

PARENTS' CORNER



Student Life is excited to announce that we have changed our name to **Campus Life**, better reflecting how we help the entire campus community. Through our work, Campus Life will promote an inclusive campus and welcoming place for students, faculty, staff, alumni, families, and visitors to connect with each other. With the students at the center of our collective work, we provide services and opportunities that support the development of the student's emotional, intellectual, and intercultural competencies.



Convocation

The word convocation means “the act of calling an assembly of persons to a meeting.” When it pertains to a university, it refers to a ceremonial gathering. The event retains traditional ceremonial elements common to Centenary University's celebrations ... a processional, the wearing of academic regalia, the parade of each department, and the presence of the mace carried by the head of the faculty senate.

Convocation kicked off the new year on August 30.

Move In Day

We are so incredibly thankful for all the parents, students, faculty, staff, and alumni who showed up to help our new students move into the residence halls. First year students are supported by the First Year Leaders.

You can learn more about the First Year Leaders here:
centu.org/fy123



Coming in November

Every year in November, Centenary University has a Multicultural dinner and potluck event where students, faculty and staff enjoy a round-the-world buffet. The event features cultural dishes, music, and performances.



Multicultural Topics in Education Podcast Series

Hosted by Diana Alzate and Lindsay Galasso, this series aims to support all students of all abilities from racially, ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse backgrounds. It provides students with a platform to discuss important topics. centu.org/podcast

New & Noteable!

Campus Life secured 4 grants this past year in support of student wellness:

- Received \$32,000 from state in support of our diversity initiatives and the creation of a campus mural to celebrate our diverse community
- Received \$100,000 from state in support of mental health and will enhance services including addition of a case manager and specialized training for such as LGBTQIA and BIPOC
- Received \$20,000 for support of our food insecure students which will include the expansion of a robust food pantry, shuttle services to local stores that accept WIC and SNAP.
- Received \$6,300 from the Atlantic Health Care System to provide Addiction and Recovery support of our Centenary and local community.

Community ESL

Centenary University offers free adult ESL classes to the community that targets English language development. This is not a credit-bearing course.

The classes offer:

- English instruction for native speakers
- Information on community resources

ESL classes are usually held in the summer at Centenary University. For more info, contact ESL Coordinator Diana Alzate at Diana.Alzate@centenaryuniversity.edu or 908-852-1400 x2376.

NEW!

Bilingual Club

Our new Bilingual Club improves students' bilingual and literacy skills, expands their vocabulary, boosts their confidence, and forms stronger relationships with their peers. Club leaders run games and events that model the use of different languages and encourage students to continually switch between English and their home languages. We have held Culture Days celebrating the German, Brazilian, and French cultures by having club members teach basic language skills to their peers and share cultural foods and fun facts! A trip to Washington D.C. includes visiting different cultural museums.



NJ Ballot Bowl

Last year, Centenary had the highest percentage of students who pledged to vote — not only among 29 NJ colleges and universities that competed in the NJ Ballot Bowl, but also among the 178 colleges and universities nationwide that participated in All In To Vote. Both are nonpartisan initiatives that promote voter registration and civic engagement across college campuses. This year, we have been awarded a grant from Engage NJ to help fund events to educate students about the importance of voting. We will host several voter registration events before October 17.



Campus Ministry

The Office of the University Chaplain/ Director of Campus Ministry is excited about the 2023-24 Program Year.

"I am excited to continue to offer Bible studies, mission, and ministry work on and around campus. I am preparing an exciting group of speakers for the Under the Golden Dome speaker series that share innovative ideas and opportunities to learn about social justice challenges facing the world in the 21st century. In addition, I look forward to starting a dialogue for community members who consider themselves spiritual and not religious, opportunities for retreat and restoration, and spiritual direction."

For more information, or support, please contact the University Chaplain via email: timothy.nicinski@centenaryuniversity.edu

Dean's List

For the Dean's List criteria and a full list of the students that made the Fall 2023 Dean's List, visit: centu.org/deans-list

NEW!



Join The CUP (Centenary University Parents) Podcast Series

We know what an important time college is for students, but also for you as their parents. The CUP podcast provides information and advice to help you best support your child during this exciting phase of life. Listen on WNTI.

centu.org/cup-01

The Honor Tree

In celebration of Veteran's Day 2023 and to recognize the valor and sacrifice of those who served or are currently serving, "The Honor Tree" will be on display in the David and Carol Lackland Center on Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10, 2023. Stars will be placed on the tree by staff, students, faculty, & administrators. Emailed requests for individual stars from people in the greater Centenary community, who are not on the main campus, will be completed and hung in honor. Email pavlichkom@centenarycollege.edu

Red/White/Blue Veteran's Appreciation Game & Veteran's Day Recognition Ceremony

November 11, 2023, 12:30 pm
before the Men's Basketball game
in Reeves Gym.

Resources for Cyclones In Need

Supporting our students with their most basic and essential needs is vital to their success and wellbeing. In addition to the ongoing facilitation of the food pantry and food drives, we have implemented several new initiatives and the newly established Hunger Free Task Force, to work to eradicate food insecurities on our campus. To that end, we recently launched a webpage that contains all the vital on- and off-campus support for our students to help with any need, especially food insecurities.

As we continue through the Fall semester and academic year, please know that our student's wellbeing remains our top priority. Please feel free to contact Campus Life with any questions or anything else you may need at 908-852-1400 x4291.

Check the link below for food resources as well as emergency housing, NJ Transit discounts, Laptop Loaners, and other valuable resources.

centu.org/cyclones-in-need

Changes to CU Covid-19 Policy

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of campus public health.

The Biden Administration ended the COVID-19 national emergency declarations ("Public Health Emergency" or "PHE") on May 11, 2023. This announcement related to the expiration of multiple federal policy and regulatory flexibilities, not a designation that the COVID-19 pandemic is over or even yet considered endemic. The end of the PHE is not the end of COVID-19 and its impact on our campus. In response, Centenary has revised its COVID-19 policies and procedures.

This policy is subject to change based on factors such as the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from governmental authorities.

Effective May 15, 2023, Centenary will:

- Strongly recommend all students and staff to be up-to-date with all COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Continue to offer free COVID-19 testing for all traditional undergraduate Centenary students.
- Monitor COVID-19 disease prevalence and follow guidance set forth by the CDC and New Jersey State and Warren County Departments of Health for masking, testing, isolation and reporting.
- Integrate health literacy and education throughout the student experience.
- Communicate to the campus community regarding our COVID-19 response via email, the university's COVID-19 resource webpage, and dashboard. centu.org/covid19



The Honor Tree Color Code

Purple Ribbon – Student/staff/faculty or a community member who is serving/has served

Blue Ribbon – In honor of a family member or friend who is currently serving/has served

Yellow Ribbon – Support and thanks to all service members and veterans

White Ribbon – In memory of a family member or friend who gave their life in the line of duty

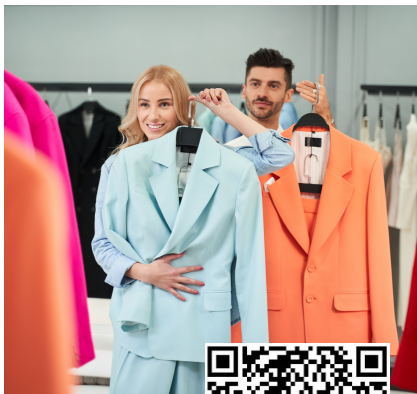
Black Ribbon – In recognition of a family member or friend who was/is POW or MIA

centu.org/honor-tree

Veteran Services

The Office of Veteran Services (OVS) provides services and resources to student veterans, veteran dependents, active military, and reservists in the Centenary community. Contact 908-852-1400, x2318 or OVS@centenaryuniversity.edu. centu.org/military

NOV 9



“Dress Your Best” Professional Attire Event!

“Dress Your Best” on November 9 is a cooperative event with Career Development and the Centenary University Fashion Department and Dress for Success, a global non-profit organization employment resource. Last spring our “Dress Your Best” event was a huge hit! We had a large turnout of students, all of whom went home with a new piece of professional clothing to add to their wardrobe.

This event will include:

- The opportunity for students to meet one-on-one with a professional stylist.
- A presentation on “How to Look the Part in the Professional World.”
- Free professional clothing for career fairs, job interviews, and the workforce.
- Prizes & Giveaways

Our fall event will occur in the Taylor Memorial Library on November 9, 2023, from 11 am-2 pm. Encourage your student to register via the QR code.

This event is first come, first serve for registration! However, any student is welcome to drop in & check out the clothes or access the career closet at any point.



Fall 2023 Career & Internship Fair

The Office of Career Development will be hosting a Fall 2023 Career and Internship Fair in the Lackland Center. Please join us on November 15, 2023, from 11 am to 3 pm. Centenary University students and alumni will have the opportunity to connect with local and traveling employers to learn about different companies, volunteer, paid or for academic credit internships, part-time and full-time job opportunities!

Register by scanning the QR code. The event is FREE to all Centenary students and alumni. No matter what grade you are in, it is important to plan for your future in the workforce. First year through graduate students, as well as alumni, are welcome. We would love to CU there! Prizes and giveaways included.



NEW!

Alumni Mentorship Program

Students will be connected with an alumni mentor who has experience in their field of interest. Students can:

- Build a professional network
- Gain knowledge of a specific area or industry
- Receive career guidance and advice from a fellow Centenary University graduate.

For more information:

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