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A *Golden* Night of Excellence

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A NIGHT OF GOLDEN EXCELLENCE



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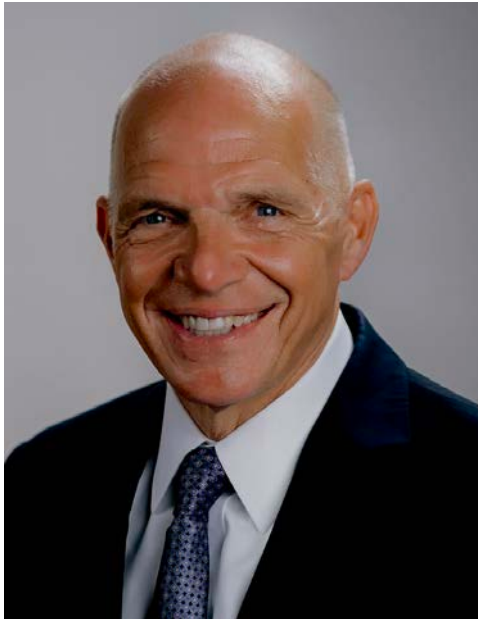
Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails
Silent Auction
6:30 pm

PROGRAM & AWARD CEREMONY

8:00 - 9:00 pm

DESSERT & COFFEE





Welcome to Centenary University's 2026 Annual Scholarship Gala: *A Golden Night of Excellence!*

This has been an extraordinary and transformational year for Centenary University. Thanks to the generosity of alumni, friends, corporate partners, and community supporters, we continue to expand opportunities for our students while strengthening Centenary's impact throughout New Jersey and beyond.

Tonight, we gather with a shared purpose: to ensure that deserving students can continue their education and graduate on time regardless of financial hardship. For many Centenary students, a scholarship gap of less than \$5,000 can determine whether they remain enrolled and complete their degree. Your support this evening directly changes lives and creates opportunities for future generations.

This evening, we are also proud to present the Gold Dome Award—Centenary University's highest honor—to several exceptional individuals and organizations whose leadership, service, and commitment reflect the very best of our University and community:

- **Atlantic Health** - Community Leadership & Partnership
- **Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt** - Public Service & Advocacy
- **Dr. Raymond Frey** - Distinguished Historian & Educator
- **Professor Michael Dowling** - Excellence in Equine Education

In addition, we are honored to present the 2026 Van Winkle Achievement Award, a prestigious recognition bestowed upon individuals whose extraordinary service and dedication have made a lasting impact on Centenary University and the surrounding community.

This year's recipient is Carol Valentine Allen '72/'74, member of the Centenary University Board of Trustees, former president of the Alumni Association Executive Board, and longtime benefactor. Carol's unwavering commitment, leadership, and generosity have helped shape the Centenary experience for generations of students and alumni, and we are proud to celebrate her remarkable contributions this evening.

Thank you for joining us for this special celebration of philanthropy, partnership, and student success. Because of your generosity, Centenary students will continue to learn, grow, and pursue meaningful futures filled with purpose and possibility.

Enjoy this memorable evening in support of Centenary University.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Schol". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President





Centenary University has been helping students achieve their personal and professional goals for over 157 years.

VISION STATEMENT

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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 to 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 that employers desire, and leaders that communities need.



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Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt

Gold Dome Award Recipient



Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt is a dedicated public servant, attorney, and legislator representing New Jersey's 23rd Legislative District in the New Jersey State Senate. A lifelong resident of Warren County, Doug grew up on his family's farm in Belvidere and has deep roots in the community he proudly serves. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Gettysburg College and his J.D. from Widener University School of Law. Prior to his election to the Senate in 2022, Doug served with distinction as the first five-term Mayor of Lopatcong Township and as Chairman of both the Warren County and New Jersey Republican State Committees.

In the Legislature, Senator Steinhardt continues his lifelong commitment to family, strong communities, and effective, responsive government. His legislative accomplishments include the introduction of landmark legislation criminalizing political hate in New Jersey. He has also been active in local civic causes, including founding task forces to address addiction awareness and mental health stigma in Warren County. He is a proud Eagle Scout, former volunteer football coach, and NJ State Bar Association Trustee.

Doug and his wife Trudy will celebrate 30 wonderful years of marriage this September. They are proud parents to two children who carry on the family's tradition of civic involvement: Tia (27), the former Warren County State Committeewoman, and Douglas Jr. (22), the current Warren County State Committeeman.



Dr. Raymond Frey

Gold Dome Award Recipient



Dr. Raymond Frey was a Professor of History at Centenary from 1990 to 2025. From 2000 to 2003, he served as Dean of Faculty. A prolific writer and recognized scholar of our state's history, he is the author of a New Jersey textbook for middle school students, used around the state. In 2009, he received the New Jersey Governor's Award for Distinguished Achievement in History and Civics.

Dr. Frey has spent a lifetime of service, volunteering, and helping others. In 1999, he received the Mosaic Award from Project Self Sufficiency in Newton. In 2006 and 2007, he led teams of Centenary students to New Orleans to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. His real passion, however, is volunteering at Newton Medical Center, logging over 2,500 hours at the Front Desk and Emergency Department. He was recently the recipient of two major awards for his professionalism, caring, and compassion for his patients. He is also a Certified Cancer Counselor for the Cancer Hope Network.

His wife, Andra, is a Centenary alumna. They have been married 46 years and have two outstanding children--Sarah and Ray Jr.



Mr. Michael Dowling

Gold Dome Award Recipient



Michael Dowling has dedicated more than three decades to the equine industry as an accomplished trainer, educator, and mentor. A longtime leader within Centenary University's renowned Equine Studies program, he serves as IHSA Hunt Seat Team Co-Coach and NCEA Team Co-Coach, helping shape one of the nation's most respected collegiate riding programs. Under his leadership, Centenary has earned multiple national championships, including IHSA National Titles in 2009, 2011, and 2014, along with numerous reserve national finishes. He has also coached four prestigious Cacchione Cup National Champions.

Michael's expertise extends well beyond the classroom and arena. After completing studies at Fairfield University and the Lancaster University, he founded Windham Hill, a premier training and sales operation based in Far Hills NJ and Wellington FL. Through Windham Hill, he has trained riders and horses to compete successfully at some of the sport's most prestigious venues, including the National Horse Show, Devon Horse Show, the Washington International Horse Show, and the North American Young Riders Championships.

Known for his thoughtful, forward-riding system and emphasis on horsemanship, Michael has helped countless riders reach elite competitions such as the ASPCA Maclay Finals, USEF Medal Finals, Junior Hunter Finals, Pony Finals, and Young Riders. His enduring commitment to excellence, mentorship, and student success has elevated generations of riders and strengthened Centenary University's national reputation in equestrian education and competition.





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Founded by Atlantic Health, the Healthcare Transformation Consortium is a partnership of seven regional hospitals and health systems dedicated to improving access and affordability. Atlantic Health has a medical school affiliation with Thomas Jefferson University, is home to the regional campus of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Atlantic Health Morristown and Atlantic Health Overlook Medical Centers and is the official health care partner of the New York Jets.



The Van Winkle Achievement Award



The Van Winkle Achievement Award honors a distinguished person or professional who has extraordinary accomplishments, including outstanding service to Centenary University and the community-at-large, and who brings honor to our institution. Alumni and all others closely associated with Centenary University are eligible for nomination.

Past Honorees

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| | C. Joy Riddell '58 | |



Carol Valentine Allen '72/74

Van Winkle Achievement Award Recipient



Centenary University is proud to present the 2026 Van Winkle Achievement Award to alumna Carol Valentine Allen '72/'74 in recognition of her extraordinary service, leadership, and lifelong dedication to the university community.

The Van Winkle Achievement Award is among Centenary University's most prestigious honors, recognizing alumni, distinguished professionals, and community leaders whose accomplishments and service have brought distinction to the university while reflecting its enduring values of leadership, philanthropy, and community engagement.

Carol made history at Centenary as a member of the first graduating class to receive bachelor's degrees from the institution, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974 after receiving her associate degree in 1972. She later pursued graduate studies at Marist College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Stevens Institute of Technology.

For more than five decades, Carol has remained deeply connected to Centenary through both professional service and volunteer leadership. During her 15 years of employment at the university, she served in numerous roles, including Associate Dean of Students, Director of Residential Living and Student Life, Director of Special Giving, faculty member, coach, and admissions counselor.

A standout student-athlete, Carol competed in field hockey, lacrosse, and badminton and received the George E. and Blanche B. Denman All-Around Athlete Prize in 1972. She later served as president of the Centenary University Alumni Association Executive Board and as a member of the university's Board of Trustees, while also contributing to numerous community organizations throughout the region.

One of Carol's proudest accomplishments was co-chairing Centenary's 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2017 alongside Nancy Johns Paffendorf '79/'80/'06, helping bring together alumni and friends to celebrate the university's rich history and future. In 2024, she received Centenary University's Gold Dome Award in recognition of her exceptional dedication and service.

Through her tireless volunteerism, enduring loyalty, and passionate advocacy, Carol Valentine Allen continues to strengthen the Centenary University community and inspire future generations of students and alumni.



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Congratulations to all of the honorees. I am pleased to support Centenary University. - Dr. Denise M. Littleton

Congratulations to the 2026 Gold Dome Honorees. We support Centenary University and its students!
Rev. Douglas & Angela Moore - First Baptist Church of Whitesboro

Doug is a genuine leader - authentic, sincere, and guided by integrity in all that he does. It is a pleasure to see him recognized. Your hard work and dedication never go unnoticed. I'm proud to call you, my friend.- Randy May

We extend our sincerest congratulations to all of this year's distinguished honorees!
- Dr. Ronald Millman and Mrs. Merri Millman

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Sovereign Insurance is a proud supporter of Centenary University. Congratulations to Senator Douglas Steinhardt, Dr. Raymond Frey, Mr. Michael Dowling and Atlantic Health, 2026 Gold Dome Recipients

It is hard to picture life on campus without Dr. Ray Frey. The man literally wrote the book on Centenary!
Thank you for your service and enjoy your well-earned retirement!
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Michael Dowling played a huge role in getting me where I am today. As a Missouri girl, I spent every summer working for him, and those years taught me far more than just riding. The lessons I learned, the standards he set, and the experiences I gained have stayed with me throughout my career. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. No one is more deserving, and I am grateful for the opportunity I had to learn from him and for the many great memories along the way.
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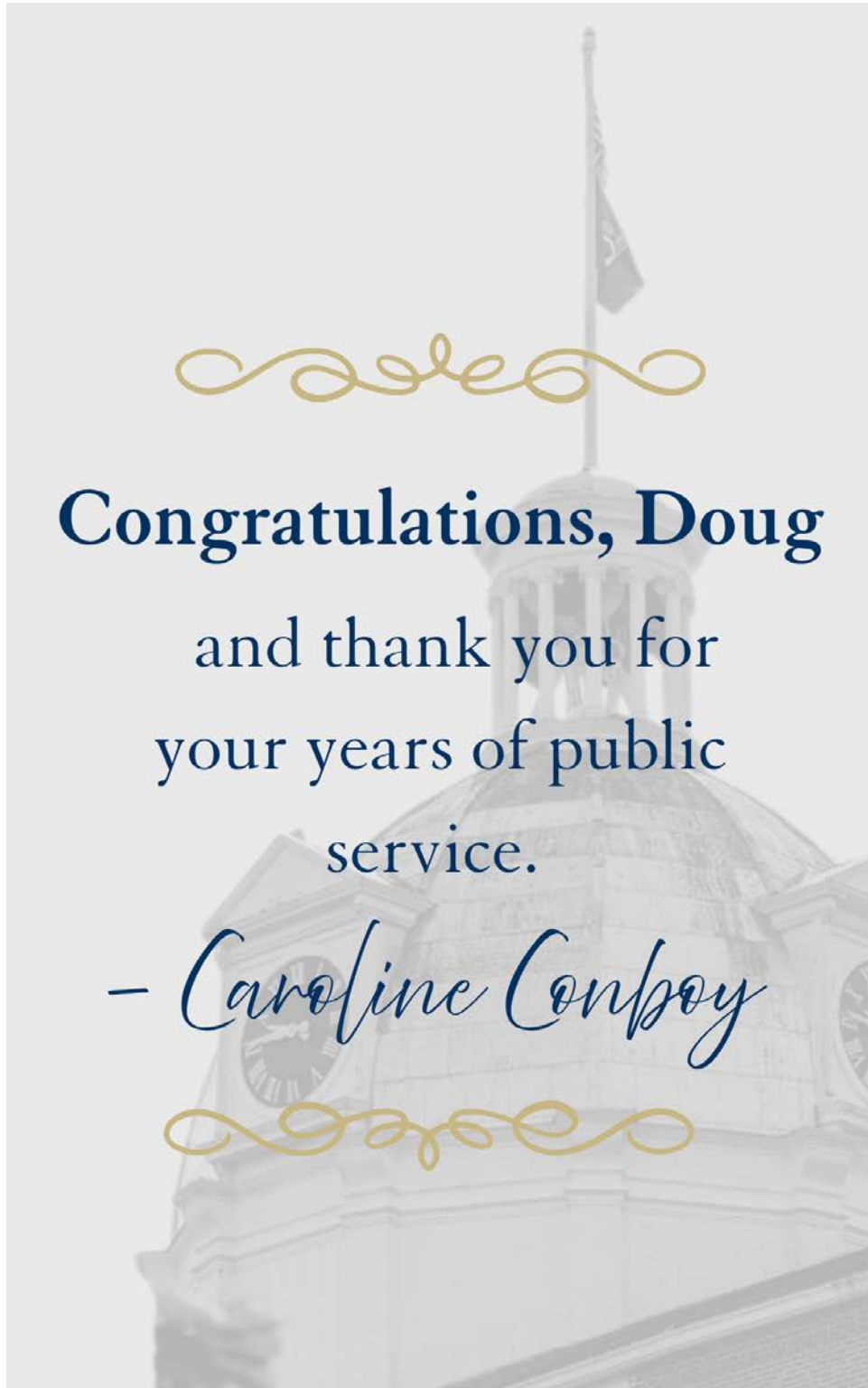
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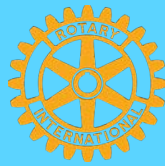


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Dr. Raymond Frey

Mr. Michael Dowling

Atlantic Health

M. Alden '14 HA & Dorothy Spach Siegel '62

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outstanding achievements. We are incredibly
grateful for your contributions.



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Cindy Drue '75



Michael,
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Alumni Beach Blast at Bar Anticipation "Bar A" free to attend!

703 16TH AVENUE | LAKE COMO, NJ | SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2-6PM

Food: All-American BBQ from 2:30–5:00 PM (\$17 per person)
Other food options also available for purchase

Beverages: Cash Bar - Discounted drink prices & specials
21+ to attend & must have **valid ID** to enter

Cabana rentals are limited but are available for an additional cost
To rent, visit: bar-a.com/grotto-beach/



**DJ, OUTDOOR BARS,
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*PRE REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED, BUT
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SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS VS. NEW YORK BOULDERS

Saturday, July 25th, 2026
Skylands Stadium, 94 Championship Place, Augusta, NJ
First Pitch: 6:30pm with President John Schol

\$22 per person includes box seat ticket and fireworks.
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