



Gold Dome Award Recipient

Alumna **Carol Valentine Allen '72/74**



Carol Valentine Allen is a graduate of Centenary University (then College), earning an associate in arts degree in 1972 and receiving the first Bachelor of Arts Degree ever conferred by Centenary in 1974. She continued her studies at the graduate level at Marist College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Stevens Institute.

Carol has a rich history with Centenary University. She was employed by Centenary for 15 years and held the positions of Associate Dean of Students; Director of Residential Living and Student Life; Director of Special Giving; member of the Faculty; Coach; Admissions Counselor, and others. Following her employment she continued to serve in a volunteer capacity.

Carol was an outstanding athlete and was a team member in multiple sports, including field hockey, lacrosse, and badminton. She received the George E. and Blanche B. Denman All-Around Athlete Prize in 1972.

In addition to her higher education experience, Carol was a catering manager for many years. She served as the manager for Mermaid Lake Swim and Golf Club, a large corporate catering facility for up to 10,000 guests. She also taught woodworking to children at Twin Spring Farm Day Camp, which was founded and run by Beatrice Randal Hood, Centenary College for Women Class of 1949 whose daughter, Karen Hood Salvatori '84, is also active in running the camp.

Carol is an active volunteer, serving many organizations in multiple capacities. Some of her major volunteer accomplishments include serving as the president of the Centenary University Alumni Association Executive Board, a member of the Centenary University Board of Trustees, president of the Delaware Valley Region Automobile Club of America, and president of the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society. Carol was a valuable member of the North Penn Community Health Foundation, serving clients in the Philadelphia region. She also worked with the Hackettstown Director of Recreation on the Summer Softball League for 16 years.

One of Carol's proudest accomplishments was co-chairing (with Nancy Johns Paffendorf '79/'80/'06) the Centenary 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2017. The event was a huge success, bringing many Alumni and community members to the campus to enjoy the festivities.

Carol has a passion for classic cars and enjoys touring, showing and participating in parades. She represents Centenary Alumni in the Hackettstown St. Patrick's Day Parade driving her Tin Lizzie reproduction miniature car.

Carol is tireless in her volunteerism commitments, and she continues to make a positive difference for multiple organizations.