



THE INAUGURATION OF

*Dale Caldwell, Ed.D.*

15<sup>th</sup> PRESIDENT OF  
CENTENARY UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023  
DAVID AND CAROL LACKLAND CENTER  
SITNIK THEATRE



# PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

## SUCCESSION OF PRESIDENTS

- Dr. George H. Whitney .....1869-1895 Centenary Collegiate Institute
- Dr. Wilbert P. Ferguson ..... 1895-1900 Centenary Collegiate Institute
- Dr. Charles Wesley McCormick ..... 1900-1902 Centenary Collegiate Institute
- Dr. Eugene Allen Noble ..... 1902-1908 Centenary Collegiate Institute
- Dr. Jonathan Magie Meeker .....1908-1917 Centenary Collegiate Institute
- Dr. Robert John Trevorrow .....1917-1940 Centenary Collegiate Institute  
1929-1943 Centenary Junior College
- Dr. Hurst Robins Anderson.....1943-1948 Centenary Junior College
- Dr. Edward W. Seay .....1948-1956 Centenary Junior College  
1956-1976 Centenary College for Women
- Dr. Charles H. Dick..... 1976-1985 Centenary College for Women
- Dr. Stephanie M. Bennett-Smith .....1985-2001 Centenary College
- Dr. Kenneth L. Hoyt ..... 2001-2009 Centenary College
- Dr. Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite.....2009-2016 Centenary University
- Dr. David P. Haney .....2016-2018 Centenary University
- Dr. Bruce M. Murphy .....2020-2023 Centenary University
- Dr. Dale G. Caldwell .....2023 Centenary University



# PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**8:00 am-12:00 pm** Campuswide Service Initiative

*In honor of Dr. Caldwell's inauguration, the Centenary University community will participate in service initiatives at Hackettstown Clean, TLP at Trinity Church, First Presbyterian Church, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Centenary University Food Pantry, Youth Sports Access, and The Next Chapter.*

**1:00-2:00 pm** Pre-reception and Robing with a Chapel Service officiated by Dr. Dale Caldwell

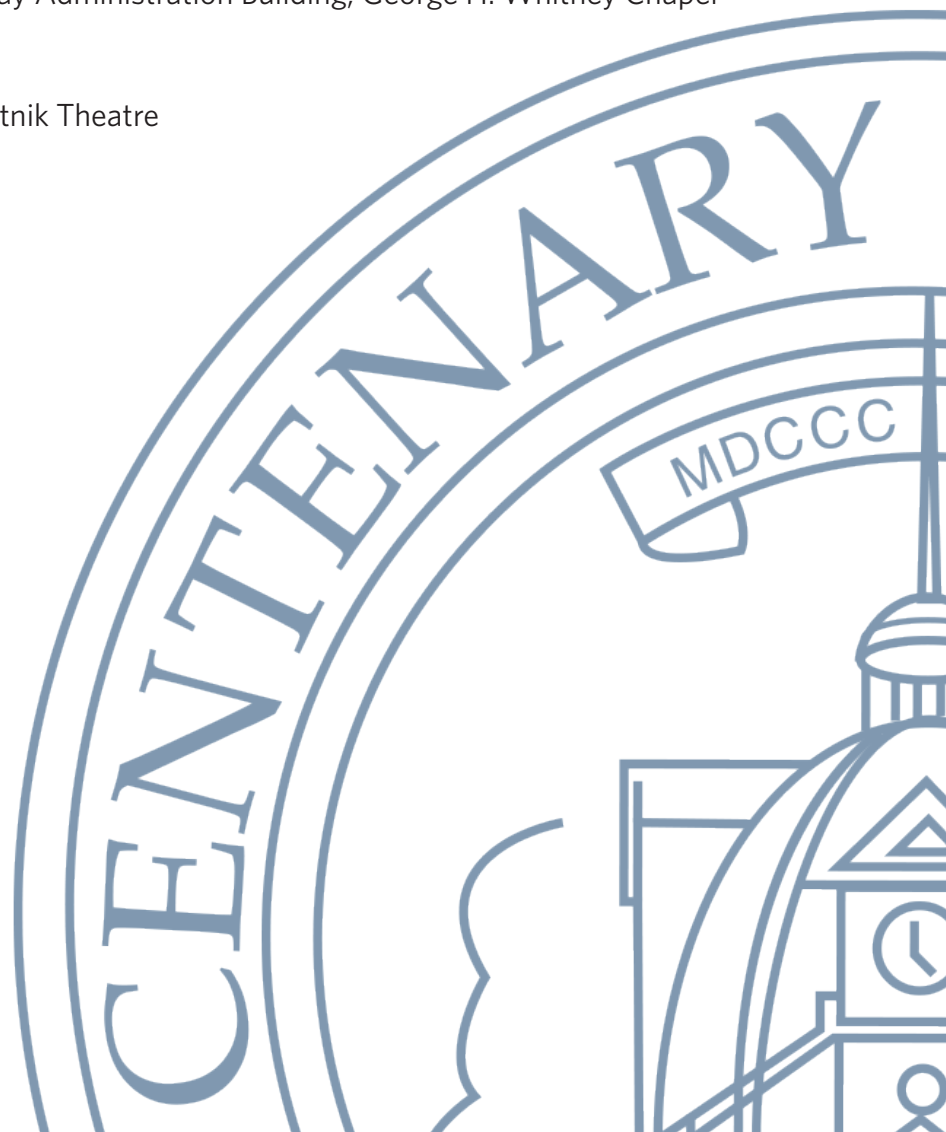
Pre-reception and robing in the Edward W. Seay Administration Building, front parlours  
Chapel service in the Edward W. Seay Administration Building, George H. Whitney Chapel

**2:00-3:30 pm** Inaugural Ceremony

David and Carol Lackland Center, Sitnik Theatre

**4:00-5:30 pm** Reception

David and Carol Lackland Center





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**Centenary University, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, 501(c)(3), has a 155-year tradition of providing high-quality liberal arts and professional studies while helping students gain the skills and connections they need to prosper in today's world.**

## **VISION STATEMENT**

To be the intellectual, economic, and cultural heart of the Skylands Region.

## **FOCUS**

To develop students emotionally, intellectually, and interculturally.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Centenary University delivers accredited degree programs and other dynamic learning experiences to prepare students for regional and global professions of critical thought and purposeful action within a supportive environment immersed in a culture of service.

## **HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY**

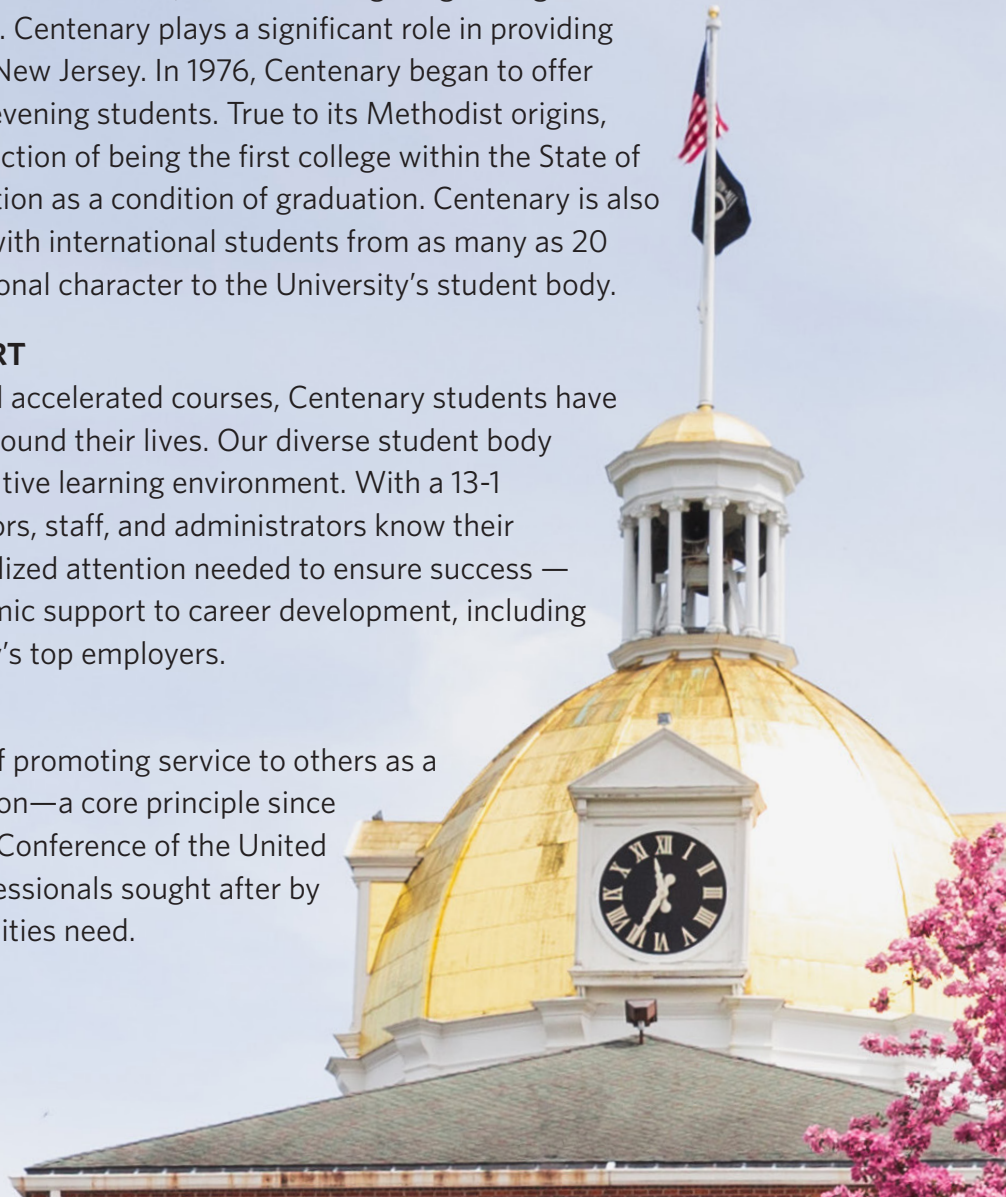
Centenary evolved from its origin as a coeducational preparatory school to a girls' preparatory school in 1910, a junior college for women in 1940, a four-year women's college in 1976, a coeducational baccalaureate-degree-granting institution in 1988, a master's-degree-granting institution in 1995, and now a university (2016). Centenary plays a significant role in providing educational programs to northwest New Jersey. In 1976, Centenary began to offer coeducational degree programs for evening students. True to its Methodist origins, Centenary is proud to bear the distinction of being the first college within the State of New Jersey to require service education as a condition of graduation. Centenary is also proud of its international outreach, with international students from as many as 20 nations providing a distinct international character to the University's student body.

## **FLEXIBILITY & ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

With traditional, online, evening, and accelerated courses, Centenary students have the flexibility to build their studies around their lives. Our diverse student body thrives in a demanding, yet collaborative learning environment. With a 13-1 student-to-faculty ratio, our professors, staff, and administrators know their students. They provide the individualized attention needed to ensure success — from emotional well-being to academic support to career development, including internships with some of New Jersey's top employers.

## **WE VALUE SERVICE**

Centenary also upholds a tradition of promoting service to others as a critical component of higher education—a core principle since our founding in 1867 by the Newark Conference of the United Methodist Church. We develop professionals sought after by employers and leaders that communities need.



15<sup>th</sup> President of Centenary University



This inauguration marks the beginning of a new era at Centenary University. As this University's first African American president, I can't help but marvel at the forces that have brought me here on this historic day. When I consider all those who have played a role in shaping the history of this great University, and my own life, I know one thing: Today, I stand on the shoulders of those who came before me.

Centenary has a long and proud history as the higher education leader in the Skylands Region. From its very beginnings here in Hackettstown, this University has been a beacon of opportunity for so many. Guided by dedicated faculty and administrators, Centenary evolved to meet the needs of the times. As a result of their dedication, from this campus—in sight of the majestic gold dome of the Seay Building—thousands of alumni across the decades have set forth to embark on dignified lives marked by service and success.

Like them, my own life has been imprinted with a commitment to service. In so many ways, I am my father's son. A Methodist minister who marched with Rev. Martin

Luther King Jr., he and my mother fought racial discrimination to build a better life for their children and future generations. They provided me with extraordinary opportunities that wouldn't have been possible in their own youth. Importantly, they instilled in me a faith so deep that I have followed in my father's footsteps as a minister.

As president of Centenary University, I look to the future with great hope. Together, we will write the next chapter of this great institution. We will introduce innovative programs in business, health and wellness, criminal justice, equine science, happiness studies, and other fields that meet the needs of an ever changing society. We will leverage Centenary's expertise to support entrepreneurship and small businesses in our local community. We will graduate students who are prepared to lead with emotional resilience, intellectual curiosity, and intercultural competence. And above all, we will lift up the name of Centenary University and spread its renown throughout the nation and the world.



# PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023

## INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The National Anthem – Amanda Ackerman

Invocation – Bishop Schol

Welcome – Master of Ceremonies, Norman Worth '13 HA

- Bishop John R. Schol of the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church and Centenary University Trustee
- President's Cabinet
  - Dr. Amy D'Olivo Vice President for Academic Affairs
  - Jordan Glatt Vice President for Advancement and Special Assistant to the President
  - Dr. Robert Miller Vice President for Enrollment Management
  - Kerry Mullins Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of Students
  - Denton Stargel Vice President for Business and Finance
- Dr. Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite '96 HA, Centenary University's 12th President and President Emerita
- Yolanda Sheffield Williams '06, President of the Alumni Association Executive Board
- Erika Hoffman '83, President's Advisory Council Member and Co-Chair
- Lena Lutcza, Enactus President
- Rochelle Makela-Goodman '97, Chair of the Board of Trustees
- Annie Walters, Staff Senate Chair
- Dr. Keith Morgen, Faculty Senate Chair
- Victoria Schirripa, Student Government Association President

Keynote Speaker: Ashley Caldwell

Student Speakers: Jenna Glinko '23 and Mathias O'Neil

Investiture of the New President – Rochelle Makala-Goodman '97

- Inaugural Address – Dr. Dale G. Caldwell
- Benediction – Reverend Dr. Timothy Nicinski '03, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church
- Closing Remarks – Norman Worth '13 HA
- Alma mater – Amanda Ackerman





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PHILIP D. MURPHY  
GOVERNOR

October 21, 2023

Dear Dr. Caldwell,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere congratulations to you on your inauguration as the 15<sup>th</sup> president of Centenary University.

I am honored to be a part of this momentous occasion reflecting your outstanding career and commitment to academia, which led you to becoming the institution's first African American president in its 156-year history.

For many years, you have served higher education programs and I trust that your academic as well as your professional achievements, will prove complementary in your new position as president. Furthermore, your unwavering commitment to the mission of the University will ensure that all who take part will have the chance to succeed.

As Governor, I am proud that the State of New Jersey is now able to benefit from your leadership. I extend my best wishes to you as you take on this new role, and the challenge of leading one of the Garden State's historic and transformational institutions of higher education.

My very best,

  
Phillip D. Murphy  
Governor

CORY A. BOOKER  
NEW JERSEY



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

October 21, 2023

Dr. Dale G. Caldwell  
Centenary University  
400 Jefferson Street  
Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840

Dear Dr. Caldwell,

It is a pleasure to extend my congratulations on your installation as the 15<sup>th</sup> president of Centenary University.

Your appointment to this role is a well-deserved recognition of your past achievements and extensive leadership in higher education, business, and government. Your stewardship during your time as the president of the board of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey demonstrates your ability to navigate unforeseen challenges and proves your commitment to excellence. I am confident that Centenary University will continue to thrive as a place of learning and community under your trailblazing leadership as the first African-American president of the University.

Again, congratulations on your appointment, and I look forward to your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. A. B.', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator



# PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION TRADITIONS

## **The Mace**

The mace in medieval times was a weapon, a heavy staff or club made wholly or partially from metal, and was used to break armor. From the 13th century, the king's bodyguards carried the mace as a symbol of secular authority. At colleges and universities around the country, the mace is carried by the marshal as a symbol of the power and authority of education.

Centenary University's mace was designed by the late Theodore Sizer, professor of the history of art and pursuivant of arms at Yale University. It was executed under his direction by Otto Hoepfner, an outstanding woodcarver. The shaft, collar, and head of the mace are made of mahogany. The color includes a wreath painted in the University colors of black and blue against a background of gold leaf. The head of the mace represents the tower of the Edward W Seay Administration Building. The dome on the mace is finished in gold leaf.

## **The Presidents Medallion**

Along with the traditional academic regalia and trappings common to colleges and universities throughout the United States, most institutions also possess some unique or distinctive symbol of the presidential office that is conveyed through succeeding administrations.

## **The Academic Regalia**

The academic regalia worn by University officials at today's investiture ceremony are infrequently seen outside of formal academic occasions. The gowns, caps, and hoods once were the regular apparel of European university students and faculty during the Middle Ages. At that time, both faculty and students were considered part of the clergy and were required to don the ecclesiastical dress, robe, and caputum, patterned after the habit of the Benedictine order.

In the United States, caps and gowns had been in limited use by colleges and universities since Colonial times. It was not until a century later that a widespread student movement resulted in the formal use of the attire at academic ceremonies.





## **The Gowns**

Participants in academic ceremonies are expected to wear the regalia to which they are entitled by virtue of the highest degree they hold.

Gowns worn by those with bachelor's degrees are distinguished by a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front, intricate shirring across the shoulders and back, and long pointed sleeves open at the wrists. The gown must be worn closed.

Master's degree holders wear a similar gown of either silk or wool with the same yoke effect as the bachelor's degree robe. The master's gown may be worn either open or closed in the front.

The doctor's gown, also worn either open or closed, is usually made of silk and velvet with full and round sleeves open at the wrists. These gowns are distinguished by long velvet panels down the front of the gown and three horizontal velvet sleeve bars, which may be either black or the color distinctive of the academic discipline in which the individual holds the doctoral degree.

## **The Cap**

The most familiar item of academic regalia is the Oxford or mortarboard cap with its distinctive tassel. Explanations of its origin include suggestions that its shape was inspired by the quadrangular Oxford campus or by the actual master workman's mortarboard. Perhaps a more plausible theory is that it was designed flat and about the size of a scholar's book for ease in carrying. The most distinctive feature of the cap is the tassel, which is positioned to hang from the left front quadrant of the cap. The tassel is black for bachelor's and master's degree holders, but gold for Ph.D.s and the primary governing officials of an institution.

## **The Hood**

The significance of academic hoods is symbolized in their varying lengths and the colors and thicknesses of their velvet linings and trim. The bachelor's hood, for example, is three feet long with a two-inch-wide velvet border. Master's degree recipients wear a hood three-and-a-half feet long with a three-inch border. Doctoral hoods are four feet long and have a five-inch-wide border.



*Dale Caldwell, Ed.D.*

*Congratulations on your esteemed appointment  
as the 15th president of Centenary University!*

**Your historic achievement as the first African American president is a significant milestone, not only for the institution, but for the broader academic community.**

**Your dedication, talent, and leadership herald a bright era for Centenary University in which the institution mirrors the vibrant diversity of both our students and alumni. We look forward with enthusiasm to the innovative insights and direction you'll offer, and your evident drive for success deeply inspires us all.**

**May your tenure be marked by growth, innovation, and a legacy that future generations will look up to. Welcome to Centenary, and here's to a promising and impactful journey ahead!**

**- Centenary University Faculty, Staff, and Students**



# PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

## INAUGURAL COMMITTEE

*Special thanks to the office of University Advancement, Academic Affairs, Student Life, Marketing, Communications, and the President's Office for coordinating the Inauguration Ceremony.*

CAROL ALLEN '72/74

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KRISTEN VOLKLAND

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CENTENARY UNIVERSITY

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THE EDWARD W. SEAY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



*On behalf of Centenary University,  
we thank you for joining us on  
this historic day.*







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