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Parent Newsletter

”Jersey” Joe Piscopo honors Graduates, New Jersey at Commencement

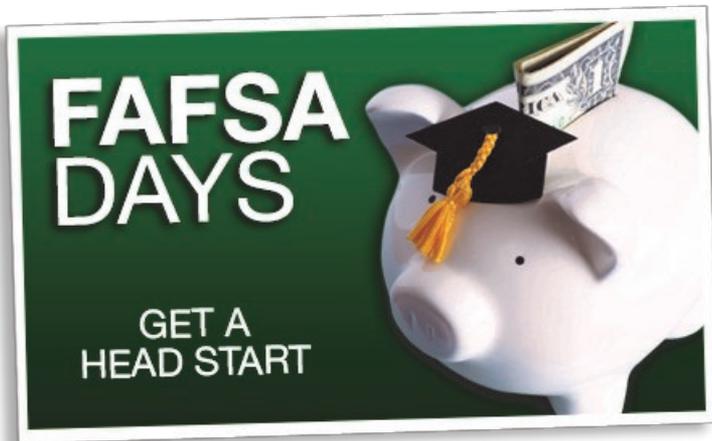
Centenary College celebrated the January ceremony of its 139th Commencement on January 11, 2014. Comedian and actor Joe Piscopo was the keynote speaker, and he brought the house down with his humor, remarks and even a special musical tribute to our great state of New Jersey! Centenary awarded 191 degrees at the ceremony.

If you would like to see the keynote speech in its entirety – and hear “N.J., N.J.” – [you can go here for the video link.](#)



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NEW JERSEY



With tax season just around the corner, now is a great time for you and your student to file their FAFSA for the upcoming 2014-2015 academic year if they will return to school next year. The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Priority Deadlines: for **freshman is February 15th, 2014**, and for **continuing students is April 1, 2014**. Centenary will begin processing previously submitted FAFSA applications mid-February.

If you don't have your 2013 taxes filed yet, that's no problem. You may complete the FAFSA by estimating the financial questions based on last year's information and update your application using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool once your taxes have been completed for two weeks.]

If you are a New Jersey resident, please remember that at the end of the FAFSA application, there is a link to provide the State of New Jersey with additional information to be considered for a state grant. Be sure to click on this link and answer the additional questions so that both our office and the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) can determine how much financial aid your student is eligible for.

Need more assistance?

If you and your student would prefer to have guidance while filing the FAFSA, you may attend one of the upcoming FAFSA Days. FAFSA Days are a free program that assists families in completing the FAFSA with guidance from financial aid counselors. In addition to guidance, one of our counselors will begin each event by giving a presentation on applying for financial aid. For more information on attending and registering for a FAFSA Day, as well as what to bring to FAFSA Day, please click [here](#).

Fall 2014 Traditional Full-Time Undergraduate Payment Schedule Changes

There is a new payment schedule affecting the Traditional Full-Time Undergraduate students beginning with the Fall 2014 semester:

August 1, 2014, for students registering April 14, 2014 through July 15, 2014

August 15, 2014, for students registering July 16 2014 through August 1, 2014

September 9, 2014, for students registering August 2, 2014 through August 27, 2014

(Payment in full will be required immediately for any registration or schedule change after August 27, 2014).

For more information please go to www.centenarycollege.edu/cms/em/bursar-billing-office/

Family Plan Scholarship

Did you know that you can benefit from Centenary College's Family Plan Scholarship? If you take courses through Centenary's School of Professional Studies, Centenary will provide a \$1,000 scholarship to your son or daughter for every year that you're both enrolled.



Centenary's School of Professional Studies allows adults to earn an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree in about two years by going to class just two evenings per month. Centenary makes this possible through our new blended courses that combine the convenience of an online class with the direct interaction of an in-person class. Alternately, you can choose a fully online program that you can access from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection, or a completely in-person program with classes that meet just one evening per week in Centenary's Parsippany or Edison location.

Centenary is now offering a \$4,500 MBA Scholarship to adult students for the spring semester, which is awarded in addition to the \$1,000 Family Plan Scholarship for your son or daughter. With up to \$6,500 in scholarships (assuming two years of the Family Plan Scholarship), as well as many financial aid options for adult students, going back to school has never been more affordable.

To learn more, call Centenary College's School of Professional Studies (SPS) at 1-877-437-3746 or visit CentenaryCollege.edu/SPS, but don't wait—classes for adults begin the week of March 2.

Living on Campus

Benefits of living on Campus:

- Safe & Secure Residence Halls.
- Students get the opportunity to live on their own, and learn to be accountable for themselves.
- You will interact with a diverse group of peers that will expand your worldview and strengthen your global understanding.
- Meet several classmates/peers and interact with them outside the classroom in a more relaxed environment.
- Convenient access to many resources (academic buildings, library, athletic facilities, dining hall) without needing to travel far.
- Technology in all rooms: free cable in your room, and wireless internet anywhere on campus.
- Live-in professional staff and student staff that are available to assist you 24/7



**Live On
Campus!**

Visit our website: <http://www.centenarycollege.edu/cms/en/residence-life/>

First & Second Year Experience

The First and Second Year Experience continues to make Centenary College the “home away from home” for all students! First Year Leaders (FYLs) welcome new students to campus while continuing to provide in-class support and a friendly hand to all of our first year Centenary Cyclones! During their time at Centenary this semester, these students will continue learning what it means to be a college student, to set long term goals, and to make life long connections with peers and professors. The First Year Leaders are excited to work with our freshmen by planning fun events, lending academic support, and being a shoulder to lean on in times of need.



Returning freshmen are also reconnecting with their FYLs from last semester to insure all students are making progress towards their goals and are getting the campus experience they want. Our First Year leaders are currently planning AFC reunions for our freshmen to reconnect with each other and learn more about their campus at the same time.

The Second Year Experience is making great strides with our sophomore class by helping students take full advantage of all opportunities Centenary has to offer them, ranging from academic support, to financial aid, to the chance to study abroad. The Second Year Peers are currently creating awesome events geared towards our Sophomore Cyclones to give them a chance to learn new things, while fully enjoying their second year at Centenary College.



Clubs and Organizations on Campus

Look at all the ways your student can get involved on campus!

Club, Group or Organization	Contact Name	Contact Email
Admissions Tour Guide/Ambassador	Anna Boelter	boeltera@centenarycollege.edu
Alternate Spring Break	Emily Walker	walkere02@centenarycollege.edu
Anime Club	Elyssa Catalfano	catalfano@centenarycollege.edu
Athletics	Billie Jo Blackwell	blackwellb@centenarycollege.edu
Bass Fishing Club	Evan Miles	milese@centenarycollege.edu
Becca's Closet	Samantha Davis	daviss02@centenarycollege.edu
Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta) (Biology Honor Society)	Dr. Joseph Bucci	bucci@centenarycollege.edu
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Lindsay Smith	smith05@centenarycollege.edu
Campus Ministry	Ilhrana Lawrence	lawrencei@centenarycollege.edu
Campus Razzle	Dominick Dematteo	dematteod@centenarycollege.edu
Chi Alpha Epsilon (EOP Honor Society)	Devon Vialva	vialvad@centenarycollege.edu
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Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)	Kristi Neff	neffk@centenarycollege.edu
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Dance Company	Paige Murray	murrayp01@centenarycollege.edu
Debate Club	Brianne Lechner	lechnerb@centenarycollege.edu
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Fashion Group	Gabrielle Pandolfi	pandolfig@centenarycollege.edu
Film Club	John Panico	panicoj@centenarycollege.edu
First Year Leaders (FYL)	Joshua Walker	walkeri@centenarycollege.edu
Game Club	John Panico	panicoj@centenarycollege.edu
I AM	Juan Arias	ariasj@centenarycollege.edu
International Student Organization (ISO)	Jia Yun	yunj@centenarycollege.edu
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Kappa Delta Epsilon (Education Honor Society)	Fran Congdon	congdonf@centenarycollege.edu
Kappa Mu Epsilon (Mathematics Honor Society)	Linda Richie	richiel@centenarycollege.edu
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Male Empowerment Network (MEN)	Michael Littlejohn	littlejohnm@centenarycollege.edu
Midnight Run	Emily Walker	walkere02@centenarycollege.edu
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Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society)	Dr. James Patterson	pattersonj@centenarycollege.edu
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Prism (Literary Magazine)	Katie Nieves	nievesk@centenarycollege.edu
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Second Year Peers (SYP)	Joshua Walker	walkeri@centenarycollege.edu
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Sociology & Criminal Justice Club (SCJC)	Edward Meadow	meadowe@centenarycollege.edu
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Student Programming Committee (SPC)	Emily Walker	walkere02@centenarycollege.edu
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Student Philanthropy Council	John Carno	carnoj@centenarycollege.edu
Student Veterans Organization	Carmine Costello	cyclonesvo@centenarycollege.edu
Study Abroad	Patricia Mahaffey	mahaffeyt@centenarycollege.edu
The First Ladies	Allison Galvin	galvina@centenarycollege.edu
The Hack (Yearbook)	Justine Hyle-Prime	hyle-primej@centenarycollege.edu
The Quill (Student Newspaper)	Deborah Lev	levd@centenarycollege.edu
Theta Epsilon Nu (OEN)	Cassandra Burton	burtonc@centenarycollege.edu
Voices of Solomon	Jahson Myers-Inman	myers-inmanj@centenarycollege.edu
WNTI (Campus Radio)	Melanie Thiel	thielm@centenarycollege.edu
Writing Collaboratory	Dr. Richard Severe	severer@centenarycollege.edu
Your Community Own It: Bacchus Gamma	Nicole Chaldoff	yco@centenarycollege.edu

For more information about an involvement opportunity please email the contact listed or SGA at sga@centenarycollege.edu
 To change/add any information or to inquire about starting a new club please email sga@centenarycollege.edu
 Please note that the opportunities offered are subject to change

updated:
2/5/2014

Career Center Launches Alumni Mentoring Program

At the start of 2014 the Career Center began the Centenary College Alumni Mentoring Program (Career CAMP) in order to help current students determine their career path and learn about what it's like to work in various industries. Qualified students will be matched with an alumni mentor in his/her field of interest and will be able to participate in mentoring sessions in person or virtually. The program will be managed by Career Center staff in order to maintain quality and safety for all participants.

Students with a minimum 2.5 GPA and at least 28 credits can sign up for the program by visiting the Career Center to complete an application. Alumni who are interested in participating can sign up at www.centenarycollege.edu/alumnimentoring.

Please also encourage your son or daughter to bookmark the date for the Spring Career fair, which will be held in the Lackland Center on Wednesday, April 9 from 2-5 PM.

For more information on the Career Center and upcoming events, visit www.centenarycollege.edu/careercenter.



Dr. Shane Fitzpatrick Shares His Expertise with The Nation

Centenary College Associate Professor of Political Studies and International Studies, Dr. Shane Fitzpatrick has certainly grabbed the attention of the media lately! In December, he was interviewed by 11 radio stations throughout the country on the subject of “When Terrorism Hits Home.”

Major cities that he was featured in included Denver, Boston, St. Louis, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Seattle, Roanoke and Minneapolis. Prior to the Super Bowl, and in preparation for the Olympics, Dr. Fitzpatrick was interviewed again by several stations on the topic of “Protecting Citizens and Athletes at the Sochi Olympics and the Super Bowl.”

In addition, Dr. Fitzpatrick was interviewed by WMBC-TV about Olympic safety. Finally, Dr. Fitzpatrick wrote an op-ed piece called “Putin’s War Means a Dangerous Olympics,” which appeared in the *Daily Record* and *Home News Tribune*.

To hear some of Dr. Fitzpatrick’s interviews, go to his [online bio page](#) and click on the links.





Sports Management Students at the Superbowl



Sports Management Professor David Perricone and his Events Management class have received a flurry of media attention as a result of the students managing a concession stand at MetLife Stadium during the Super Bowl. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity has generated regional and national coverage, including two articles in *The Star-Ledger*, a front page story in *The Express-Times* and more. Television coverage included News 12 NJ and WMBC-TV.



Turf Field Update



The Turf project has approximately 2-3 weeks of work left to be completed once the Winter weather breaks. The photo shows the amount of work that has been completed to this point, but unfortunately the recent winter storms have temporarily halted further construction.

Follow all of our Athletic Teams through Social Media
Centenary College Athletics can be found using the following outlets.

Facebook – Centenary College Athletics
Twitter - @CentCyclones_NJ
Instagram – centcyclones_nj

Midnight Run

Our popular Centenary Tradition, Midnight Run, is back and we need your help! Midnight Run is dedicated to helping those in need. We take a group of students on Friday evenings into NYC and drop off clothing and food to the homeless. Our Spring 2014 Semester dates are Feb. 14th and March 28th.

Please check to see if you have any of the items listed below and send them back to campus with your student. They will need to be dropped off at the front desk or to Ferry first floor.

Please email Emily Walker, Director of Programming and Service, walkere02@centenarycollege.edu with any questions or if you have items you would like to donate.

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

Whole kits in gallon size zip-lock bags or individual items accepted. Travel-sized is best.

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

Save The Date



March 3, 2014

The co-founder of HBO's *Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam*, Bruce George, will be coming to Centenary College to speak about "Politics of Artistic Expression" at 6 p.m. March 3, 2014, in the Ferry Recital Hall.

[Read more about this event.](#)

April 12, 2014—Attention Alumni:

Join us in New York City and tour Lincoln Center

For parents who are also alumni, we have a special treat: an alumni brunch at P.J. Clarke's Lincoln Center in New York City, complete with a tour of the famous Lincoln Center. Highlights of the tour will include the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Ballet, Lincoln Center Theater and perhaps a sneak preview with some famous stars! The brunch and tour cost \$50 per person, and you can register by March 21 by calling (908) 852-1400, ext. 2167, or e-mailing alumni@centenarycollege.edu. We hope to see you there!

June 19, 2014

Annual Scholarship Gala, 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>

October 10-12, 2014

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>

Centenary Stage Company

www.centenarystageco.org

The Liar

Professional Equity Theatre Production

February 21st-March 9th

\$25 for adults, \$22.50 for students/seniors and \$15 for children under 12, when purchased in advance.



Michael DuBois Solo Circus

March 16th

\$20 for adults and \$17.50 for children under 12, when purchased in advance

St. Patrick's Day Weekend Celebration

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PARADE
MARCH 16 - 3:30 P.M.
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The poster features a central illustration of a green drum with a yellow face. The drum face contains a black and white illustration of a woman in a long dress standing next to a street lamp. The text 'STORYVILLE STOMPERS' is arched over the top of the drum, 'BRASS BAND' is arched below it, and 'NEW ORLEANS' is written at the bottom. The background is yellow with a repeating pattern of fleur-de-lis. At the top, the date and time are listed. Below the drum, the band's name and location are written. At the bottom, there is a yellow box with event details and contact information.

Join us for the WNTI Benefit event with the Storyville Stompers straight from New Orleans, LA, on Sunday, February 23 at the Stanhope House, Stanhope, NJ. The doors open for dinner and drinks at 4:30pm and the music starts at 6:00pm.

Tickets are \$20.00 pp in advance and \$25.00 at the door the day of the show. Proceeds benefit WNTI Public Radio from Centenary College.

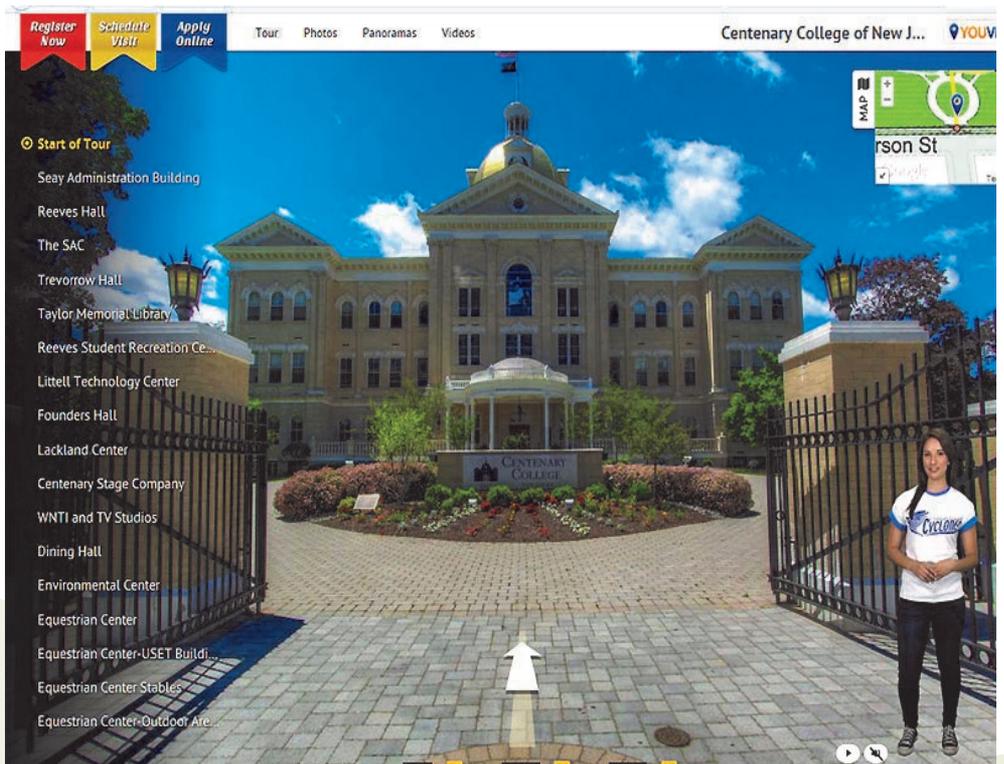
The Storyville Stompers are an award winning authentic New Orleans brass band that has appeared on the HBO series Treme. This event is as close to being in the Big Easy as you will get!

Small is Beautiful

It's hard to think of someone who does not have a Facebook page these days. That was the idea driving a recent ad campaign that took place on the popular social networking site during the Holiday break. The goal: reach high school students and their parents from Boston to Silicon Valley with an open invitation to experience Centenary's virtual campus tour.

Over 1,500 visitors obliged. Which ad earned the most visits?

According to Facebook, "Small is beautiful" ... and we couldn't agree more! Take the tour online: www.centenarycollege.edu/campustour.



Summer Scholars Program

8th—12th Grade

Does your student have a younger sibling, family member or friend that would like to know what college is like first hand? Here at Centenary, we offer a co-ed academic program for rising 8th through 12th grade students that can give them that knowledge and still have fun. We offer day and residential options in three one-week sessions of various exciting classes like forensic science, vet science, fashion, television production and computer and game design. Please visit www.centenarysummerscholars.org for more information.



MAJORS

Introduction to Psychology

Sustainability

Forensic Science

Veterinary Science 101

Veterinary Science 102

Writer's Workshop

Television Production

Fashion Design

Computer Programming and Game Design