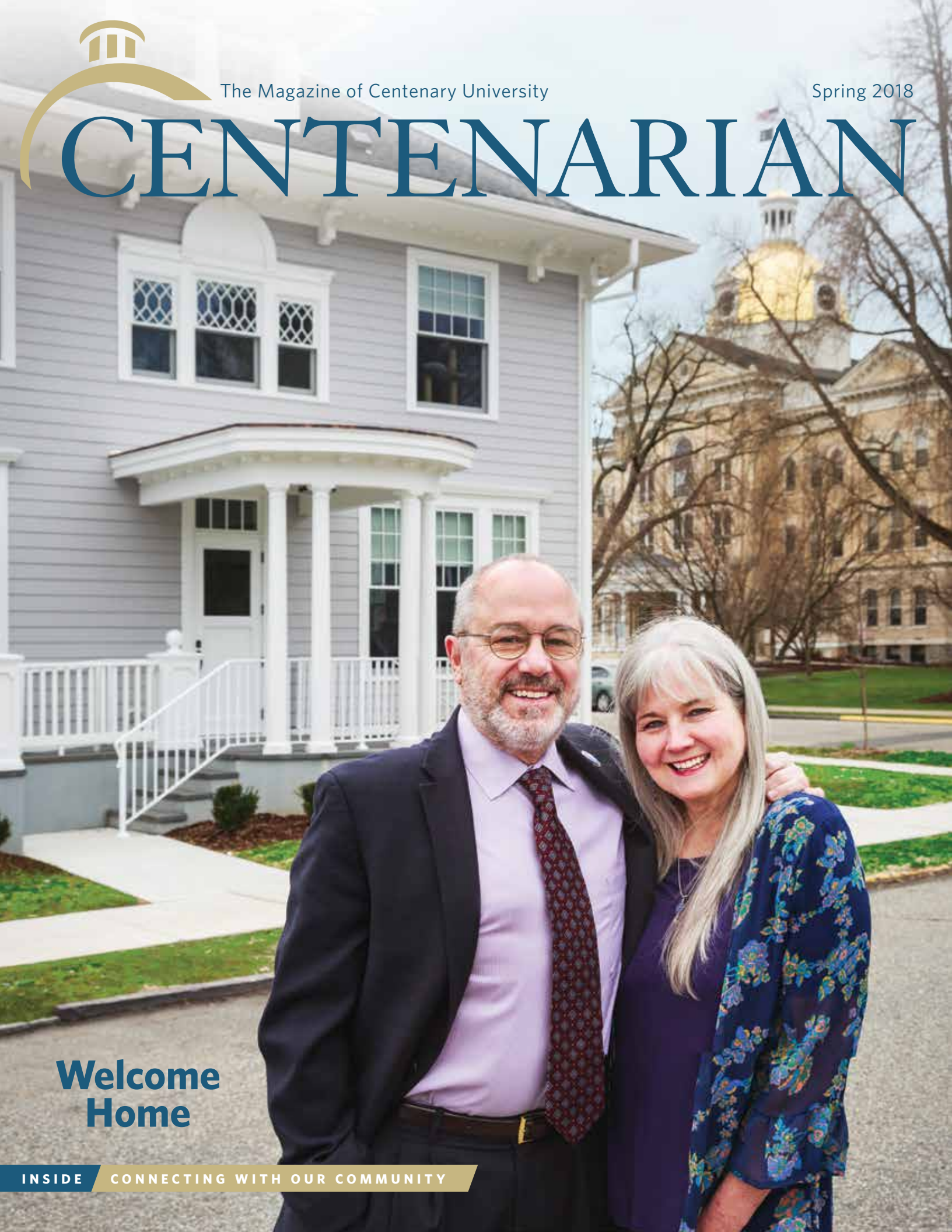




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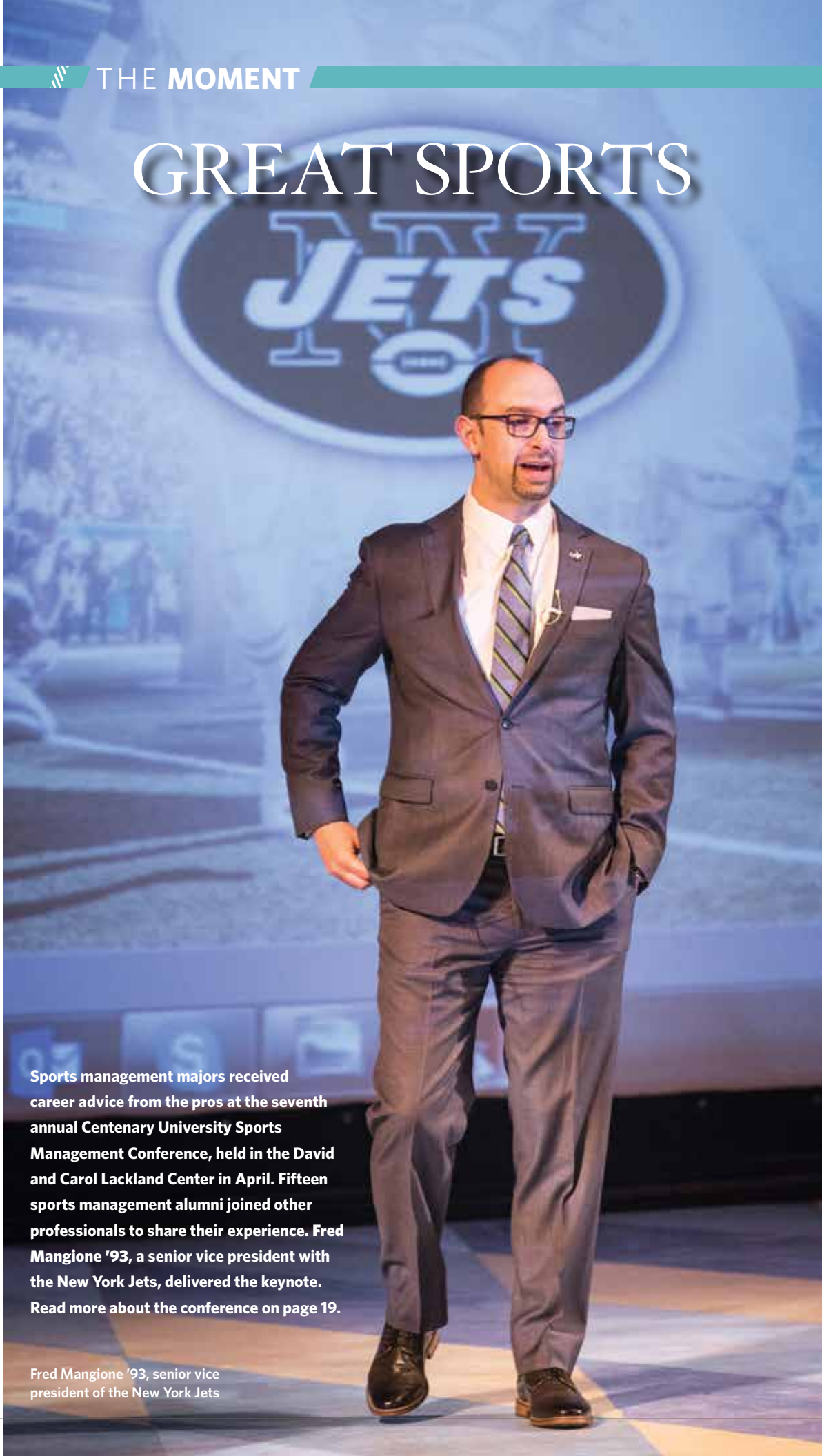
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Sports management majors received career advice from the pros at the seventh annual Centenary University Sports Management Conference, held in the David and Carol Lackland Center in April. Fifteen sports management alumni joined other professionals to share their experience. Fred Mangione '93, a senior vice president with the New York Jets, delivered the keynote. Read more about the conference on page 19.

Fred Mangione '93, senior vice president of the New York Jets





As we begin our third year, Lisa and I are feeling very much “at home” at Centenary. Since we have settled in to the newly rebuilt President’s House, we have been able to participate fully in the life of the campus, and my commute—60 seconds across Jefferson Street—is a joy. The house is a classic Centenary example of tradition and innovation. We were never in the original house; it burned down a little over a year before we arrived. Our visitors remark on the similarity of “feel” to the old Victorian, but also the greater openness, functionality and modern convenience of the new house. Our two cats are enjoying the new home (taking over whatever space they want, of course), and the campus has given a warm welcome to Jefferson, our blonde lab rescue dog who was named through a student contest.


Presidential spouse and University Ambassador Lisa Baldwin is constantly expanding her role, and she has taken the lead in hosting several events even before our moving boxes are fully unpacked. She has undertaken a leadership role in several initiatives featured in this issue, connecting with students, faculty and staff, trustees, donors, alumni, the community and elder citizens of the area.

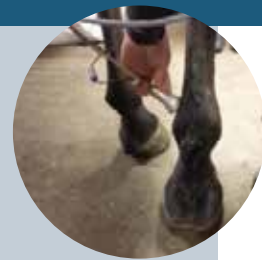
While Centenary is still experiencing financial challenges, I have great confidence in my

new executive team to lead us toward a brighter future, and we now have a five-year action plan for assuring our financial sustainability. My leadership team’s dedication has allowed me to shift some of my attention away from day-to-day management toward issues of organizational health, leadership and advocacy for Centenary in many arenas, from the local to the national. With the help of an expert new Advancement staff, we have raised a majority of the funds for our new baseball complex, and fundraising is up in other areas, as well. We are actively reconnecting with alumni from years past, forging new connections with our recently graduated alumni and engaging friends and donors who have not engaged with Centenary recently or at all.

The main reason we are here—and the main reason I am so optimistic about our future—is the success of our students, which is the product of a large village of faculty, staff, alumni, donors and organizations that provide those all-important internships. As you can see from the student profiles in this issue, our students are not just learning their disciplines and preparing for careers; they are also making a difference in the world both locally and globally right now, developing habits of mind and heart that will continue to improve the world long after they are out of sight of the gold dome, the equine center or the School of Professional Studies in Parsippany. Many of these students would have been successful anywhere, and they chose Centenary for a variety of academic and personal reasons. But many of them came to Centenary from circumstances that did not predict this level of success. Through the efforts of our talented and supportive faculty, staff and student mentors, they walk across the stage at Commencement into successful lives and careers. My heartfelt thanks go out to you who have helped them along that journey.

David P. Haney
President

 @PresidentHaney



Centenary Chosen to Lead Equine Laser Research

New research at Centenary University is showing promise for injured horses. Epica Medical Innovations, a developer of veterinary lasers, recently selected the University to conduct a controlled study on a new laser used to treat pain and repair soft tissue injuries. A representative from the firm proposed that Centenary host the study based on the University's reputation for equine excellence.

Called the Artemis Class IV Laser, the device uses less heat than other lasers, but penetrates much deeper into soft tissues with significantly reduced risk of burns. This spring, 11 horses were treated three times a week with the laser at Centenary's Equestrian Center. Some were placed on stall rest, while others were turned out and exercised normally following treatments. Outside veterinarians examined horses that received the laser treatments, as well as others that received ultrasound. The veterinarians weren't told which therapy the horses received.

A month after the study began, horses treated with the laser and placed on stall rest showed marked improvement, according to Jesslyn Bryk-Lucy, D.V.M., assistant professor of equine studies and the University's resident veterinarian, who designed the study with a team of Centenary students. "The horses on stall rest all looked really good," noted Bryk-Lucy. "These horses looked sounder. For horses that were turned out and exercised, we saw mixed results."

The study provided Centenary's equine athletes with access to advanced therapies not usually accessible on college campuses, she added. The University's Equestrian Center houses more than 100 horses. "A small number always have soft tissue injuries," Bryk-Lucy said. "We'd like to get them back into the program, but we don't always have access to state-of-the-art therapies. This is a great opportunity for our students and horses."

Centenary students helped to design the study, administered the laser therapy and participated in data collection and statistical analysis. They presented their research at the University's Academic Symposium, and also may present at a National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics conference. Results will also be used as a foundation for further research sponsored by Epica Medical Innovations.

Research is invaluable for graduates who want to work in the equine industry, including as trainers or veterinarians, Bryk-Lucy said. "It's really important when applying to veterinary school to have research under your belt," she explained. "As they move ahead in their career, it's also great for them to know that this technology is out there."



Shaping Tomorrow

Futurist John Smart presented "Tomorrow is in Your Hands: Creating an Amazing Future" on Feb. 28 in the Sitnik Theatre. This semester's Gates-Ferry Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Smart reinforced Centenary University's Strategic Design Process by emphasizing that innovation and advanced technologies are vital to shaping a successful future. As proof, he pointed to revolutionary technologies including immunology, self-driving cars and bots like Amazon Echo that are changing the face of medicine, transportation, security and entertainment. At Centenary, the Strategic Design Process fuels innovation and change, creating new academic programs and facilities designed to embrace emerging 21st century demands.

Scholar Spotlight

Centenary University's Academic Symposium on April 26 showcased outstanding student research across 16 academic programs. The annual event features presentations and displays throughout the Edward W. Seay Administration Building, and is followed by the University's Honors Convocation in the George H. Whitney Chapel. Here, we highlight three of the more than 100 scholars represented:



Rebecca Clinebell '18, an elementary education major, developed literacy games based on research to improve children's writing skills. Clinebell tutors a gifted fourth-grader who has already mastered algebra, but doesn't like to write. Over two years, the fun games have channeled his competitive nature, sparking a new interest in writing and improving his skills. A Centenary Presidential Scholar, Clinebell worked with Marianne Pratschler, Ed.D., associate professor of education, on her study. The future teacher said, "Incorporating literacy games into the classroom makes writing more engaging and fun."



History buff **Sean Graham '21** chose historical interactions between Centenary University and Hackettstown as the basis for research that will eventually lead to his senior thesis. The Presidential Scholar—working under the guidance of Emily Anderson, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, and Noah Haiduc-Dale, Ph.D., associate professor of history—discovered that the University's 10 original funders were motivated by religion, civic pride and simple economics. Property values spiked after Centenary's founding, prompting several funders to sell land surrounding campus at a tidy profit. The secondary education major and aspiring history teacher said, "Local history can be used to teach broader aspects of history. It's hands-on. You can see it and feel it."



Psychology major **Amanda Madonna '18** collaborated with **Ithai Balderas '21** and Keith Morgen, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, to highlight the need for specialized substance use treatment programs that emphasize safety and environment for the LGBT community. After graduation, Madonna plans to continue her Centenary studies for a Master of Arts in school counseling. "The opportunities I received and the experience I gained at Centenary are second to none," said Madonna, who has also presented twice to the Eastern Psychological Association. "Centenary was, and still remains, the perfect fit for me."



New Accounting Degree

Centenary University's School of Professional Studies (SPS) has launched a new Bachelor of Science in accounting, responding to growing market demand for accountants and auditors with experience in the global economy. Employment opportunities for these professionals is expected to grow 10 percent through 2026, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Globalization, as well as the increasingly complicated tax and regulatory environment, are fueling the need for more skilled professionals in these fields, said Frank Longo, assistant professor of accounting at SPS. "This program was created as a result of that demand," he explained.

SPS offers an accelerated eight-week semester—much shorter than the traditional 15-week semester—with classes held in the evenings for 3.5 hours. "This is conducive to accommodating the needs of adult learners who juggle many responsibilities," Longo said.

World View



Christian Georges '19

Christian Georges '19 had never been on an airplane before boarding a flight to Guatemala last spring with other Centenary University students as part of this year's Soles4Souls service project. The program provides shoes and other necessities to families in countries around the world. "Everything was new to me," Georges said. "It was a great learning experience to understand the people and culture. The people didn't have a lot, but they acted like they have everything in the world."

Short-term global learning opportunities are growing at Centenary, expanding students' view of the world through immersive course-based trips and service projects like Soles4Souls. In addition, students have the chance to interact with international visitors on campus. This semester, the University hosted Fulbright Visiting Lecturer Svetlana Ghenova, Ph.D., an economics professor from Moldova and a current Fulbright fellow at American University, to share her insights with Centenary students and faculty.

Patricia Mahaffey '75/'78, coordinator of study abroad programs, said the University aims to prepare students to work and live in the global community. "The exchange of ideas with people from other cultures is invaluable," Mahaffey explained.

Over spring break, 18 Centenary students traveled to Ireland as part of a course called The Irish Experience. Once there, they studied with Breandán Mac Suibhne, Ph.D., an associate professor of history at Centenary and fellow of the Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, National University of Ireland, Galway. Mac Suibhne arranged a host of educational and cultural experiences for the students, as well as a meeting with Mícheál Mac Donncha, Lord Mayor of Dublin.



Lauren Lesce

"Our students got so much out of it," said Lauren Lesce, ESL coordinator, who accompanied the students to Ireland. "Dr. Mac Suibhne took them on the most amazing tours. It made the course come alive for them."

For **Brittany Haylock '18**, participating in Soles4Souls allowed her to experience a new culture while helping others. A native of Honduras, she was surprised by the poverty she witnessed in Guatemala. Yet the people she met were happy. "They were very happy and grateful," she said. "The culture is so beautiful."



Stay Connected

With the new CU Involved app, Centenary University is at your fingertips 24/7. Available through the App Store, CU Involved will keep you connected with all things Centenary. Check out events on campus, tap into resources, receive important notices, join Centenary discussions and much more. Show your Cyclone pride and load it onto your smartphone today!

Excellence in Education

Centenary University is the go-to program for training educators in northwestern New Jersey. "We're the focal point for education in this part of the state," said Timothy Fredericks, Ed.D., chair of the Department of Education and Mathematics. "Now, our reputation is expanding beyond the local area."



100

undergraduates



300

graduate students



70

school districts host
Centenary courses



10

districts host graduate courses



3

new districts adding onsite
graduate courses



70

Centenary graduates are superintendents,
principals or directors

CITIZEN SCHOLAR

Community is at the heart of Kyle Hrebenak's decision to attend Centenary University beginning next fall. Named the University's 2018 Hackettstown High School Scholar, the Great Meadows resident has demonstrated a deep commitment to making a difference in his community.

A Boy Scout since the fourth grade, Hrebenak chose to complete his Eagle Scout project at the Independence Volunteer Fire Department in Great Meadows, the organization that charts his troop. The extensive project involved regrading land surrounding the firehouse to eliminate flooding on the property, as well as landscaping and building two benches now installed outside the building.

A member of Hackettstown High School's Class of 2018, Hrebenak appreciates the impact scouting has had on shaping the values that guide his life today. "Scouting teaches true life morals," he explained. "Through working on merit badges, I learned a lot of life skills and made many friends."

"This scholarship gives me the opportunity to pursue higher education, while continuing my passion to serve the community."

Hrebenak's commitment to the community extends beyond scouting. The dedicated teen has also volunteered at church fundraising dinners, fire department breakfasts, roadside clean-ups, bingo nights at a senior facility and basketball camps for young children. In high school, Hrebenak was also a member of the basketball and track teams, as well as the History Club, Political Science Club and Key Club. In addition, he was selected to represent his school at American Legion Jersey Boys State.

At Centenary, he plans a double major in history and political and governmental affairs. "In high school, I took every history elective I could, and also discovered a love for political science," said Hrebenak, who hopes to attend law school and someday be elected to Congress. He'd also like to continue volunteering through campus organizations and in the community, including joining the Independence Volunteer Fire Department.

Awarded annually through the University's partnership with Hackettstown High School, the scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to community service. It covers tuition for one Hackettstown High School student for four years of study at Centenary. Hrebenak said, "This scholarship gives me the opportunity to pursue higher education, while continuing my passion to serve the community."





WELCOME *Home*

The newly rebuilt
President's House
is officially open
for business.

Then

Centenary University President David P. Haney and Lisa Baldwin, presidential spouse and university ambassador, officially moved into the President's House in April. The move heralded much more than a new address for the presidential couple. The structure—which replaces the historic building destroyed in a 2015 fire—symbolizes the way Centenary is redefining its relationship with students, alumni and the surrounding community.

"The house represents a broader effort for Centenary to solidify, improve and find new opportunities to partner with our community," Haney said. "Lisa and I both want to make the house an important welcoming point for the campus and Hackettstown communities."

History Preserved

Like many at Centenary, University Historian Raymond Frey, Ph.D., was heartbroken at the devastation wrought by the fire. Accompanied by campus security, he braved bitter January temperatures the morning after the blaze to sift through the wreckage, taking pictures and pulling artifacts from the rubble.

While not an exact replica, the new President's House faithfully captures the spirit of the previous building. Pale gray siding, decorative chimneys and an expansive back porch evoke the original façade. "The house has always been an important connection to our community," explained Frey, who is also a Centenary history professor. "My concern was that the exterior should resemble the original home as closely as possible."

Inside, reminders of Centenary's history abound. Two 1960s-era white Centenary jackets are framed in shadow boxes, and historic photos decorate the home. "There are lots of places where the old meets the new," Baldwin noted.

Miraculously, the original mantel survived the blaze and has been refinished. The



Above: A 1959 tea hosted by President Edward W. Seay and his wife, Helen. Below: Current President David P. Haney and presidential spouse Lisa Baldwin, and their dog, Jefferson, entertain students in the back parlor.



Now



The recreated dining room includes wooden paneling reminiscent of the original Victorian home.



Above: The staircase is a nearly exact replica of the one destroyed in the fire. Below: Artist Bonnie Hook designed new stained glass windows incorporating Centenary University's logo.

teakwood that adorned the dining room was replaced with a less expensive wood, but the home's distinctive staircase was meticulously reproduced. Several stained glass windows—one of which incorporates the University logo—enhance the Victorian décor.

Throughout construction, budget was an important concern. Haney and Baldwin were adamant that the insurance settlement from the fire should cover all costs for building and decorating the new home.

Traditions Reborn

While the second floor is the private home of Haney and Baldwin, the rest of the house is now open for business. The couple has already hosted student gatherings reminiscent of the formal teas attended by Centenary's once all-female student body. Prior to Commencement this spring, members of the Class of 2018 attended dessert receptions at the new home, and plans are underway for fall events to welcome the incoming freshman class. Faculty get-togethers on the back porch, similar to those held in the past, are also planned.

"It's not our house. It's the University's house," Baldwin said. "We want our students and faculty to come over and feel comfortable." Haney added, "It's kind of like living in the apartment over the store, and we're fine with that."

New features provide a decidedly 21st century flair to the home. The basement now sports a game room outfitted with



An insurance settlement from the 2015 fire fully funded the project.



The modern kitchen is equipped to prepare food for large gatherings, but still echoes the past.



Above: Pierre and Diane Everaert donated a harpsichord, which graces the front parlor. Below: The new front door stands ready to welcome visitors inside.

ping-pong and pool tables for a more relaxed atmosphere. On the first floor, rooms have been opened up to create an airy meeting space that can accommodate up to 100 people. Practical elements enhance safety and access, including an elevator and a state-of-the-art fire suppression system.

Be our Guest

Centenary has always been an integral part of the surrounding community, and Haney plans to strengthen that connection. First on the agenda: a reception at the house to thank the public safety personnel who fought the blaze on that frigid afternoon in 2015. In the future, Haney and Baldwin envision hosting brunches, dinners and other events for alumni, donors, trustees and community representatives. Two bedrooms on the third floor are also available to reserve for overnight stays.

The couple hopes the President's House will become a springboard to extend Centenary hospitality beyond campus boundaries into the local community. While the building is not a true Victorian, Haney views it as a link to the Hackettstown Historical Society, perhaps spurring a revival of the house tours the organization once ran in the area.

"I think alumni will be delighted when they see it," Frey said of the President's House. "The old memories will be there, but now we will begin making new memories. For a University that has been here for so long, that's important."



Community Connection

As part of Centenary's Strategic Design Process, the University is forging new partnerships that engage the community, enhance enrollment and enrich lives.



Lifelong Learning

Through a \$13,000 grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), Centenary University will launch an innovative intergenerational initiative in September that links college students and professors with older adults in the community. Funded through the AARP Foundation, the grant fosters connections that enrich lives across generations. Centenary was selected from a pool of more than 65 applicants for the award, according to Richard Ekman, CIC president.

The grant recognizes that intellectual curiosity enhances mental and emotional well-being in people of all ages, explained Lisa Baldwin, presidential spouse and university ambassador. Baldwin wrote the grant, called "Intergenerational Connections: Students Serving Older Adults," to create intellectually stimulating programs that promote lifelong learning. "Centenary University can be a rich resource for older adults to continue to stretch their intellect and explore new interests," noted Centenary University President David P. Haney.

"We wanted to move to the next level and get our students interacting with elders, who have important lessons to share."

Creating meaningful relationships between Centenary and Hackettstown-area adult communities makes sense for the University and its elder neighbors. For years, Centenary has been a cultural destination for older adults to enjoy musical and theatrical productions presented by students and the Centenary Stage Company. Last winter, Baldwin and Haney visited a retirement community in Hackettstown to learn more about how Centenary could grow the University's relationship with residents there. Their findings: Older adults want to attend classes on campus, but would also like students and professors to visit their community to host thought-provoking activities like political discussions and book groups.

Elders also expressed an interest in sharing their vast experience and knowledge with students, so this spring students visited a nearby community. Baldwin expects the initiative to include several elder communities and older adults who are assisted in their own homes, as well as Hackettstown Medical Center.

The intergenerational initiative recognizes that the relationship is a two-way street, Baldwin explained. "We wanted to move to the next level and get our students interacting with elders, who have important lessons to share," she said. "We want older adults attending classes at Centenary, and we want students visiting their gathering halls. There's real value in intergenerational sharing."

Play Ball!

Partnerships with sports teams, such as the Somerset Patriots and Sussex County Miners, are evolving, creating big benefits for the University, its students and alumni. Scott Kushner, Cyclones head baseball coach and assistant athletic director, said, "It's gotten to the point where we have more symbiotic relationships, beyond the exchange of goods and services."

For Centenary, a new marketing agreement with the Patriots translates into a broader opportunity to increase visibility of academic and athletic programs. Last year, University President David P. Haney threw out the first pitch on the Patriots' opening day at TD Bank Stadium, while the Cyclones played some games there and at Skylands Stadium, home of the Miners, as they await completion of a new baseball complex slated for construction on campus.

Partnering with a nearby university holds tremendous benefits for the teams, too. In addition to providing well-trained interns, Centenary offers educational opportunities for employees of the Patriots and Miners through degree-granting programs or additional studies in sports management, social media marketing and other academic disciplines. Haney is also exploring a new academic track tailored to the schedules of minor league players so they can study at Centenary during the off-season.

Kushner said these relationships and Centenary's new home field are important student recruitment tools. "These initiatives are a very nice feature for recruiting student-athletes, as well as sports management majors," he said. "Centenary has also become a jumping-off point for these teams to expand their brand. We're spreading the love of the game in this region." 🏆



John Johnson Automotive Group in Budd Lake donated a new vehicle for Centenary University to raffle off to raise funding for Our Diamond of Dreams. Raffle winners Rochelle Makela-Goodman '97, vice chair of the University's Board of Trustees, and Robert Goodman are congratulated by generous vehicle donor John Johnson.





with
**Presidential Spouse and
 University Ambassador
 Lisa Baldwin**

Tell us about your career.

I was an elementary school teacher for 39 years. I'm also a singer and songwriter; I did music in the summers and was on the road when I wasn't teaching. When we came to Centenary University, I planned to continue all of that. The first year, I attended a session for presidential spouses and partners at a CIC—Council of Independent Colleges—conference, and people were talking about how you can't do it all. And I said, "Oh no, that's not going to happen to me. I can be the teacher and musician I've always been." So I started teaching second grade at Hatchery Hill Elementary School, but found that I was being pulled from the classroom pretty often for Centenary events. I made the decision to stop teaching in February of last year.

Was that tough?

In a way, it was devastating. But I also love it here at Centenary—the students, the faculty, the staff. Some people say that giving

up teaching is a sacrifice, but I don't see it that way. They still ask, "Don't you miss teaching?" Of course I miss going in there every morning and doing a read aloud with my little people. I'm always going to be a teacher. It's worth it, because I'm on another path that's an extension of what I already do. I'm excited about where it's leading.

What's expected of a presidential spouse?

I've been doing a lot of research on this, and also spoke at this year's CIC conference. This is where it gets tricky: When you go to the research, there really is no set role. While it's been talked about and written about for many years, there have been no definite decisions or policies at most universities. Basically, it's whatever each spouse or partner decides to do.

When we first got here, Dave and I met with students to ask what they want in a president and a presidential couple. They said, "We want to see the president. We want to be able to talk

to the president and his or her spouse or partner.” I get that. This is a small campus. When we go to athletic events, fashion shows and poetry readings, students thank us for supporting them. They know us and trust us. I knew that I wanted to be an ambassador for Centenary, and now I’m a full-time volunteer here. I attend as many of the University’s events as possible and I’m helping to strengthen intergenerational partnerships between Centenary and the community. I also want to have events for the spouses and partners of trustees so they can engage and become more involved. We’ll meet at the President’s House and have brunch, and then have an event that they can enjoy doing together, like going to the Hackettstown Historical Society. They can also be important ambassadors for Centenary.

Why partner with older adults?

Dave and I both believe in building stronger partnerships across the community, including intergenerational connections. We recently visited a nearby retirement community to collect the ideas of residents there. They want engaging conversations about politics and current events. They want to start a book group and have our faculty come and speak. They want to sit in on classes. We gathered their ideas and I volunteered to take the lead, as this is one of my initiatives for the second phase of the SMART program.

So I helped to write a grant application to fund a program to connect with older adults in our community at retirement developments, assisted living communities and nursing homes. We’re also thinking about how our equine program can provide pet therapy for them. Older adults can go to Centenary’s Equestrian Center and have a day out there, watching the horses and feeding them treats. Our sports management students are also visiting older adults just to talk. We’re opening up our campus and our University. It brings us all closer together.

What does Dave think of the role you’ve chosen?

I think he has been surprised that I’ve embraced it the way I have. Dave didn’t really foresee me making this career choice. We work closely together and are a team here, just like we always have been. Sometimes people struggle in their relationship when they’re together a lot more. We haven’t. We’re stronger together. Dave feels supported. He tells me every day, “I can’t thank you enough for all you’re doing.” Being a university president is such a huge weight at times, and we talk about it every night. Some mornings, we wake up and talk about it again.


How do you recharge?

The idea is to increase balance and reduce stress. We play music together, and I’m booking a few performances to get us back on track. We read and garden. On Sundays, we’ve done some really fun trips on our bikes. Every four months, we also make a point to go into New York City and stay overnight. We’re members of the Met and the philharmonic, so we go to the museum and stare at art all day, and then hear music. We’re foodies, too, so we try to seek out off-the-beaten-path places to have interesting food.

Our house in North Carolina is on the North Fork of the New River. When we’re there, we’ll talk about Centenary, and then we play Scrabble, play music and watch a movie. Sometimes we just go out and look at the river. I don’t know how people do it without nature and the arts. It makes a huge difference.

Any message for Centenary alumni?

I want them to know how much I care about keeping the traditions of Centenary University, while making certain our current students feel very wanted. We have good, caring students, and some of them are first-generation college students. Right now, I want everybody to just really embrace our students. You’ll meet some of them at Alumni and Family Weekend. I also want alumni to gather at the new President’s House with our current students. Let’s all come together as one big family.

An experienced teacher and accomplished singer and songwriter, Lisa Baldwin holds a master’s degree from Appalachian State University. Married to Centenary University President David P. Haney, she is the creator of Learning Through Song, an educational children’s music program. 

Fast Facts

1. NAME THAT DOG

Lifelong dog owner. Baldwin and Haney invited Centenary students to name their new dog. The winning name: Jefferson.

2. CONSTANT GARDENER

Loves to garden. Plans to start a gardening club at Centenary.

3. Words to Live By

“We need to embrace beauty and simplicity while we’re trying to make this the best place it can be.”



Game On!

Construction is slated to begin on Our Diamond of Dreams, Centenary University's new turf baseball complex, thanks to the generosity of many donors who have supported the project. With the completion of the fundraising effort's first phase, plans are underway to have the field ready for the Cyclones' home opener next spring.

The University has raised more than \$750,000 to provide a home field for the Cyclones, as well as teams from Hackettstown High School and local recreational leagues. On May 1, Centenary met a deadline to raise \$500,000, unlocking an additional \$250,000 challenge grant from the Reeves Foundation. That milestone fulfilled another challenge, triggering additional funding for the project from lead donors Sharon and Steve Somers, a Centenary University trustee.

Since last fall, generous benefactors have stepped up to the plate to fund the complex. At a series of receptions in Florida last winter, Centenary alumni pledged \$83,000 toward the project, and many individuals and local businesses have also contributed. In addition, Our Diamond of Dreams Scholarship Gala contributed half of funds raised to the field project, while a grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, recognized the benefit the field will have on area youth baseball and softball programs.

As construction gets underway, the second phase of fundraising continues, with additional amenities yet to be funded. To make a pledge or explore naming opportunities, go to alumni.centenaryuniversity.edu/give-to-centenary/baseball-complex/ or call Tracey L. Thompson, vice president for advancement, at (908) 852-1400, ext. 2379.





Our Diamond of Dreams Scholarship Gala brought together generous benefactors, community leaders and Centenary students at Perona Farms in Andover, N.J., on May 3. The event raised more than \$130,000 for scholarships and the University's new baseball complex.



Prestigious Gold Dome Award for Paffendorfs

The recipients of this year's Gold Dome Award have a long and proud history with Centenary University. **Nancy Johns Paffendorf '79/'81/'06** and her husband, **George W. Paffendorf '07 HA**, were presented with the prestigious honor at Our Diamond of Dreams Scholarship Gala on May 3.

"Centenary has been a defining element in our lives for so many years," said Nancy, who has been active with Centenary for more than 40 years as an employee and alumna. "It's been so intertwined with who we are."

The couple has spent many years working and volunteering on behalf of Centenary, its students and the local community. Nancy retired in March as the dean for community and university engagement and has been active on the Alumni Association Executive Board for more than 20 years. An honorary member of the University's Class of 2007, George is volunteer director of the University's therapeutic riding program for veterans and volunteer assistant director of TRAC (Therapeutic Riding at Centenary). He is retired as New Jersey's state director of youth programs and special initiatives.

The Gold Dome Award recognizes individuals who advance the mission and ideals of Centenary University. Noting the couple's surprise at their selection for the award, George said, "That's what makes it all the more special. It's an awesome honor."

All-American Cyclone



Etiini Udott '19



Maxwell Nauta '18



Nick Rivera '21



Christopher Muce '19

Udott (197 pounds) and **Christopher Muce '19** (149 pounds) earned spots at the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in Cleveland, Ohio, with impressive showings at Mideast Regionals. With his fifth-place finish, Udott is the fourth Cyclone ever to advance to the NCAA semifinals.

Next season, Garriques loses Nauta to graduation, but expects to return the rest of his roster. Anticipating between 15 and 20 new recruits, Garriques noted, "I think showing recruits that the University has brought home 12 All-American trophies in the past eight years shows them that you can achieve your dreams here at Centenary."

You'd think that notching its seventh All-American wrestler in University history would be the high point for this year's Cyclone wrestling team. But **Etiini Udott '19's** fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships was just the tip of the iceberg for a program that's deep on talent.

The team tied the school mark for best single-season record, at 12-2, and finished the year ranked 17th in the nation. Head Coach John Garriques' squad was also an All-Region team that crowned six All-Region wrestlers, had two Academic All-Americans—**Maxwell Nauta '18** and **Nick Rivera '21**—and earned its 12th All-American trophy.

"This year, we had a group of young men who had a few years of buying into the program and doing the right things," said Garriques. "They understand that, to be the best, you can't just concentrate on athletic performance. We have to be the full package: academics first, being good people, being involved in our communities, giving back and being humble."



Nicole Cartaino '18 (left) and Renee Hack '19 (right)



Cyclone Record Setters

Women's basketball player **Nicole Cartaino '18** broke the school record for career games. Cartaino took the court for the 104th time as a Cyclone in a match against Gwynedd Mercy, propelling her above the previous record set by **Jen Vasta '12**. Cartaino finished her career with 105 games played.

Women's lacrosse standout **Renee Hack '19** broke the school record for career saves during a game at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in March. Hack notched 21 saves during the contest, including 16 during the first 30 minutes of action. It was the third time in her Cyclone career that she recorded 20 or more saves in a game.

Noteworthy



Rachel Edwards '18



Julia Present '18

The last game of the women's basketball season resulted in a career milestone for **Rachel Edwards '18**. The secondary education major scored the 1,000th point of

her career in first-round Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) playoff action. The Cyclones dropped the match to Marywood University, 81-69. Edwards hit the mark with 1:46 left in the first period, becoming the ninth player in program history to top 1,000 points. She finishes her college career with 1,012 points.

During the same game, **Julia Present '18** scored a double-double with 10 points and 10 assists, the seventh time in program history that a player has earned 10 or more assists in a game.



Tough Competitor: Samantha Bombardiere '19

Soccer player **Samantha Bombardiere '19** is a true winner. Her toughest opponent: cancer. Diagnosed with ovarian cancer at the end of freshman year, Bombardiere underwent treatment over the summer, but never skipped a beat in the classroom or on the pitch. The dean's list student returned to campus that September, missing a season to recover, but still attending every practice and game as team manager. Last season, she was back in the midfield and scored four goals for the 12-5 Cyclones. She credits the outpouring of support she received from Centenary with helping her to beat cancer: "It meant the world to me. I felt loved, and it made me stronger."

Let us know what's new!

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1945

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Barbara Wheatley Murray writes:
"Betty Swenson Bahr tells us she is in good health. She, like most of the rest of us, has had hip and knee replacements, but walks her dog, feeds birds and loves the outdoors. Her granddaughter, Pia, is one to be proud of. She has taught English in Japan and loves to travel. Betty's humor is still in place and she shares lovely Native American cards with others that are uplifting. I, as a recipient, know."

1949

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Florence Austermuhl Larson writes: "My grandson, who lives with me, and I are going to Honolulu for the April wedding of another grandson. We will meet up with the rest of the family and celebrate two birthdays, as well as another grandson becoming a CPA. Afterward we will spend three days in Kauai."

Margaret Pfeiffer McCann's son, Dave, wrote that Peggy is now in an assisted living facility. He found her

Mexico trip scrapbook from 1948 and forwarded it to Colleen Bain, Centenary's library archivist, who was delighted to accept it.

Debbie Ettinger Moss writes: "I have my 13-year-old Papillon to keep me active and walking, though I have many choices of activities where I live. There is a modern fitness center, as well as clubs. To keep my brain active, I play bridge in a few marathons, plus rummy Q and Scrabble with AAUW ladies, the only organization I belong to. I like the internet and using my iPad and iPhone. Living in a three-level care place has been the best choice for me. It takes the stress, to some degree, off one's children."

Nancy Hendee Pain is doing well. She just signed up for a trip to Iceland in September. Her granddaughter was chosen for the USA triathlon team going to Australia next year, and Nancy is really proud of her.

Carol Brown Robinson is feeling pretty good and going to the June wedding of a grandniece in Oregon. There will be an outside reception in a barn. Carol is not much of a joiner in her retirement apartment, but likes to read donated books from the library.

Audrey Henn Nawoschik and some of her family went to a great-granddaughter's house in New Jersey for their Easter celebration. There was lots of noise to go around. Aud gave her house in New York to one of her sons and lives with him. He has a picture-perfect yard as his hobby, and Aud

loves to walk in the garden. She gave her house in Lavallette on the Jersey shore to her other son, and the family meets there in the summertime. Aud likes to sew and embroider and makes tablecloths. She has five cats to keep her company.

Nancy Morrell McClatchie has a leg problem and spends a lot of time with doctors. She uses a walker when she walks around the corner. She has an aide who cooks her food and helps with therapy. Her boys worked at a party for Easter at her church.

1959

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Ann Hufnagel Rafferty writes: "I stopped at a market on the way home to get my newspapers and extras. A couple of people were collecting donations outside the store for an organization, and I gave them something as they were brave standing out in the cold. We were talking and one of the men said something about New Jersey and that he had gone to college in Hackettstown. I thought that someone in Maine would not have much of an idea where that was. I said I had also, but when it was a junior college, and now it is a University. Small world."



Kate Green Vibert and
Fran Nicola Sennas

1961

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Joyce Fierro Velzy writes: "Our son and his family planned on joining us during Easter week at Disney World to celebrate an early 16th birthday for our granddaughter. However, two days before, my husband, Bob, had to have a pacemaker put in. This particular procedure was a new one and his only restrictions were no mowing the lawn (no problem there!), no swimming (or there!) and no lifting anything over five pounds. We missed precious time with our kids, but they drove down from Orlando to the hospital and spent a few hours with us—great medicine for all."

"I was taken aback when I started to read **Debbie Sisbower Lingwood's** email as it began, 'I am expecting!' but then continued with, 'A second great-grandchild will arrive in August; this one will be a boy, which is great for our

Return of the Karate Kid

Centenarians may not realize that the University has a direct connection to the now-classic 1984 *Karate Kid* movie. Actor Billy Zabka—son of Stan and **Nancy Zabka '61**—played antagonist Johnny Lawrence in the original 1984 movie. The film has avid fans to this day, sparking a sequel series that debuted on YouTube Red

on May 2. *Cobra Kai* picks up on the lives of Karate Kid Daniel LaRusso and Johnny Lawrence 34 years later. Zabka, who is also a writer and director, reprises his role in the series, along with Ralph Macchio, the original Daniel LaRusso. Nancy and Stan recently spent some time in beautiful Carmel, and are proud of their son's success.



Courtesy Facebook



Representatives of professional sports franchises, many of whom are Centenary alumni, were on hand to advise students at the seventh annual Centenary University Sports Management Conference.



Career Power Plays

Sports management professionals—including 15 alumni—were on campus April 20 for the seventh annual Centenary University Sports Management Conference. The event provides students with opportunities to network with professionals in the field through panel discussions, a luncheon and round table interviews.

Fred Mangione '93, senior vice president, ticket and premium revenue, strategy and development for the New York Jets, delivered the keynote. "Every

sports league is into the 365 approach," he told students. "The Jets are a great brand, and in New York you're on the biggest stage. We're in competition every day."

David Perricone, associate professor of sports management, charges students with organizing the conference to gain experience with running high-powered events. "You can't teach crisis management from a textbook," Perricone explained. "Our alumni are probably the toughest on our students. They meet

afterward to share their thoughts with students on the conference."

With a hands-on approach and strong emphasis on internships, Centenary's sports management program has a strong track record for placing alumni into jobs with professional sports teams. "Our students benefit from a real hands-on approach, and this is an example of that," noted President David P. Haney. "When they graduate, they go on to get great jobs in sports management."



Ian and Elaine Deehan Naismith's wedding day; Current photo of Elaine and Ian; Elaine (middle) and her bridesmaids, Nancy Lewis Loescher and Kathy Brodbeck Von Koschembahr.



Elaine Deehan Naismith and her husband, Ian, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Jan. 20. Elaine had a reunion dinner with her bridesmaids, **Nancy Lewis Loescher** and **Kathy Brodbeck Von Koschembahr**.

family of mostly girls. The future big sister wanted a sister, not a brother, but she is slowly adjusting to the idea. We are hoping she won't try to dress him in girly baby clothes that were hers as a new baby."

Ann Watson Mangels keeps busy volunteering at a food shelter serving meals, arranging flowers at her church and counting offering contributions. She is also a board member at a nearby life care facility and is president of the American Rhododendron Society (ARS). Ann writes: "Bill and I enjoyed a cruise in January to the West Indies, where we were amazed to still see so much devastation caused by last fall's hurricanes. Since tourists are the major influence upon peoples' incomes, they have been hurt by the lack of cruise ships stopping at the islands; however, since we were there, we understand that there is much more activity and most places are recovering. We're going to Germany in May to the ARS annual convention. It's fun looking forward to visiting gardens and relaxing with friends. Our sons and their families are well. One grandson is with the Special Forces stationed in Colombia. He and his wife are expecting our third great-grandchild, a boy, in the fall. Our other son and his family live close to us and we enjoy watching our granddaughter becoming a teenager. Bill and I love being able to work in our garden. Bill really carries the load, but we both enjoy getting our hands dirty and seeing beautiful flowers. They are a wonderful gift, especially after this past winter. It's amazing to read the *Centenarian* and see what's going on at the school. Never thought I would see it become a University!"

At least once a year, **Jean Wisdom Weaver**, **Judy Wisdom Quinn** and I get together here in Florida in the winter before they head back to their northern homes for the summer."

Jean Wisdom Weaver writes: "Ross and I are now officially 'staybirds', not 'snowbirds' anymore. We sold our northern homes in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and we are now permanent residents of Florida."

Pat Matchett Drummond writes: "Briefly after Centenary, I went to

the University of North Carolina. My husband, Dick, and I were married senior year. We have four children and six grandchildren and, thankfully, they all live in the Washington, D.C., area. Aerobic dance, golf and gardening have kept me busy, although I sure can't do what I used to. Has anyone heard from **Mimi Hall**?"

Sally Murphy Albano keeps in touch with several Centenary classmates, including **Judy Ward**. Sally writes: "Judy and I transferred to Columbia University into the nursing program. There were five of us who went to Columbia for nursing after graduation. Judy is on the School of Nursing Class of 1964 reunion committee with me; we have been working together for years on different reunions. Another person with whom I have kept in touch is **Sally Swan Schwabe**. We've attended many Centenary reunions together over the years. Both Judy and Sally are doing well and living great lives. I am still working part time as a nursing educator and also a long-term certified school nurse substitute for a local public school district. I've retired four times, find myself bored and, of course, return to work on my terms."

1962

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Carol Muessel Krustangel writes: "Doing sort of well. Have had, and continue to do so, bad stenosis. Physical therapy and shots are keeping me going. The happy news is that in the last year-and-a-half, I had three adorable great-granddaughters. My family is up to 24 people now ... quite a wonderful group. My husband of 55 years and I try to visit most of them as much as possible in Spokane, Wash., where they all live. The exception is my daughter, who lives near us, and that's wonderful; we still live in beautiful Whitefish, Mont., with Big Mountain Ski Resort and Glacier National Park virtually outside our door.

1963

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Patricia "Trish" Edwards Cassidy writes that everything is going great for her and her husband. They are both in good health. Harry is so good to her and her family. She says, "I struck gold this time." Her mom is 97 years and still rocks—she has her own home and still drives.



Patricia "Trish" Edwards Cassidy and her husband, Harry.

Cindy Miller Hunt and her husband, Bill, are looking forward to the destination wedding of Bill's granddaughter in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, at the beginning of October. Last Christmas, she and Bill rented a beach house in Destin, Fla., and celebrated Christmas with their children, spouses and grandchildren—14 in all. Cindy still attends Trinity Church down the street from Centenary and volunteers at the church's thrift shop every week. She thinks of Centenary every time she goes to the church. They have also joined a senior group in town and look forward to upcoming day trips with them.

Karen Hagmann Irvine and her husband, Hank, are still enjoying life on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Although she stays in touch with **Janice Babcock Johnson**, they were unable to coordinate a mini-reunion this year, as Hank was in a multiweek tennis tournament. He won all eight weeks of the Super Seniors Doubles against competitors from all over the country. She writes: "Although my children and grandchildren are not close by, we still manage to get together throughout the year. Our kids are great and happy in their lives."

Marty Wright LeGere writes: "We have been busy, busy, busy. During December and January, my husband, Jim, and I went in for 'senior' surgery, which thankfully, was very successful. I am still a member of an Irish music band, Celtic Conspiracy, for which I play both the violin and the mandolin. I developed a love for Irish music—the dances, the costumes, the rhythms, the melodies, the lyrics—while living in Chicago, which has a large Irish population. We perform for fundraisers, local get-togethers, wine tastings and holiday events, and were a big hit on St. Patrick's Day. We actually made a little money, and got free beer! It doesn't get any better than that. We are off to California to visit family, and look forward to a walking trip in the fall."

Sally Chapman Elliott has lived in Southern California since 1969, and has been happily married to her second husband for 38 years. Between them, they have three grown children and five grandchildren. They own a motorhome and take several trips throughout the year, mostly on the West Coast. However, since her family owns a home on Great Wass Island in Maine, they also travel there, where she meets up with former Centenary roommate, **Val Walker Flemming '62**, who owns a summer cabin on another beautiful lake in Maine. Val and her husband of 50-plus years, Jef, reside during the winter in Jacksonville, Fla. Sally also sees fellow Centenary classmate **Susie Nims Scott**, who just moved to Littleton, Colo. They will get together this May with some of their mutual high school friends. Sally is also in touch with classmate **Dorothy Graham Wood**, who resides with her husband in the same area in Jacksonville as Val and Jef Flemming.



Val Walker Flemming with Centenary roommate Sally Chapman Elliott, Great Wass Island, Maine

Color Her World



Jessica Doerrler '93



After working as a designer for a gift wrapping company, **Jessica Doerrler '93's** life shifted and she found another purpose. The Centenary University graduate moved to South Carolina, where she now works as a residential counselor at New Hope

Treatment Center. Youths with a history of harmful behaviors, trauma, aggression and violence live at the center.

"A lot of kids have been on the run and some have committed crimes," Doerrler said. "We teach them life skills and we talk to them all day and redirect them. It's intense and there is so much emotion and so much heartbreak and heartache."

Doerrler engages the kids in the art world to help them express themselves artistically—an activity, she says, that has healing powers. "The stories these kids have are heartbreaking. There are so many layers of trauma," she explained.

Doerrler comes from an artistic family; her mother is an artist, and her aunt, a poet. As an only child, Doerrler often passed the time drawing. At Centenary, she studied fine art and design, a major that challenged her and taught her to take constructive criticism well. She learned not to take a critique personally, a lesson she is grateful for today.

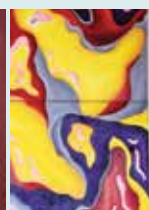
"They put your feet to the fire," she recalled of her Centenary professors. "Every time I finished a piece of work, I was criticized by a professor and the class. At first, it was hard, but that gave me the tools going forward to be able to handle it."

Doerrler's latest artistic endeavor is a coloring book depicting women showing strength in different phases of their lives. The book, which is a work in progress, is watercolor and ink.

"I guess it's me; it's whatever I'm feeling at the time," Doerrler explained. "There's one woman with a sword shown in Medieval times standing there victorious. There's another one in a glass jar who cannot get out, and one that's a marionette."

Doerrler plans to donate a percentage of sales to a scholarship fund for kids at New Hope. "They all have a story of strength," she said.

Arts Alive



International Flair

Shoko Shima '18 uses nature to inspire much of her work. When searching for an American university to further her art training, the Japanese art major chose Centenary for its outstanding fine arts program. At her first exhibit on campus, Shima sold two paintings. The recipient of Centenary's International Student of the Year Award said, "It's so amazing that someone is going to live with my work."



Power of the Purse

Fashion majors created original handbags for an auction to benefit the Red Cross as part of a class called Social & Psychological Aspects of Clothing taught by Kristen McKitish, assistant professor of fashion. Before the event, students presented their designs to representatives of the Red Cross, explaining their target market analysis and inspiration for the creations.



Equine Art

Brooklyn artist Rachel Owens created a glass sculpture of the front legs of Ava, a Centenary horse. The creation—made of crushed, poured glass—was displayed as part of an exhibit at the New York gallery, ZieherSmith. Owens, a cousin of Centenary Professor of Equine Studies Lynn Taylor, Ph.D., recently donated the unique sculpture to Centenary while accompanying a prospective equine studies student on a visit to campus.



Inspiring Passion

Professor of Art Joseph Coco's CD, "World War III is Here!," was accepted into the permanent collection of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. Songs on the album reflect the political turbulence in the United States today. Coco has released more than 58 albums. The prolific painter has also had more than 70 solo exhibits. He said of his students, "What I do is affect people on a microcosm level. I'm helping them to find their passion."

After graduating from Centenary with a business major, **Judi Coles Zieg** moved to New York City and worked for IBM, where she met and married her husband, John. They lived in and around the city raising their two children, a boy and a girl. When their children were grown, instead of settling down like most empty-nesters, they sold everything and took off for Southern California, where John started his own computer software company. Judi worked for a public works general contractor and then for a hedge fund. They eventually retired and, once again, sold everything, bought an SUV and two bicycles, and began traveling the country. Via back roads and cheap motels, they discovered what a beautiful country we live in, with Yosemite, Yellowstone, Bryce Canyon, the North Carolina mountains and the New England coastline. They now have five grandchildren. They traveled near Las Vegas last fall, toured the Southwest this spring and headed to Southern California for their grandson's high school reunion. Judi is keeping a journal, and they have taken thousands of photos, while John keeps them organized.



Judi and John near Las Vegas last fall.

Evelyn (Evie) Fagan Rother graduated from Centenary with a medical secretarial degree, and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science from Kean College in New Jersey. She married, raised a family and worked for a communications technology company, Telcordia Technologies, for 20 years, becoming a project manager. She has been retired for 16 years. Evie has two married children, a son living in Lake Placid, N.Y., and a daughter living in Delaware, N.J., five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Evie was divorced, and now has a partner whom she met more than 17 years ago at a unique match site: cardiac rehab. He owns a home on Martha's Vineyard, so she is fortunate and delighted to be able to travel with him to such a beautiful place. Evie has kept in touch with **Lynn Picciuto Miglarese** and **Karen Weingartner Winter** all these years. Besides enjoying her children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter, Evie enjoys needlepoint, counted cross-stitch and, most recently, knitting. In fact, she formed a knitting group that meets weekly at her home.

1967

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Barbara Leighton Faulkner writes:

"On Jan. 3, 2017, we welcomed our first grandchild, Reese Leigh Rasmussen. She lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif., so my husband and I are splitting our time between Hudson, Ohio, and Manhattan Beach, with summers at Lake Chautauqua, N.Y. I still have my international commemorative ornament business, Laura Leighton Designs. Several years ago, I designed a gold-plated commemorative ornament of the dome for Centenary. I haven't run into any Centenary girls lately, but over the years I would see my roommate, **Lynne Davis Kranich**, as well as **Katie Coakley Koch** and **Betsy Schmunk King '65**. If anyone is in or around Manhattan Beach, Calif., Lake Chautauqua or Hudson, Ohio, look me up. My new email is leightondesigns23@gmail.com.

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Sheila Zelaskowski-McNeil writes: "I have been appointed a warrant officer 1 in the New Jersey National Guard, graduating from my 151A Aviation Maintenance Technician Warrant Officer Basic Course on March 16. I look forward to contributing to my unit and battalion on a larger scale.



Sheila Zelaskowski-McNeil (front, second right)

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Sunshine State Receptions

More than 40 Centenary University Florida alumni reconnected with their *alma mater* and pledged their support for Centenary's future at a series of luncheon meetings, dinners and receptions held last winter in the Sunshine State. Centenarians met with David P. Haney, Centenary president, and Lisa Baldwin, presidential spouse and university ambassador, to discuss Haney's vision for the University. Stephanie Bennett-Smith, Ph.D., a past-president of Centenary, also attended some of the sessions. Many thanks to **Edie Bolte Kutz '46**, **Janet Kipp Tribus '62**, Alden and **Doll Spach Siegel '59** and **Cindy Rowan '75** for hosting receptions.



A Prolific Professor

Anthony Serafini, Ph.D., *emeritus* professor of philosophy, passed away in January. He taught at Centenary University from 1986 to 2003. A native of Endicott, N.Y., Serafini received his doctorate in philosophy from Cornell University, specializing in analytical philosophy and the philosophy of science. He was a noted writer and the author of seven books, including a 1991 biography of the Nobel Prize-winning scientist Linus Pauling, which won him wide acclaim. Other works included *Legends in Their Own Time: A Century of Physical Scientists* (1993), a textbook, *Ethics and Social Concern* (2000), *The Epic History of Biology* (2001) and *A History of Philosophy* (2001).

An internationally-ranked chess player and virtuoso violinist, he performed with many symphonies, including the Binghamton Philharmonic and the Syracuse University Symphony, and was concertmaster



Anthony Serafini, Ph.D., (right) in the 1990s with close friend Raymond Frey, Ph.D.

of the Cornell University Symphony. After his retirement, he served as adjunct professor of violin at Centenary.

Tony was a powerful and dynamic teacher. His lectures often extended beyond the classroom to Tillie's—the former snack bar in the Edward W. Seay Administration Building—where he would hold court over coffee with students and faculty, musing on philosophy, religion, science and the meaning of life. My favorite memory was seeing

him on warm days sitting in the gazebo near the Quad with a circle of students filling the benches. There, he would enlighten and challenge them to think critically and analytically about their lives and the world around them. Socrates, Plato and Aristotle would be proud.

— Raymond Frey, Ph.D.,

Centenary University archivist and professor of history

Centenary's Miss America



Bette Cooper '38 /'40

entered a local beauty pageant on a lark in summer 1937. She won, earning a spot in the Miss America pageant later that year. To her surprise—and dismay—Cooper was

crowned Miss America. Overwhelmed, the Centenary student disappeared overnight with the aid of her pageant-appointed escort

and quickly returned home to Hackettstown and college life.

At 97, Elizabeth Cooper Moore was the oldest living Miss America when she passed away on Dec. 10 in Connecticut. Her story inspired a novel, *The Night She Won Miss America*, published last year. The book by Michael Callahan tells the story of heroine Betty Jane Welch, a fictional beauty queen who disappears with her escort after winning the pageant.

While Welch falls in love and leads authorities on a spirited chase, Moore's real-life story wasn't at all notorious. Shunning the notoriety that comes with a Miss America crown, she struck a deal with pageant officials to participate in just a few public appearances. She graduated from Centenary Junior College's Academy in 1938, and Centenary Junior College in 1940, pursuing a career in public relations before going on to marry and have a family.

In Memoriam

Helen Littell Alden '39.....1/29/18
 Barbara Nobes Boyle '75.....2/8/18
 Margaret Bittel Collander '62.....10/11/17
 Janice Gwilliam Cotton '52.....6/12/17
 Betty-Lou Drexler Cowey '53.....2/7/18
 Josephine T. Dodt '77.....10/21/17
 Linda Kneller Eckert '66.....9/24/17
 Louise Fiore '85.....10/31/17
 Angelia M. Frederick '04.....1/28/18
 Michael R. Goepf '12.....2/11/18
 Sandra L. Hann '93.....12/21/17
 Craig Harrow '99.....2/24/18
 Carmelina Vinciguerra Hennessy '52.....12/4/16
 Carmen Boom Howe '43.....1/25/18

Ann Sternberger Lampert '45.....11/11/17
 Virginia C. Lippincott-Rose '50.....3/4/18
 Carol Saviteer Lirot '49.....7/31/17
 Beverly Dornseiff Maconi '48.....10/9/17
 Mary-Faith Newcomb Marriott '57.....5/20/17
 Elizabeth Cooper Moore '40.....12/10/17
 Gloria Hackeling Ogilvie '45.....11/4/17
 Carol J. Olsen-Voorhees '39.....11/30/17
 Janet Tilton Palen '47.....2/20/18
 Joyce Haik Pate '57.....10/4/16
 Ann Ridler Shearer '48.....11/29/17
 Sandra Churchill Shield '58.....2/22/18
 Gretchen Yuengling Testa '82.....10/27/17

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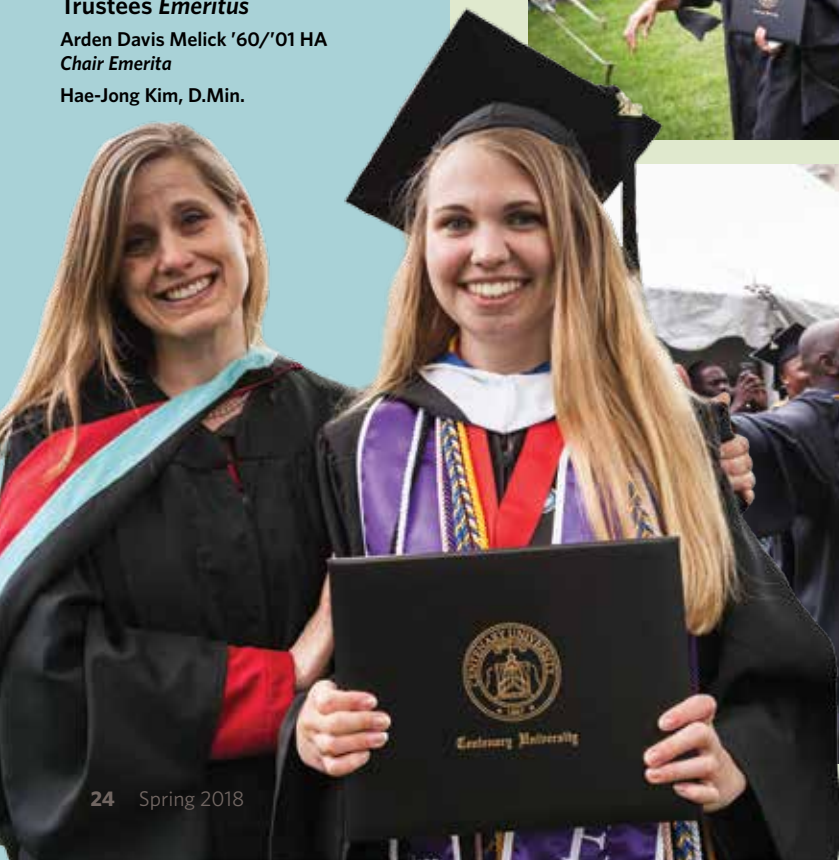
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Congratulations to Centenary's Newest Alumni

Centenary University's Alumni Association grew on May 12, when 577 graduates earned their degrees at the University's 143rd Commencement. **Jen Pace '09**, senior manager of preschool production and development at Nickelodeon, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony, held on the front lawn of the Edward W. Seay Administration building.

Valedictorian was **Meghan Kolbush '18**, and the Welsh Prize was awarded to **Rebecca Clinebell '18** (traditional student) and **Cheryl Palmer '18** (School of Professional Studies). In addition, presidential spouse Lisa Baldwin was recognized with the Dominick V. Romano Community Service Volunteer Award for her many contributions to the University and its students.





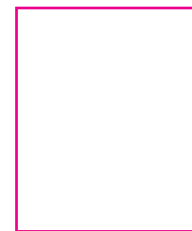
Did You Know...

Barbara P. Bush was the speaker at Centenary University's 101st Commencement in 1976. Still 13 years away from the presidency, her husband, George H.W. Bush, was director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The former first lady passed away on April 17.





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