

# THE PARENT CENTENARIAN.

The Quarterly Centenary University Newsletter.



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## A Letter From PRESIDENT HANEY

Dear Centenary University Parents:

Welcome to a new semester full of promise, both for your students and for an institution that is committed to providing the best possible opportunities for the 21st-century learner.

I am very fortunate to begin my first year as Centenary's 13th president at a time when first-year enrollment has increased significantly, our placement rate for recent graduates stands at 94% (well above the national average of 69%), and our four-year graduation rate exceeds that of every private college and university in New Jersey except Princeton. I have the enviable opportunity to build on the excellent work of the previous president, Dr. Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, who laid the groundwork for a sustainable and successful future.

In the coming year we celebrate Centenary's 150th anniversary and our first year as a "university" rather than a "college," a designation that reflects the increasing diversity of our programs, including a strong liberal arts foundation, a variety of career-focused programs, and diverse graduate programs. Administrators, faculty, staff and students will join together this year to design a new strategic plan for the next five years, a plan that will build on our traditional strengths while adapting to the changing landscape of American higher education.

I feel a special connection to our new students as I share with them the start of a new adventure at Centenary. Like them I am full of hope, ready to work hard, and respectful of the challenges that lie ahead. As parents, you play a vital role in supporting our students and the institution, so I welcome your questions, concerns, and advice.

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## »» University Status

This upcoming school year we have much to celebrate. 2017 marks our 150th year anniversary and Centenary's move to University status. Earlier this year, Centenary announced that we were granted university status by New Jersey's Secretary of Higher Education. Becoming a university is an exciting time in Centenary's history because it reflects the quality and diversity of our academic programs and allows for future growth and development of our degree programs.

Throughout the past 150 years, we are proud to say Centenary progressed from being a two-year women's college to becoming a co-educational institution offering 11 graduate programs and three master's level certifications. The institution continues to grow tremendously as our Education department recently added an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership to its graduate curriculum and the Psychology and Counseling program is exploring the feasibility of offering a PhD in Counseling for our students. Moreover, the university is currently in the transition process of developing Centenary's new brand and website and is looking forward to sharing our new look with the community in September. Centenary University will continue providing our students with personalized attention and hands-on learning experiences for which Centenary is best known. The Centenary experience will still be distinguished by the fundamental belief in the full potential of each student, a strong liberal arts foundation, career preparation, and a culture of service to the community and to the world.



## » Move in and Orientation Information - August 27th

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Residence Life is very excited to welcome all new and returning students back to campus this month. All new students move in on Saturday, August 27th. All new students were sent emails to their Centenary University email account that contain their room assignment as well as roommate information. If your student has not received an email from Residence Life please contact Kristin McGowan, Assistant Director of Residence Life, at [mcgowan@centenaryuniversity.edu](mailto:mcgowan@centenaryuniversity.edu) for help. All students should label their items prior to move in with their name and room number to be sure that all of their items make it to their room in a timely manner. There will be a move in crew to help assist the new students with moving their items from car to room.

All returning students can begin moving back to campus on Monday August 29th. All Returning students have also received an email to their Centenary University email with their room assignment and roommate information.

Please find below a list of items your student should definitely bring, things that might make their room feel more comfortable and a list of items that your student should not bring as they are prohibited. This list and other frequently asked Residence Life questions can be found on our [website here](#).

All students should follow Residence Life on social media for up to date announcements as well as daily move in tips leading up to opening. You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

### Orientation & Move In Dates

Saturday, August 27th New Resident Move In Day

Sunday, August 28th All New Student Orientation

Monday, August 29th Community Plunge & Returning Student Move-In

Tuesday, August 30th Relax and Gear up for Classes!

Wednesday, August 31st Classes Begin

Questions Regarding Move In or Orientation: Call the Office of Student Life at (908) 852-1400 ext. 4291



## >> What Should I Bring When I Move In?

### These are the items you definitely should bring:

- Alarm clock, lamp (non-fluorescent, or medusa lamp), flashlight and small trash can
- Band-aids, aspirin, allergy medicine
- Cleaning supplies
- Extra long twin sheets, pillow, blankets, and comforter
- Fan
- Flip flops/shower shoes, a robe, towels, and washcloths
- Hangers
- Iron (with automatic shut off) and ironing board
- Laundry bag/basket, detergent
- Shower Caddy for shampoo, soap, toothpaste and other toiletries
- Sewing kit
- Power strips and multi-plug devices are acceptable only if they are:
  - Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) rated and have a built-in circuit breaker/surge protector (note: these will usually have a red or green indicator light).
  - Be constructed from heavy - duty materials, consisting of 12, 14, or 16 - gauge wire
  - Designed for indoor use only
- Umbrella
- Jump Drive or portable storage

### These are the kinds of things that might make your room feel more comfortable:

- List of Important phone numbers
- Aquarium (10 gallon max.)
- Batteries
- Computer printer (please check with IT to ensure compatibility)
- Curtains, drapes
- Gaming System (with Ethernet cord, for internet connection)
- Hanging shoe rack
- Pictures from home
- Plants
- Plates and utensils, a mug, and a can opener
- Posters (Non-alcohol related),
- Microwave or micro-fridge combo (call 800-525-7307 to rent)
- Coffee Pot (With automatic shut off).
- Refrigerator (no more than 3.6 cubic ft.)
- Removable adhesive, 3M strips
- Snacks
- Sunscreen
- TV, DVD player, CD's, appropriate sized stereo
- Wet weather boots

### DO NOT BRING THESE THINGS. They are prohibited by Centenary:

- Air Conditioners
- Multi-outlet plugs and extension cords.
- Any display which advertises alcohol or drugs (i.e. shot glasses, posters, lighted signs, flags, blow up items)
- Open burning elements including, (electronic and regular) cigarettes, pipes, Candles (lit or unlit), incense, candle warmers.
- Charcoal or gas grill
- Appliances which exceed the rated outlet capacity of 110V, 15 amps, or are considered fire hazards including but not limited to the following:
  - Crock pots & hot plates, toaster ovens, electric frying pans, toasters, submergible heating coils.
  - Irons and coffeemakers without auto shut off.
- Beer Kegs and "party balls" or homemade brewing kits.
- Dartboards (hard tipped, metal tipped, etc)
- Electric blankets and Electric space heaters
- Extension cords (any of kind), multi-plug devices, Power strips without built-in circuit or a surge protector
- Firearms or weapons of any kind including but not limited to:
  - Guns, BB guns, air guns, sling shots, paintball guns, water guns, bows and arrows
  - Martial Arts Weaponry, clubs and knives with a blade of 3" or longer.
  - Personal MASE in excess of 3/4 ounce
  - Explosives or Fireworks of any kind
- Furniture not issued by the college (i.e. couches, tables, etc)
- Halogen lamps or lighting that has plastic components (ex: multi-colored medusa lamp).
- Homemade loft or bunk beds are not permitted. Cinder Blocks and other homemade loft apparatus may not be used to raise beds.
- Illegal drugs, and paraphernalia (ex: shot glasses, empty alcohol containers, pipes, empty containers, etc.)
- Decorative Lights of any kind including but not limited to (tube, string, LED, strobe, lava, etc).
- Christmas Trees (artificial or real)
- Toaster ovens, hot plates, Foreman grills, or any other cooking appliances. Microwaves must be no more than 800 watts, and only 1 per room is permitted.
- Refrigerators that exceed the following capacity: 3.6 cubic feet, Electric 115 volt, 15 amp. Limit 1 per resident.
- TV Wall Mounts
- Pets (except fish)
- Track lighting
- Traffic signs or cones
- Unsanitary items, trash, garbage
- Volatile liquids including but not limited to, propane gas fuel, paint, paint thinner, and turpentine, lighter fluid.
- Waterbeds, hot tubs (including homemade), swimming pools.
- Wireless Routers of any kind.
- Hover Boards

### Questions contact Residence Life:

[residencelife@centenaryuniversity.edu](mailto:residencelife@centenaryuniversity.edu)

For a complete list of Residence Hall policies please reference the Student Life Handbook on Centenary's Website.

## >> Mail for Students

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Only resident students will be assigned a mailbox on campus and given a mailbox key upon moving in. Mail and packages will arrive at the mailroom, located in the Seay building. Students will be notified via email and a package slip in the mailbox for parcels only; the student is responsible for checking his/her mailbox for letter mail. Please follow the following format to send any mail or packages sent to the student:

Student's First and Last Name (no nicknames please)

400 Jefferson St.

Mailbox # \_\_\_\_\_\*

Hackettstown, NJ 07840

\*Please note that most students' mailbox numbers will include the letter "F" as indicated on their mailbox key envelope.

## >> Graduation Rates

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According to an article on NJ.com, Centenary was rated as having one of the highest four-year graduation rates in the State of New Jersey. Centenary was ranked third, in fact, with Princeton University as the only private institution to out-rank the Hackettstown-based University. This is good news for families who are trying to keep the cost of higher education more manageable. In addition it is an advantage to the graduating students who are able to enter the workforce into their chosen field in a timely manner.

Some of the reasons why a Centenary student is equipped to complete their degree in four years include student adviser involvement and strong support from the Admissions Department. From the moment a Centenary student commits to enrolling at

the institution, Admissions counsellors provide concise information on courses that need to be completed each year in order to earn their degree. Advisers also provide students with clear direction regarding how to graduate within four years even when a student decides to change his or her major. The success of Centenary's graduates also continues well after Commencement day. An astounding 94% of Centenarians have jobs or are attending graduate school within a year.

In addition, Centenary's First-Year Experience Program is designed to teach our students time management skills. Each first year student is assigned an upperclass peer who is called a First-Year Leader. The First-Year Leader helps guide the student through the adjustment of college life and academic expectations.

## » Centenary to continue “Community Plunge” Tradition on August 29th

Centenary University will continue its longstanding commitment to community service when the Class of 2020 carries forth one of the institution’s primary missions by engaging in “Community Plunge” from 9am to 3pm on Monday, August 29, 2016.

Centenary University has long been known for its innovative approach to education, and in 1990, the institution became the first college in New Jersey to introduce community service as a required part of its curriculum.

Each year first year students and transfers engage in a day of community service. There will be a wide variety of locations and activities for the students to volunteer for. In addition to the new students each year, the First Year Leaders and Second Year Peers also attend the event and are excited that they are able to support their new peers through this positive experience.

### Some of this year’s sites include:

America’s Grow-A-Row (Pittstown, N.J.)  
 Bristol Glen Retirement Home (Newton, N.J.)  
 Camp Merry Heart (Hackettstown, N.J.)  
 Easter Seals (Blairstown and Hackettstown, N.J.)  
 Hackettstown BID (Hackettstown, N.J.)  
 Hackettstown Library (Hackettstown, N.J.)  
 H.I.L.L.S House (Hackettstown, N.J.)  
 Trinity United Methodist Church (Hackettstown, N.J.)  
 Rutherford Hall (Allamuchy, N.J.)

This event is a great opportunity for students to get involved in the community from the beginning of their college career. Most importantly, it is an event that may expose students to the benefits of community service, especially if they have not been involved with volunteerism in the past. In addition, students will become acclimated to their new community and home.

[Read more.](#)





## » Ed.D. Degree in Educational Leadership

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School administrators and educators in the northwest region of New Jersey no longer have to travel a distance to earn an Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership. This is the first terminal degree that is being offered by the institution which received university designation recently.

The program will fill a geographic void. Currently students from the northwestern portion of the state, who are looking to enroll in a terminal degree program, must travel an hour or longer to complete a program that is offered in a traditional format. Creation of this program at Centenary will not only increase the pool of talented educational leaders, but it will offer interested students in the area more choice in terms of format and more convenience in terms of location.

This degree is consistent with Centenary's mission of career preparation and service to the community, and will offer candidates an opportunity to enter into professional leadership positions in public and private education for which there is a demonstrated need. The program was designed because the ever-changing landscape of K-12 education is creating a demand for school leaders with a wide breadth of experience and education. The possession of an earned terminal degree has become a requirement for employment in upper level leadership positions in both public and private schools. This program will provide professional opportunity and upward mobility to students who otherwise would plateau in the leadership framework. This new degree level of a doctorate in Educational Leadership will focus on K-12 Leadership. The program incorporates a functional research element that is germane to the candidate's work. Coursework is designed to meet New Jersey Department of Education code and regulations consistent with the New Jersey School Administrator certificate.

## » Associates of Arts Degree in Paralegal and Legal Assistant Studies

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Centenary is launching an Associates of Arts degree in Paralegal and Legal Assistant Studies and a minor in Paralegal and Legal Assistant Studies starting in Fall 2016.

The Paralegal and Legal Assistant Studies has been identified by Hanover Research to be one of the top 14 growing occupations by the year 2020. Hanover has projected a 21.3% increase in the number of individuals employed as a paralegal and/or legal assistant by 2020. With launching an Associate of Arts degree and a minor at Centenary, students are provided with an ideal blend of career preparation options. For example, these programs prepare students to enter society as professionals by providing experiences that foster skills of critical thought and purposeful action.

“This is a great addition to our portfolio of offerings,” says Dr. Jeffrey Carter, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice & Public Administration, and Chair of the Social Sciences Department at Centenary University. “Our goal is to help the students succeed as much as we can, and this program will increase their career options. Our research with Hanover also found a projected increase of 1,500 newly employed paralegals and legal assistants by the year 2020. We want to ensure that our students have the opportunity to capitalize on this growth potential.”

Course offerings through this program include: Legal Research and Writing, Law and Litigation, Wills and Probate, Family Law, Immigration Law, Juvenile Delinquency, and more. Some of the courses directly associated to the Paralegal and Legal Assistant program will also be desirable for other career tracks, such as Social Work, Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Political & Governmental Affairs.

The program will be directed by Robert Verry, Assistant Professor of Political & Governmental Affairs and Criminal Justice, a paralegal himself, who can be reached at (908) 852-1400, ext. 2449 for program information.



## » Academic Success & Advising Center - Challenge and Support

Whether your student is a first time freshmen, a continuing sophomore or junior or a senior entering their final year of undergraduate education as a parent our wish is to see them emerge from the college experience as competent young adults, ready to embrace personal and professional challenges and take their place in society. These transformations happen as students are challenged both in the classroom and out of the classroom in residence halls, study groups, working on group projects or engaging in community service, internships and employment. Without the challenges and the opportunity to develop the skills to meet the challenges, they will remain the same person they were when they arrived on campus.

As parents your role as parent-coach is to encourage your students to seek the resources they need on campus and discuss possible options and outcomes with them.

Skip Downing in his book and program *On Course: Strategies for Creating Success in College and in Life* outlines principles for successful students. The soft skills he stresses are learning to accept personal responsibility for their lives both in and out of the classroom, discovering how to become effective self-managers. Part of being a self-manager is employing interdependence. By interdependence he speaks about learning to ask for help and be willing to offer it others.

Students can develop a network of mutually supportive relationships and the Academic Success and Advising Center stands ready to assist. Ours services include:

### Success Strategy Workshops:

*Offered Monday and Wednesday from 3pm - 4pm  
(location TBA on my.centenary.edu)*

- Time Management: September 12 and 14
- Note-taking: September 19 and 21
- Textbook Mapping; September 26 and 28
- Test Preparation : October 3 and 5

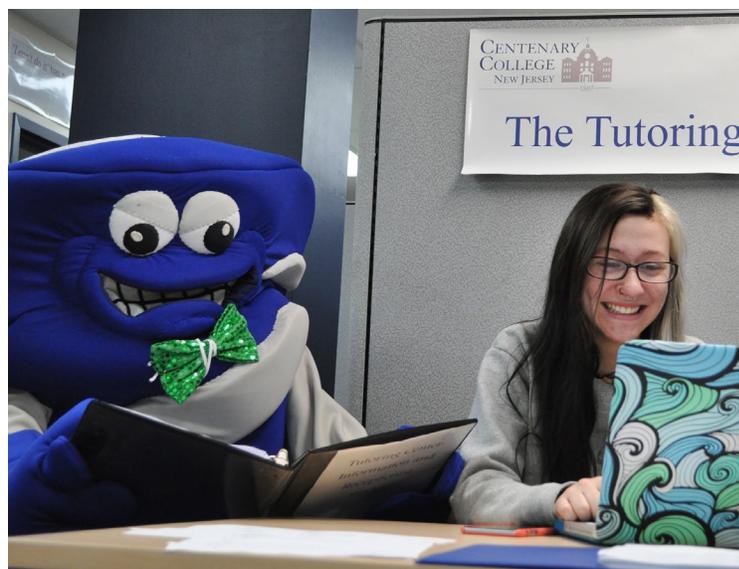
### Tutoring Program:

Tutoring Program certified by the College Reading and Learning Association, Level III Tutoring requests are made in the Academic Success and Advising Center located in the Library Annex Building. There are no fees for tutoring services. Tutoring is available in a variety of modalities including: Drop-in Tutoring, Math Lab, Mentored Study Groups, Individual Tutoring by Appointment and Net Tutor an online service.

For complete information and schedules: [Click here.](#)

### Academic Coaching:

Students can make an appointment for an individual session if they are struggling with time management issues, approaches to studying, or deciphering textbooks.





## »» Disability Services Office (DSO)

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The mission of the Disability Services Office (DSO) is to provide a full range of reasonable accommodations and support services to students with disabilities, in order to ensure compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990). Based on nationally regarded best practices, the Disability Services Office seeks to foster independence and to develop the self-advocacy of students with disabilities. In addition, the office strives to serve as a liaison and resource to the members of the Centenary University community regarding disability issues.

The Disability Services Office (DSO) works closely with eligible students to arrange for reasonable academic accommodations. Staff members assist students with arranging access to classrooms, developing learning strategies, and advisement with disabilities issues. They also work with Residence Life to assist students with housing accommodations when needed.

Another aspect of the DSO is the intensive support services program, Project ABLE. This fee-based program offers students additional levels of support which include; individual weekly meetings with Learning Support Specialists, the interpersonal skills group Bridges, content based tutoring, and workshops catered to disability issues.

Any student wishing to apply for accommodations or for Project ABLE can do so by completing an application and submitting it with his/her documentation which outlines the disability for which accommodations are requested. For further information you can visit the DSO website or call 908.852.1400 ext. 2251 or 2168.

## » Family & Alumni Weekend - September 24th

Each Fall, as the weather gets cooler and the leaves begin to change, Centenary invites both families and alumni to visit. It is a great weekend for all to come to campus, as there is something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you plan to cheer one of our teams to victory, take a tour of campus, enjoy our family fest, or see a show performed by the Centenary Stage Company, you are sure to have a good time.

This year, registration will take place on starting on Saturday morning, September 24th from 10am-11am in the David and Carol Lackland Center. After checking in, we invite you to enjoy a continental breakfast with us. The cost for the weekend is \$25.00 for each family member and alumni. The cost includes all meals and events hosted by Alumni and Student Life.\* Children under the age of 12, current Centenary University students, and our 2016 alumni are free!

[Check our webpage for updates here.](#)

For general information about Family & Alumni weekend, please contact:

Allison Galvin (908) 852-1400 ext. 2126 or  
galvina@centenaryuniversity.edu

\*Please be advised that shows hosted by the Centenary Stage Company are at an additional charge. To get your tickets, or for more information [Click here.](#)



## >> WNTI.org

WNTI.ORG and The Arc of Warren are teaming up again this year to produce the Grand Harvest Wine & Music Festival on the scenic grounds of Rutherford Hall in Allamuchy, NJ. Five New Jersey Wineries will be on hand with tastings and sales, along with wonderful merchandise vendors and fun live bands.

[Read more.](#)



## >> Centenary Graduate is named Distinguished Clinical Intern by The New Jersey Department Of Education

Centenary University May 2016 graduate, Marisa Galfo, was one of 15 individuals selected as a New Jersey Distinguished Clinical Intern by the New Jersey Department of Education at Rider University. The ceremony was hosted by the New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Since 1985, the Presidents of New Jersey's teacher training institutions have been invited to submit the dossiers of their three most outstanding prospective teachers into competition for this award. This annual award publicly recognizes the year's fifteen top graduates of teacher education programs in New Jersey's colleges and universities. An independent panel of esteemed New Jersey educators evaluates these dossiers to select the award recipients.

This is the third time in recent years that a Centenary University graduate has been selected for this prestigious title. Galfo was nominated for this honor along with two other Centenary students. Galfo whose certification area is in Elementary Education, Early Childhood and Teacher of Students with Disabilities, completed her clinical internship at Mountain Villa School in Allamuchy under the direction of Centenary graduate student Jennifer Sauter and alumna Gina Davey '06.

[Read more.](#)

