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NJ 2015 Best Women in Business



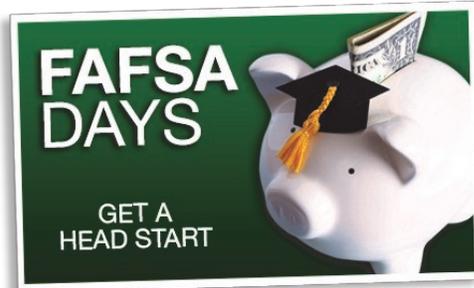
Centenary College President, Dr. Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, has been named one of New Jersey's 2015 Best Women in Business. The award program, produced by NJBIZ, New Jersey's premiere business news publication, is sponsored by Wells Fargo, WithumSmith+Brown, PC and Comcast Business.

The Best Women awards program honors New Jersey's most dynamic women employed in for-profit or non-profit organizations that have been making headlines in their field and who are influential in their industry and in the community. Other honorees who represent the world of higher education include Susan Cole, President of Montclair State University; Lei Lei, Professor and Dean of Rutgers Business School; and Judith Sheft, Associate Vice President of Technology Development at NJIT.

This is an exciting accolade for our President and Centenary College. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Lewthwaite on this prestigious award.

Apply Now for FA 2015 & SP 2016 Financial Aid

Did you know that all financial aid information must be submitted to our office no later than April 1st. Don't wait until the last minute to complete the FAFSA! About 40% of the students who complete a FAFSA must submit additional information and it must be submitted no later than April 1st as well. While the deadline for applying for financial aid is April 1st, we recommend that all families **complete the FAFSA as soon as possible**.



All reminders, award notifications, and missing information requests will be sent to your son or daughter's Centenary email account, so please remind them to check their email. Missing information requests will be emailed to students, but they should also check NetPartner (online at www.centenarycollege.edu/netpartner) regularly to view any additional information that may be requested.

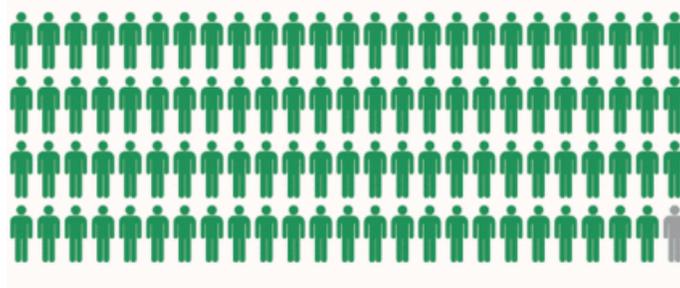
Complete your tax returns as early as possible: If you don't have your 2014 tax returns completed yet, you should still complete the FAFSA with estimated information. Final tax return information must be corrected on the FAFSA prior to April 1st. Remember that our office cannot accept copies of your tax return – You must either use the IRS Data Retrieval through the FAFSA or submit a copy of your Tax Return Transcripts. The IRS Data Retrieval tool in the FAFSA and Tax Return Transcripts are available about two (2) weeks after your tax returns have been electronically submitted to the IRS.

If your son or daughter will not be completing the FAFSA this year, please remind **him or her** to notify our office in writing as soon as possible so that **the** other financial aid will not be held up.

A Centenary Education

Something to keep in mind about a Centenary College education... Centenary offers significant scholarships, grants, and other financial aid awards to dramatically lower the net cost you actually pay for a Centenary education.

99% of our students receive awards - Nearly every student received scholarships, grants, or both for the 2014-15 academic year.



Freshmen save an average of \$22,700. This brings a "sticker price" of over \$40,000 to an average net cost of less than \$20,000.



A Centenary Education

What could you buy with \$22,700? That's a great question ... and we have a few suggestions!

1 new car

Depending on your taste.

27 65-inch LCD TVs

With 55 million pixels.

504 backpacks

That'll hold over 2,500 textbooks.

9,080 NYC subway fares

Ride once a day for 24 years.

22,700 dollar store items

Enough for 1,900 gallons of soup.

123,178 sticks of gum

Placed end to end, that's 5½ miles.

2,467,391 sheets of paper

That's a term paper 700 feet high!

In addition, per our last survey, 91% of our graduates are employed or in graduate school within a year of graduation, and as good responsible citizens they pay back the loans they have taken at a very impressive rate.

The national average for loan repayment default is 13.7%. With regard to Centenary, the rate is 6.7%.

Our Endowment Campaign will help us to continue to provide strong scholarship support for our students.

E-book for College Bound Students

Centenary College recently published an E-book for college bound students to navigate the world of financial aid. The E-book entitled “*Navigating the World of College Student Financial Aid*” is available on the Centenary College website at www.centenarycollege.edu/AidEbook. Watch the recent WMBC-TV interview with Evelynne Blatt, Director of Financial Aid, about Centenary College’s Financial Aid E-Book. [Click here](#).



In fact, Evelynne Blatt recently had several articles published in the Huffington Post. Click on the links below to read more:

[*So You Got Into College. Now What*](#)

[*FAFSA: The Starting Point for Financing College*](#)

[*Working with the College Financial Aid Office*](#)

Apply for May or September 2015 Degrees



March 6 Deadline

Students scheduled to complete the final course or courses in their degree program in the Spring or Summer 2015 semester (by September 30, 2015)...it is time to apply for their degree. Please note the following:

- Students need to apply for their degree. It is not an automatic process.
- Even if a student does not wish to participate in the ceremony, they need to apply for the degree.
- Print out the application-all information needed is on the application.
- Student's advisor needs to review transcript and sign the application before the Registrar's office may accept the application. Students should contact their advisor to make arrangements to meet with them.
- If a student will not finish their degree requirements until October or later, they should not apply for degree yet. (form will be available Sept 2015)
- Commencement Date: May 16, 2015. Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1PM, with graduate lineup at 12PM in the Quad. Detailed information about the ceremony will be available in April on our web page.

Questions about degree? Students should contact their program advisor - the earlier the better!

Academic Success & Advising Center

The mission of the Academic Success and Advising Center is to provide resources for students to become successful, independent learners.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- **Academic Coaching**
The Academic Success and Advising Center offers students assistance in developing strategies to meet their educational goals. Topics addressed are managing time, goal setting, studying more effectively and accessing campus resources.
- **CRLA Certified Tutoring Program**
Centenary's Tutoring Program is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association at the highest level. Tutoring takes place in the Tutoring Center in the lower level of the Seay Building.
- **Workshops**
Each semester the Academic Success and Advising Center offers several one hour workshops to teach effective strategies for meeting academic goals.

DROP TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES

- The following tutoring opportunities are available each week on a drop in basis. No appointment required.

For 1000 and 2000 level courses (not Math or Science)

Monday 10:00—11:00

Tuesday 2:00—3:00

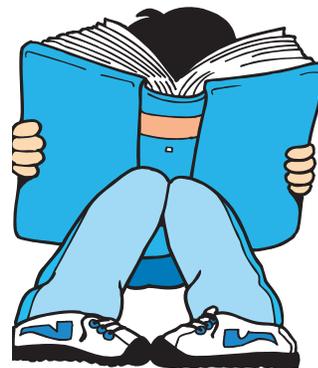
Wednesday 2:00—3:00

Thursday 10:00—11:00

Accounting I & II, Finance, Economics

Monday 1:45—2:45

Thursday 1:00—2:00



Academic Success & Advising Center

The Math Lab is a drop-in opportunity for tutoring :

Monday and Thursday 12:00—2:00

Monday through Thursday 4:00—6:00

Tutoring for: College, Math, Quantitative Literacy, Algebraic Modeling, Geometry, Statistics I & II, Statistics for Social Sciences

SPRING 2015 WORKSHOPS

- **Time Management:** Students learn a variety of strategies to make the most of their time and meet academic and personal goals.
- **Note-taking:** Students are introduced to several approaches to note-taking.
- **Textbook Reading:** David Millbrook's Textmapping strategies will be introduced to enable students to get the most out of textbook reading. Annotation and other comprehension building skills are covered.
- **Test Preparation:** The 5 day test prep plan will be taught along with effective test taking skills.
- **Introduction to Khan Academy:** An overview of Khan Academy and its value in self regulated learning.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

March 11: Last day to withdraw from a traditional semester-based class without incurring an automatic F

March 16—20: Spring Break

March 30—April 10: Early registration for the Spring 2015 semester.

April 3: Good Friday—no classes, offices closed

May 11: Last day of classes

May 16: Commencement

Academic Success & Advising Center

MENTORED STUDY GROUPS

Mentored Study Groups are weekly study sessions conducted by a tutor. Courses where Mentored Study Groups are offered will not have any individual tutoring.

Spring 2015 Mentored Study Groups:

Biology of Animals Wednesday 3-4pm
General Chemistry Monday 3-4pm
Physics II Monday 1:15-2:15pm
Pre-Calculus Thursday 6-7pm

Students can sign up for Mentored Study Groups in the Academic Success and Advising Center.

INDIVIDUAL TUTORING BY APPOINTMENT

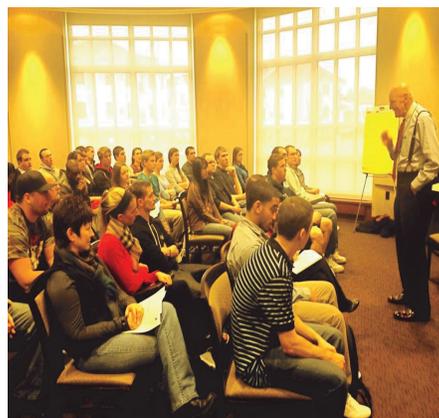
For courses not supported by Drop in Tutoring or Mentored Study Groups, students can schedule 30 minute individual sessions.

Students can connect with the Academic Success and Advising Center in the Harris & Betts Smith Learning Center. [Click here to learn more about services.](#)

Career Development Center

The Career Development Center announced two major events open to students and alumni.

The “Work the Room” networking event with Professor Ron Jackowitz was held on February 26th. This event demonstrated how to “work the room,” secure current and future employment, and how to use employment agencies.



The Spring Career Fair, will take place on March 11, 2015 in the Lackland Center from 2-5pm. Fifty seven employers have registered to attend. This is a great opportunity for students to start making connections and practice networking, and potentially meet their future employer! Students should dress to impress and bring copies of their resume with them to distribute to employers. The Career Center would be happy to look over resumes prior to the event.

The Career Development Center is also excited to welcome our newest staff member, Alissa Lastres! Alissa is the Career Development Coordinator, and specializes in finding student’s internships and on-campus employment.

Student Life

Unique service learning opportunities during Spring Break

United Way Jersey Shore Rebuilding: March 15—March 21

Students will be staying at Camp Clover in Ocean County, NJ. The tasks will be slightly different from day to day but will revolve around helping the community rebuild from Hurricane Sandy. Students will get to personally meet local citizens and promote community bonding, as well as help with local community outreach. For example, last year students helped rebuild a fire and rescue squad building. (No previous building experience required!)

Center for Environmental Transformation (Camden, NJ); March 16—March 20

Students will have a few different sites to decide from such as; helping homeless people get local food donations, preparing food for the homeless and soup kitchens, working with kids in after school programs, and helping in the urban garden (greenhouses). The students will get a firsthand experience of the importance of agriculture and how urban gardening can have a positive effect on the local community.

Poplar Wood Farm (Port Murray, NJ)

Students will have the opportunity to help a local farm harvest, plant, and tend to gardens that help feed the community. Students would stay at Centenary during the week and be transported to the farm daily for the activities.

If you have any questions please contact: smithl05@centenarycollege.edu or stop by the Student Life Suite on the 2nd floor of the Seay Building above the bookstore.

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The deadline to sign up for all of these opportunities is Monday, March 9th, 2015. If students are interested in signing up for a particular site, or would like more information they should visit the Student Life Office or contact Lindsay Smith: smithl05@centenarycollege.edu

Principal Baruti Kafele



Principal Baruti Kafele, an internationally-renowned educational speaker and consultant, spoke about Black History Month on February 26th. Principal Kafele is the recipient of the National Alliance of Black School Educators Hall of Fame Award, the New Jersey Education Association Award of Excellence and the prestigious Milken National Educator Award.

In addition, Principal Kafele is the best-selling author of *Closing the Attitude Gap* and *Motivating Black Males to Achieve in School and in Life*. His newest title, *The Principal 50: Critical Leadership Questions for Inspiring School-wide Excellence* is forthcoming in March, 2015. He is one of the most sought-after speakers for transforming the attitudes of at-risk student populations in America. A versatile speaker, he regularly conducts conference keynote addresses, professional development workshops, parental engagement seminars and “hard hitting, no-nonsense” male empowerment meetings. He works with hundreds of schools and districts to assist them with closing what he coined, the “attitude gap” – the gap between those students who have the will to strive for academic excellence and those who do not.

For more information, [click here](#).

Lecture at the Library

Students were encouraged to attend a lecture on February 17th by Robin Shulman, author of *Eat the City: a tale of the fishers, foragers, butchers, farmers, poultry minders, sugar refiners, cane cutters, beekeepers, winemakers, and brewers who built New York, who* shared stories from her engaging book.

Part history, part journalism, Robin uses her training as a scholar and her experience as a journalist for outlets such as the *New York Times*, *WNYC*, the *Washington Post* to write a well-researched yet fully accessible history of the culinary history of the city. According to the *Washington Post*, “a buzzing, savory, lively world comes to life in Robin Shulman’s extensively researched *Eat the City*... [It’s] history made delicious.”

Among the many accolades received by *Eat the City* are its *Village Voice* rating as a ‘best food book of 2012’ and its recent selection by New York University as the common book for incoming first year students.



Faculty Lecture



Dr. Breandán Mac Suibhne, Assistant Professor of History at Centenary College, discussed “*Master McGlynn and Molly Maguires: Ireland’s Great Famine and Popular Politics*” at Rutherford Hall in Allamuchy on January 25th.

Dr. Mac Suibhne is a historian of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Ireland. His publications include *John Gamble, Society and Manners in Early Nineteenth-Century Ireland* (Dublin: Field Day, 2011) and (with David Dickson) *Hugh Dorian, The Outer Edge of Ulster: A Memoir of Social Life in Nineteenth-Century Donegal* (Dublin: Lilliput, 2000 South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2001). Dr. Mac Suibhne is one of the founding editors of *Field Day Review*, a journal of political and literary culture published in Dublin.

He discussed his current book project, a history of the social, cultural and political transformation of west Donegal in the wake of the Great Famine. It centers on a schoolmaster who turns informer on a secret society of which he was himself a member, ostensibly to prevent an attack on a farmer by his poorer neighbors. It seeks to explain the man’s decision to inform, and the ramifications of that decision in a small community, while offering a layered analysis of animosity to the farmer.

Laurie Rapisardi, Director of Public Programs at Rutherford Hall hopes to have more Centenary College faculty members present at Rutherford Hall in the future.

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/
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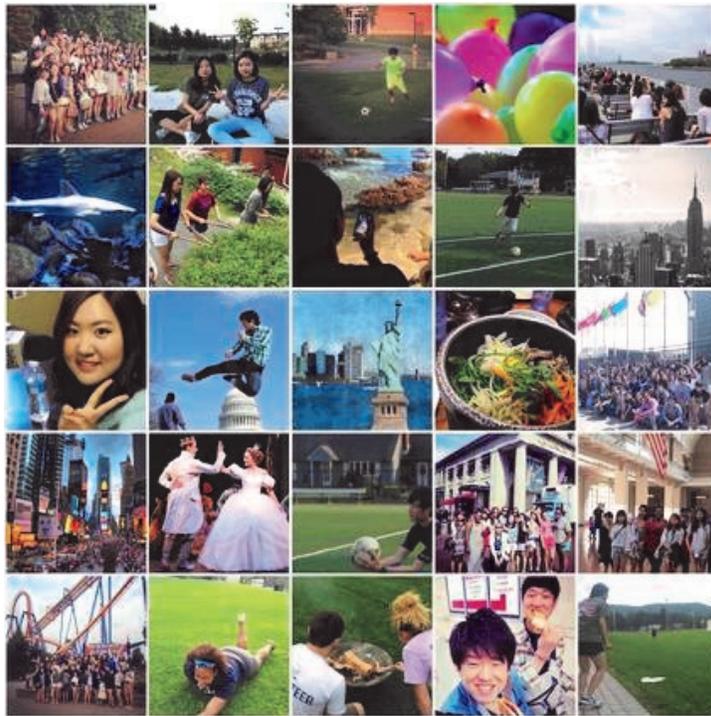


Live Stats: You can access live stats links from the Upcoming Events schedule on the website



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

Exciting Opportunity



Summer RA's & RD's:

Centenary College's International Summer Programs offer unique opportunities for students to hone leadership skills while traveling to major US cities, working closely with a diverse team, and meeting people from around the world.

Some major responsibilities include:

- Providing safe, inclusive and supportive living and learning environments that positively impact international residents.
- Plan, promote, and initiate education programs, activities and/or events.
- Know and use emergency procedures and communicate all emergencies to the Director of International Summer Programs

Compensation: The programs include a salary paid bi-weekly, Room & Board and trips to major US cities.

Application Deadline: March 6, 2015

Midnight Run

A popular Centenary tradition, Midnight Run, - February 20th and April 10th.



Midnight Run is dedicated to helping those in need. Students interested can volunteer to help make sandwiches and stuff brown paper bags full of nutritious donated foods or they can hand out clothes and food from the vans that will stop at various locations in the city.

See below for a list of needed items. Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Student Life office in the Seay Building.

CLOTHING

Gently worn/used clothing. Men's and large sizes preferred.

- **Warm Coats:** Lg.—X-Large (dark colors)
- **Durable Jeans/Pants:** Men's (sizes 32+)
- **T-shirts:** Med.—X-large (any color)
- **Underpants:** Jockey Style (size 32-42)
- **Sweaters & Sweatshirts:** Lg. and X-Large
- **Other Items:** Socks, Gloves, Hats, Long Underwear, Belts, Backpacks, and Blankets

TOILETRY ITEMS

Travel Sizes. Whole kits in gallon size zip-lock bags or individual items.

- **Toothpaste**
- **Tooth Brush**
- **Shampoo**
- **Lip Balm**
- **Shaving Cream**
- **Deodorant**
- **Razor**
- **Soap**

WNTI



WNTI is planning another fun night of music with Daniela 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; Daniela Cotton is an amazing singer. Her latest CD “The Real Book” is receiving national airplay and rave reviews.