the ability of the state's independent colleges to control their own destinies is not just relevant to the institutions themselves. It is important for all of us in New Jersey and the region.

According to the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey, for fiscal 2012, the state's 14 private institutions employed 18,468 people and generated \$9.7 billion in economic activity. At Centenary alone, our economic impact on our region exceeded \$100 million. Not only that, Centenary serves as the primary resource for higher education in a three-plus-county area — providing our community with teachers, law enforcement personnel, entrepreneurs and many other professionals. Private education is extremely cost-effective, as well. Centenary provides 94 percent of our traditional, full-time students with some form of institutional aid that does not have to be paid back. When you consider benefits such as individualized attention and experiential learning, you come understand what a bargain small colleges are.

Of course, our relationship with the community extends beyond economics and education. We share our resources, too, helping area residents charge their cellphones in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy or offering swimming lessons in our George J. Ferry Natatorium. Now think about what would happen if these independent colleges ceased to exist. Without your support for institutions such as Centenary, the naysayers' predictions could come true. It is easy to stand with Centenary and other private institutions: Make a donation, take a class, back beneficial legislation. With your help, these colleges can thrive and all can benefit from their successes.

College Relations/Alumni

An update on *The Campaign for Centenary College*

The latest phase of *The Campaign for Centenary College*, “Honor Our Past, Invest in Our Future,” is building a strong foundation for Centenary in the years to come. This phase of *The Campaign* is designed to ensure the College’s ability to support the best students, faculty and staff for generations through support for the Centenary College endowment and much more. As of April 2014, Centenary has raised \$1.2 million toward its \$20 million goal. If you would like more information about “Honor Our Past, Invest in Our Future,” please contact the Office of College Relations at (908) 852-1400, ext. 2379, or campaign@centenarycollege.edu.

Circle some very special dates!

“**Crowd the Rail**,” a special event at the Garden State Horse Show to benefit the Equestrian Center Enhancement Fund, will be held May 3, 2014. For more information, you can go to:

<http://alumni.centenarycollege.edu/NetCommunity/equestrianevent>

The annual **Scholarship Gala, *Celebrating Centenary’s Global Community*** which benefits the Centenary College scholarship fund, will be held June 19, 2014. For more information, you can go to:

<http://alumni.centenarycollege.edu/NetCommunity/gala>

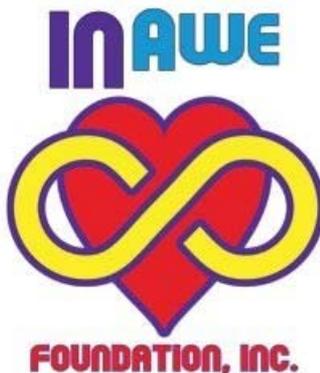
This year’s **Family & Alumni Weekend**, featuring the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1964 and more, will be held October 10-12, 2014. For more information, you can go to:

<http://alumni.centenarycollege.edu/NetCommunity/homecoming>

The **Alumni Travel Program** is headed to France this year, from November 1-8, 2014. Highlights include Paris and Normandy, 70 years after the D-Day landings. For more information, you can go to:

<http://alumni.centenarycollege.edu/NetCommunity/events>

Counseling Center



The Anonymous People

The Centenary College Counseling Center and In Awe Foundation, Inc., are sponsoring a movie screening of *The Anonymous People* at 7:30 p.m. April 29, 2014, at Bow Tie Cinemas in Mansfield. Tickets cost \$12.50 and members of the community are invited to attend.

The Anonymous People is a feature documentary film about the more than 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Deeply entrenched social stigma have kept recovery voices silent and faces hidden for decades. The vacuum has been filled with sensational mass media depictions of people with addictions that perpetuate a lurid fascination with the dysfunctional side of what is a preventable and treatable health condition. Just like with women with breast cancer, or people with HIV/AIDS, a grass-roots social justice movement is emerging. Courageous addiction recovery advocates have come out of the shadows and are organizing to end discrimination and move toward recovery-based solutions.

This opportunity was spearheaded by Centenary student Melissa O'Mara, who also has developed a weekly Addiction Recovery Series at the campus under the direction of Lorna Farmer, Director of the Counseling Center at Centenary College.

Disney Internships

Three students spent a semester in Disney World as part of an innovative internship program that proved to be truly magical. This opportunity is part of a partnership that Centenary College has had with Disney's Internships and Programs for the past 11 years. Learn more about their experiences online.

<http://www.centenarycollege.edu/cms/en/news-events-announcements-index/news-article/article/it-is-a-magical-internship-centenary-students-spend-a-semester-in-disney-world/>



7th Annual Earth Day



Centenary College will be holding its 7th Annual Earth Day Celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 26, 2014 outside of the Edward W. Seay Administration Building. Activities will include children's crafts, a Recycled Material Fashion Show and musical entertainment.

For more information go www.centenarycollege.edu/earthday

Any Questions? Please e-mail bergeyl@centenarycollege.edu

Exam Baskets



Brought to you by:

Community Service and Student Activities

Do you want to purchase an Exam Cram Care Basket for your student?

The baskets will be hand delivered to your student the week before exams on May 5th. Baskets will be filled with favorite goodies and exam supplies. The cost for one basket is \$35.

Proceeds from the baskets will be donated to local charity. Contact StudentActivities@centenarycollege.edu to find out more!

Alternative Spring Break

Instead of relaxing with their families or traveling to some place warm, six Centenary College students put their spring break to a good cause. The students participated in an alternative spring break, organized through the United Way of Northern New Jersey. They were housed at the Boys and Girls Club of Newark and spent their days repairing the Port Monmouth First Aid Squad Station and working with the children at the Boys and Girls Club itself.

After severe damages caused by Super Storm Sandy, the Port Monmouth First Aid Squad station became a major priority during the alternative spring break program. When students arrived they were broken up into teams, each made up of students from different schools, creating an opportunity to meet new people. Each team was then assigned a certain task in rebuilding damaged areas of the station.

At the end of every day the volunteers returned to the Boys and Girls Club for the rest of the evening. Students ate dinner and would then reflect on their days of community service. The program continued through the week until the students returned to campus on Saturday evening.



Athletics

2013-14 Athletic Awards Ceremony

The annual Athletic Awards Ceremony is being held on Sunday, May 4th, 2014 at 9:00am in the Sitnik Theater at the David and Carol Lackland Center. All 13 Athletic Teams will be honored for their season successes, along with the department's Coach of the Year. Male and Female Cardy Gemma Awards, Rookie of the Year, and Athlete of the Year awards will be also be announced.

All Centenary Student Athletes and their parents are invited to attend. Invitations will be sent in mid April. All individuals planning to attend will be asked to RSVP prior to the event as seating is limited.

Chris Burdge earns a pair of All American honors

Centenary senior Chris Burdge made history in Iowa on March 15th, as he earned his fourth NCAA All-American award after placing third at the NCAA Division III Wrestling National Championships. Burdge is the only athlete in Centenary history to have earned NCAA All-American laurels on more than two occasions. In addition to his on-mat accomplishments, Chris also is a two-time National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American. He completed his senior season with a 21-1 record.

[Visit the Cyclones online at
www.centenarycyclones.com](http://www.centenarycyclones.com)





J.E. Reeves Jr. Turf Field Ribbon Cutting Set For April 15

A ribbon cutting ceremony to signal the official opening of Centenary College's new J.E. Reeves Jr. Turf Field will take place on Tuesday, April 15 at 10:00 am near the David and Carol Lackland Center parking lot. Members of the community are invited to attend. The Field Turf XM field will serve as the home for the Cyclones' men's and women's soccer and men's and women's lacrosse teams, as well as intramural sports and community soccer organizations. In addition to the turf surface, a new scoreboard is being installed.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, Centenary will be hosting a reception in the President's Circle Room in the David and Carol Lackland Center with light refreshments.

WNTI Stage

WNTI Stage 2014 August 15, 16, 17
Knowlton Lions Club Pavillion, Rt. 46, Delaware, NJ

Three days of non stop music on two stages. BYO lawn chairs.
Food and merchant vendors, beer and wine.
Free parking.

\$10 per person Friday 8/15,
\$20 per person Saturday 8/16
\$10 per person Sunday 8/17

Tickets and info at www.wnti.org
Three day discount passes available until May 31.

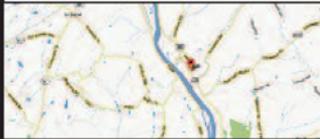


August 15, 16 & 17
**3 Days of Music, Food,
Vendors, Beer, Wine
and Lots of Fun!**

Under the Big Top Tent and Knowlton Lions
Club Pavillion • Route 46, Delaware, NJ

*Highlights for this year include the return
of the Grand Slambovians • Friday, Aug. 15*

Check website for full schedule and tickets



www.WNTIstage.org



WNTI Boogie Bash

A Night to Remember!

WNTI 91.1FM **HAPPY FOOT**



"BOOGIE BASH"

Special Guest Appearance:
Gary "Gotta Gotta" Lovett

Saturday, April 12, 2014 8 - 12 PM

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Student Activities Calendar

Cent_Life Be In the Know

Monday 31st	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd
Japanese Food	Cent Cinema	Battle Of the Bands	N A
<p>8:00-9:00pm: Kickboxing— Lotte Dance Studio</p> <p>8-10:00pm: Making Japanese Food— Learn how to cook it and then enjoy it w/ ISO! —SAC</p>  <p>9:00-10:00pm: Birthday Cake— Is your birthday in April? Join us for free cake sponsored by the Alumni Office. —SAC</p>	<p>6:00-9:00pm Intramural Basketball —Reeves Gym</p> <p>8:00-9:00pm: Yoga— Lotte Dance Studio</p> <p>8:30-9:30pm: Addiction Recovery Series —Career Lounge</p>  <p>9:30-11:30pm: Cent Cinema Presents: American Hustle —Popcorn and snacks. Free. —Little Theatre</p>	<p>8:00-9:00pm: Zumba— Lotte Dance Studio</p>  <p>9:30-11:00pm: Open Mic Night- Battle of the Bands— Cent Life's biggest music event so far this year! Come enjoy live music, food, and more!! Do you have a band or know someone who does? Email us to compete! —Reeves Gym</p>	<p>6:00-9:00pm: Intra- Basketball —Reeves Gym</p> <p>8-10:00pm: Nail Paint an your Sponsor</p>

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Contact Student Activities with any questions.
For more events visit [www.centlife.com](#)
*ALL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Now: March 31st - April 6th

Thursday 3 rd	Friday 4 th	Saturday 5 th	Sunday 6 th
<p>Mail Art</p> <p>10:00pm Mural Basketball Gym</p>  <p>1:00pm Mail Art— and decorate your nails! Sponsored by ISO. SAC</p>	<p>Campus Clean Up</p> <p>12:00pm: Spring Campus Clean Up— Do you need Community Service hours? Or just want to help out? —Meet in the Quad</p> 	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p>  <p>Paintball Trip: April 13th</p>  <p>Rock the Quad: April 25th</p> <p>PICNIC</p>  <p>All Campus Picnic: May 2nd:</p>	<p>Leadership Awards</p>  <p>10:00am-12:00pm: Leadership Awards— Annual Leadership Award Ceremony, for any questions contact younge02@centenarycollege.edu. —Lackland, Sitnik</p> <p>Follow Us:</p>  <p>Cent_Life @Cent_Life /CentenaryLife</p>

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