



# Parent Newsletter

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## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! FILE BEFORE THE DEADLINE!

### Apply for Financial Aid Early

Though next year may not be on your mind right now, it must be for...it is very important to apply for financial aid early, as the College offers a limited amount of funding each year on a first-come, first served basis. The college's priority deadline is **April 1, 2013**, but you are welcome to file your FAFSA sooner. If you and your student haven't completed your 2012 taxes, you can still file the FAFSA using estimated figures and update the information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool once your taxes have been filed.

Students who are New Jersey residents will also be considered for the Tuition Aid Grant (TAG), funded by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA). Eligibility is based on information provided in your FAFSA in addition to other information requested directly by HESAA. The state deadline to file the FAFSA is **June 1, 2013**.

Both the College and HESAA will contact your student if they need additional information to determine eligibility for financial aid. Please remind your student to read and respond to any letters, e-mails or other correspondence from Centenary College and HESAA. Centenary College also has a Facebook page that you and your family can "Like" to stay informed on important filing deadlines, outside scholarships and other information related to financial aid.

### College Goal Sunday Financial Aid Seminar

**Win a \$500 Scholarship**

Centenary College is pleased to announce that it is one of 10 colleges in New Jersey to participate in New Jersey College Goal Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **February 24, 2013**. This event was made possible through the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) and the New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NJASFAA).

During this event, volunteer financial aid professionals from around the state - including Centenary's Director of Financial Aid, Evelynne Blatt, and the entire Centenary Financial Aid Office staff will work one-on-one with students and families to help them complete and submit the electronic Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

In addition to being open to high school students, members of the adult population are invited, including the unemployed, underemployed or those returning from military service. College Goal Sunday can also provide financial aid information and assistance to those who may need retraining or further education.

Those who attend have the opportunity to win a \$500 scholarship. "This is a terrific opportunity for people to learn about the financial aid process, which is a critical part of the college application procedure," says Blatt. "It is our intention to answer questions and inform the public, so this experience is one that is positive and productive." Come complete your Federal Student Aid Application.

To register, visit [www.njcollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.njcollegegoalsunday.org).

For more information, please call 908-852-1400, ext. 2207.

## Centenary College School of International Programs Holds First Korean Teacher Winter Program



School of International Programs  
Winter International Teacher Program 2012-2013

The School of International Programs is conducting a three month ESL/Teaching Methodology program for 13 public school teachers from Korea. The program began on Dec. 13, 2012 and runs through Feb 22, 2013. This special program has been coordinated through ITTI Global, Inc. in Seoul, Korea, who worked with the School of International Programs on a previous month long program in the summer of 2012. Both programs are funded by the Korean government.

For the first two months of the winter program the teachers participated in an on-campus program that focused on writing skills and English pronunciation. During the last month, 4 teachers will be experiencing practical training at the Hackettstown Middle School in grades 5 through 8, where they will learn about the American public school education system.

[Learn more here!](#)

## The Hackettstown BID Announces St. Patrick's Parade and its Grand Marshal!

The Hackettstown Business Improvement District's 5th Annual St. Patrick's Parade is on its way! At 3:30 pm **March 10, 2013** the town will be filled with spectators from the surrounding area to enjoy the biggest parade of the year. Centenary College President Dr. Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite was selected to lead the parade as the Grand Marshal. If you're in the area, come join the festivities. For more information: [www.hackettstownbid.com](http://www.hackettstownbid.com)



## The Career Services Office and The Writing Collaboratory "Perfect Together"

On February 5th students were invited to attend a Resume Boot Camp to find out what to do and what NOT to do on their resume. Career Services and The Writing Collaboratory teamed up to assist students with their resumes. These sessions will now be offered on a monthly basis during the Spring Semester.

We took some photos of this great turnout! See them at [www.centenarycollege.edu/collaboratoryevents](http://www.centenarycollege.edu/collaboratoryevents).



## Stay Up-to-Date with Career Services

With the support of family and The Career Center, your student will be equipped with the tools needed to launch a successful career. Please encourage your student to visit us often for assistance with career counseling, internships opportunities, résumés, cover letters, interview preparation, and . You can stay up-to-date with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CentenaryCareer](http://www.facebook.com/CentenaryCareer).



## Internship Opportunities

Its never too early to start to think about Internship Opportunities. An Internship can open doors and allow students to experience first hand working in a position related to their career choice. Most Centenary students participate in The Internship Program their junior and senior years. For more information about this exciting program visit [www.centenarycollege.edu/InternshipProgram](http://www.centenarycollege.edu/InternshipProgram)

## Career Speed Mentoring Event

The Career Center is partnering with the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce to host its second annual Career Speed Mentoring event on Tuesday **March 5, 2013**.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with over 10 industry leaders and successful alums for job search advice and information. All majors are welcome to participate.



## Spring Career Fair—Save the Date

The Career Center will be hosting a Spring Career Fair on Wednesday, **April 17, 2013** from 10AM to 1PM in the Reeves Gym. Students and alums will have the opportunity to meet directly with about 50 employers to learn about fill time, part-time, internship and summer job opportunities.

A list of participating employers which is updated weekly can be found on our website at [www.centenarycollege.edu/CareerServices](http://www.centenarycollege.edu/CareerServices).

## 2013 Eastern Polar Plunge! February 23, 2013

For the third straight year, the Colonial States Athletic Conference is sponsoring a team for the Eastern Polar Plunge, with all proceeds benefiting the Pennsylvania Special Olympics. For one afternoon in February, athletes,



coaches, and administrators from various CSAC schools will all be on the same team, making new friends, enjoying a day of fun and food, and helping the Special Olympics.

Centenary coaches and student-athletes have been a proud participant every year since the NCAA began their partnership with Special Olympics. The purpose of the partnership is to improve the lives of Special Olympics athletes through their engagement and involvement with Division III student-athletes and to foster a mutual learning experience between Division III student-athletes and Special Olympics athletes.

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



## 2012-2013 Athletic Awards Banquet-Save the Date

**Sunday May 5, 2013**

Reception 2pm-2:45pm in the cafeteria  
Awards Ceremony 3p-5p in the Sitnik Theater

Ticket Price \$12 per person  
Cash or Checks Accepted in advance / at door  
Please make checks payable to Centenary College

## Come One, Come All Irish Beer Tasting Fundraiser for the Cyclone Athletic Fund March 15, 2013

Parents, the College will be holding an Irish Beer Tasting starting at 7 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2013. The event benefits the Cyclone Athletic Fund, and features a variety of Irish beers, refreshments, a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. Tickets cost \$60 per person, \$100 for a couple or \$125 for a Centenary student with two guests.

You must be 21 or older to attend!  
RSVP by March 8: e-mail [Kate Booth](mailto:Kate.Booth@centenary.edu) in the Office of College Relations or call (908) 852-1400, ext. 2468.



## #6 Ranked Cyclones Rally to 25-15 Win Over #8 Ranked Aggies

With former NJ Governor Thomas Kean in attendance, the #6 ranked Centenary wrestling team rallied back and defeated #8 ranked Delaware Valley College on Thursday night, topping the Aggies in a 25-15 decision.

The match came down to the final bout as senior J.D. Zitone took down Michael Boardman for a pin at 1:11 to put the Cyclones on top and give them the win over the Aggies. The match was the first time that two Top 10 nationally ranked teams squared off in the John M. Reeves Student Recreation Center. The Cyclones were able to run away with the victory to improve them to 8-3 on the season as the #6 ranked team in the nation.



*Former Governor Kean joined our Cyclones for Dual.*

## May 2013 Commencement - Applications due March 1st.



Students who will complete their degree requirements in the Spring semester need to complete a degree application before **March 1, 2013**. If they are not planning to participate in the ceremony, they still need to apply to receive their degree. Forms are available online...[click here](#).

Commencement details will be available on the website by late April. For more information contact [Kathy Fruncillo](#), 908-852-1400 ext 2412.

## Peer Mentoring Group Majors and Minors (M&M)

Encourage your student to learn more about Centenary's active Peer Mentoring Group "Majors and Minors" aka M&M's designed to help students who are undecided and disconnected become reconnected with their peers and discover their path for a major and or minor.

Check out the [Majors & Minors Facebook Page](#)

To learn more contact us!

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## Centenary Downtown “Reaching out in Hackettstown”

The president, town officials and members of the community celebrated the ribbon cutting for “Centenary Downtown” located on Main Street in Hackettstown.

The **Math Tutoring Program** at “Centenary Downtown”, managed by Professor Turrisi, will provide free math tutoring for children in grades two through six. Members of the Centenary Mathematics Honor Society, Kappa Mu Epsilon, will serve as tutors, as well as representatives from Kappa Delta Gamma, a professional honorary society of women educators. Tutors are available for one-hour appointments from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays or Tuesdays. Those who are interested must call Professor Turrisi at (908) 852-1400, ext. 2321.



The **Counseling for Veterans Program** at “Centenary Downtown” is a joint venture between the Office of Veteran Services at Centenary College and the Vet Center of Bloomfield to provide free counseling to combat-arena veterans. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. on Fridays. Appointments need to be scheduled through the Vet Center of Bloomfield at (973) 748-0980. The Office of Veteran Services at Centenary College was established in Fall 2012 to provide valuable resources and services to Centenary veterans and the greater community.

The **Centenary Stage Company Box Office** on Main at the “Centenary Downtown” Office allows members of the community with the convenience of the ability to purchase performance tickets in downtown Hackettstown. Hours of operation this winter are 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, with additional hours to be announced during the semester. Patrons who pick up their tickets at Box Office on Main will receive a free refreshment voucher at the Centenary Stage Company concession stand. For information about upcoming productions, see [www.centenarystageco.org](http://www.centenarystageco.org).