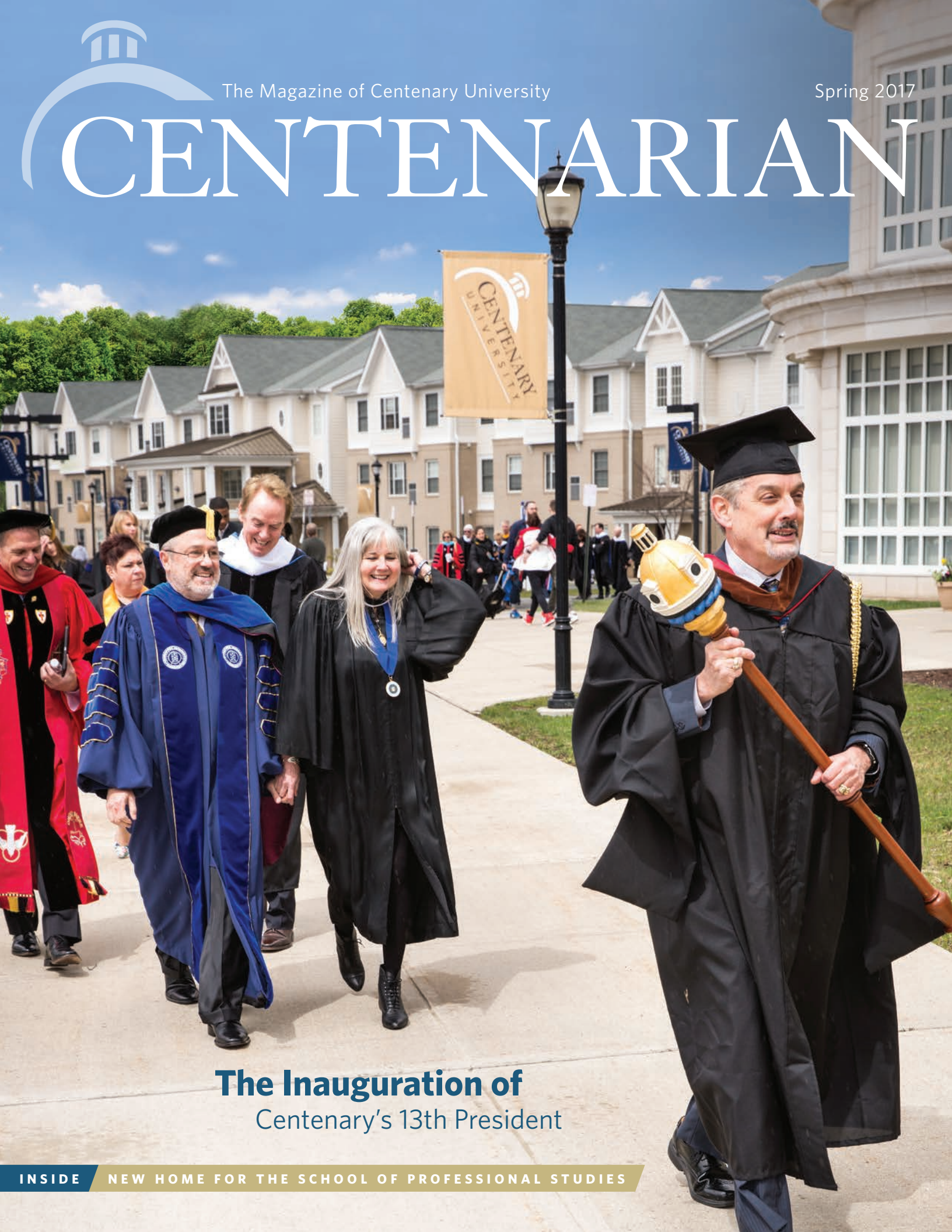




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The Inauguration of Centenary's 13th President

INSIDE NEW HOME FOR THE SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

As I near the end of my first year as Centenary's 13th president, I marvel at how much has happened during this year, and presidential spouse Lisa Baldwin and I are excited about the University's future as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our founding.

Over 50 faculty, staff, students, trustees and community members are working on a new strategic plan to carry us through 2022. The process we are using differs from traditional strategic plans in that we are borrowing ideas from what is called "human centered design." We see ourselves less as planners for an institution than as designers of human experiences: first and foremost, the experience of our students, but also the experience of our faculty and staff. This means that we need to look carefully, critically and creatively at what will best serve our constituents, as we remain clear-eyed about the constraints of institutional resources and capacity. We also need a plan that is adaptable to changing circumstances: both higher education and the world that we inhabit are in such flux that we can no longer develop a five-year plan along a fully predictable trajectory. The future is by definition unknown, so we cannot assume that today's assumptions and solutions will apply five years from now. We stress the importance of the prototypes: rather than create a major plan and then execute it, we try things out on a small scale in order to test and refine our initiatives.

Some of our high-level goals are not unusual: we want to add value to a Centenary education, reduce our dependence on tuition revenue and enhance our engagement with the community. But some are more distinctive: we aim to create an infrastructure for innovation and adaptability, so that we can change quickly as circumstances demand, and we intend to become a healthier and more efficient organization by collaborating in teams and borrowing ideas from outside of higher education to streamline our processes. As college-age students decrease in number, we also want to attract students of all ages who don't yet know that they would benefit from what a college education—and specifically a Centenary education—can offer.

The fact that the future is unknown does not keep us from

imagining it: this year's commencement speaker, Rita J. King, is a professional "futurist" who has worked for NASA and consulted with major corporations on how to adapt to an unknown future while remaining grounded in present realities. As is our custom, we are awarding her an honorary degree, but hers will be a bit different: we are giving her the honorary title of "Doctor of Applied Imagination," which fits well with Centenary's long history of imagining the future while providing a very practical education focused on both career preparation and the liberal arts.

I have reorganized my executive team during this first year, and they are moving forward in dynamic, collaborative and innovative ways. They are collaborating with area high schools and community colleges on a seamless "path to transfer," reorganizing international programs to emphasize exchange programs and international service, creating a closer link between athletics and academics, establishing an early alert system to identify students at risk, enhancing our already great success in career placement (95% of our graduates are employed within nine months of graduation), imagining innovative academic programs while preparing to analyze the current curriculum, implementing new fundraising initiatives, addressing ways to improve organizational health and more.

We anticipate a second straight year of very healthy freshman enrollment in fall 2017, and our fall-to-fall retention rate is rapidly increasing. Elsewhere in this issue, you will read about the new Parsippany campus of the School of Professional Studies, which is reinventing itself to reassume its leadership position in the adult education market. With the support of my team, I have been meeting with business, government and higher education leaders throughout the state to position Centenary as a strong collaborative partner in meeting the state's educational and workforce needs. On March 21, I participated on a panel discussion sponsored by the New Jersey Business & Industry Association on how higher education and business can work together to meet those needs.

Our students continue to amaze me with their

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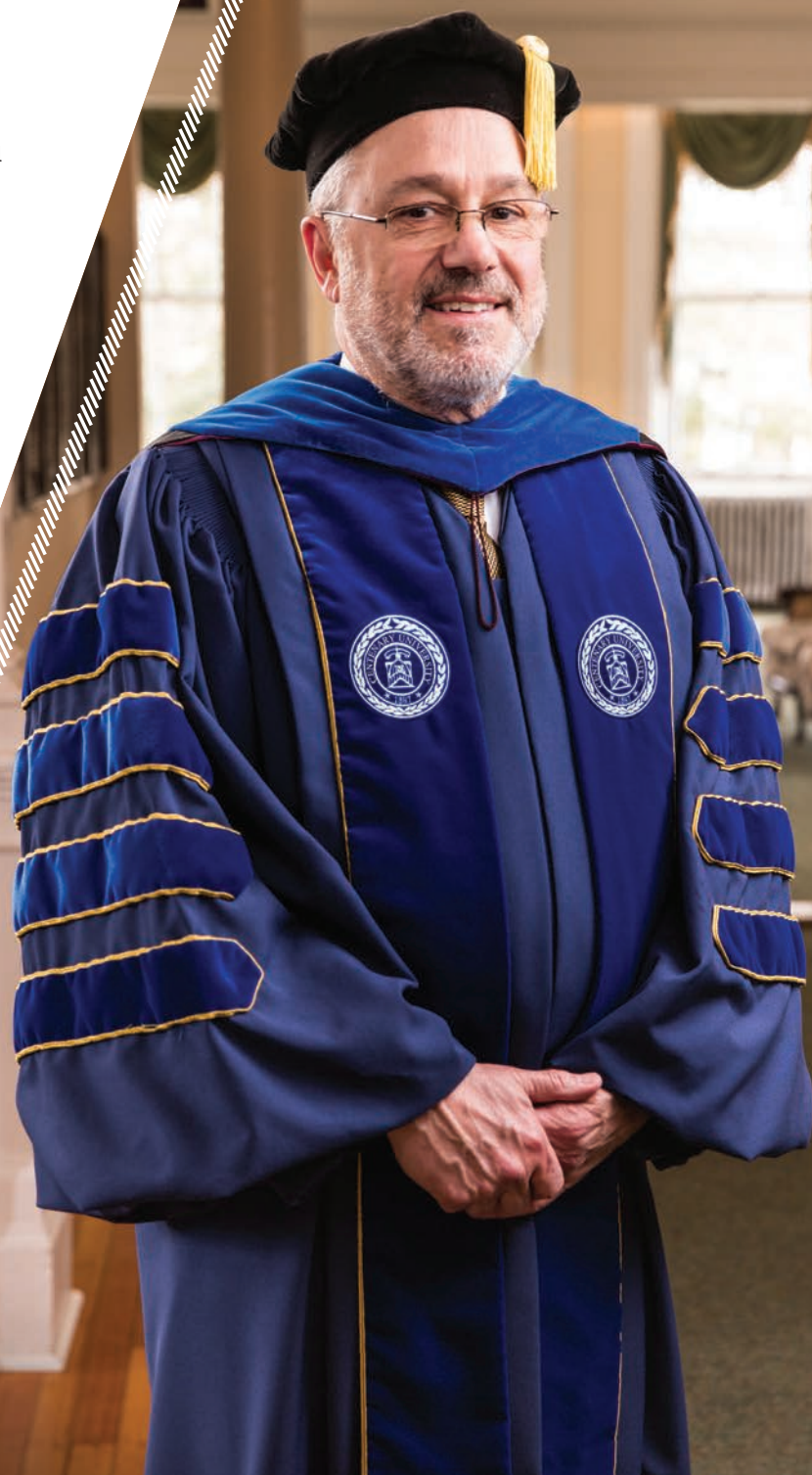
A new location for the School of Professional Studies strengthens career opportunities and corporate partnerships.



resourcefulness and desire to serve communities from the local to the global. During spring break, a student group visited the Dominican Republic to bring shoes to children in underprivileged areas through the "Soles4Souls" program, and a crew of sports management majors collaborated with Manchester Metropolitan University in England to plan sports events. Our Enactus students, practicing social and business entrepreneurship, are developing clothing for cancer patients and electronic wristbands that will prevent truck drivers from falling asleep. We have a student-led effort to develop a recycling program, and a multicultural group of students is actively promoting ongoing dialogue around issues of race and responsibility. And they do all this while creatively engaging in the curriculum, setting athletic records and preparing for a lifetime of fulfilling work, civic engagement and lifelong learning.

Lisa and I have been enjoying the vibrant life of Centenary, both on and off campus, as we cheer on our athletic teams, attend faculty and guest lectures, enjoy the great performances put on by the Centenary Stage Company and our theatre students, attend fashion shows, get to know our Hackettstown neighbors, visit donors and alumni, and watch the President's House rise from the ashes on the corner of Jefferson and Moore streets (we hope to move in near the end of 2017). Lisa is spending more and more time as a volunteer at the University, and we are both energized by the journey we are privileged to share with Centenary's students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni and friends.

David P. Haney, Ph.D.
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Meet successful businessman David D. Dallas, who is paying it forward by providing scholarship support to Centenary students.

Sports Management Goes Global



Above, David VanArtsdalen visits Old Trafford, home of Manchester United; below right, Centenary students and Manchester Metropolitan University faculty.

Powering through international challenges is all in a day's work for sports management major David VanArtsdalen '19. As part of his Sports Practicum course during the spring semester, he collaborated with a team of British college students to organize a charity event held in Manchester, England, navigating a five-hour time difference and cultural disparities like a pro.

VanArtsdalen was one of five Centenary University students who traveled to England in March to meet their British counterparts at Manchester Metropolitan University. Each Centenary student was paired with a British group to run a sports-themed event to benefit nonprofits in the United States and Great Britain. Dana Benbow, assistant professor of finance, and David Perricone, assistant professor of sports management, taught the innovative course.

"The course was designed to give our sports management students more familiarity with international business and how things are done in different markets," Benbow explained. Perricone added, "There are a lot of life skills students get from the opportunity to work globally through Skype calls, social media and the interaction of different cultures."

VanArtsdalen, who has worked with the Philadelphia Eagles and at last summer's Copa América Centenario soccer tournament, organized a blind soccer challenge with his group. "Getting

to work with students from across the world was a challenge. They were very strategic and structured with their approach. I brought practical experience working with sports franchises to the table and created a sponsorship package."

"There are a lot of life skills students get from the opportunity to work globally."

Amber Sporer '18 overcame the obstacle of working across international time zones via messaging app WhatsApp. Her group planned a trivia night to raise money to help children with cancer on both continents. "One morning, I had 70 texts from my group. They had been up for hours. This definitely taught me to work in an environment that may not be the most natural, with very early mornings and late nights."

In addition to Sports Practicum, Benbow and Perricone have teamed up to teach Sports Finance. Their unique approach uses fantasy football to teach students about financial considerations such as purchasing players, setting ticket prices and generating broadcast revenue. An abstract written to describe the course earned the pair a Bright Idea Award

sponsored by the New Jersey Policy Research Organization (NJPRO) Foundation and the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University.

Centenary student Seth Barofski '19, whose Sports Practicum group held an ultraviolet table tennis charity tournament, values the practical skills he has gained through his sports management major. "There are a lot of great opportunities for students in this major. Getting to host a sporting event in Manchester was an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience."





New Era Of Leadership

Centenary's executive staff is moving forward with a strategic plan to bring the University to new prominence. Front, from left, Kerry Mullins, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students; Virginia Galdieri, Vice President for Human Resources; David P. Haney, Ph.D., President; Deirdre Letson-Christofalo, Ed.D., Vice President for Adult, Corporate, and Online Education/Professor of Adult Studies; and Diane Lynch, Asst to the President/Asst Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Rear, from left, Kathy Naasz, Vice President for Innovation; John Carno, Vice President for University Advancement; Amy D'Olivo, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs/CAO/Associate Professor of Sociology; Jeremy Houska, Ph.D., Director of Institutional Research & Assessment; and Robert L. Miller, Jr., Ph.D., Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing.

Faculty Snapshot: Breandán Mac Suibhne

Latest Research: "I was awarded a number of prestigious fellowships to work on my next project, a study of the Irish poor's experience of the Great Famine of 1845–51, specifically what the poor, *in extremis*, did to and for each other. Those fellowships



include a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, one of some 80 awarded nationally per annum, a Franklin Grant from the American Philosophical Society, and fellowships from the Irish American Cultural Institute and Centre for Irish Studies at the National University of Ireland, Galway."

International Investigation:

To conduct his research, Dr. Mac Suibhne traveled to Ireland to cull data at the National Archives of Ireland and the Irish National Folklore Collection, as well as other local and national archives.

Forthcoming Publications:

A book, *The End of Outrage: Post-Famine Adjustment in Rural Ireland* (Oxford University, 2017), and a pamphlet, *Subjects Lacking Words: The Gray Zone of Ireland's Great Famine* (Quinnipiac University Press and Cork University Press, 2017).

Research Reflection: "I never ceased to be shocked and appalled at the horror of the Great Famine, when Ireland—a country of over eight million people—lost a quarter of its population, a million to emigration, and a million to starvation and disease."

Accolades

STATE LEADER



Kathy Naasz, vice president of innovation, was named by NJBIZ as one of the Best Fifty Women in Business for 2017

CENTENARY: A NATIONAL REPUTATION



Top 11% in the nation—and among the top three NJ institutions—by Educate to Career in its 2017 Best Value Top Institutions list



28th in the nation for value among master's in public administration online degrees by College Values Online

New Home for SPS

A new location for the School of Professional Studies is strengthening career opportunities and forging new corporate partnerships for Centenary University.

Last January, Centenary University's School of Professional Studies moved three miles into a brand new space in Parsippany. While it's only a short distance, the move represents a transformation for the program and its students. Access to the latest innovations and proximity to a host of Fortune 100 companies located in the same corporate park are boosting the visibility of Centenary and spotlighting the experiential learning that produces graduates who are ready to hit the ground running in New Jersey's fast-paced job market.

During the 18 months of planning for the move, SPS professors provided input on how to best promote collaboration to prepare students for today's economy. The result is a modern 20,000-square-foot space located on the Mack-Cali Business Campus. Classrooms are designed to re-create the work environments students encounter on the job. Everything, from the thoughtfully arranged furniture and new conference spaces, to advanced technologies and soon, Whiteboard paint—which will allow students to write on the walls as they brainstorm—was purposefully chosen to strengthen students' critical thinking and team-building skills.

Leveraging the importance of #theVIBE, the Social Media Center of Expertise at Centenary's main campus in Hackettstown, SPS has incorporated a satellite site to accommodate students enrolled in the fast-growing program.

Deirdre Letson-Christofalo, Ed.D., vice president of adult, corporate and online education, said the new space has energized SPS students and professors. "It's a better facility. We're designing the space to encourage students to brainstorm out ideas, be creative and innovate."

SPS enrolls approximately 600 adults in a range of associate, bachelor's, master's and certificate programs in Parsippany and another corporate complex in Edison. While students range in age from 21 to 70+, the average student age is 36. Many, like **Emily Van Buren '17** (see next page), enrolled after finding that it can be tough to secure a good job without a college degree. Others look to finish a degree they started when they were

younger, or seek to supplement their education through a certificate program.

Those options are critical to students' futures, and to New Jersey's economy. A 2015 study by the non-partisan Governor's Higher Education Council recommended stepping up efforts to make college more accessible to adults to meet the growing need for the high-tech skills that drive the state's economy. The study found that while 45% of New Jersey adults currently hold a college-based certificate or degree, the state will need an additional 20% by 2025 to compete effectively with other states and nations. It concluded, "New Jersey, more than most states, has jobs that require higher education. This situation is getting more acute as our businesses become increasingly based on knowledge and technology."

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A key, according to the study and educational experts, is ensuring that degree-granting institutions like Centenary forge stronger strategic partnerships with businesses to ensure that graduates develop skills that translate well in an evolving job market. SPS' new space in Parsippany places the University in the same 600-acre office park as a number of Fortune 100 companies that also lease space in the complex. Already, Dr. Letson-Christofalo foresees opportunities to build partnerships and increase enrollment through greater visibility for the University. "I believe that due to our location, we'll have better access to forming corporate partnerships in our area. It gives us a better presence to be known and seen, as well as to serve."

The amenities provided on the campus, such as an onsite, full-service cafeteria, also appeal to adult students, who often drive directly from work to attend classes at night.

Dr. Letson-Christofalo said, "Students love the space. It's much more modern and open, and it's in a great location."



"I know my degree will open up a lot more doors than were previously available to me."

From Kuwait to the Classroom

During her 14-year military career, **Emily Van Buren '17** gained lots of on-the-job leadership experience. But when she returned from her last deployment to Kuwait, she was surprised to find that potential employers wouldn't hire her without a college degree.

"I had a difficult time trying to find a job, with my level of experience, that didn't require a degree," said Van Buren, echoing a sentiment voiced by many veterans. "I had lots of management and leadership experience in logistics, but I was being offered low-paying jobs."

The Air Force veteran followed the advice of her fiancé, **David Bowden '16**, and enrolled in Centenary University's School of Professional Studies. A little more than two years later, Van Buren is poised to re-enter the job market, this time with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a concentration in management.

SPS' focus on the unique needs of adult students made the transition from military action to campus life seamless for Van Buren, a mother of three. The program's flexibility, accelerated courses and professors with practical business experience have helped her to leverage her military training into a marketable degree. "I love this program.

The professors are all working people. I feel like they have a better understanding of adults with families."

With graduation quickly approaching, Van Buren is starting her job search, confident that her Centenary degree will provide the boost her résumé needed. "I know my degree will open up a lot more doors than were previously available to me."



The Inauguration of *Centenary's 13th President*



“We are leveraging this ability to innovate, not because innovation is good for its own sake, but because we have to prepare students for a world that doesn’t exist yet.”

The inauguration of David P. Haney, Ph.D., heralds a new era as Centenary takes its place among leading regional universities.

The colorful ceremony on April 7 highlighted all that's best about Centenary: scholarship, imagination and innovation. Hundreds gathered in the David and Carol Lackland Center to witness Haney's installation as president and to offer their congratulations at a post-inaugural reception.

The event marked a turning point for Centenary, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. Throughout its history, the University has responded to societal and economic changes with new academic programs and intentional shifts in the composition of the student body. Now, Haney will lead Centenary on a new journey to re-create itself once again. Its mission: to prepare graduates for careers that don't yet exist.

It's a challenge the new president clearly relishes. Since arriving on campus last July, Haney has led a strategic planning process that emphasizes innovation. He draws his inspiration from efficient and imaginative corporations like Toyota that emphasize "human-centered design" to create experiences, rather than products. Smaller universities like Centenary are perfectly positioned to adopt this model because they're not mired in bureaucracy that can hinder change, Haney noted in his inaugural address. "We are leveraging this ability to innovate, not because innovation is good for its own sake, but because we have to prepare students for a world that doesn't exist yet. I often tell prospective students that they are likely to have seven different careers in their working life, and their last career won't have been invented during their first career."

A former English teacher, college professor and administrator, Haney enjoys the excitement of guiding others through the

creative process he calls "interpretive competence." It involves open-ended conversations that start in one place, but end with ideas the participants could never have imagined. During the ceremony he described it as "that magical moment in the literature classroom when students take a conversation far beyond

what the professor expects, or the meeting whose result is a new program that no one envisioned when he or she walked into the meeting."

With a time-tested liberal arts mission and one of the state's strongest four-year graduation rates, Centenary is well positioned to partner with others to create a seamless path linking high schools, community colleges and four-year institutions. These educational partnerships, as well as closer relationships with industry, will provide students with a clear path to follow toward their career goals. Haney said that sometimes, students today don't realize the importance of higher education. "One of our strategic goals is to recruit and serve students who do not yet know that they should go to Centenary, but even more importantly, who don't yet know they would benefit from what a university has to offer."

Keynote speaker Rosalind Reichard, Ph.D., former president of Emory & Henry College and interim provost at St. Joseph's University, noted that universities must work to improve the status of higher education in an era when some question the value of a college degree.

"We've got to have higher expectations and accountability of all of our educational institutions, but we must also recognize and celebrate the fact that higher education generates broader economic growth for society, as well as the success and well-being of the individual."



Top: Romane Jean-Louise '18, Enactus co-president. Middle: Amy D'Olive, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs, and Wolfgang Gstatenbauer '84/13 HA, chair of the Board of Trustees, greet guests. Bottom: President David P. Haney, Ph.D., and presidential spouse Lisa Baldwin with Bishop John R. Schol of the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church and Centenary trustee.



Top, left to right: AAEB President Jacqueline M. Jones-Banks '04/06; Haney greets 12th President Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, Ph.D. '96/16 HA; students celebrate at the reception. Middle row: keynote speaker Rosalind Reichard, Ph.D.; theatre students perform a number from "Into the Woods"; Haney and presidential spouse Lisa Baldwin perform. Bottom: 10th President Stephanie Bennett-Smith, Ph.D. '01 HA congratulates Haney; the crowd gathered in the David and Carol Lackland Center.



As the 13th president of Centenary University looked out on the crowd gathered for his inauguration, he paused to consider the central reason why universities exist—to give students the tools they need to re-create their world. When he meets with young adults, he routinely asks four questions: What kind of world do you want to live in? What needs to change for that world to come into being? In what part of that change do you want to be involved? What do you need to learn in order to accomplish your part of the change?

"Many of our students come to us ready to change the world," Haney noted. "We need to fuel that passion where it exists and where it does not yet exist, we need to inspire it."



Bluegrass and Banjos

Centenary tapped some homegrown talent to entertain at its inauguration reception. Bluegrass musicians Tommy '20 and Robbie Mizzone '20 took to the stage in the Edith Bolte Kutz '42 Theater to perform during a post-inaugural reception. Together with younger brother Jonny, their videos went viral in 2011, when they made appearances at the Grand Ole Opry and on the *Late Show with David Letterman*. Today, the brothers perform with a friend as Sleepy Man, releasing several CDs and winning recognition from the Independent Music Awards.



From One President to Another

Student Government Association President **Amanda Deppa '17** has some advice for Centenary University's newly-inaugurated president: "Always listen to your people. They're the ones who will guide you through the rest of your journey." The psychology major, who was chosen to speak at the inauguration, juggles a double minor in sociology and criminal justice with an internship at the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County. She plans to earn a master's degree in social work before beginning a career in that field. Looking back on her Centenary career, she said, "Centenary has always been a second home for me, and has opened a lot of doors."

STUDENTS WHO INSPIRE

Meet a few of the outstanding Centenary University scholarship recipients who are making their mark in the classroom, on campus and in the world.



Wordsmith at Work

For Ariana Archilla '19, work is play. The enterprising English major has turned her passion for words into several jobs, all while juggling a demanding course schedule and other activities at Centenary University. "I always joke that no matter where you look, I'm there."

The University has recognized Archilla's outstanding efforts in the classroom and on campus with a President's Advisory Council

Endowed Scholarship, which is funded through the generosity of the council's members. The award was a surprise, since she hadn't applied for the scholarship. Centenary Financial Aid Counselor Eloise Murray told Archilla, "They chose you."

As a freshman, Archilla accepted an internship as editor-in-chief of Centenary's community on Odyssey, a social media platform featuring creative content developed by Centenary students. She is also

a barista at Greene's Beans, the University's café, and is a student note taker for Centenary's Academic Success Center.

Minds Matter

A Presidential Scholarship to Centenary University has sparked a passion in **Abby Voelkner '17** for helping older adults affected by mental illness and substance abuse. "It's so much more than a scholarship," said Voelkner, a double





major in psychology and math. "I've conducted research with a faculty mentor and presented at national conferences. You become part of a close-knit learning group that pushes you to keep working in your field."

Centenary was on Voelkner's radar early in her college search. At an

open house, she and her mother were impressed with the psychology professors they met. "I wanted a small school where I knew the professors and they knew me. I knew I would excel at Centenary."

Today, Voelkner captains the women's lacrosse and cross country teams, is president of the Psi Chi honor society and a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Accepted into two doctoral programs in psychology, she plans a career in university-level research. "I'm passionate about older adults and the prison population. That's where a lot of my research lies. I want to give students the same opportunity that was presented to me."

On the Air

Christopher Snow '19 will never forget how he learned about his Presidential

Scholarship to Centenary University. "It was a total surprise. My parents asked my teacher to announce it at our high school scholarship day. There were hundreds of people there."

Snow first considered applying to Centenary after speaking with Head Coach Matthew Klank about playing lacrosse for the Cyclones. An aspiring sportscaster, the Roxbury High School graduate liked that Centenary has a radio station and an impressive television studio on campus at the David and Carol Lackland Center. Now, Snow is getting a jump on his career as sports director for WNTI.org internet radio at Centenary, where he hosts the program "Sports and More" and appears on another show, "Off Topic."

The scholarship was welcome news to the Snow family, who have three



sons enrolled in higher education. In fact, when Klank recruited Snow, his older brother, **Robert '17**, also signed on at the University as an assistant lacrosse coach and MBA student. "Getting a Presidential Scholarship played a big influence on my decision to attend Centenary. It really helps out my family."



CELEBRATING SCHOLARS

Centenary University feted its scholarship recipients at the annual Scholarship Gala on April 7. Held at The Farmhouse at the Grand Colonial, the event gave benefactors the opportunity to meet some of the outstanding students who have benefited from the generosity of donors.



Fast Facts

1. Versatile Businessman
CEO, bank founder, restaurateur, real estate developer
2. Philanthropist
His family funds the Dallas Family Foundation Scholarship at Centenary University
3. Centenary Trustee
"What better initiative can you support than education. Centenary is an institution I already know and understand."

Giving Thanks by GIVING BACK

David D. Dallas believes in paying it forward. A lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, he has leveraged his business know-how to benefit his local community through efforts to revitalize commercial districts and guide smart growth. So when a neighbor invited him to become a member of the Centenary University Board of Trustees, Dallas did a little research, and then accepted the offer to serve northwestern New Jersey's only university.

Four years later, he has established an annual scholarship, the Dallas Family Foundation Scholarship, through a family foundation he runs with his brother, Robert H. Dallas II, and nephew, Robert S. Dallas. "It was time to give back and express appreciation for where I ultimately ended up in life," he explained. "I grew up in the area, and I believe that supporting the local community is important."

Chief executive officer of the Dallas Group of America, Inc., a chemical firm founded by his late father, Dallas is also a co-founder and chairman of the Board of Directors of Unity Bancorp Inc. In addition, he is a partner in another family business, The Farmhouse at the Grand Colonial, and a real estate developer.

Dallas wants to share some of his business acumen with scholarship recipients. In fact, he has already met the first Dallas scholar, Gregory Robinson '19, and his mother at a casual lunch and hopes to meet the second, Rachel Natoli '20, soon. "Gregory is a bright, driven young man who is making the most of the opportunity afforded to him," said Dallas. "His mom also truly appreciates the assistance."

Robinson and his mother hoped he could avoid taking out college loans so he could pursue an MBA. The scholarship from Dallas makes that possible. "He actually cares," said Robinson, who is double majoring in accounting and finance. "It shows that there are a lot of good people out there."

Plans call for the scholarship fund to eventually provide scholarships to four Centenary students a year. Looking back, Dallas knows he made the right decision to become involved with the University. "I think higher education is a good thing to put your time, effort and money into. Education is a gift that I want to help make available to others," he said. "At some point, you look at where you are in life and you ask yourself, 'Why do I deserve to be here?' Then, you think about ways you can give back."

Funding Equine Improvements



A new facility slated for construction this summer at the Equestrian Center promises to add a deeper level of instruction to Centenary University's renowned equine studies program.

The Kraft horse walker is designed to maintain fitness in horses and help those recovering from injuries to exercise safely. Similar in appearance to a merry-go-round, the facility features a rotating mechanism that can walk up to eight horses at once. A motor in the ceiling powers the walker, with an open center providing space for observation and class demonstrations.

"This will be a showcase area for our farm," said Kelly Munz, chair of the equine studies program and equine major gifts officer. "We can't always control what horses do in a paddock when they're recovering from injury. This will provide a safer recovery process."

"This will be a showcase area for our farm."

Commonly found at larger hunter/jumper barns, the new horse walker will also provide Centenary students with a better understanding of the rehabilitation process. "Students will be learning about rehabilitation and getting these horses to a certain fitness level so they can be incorporated back into our program," Munz said.

Funding for the project was provided through gifts from alumni, parents, students and friends of the University through the Horse Walker Initiative, a component of the Equestrian Center Enhancement Project, which funds capital projects that enrich the University's equine studies program.

Athletes Take a Stand



Wrestling and cross country Head Coach John Garriques, rear left, and members of the Anti-Bullying Club.

Alec Donovan '19 knows all too well how bullying can affect a young person's life. The first NCAA wrestler to come out publicly, he has grappled with the pain bullying causes for much of his life. Determined to help others, Donovan recently started an Anti-Bullying Club at Centenary University.

At the first meeting, attended by 30 students, he shared his story: A standout youth wrestler. Whispers behind his back. Thoughts of suicide. The courage to finally share his secret. Donovan's story resonated with other Cyclone athletes. **Katherine O'Connell '18**, a member of the cross country and women's lacrosse teams, played roller and ice hockey as a youngster. "When you play a 'boys' sport, you have more of a target on your back," O'Connell said. "As we went around the room, we had all either been bullied or knew someone who had been bullied. It struck a chord with me."

"People think because student-athletes may be popular, or that they are good in something, that it exempts them from being bullied," said Cyclone wrestling and cross country Head Coach John Garriques. "They can be bullied just like anybody else."

The club, which also includes non-athletes like **Ben Sibblies '19**, has started a movement on campus called Live the Good Life. Club members pass out cards directing recipients to do a specific good deed for someone else. Then, the card is passed on to a new person. Sibblies explained, "It promotes conversation and interaction."

Co-presidents Donovan and O'Connell want to pilot a program for Cyclone athletes to bring their experiences with bullying to local schools. "I believe that on college campuses, student-athletes are role models," Donovan said. "Maybe middle and high school students will think differently if they see college athletes express feelings about bullying."



Cyclone wrestlers (from left) Etiini Udott '19, Christopher Muce '19 and Max Nauta '19

On the Mat

Three Cyclone wrestlers punched their tickets to the NCAA DIII National Championships in La Crosse, Wis.: **Christopher Muce '19** at 149 pounds, **Etiini Udott '19** at 197 pounds and **Max Nauta '19** at 141 pounds. The team finished the season ranked 19th in the nation, earning the Cyclones a spot at next year's prestigious Cliff Kean National Duals in Wisconsin. Each year, 25 elite teams compete at the meet, where national champions are crowned.

On The Air

First-year women's basketball Head Coach Rose Haller took to the airwaves to tout her team's outstanding season. Haller was invited to appear on the Feb. 2 installment of *Hoopsville*, the only DIII basketball talk show. Host Dave McHugh invited Haller to participate in his annual "Hoopsville Marathon," a 14-hour broadcast featuring coaches from around the country. Catch it at <http://www.d3hoops.com/hoopsville/archives/2016-17/feb2>.

In the Zone

Centenary's men's and women's hoopsters saw plenty of tournament play this season, with both Cyclone teams capturing spots in their respective quarterfinal rounds of the Colonial States Athletic Conference Tournament. The sixth-seeded men came up short in their bid to upset Gwynedd-Mercy University, 81-77, while the women lost a heartbreaker at the buzzer to Cabrini University, 48-46.

In first round action at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament, Centenary's women dropped the game to Moravian University, 95-50. The Cyclones recorded the second best season record in school history, going 20-7.

For the men, **Rashaan Spencer '18** was named to the All-CSAC second team, while **Noah Wright '20** got the nod to the CSAC All-Sportsmanship Team. The Cyclone women placed **Mallory George '17** on the All-CSAC first team, with **Rachel Edwards '18** named as an honorable mention and **Heather Yaros '17** on the CSAC All-Sportsmanship Team.





History Maker: Mallory George '17

Going into the first round of the ECAC Tournament, **Mallory George '17** needed five points and four rebounds to make history. Instead, she powered through with 16 points and eight rebounds to take her place as the Cyclones' all-time leading scorer and the first player in school history to reach both 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. George finished her college hoops career with 1,549 points and 1,004 rebounds.

In a radio interview, first-year Head Coach Rose Haller said of her star player, "Mallory is a great leader, a warrior. She hates to lose, and you've got to love that. She's always the hardest worker on the court. Night in, night out, she always does her job."

Let us know what's new!

Send us your news and keep up to date with classmates. Class News and Notes may be edited to reflect the *Centenarian's* guidelines and space constraints. They can be found in their entirety on the alumni website and are also distributed to each individual within a class year that submits notes.

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Barbara Wheatley Murray writes: This segment of our news is devoted to the passing of my dear late CJC roommate, **Phoebe Parry-Jones Tyler**. We enjoyed a 73-year friendship, and despite living an ocean apart, it lasted by letters and visits. Parry left the U.S. about six months after we graduated from Barnard, where she obtained high honors. Parry married Major Geoffrey Cawthorn and had two children, Sara and Peter. After her husband's poor health prevented his further employment, she bought an inn and restaurant, and ran it for many years. Following his death, she remarried Reginald Tyler and lived in Tenerife, Canary Islands. He, too, passed and Parry made her home in Plymouth, in sight of the sea. She enjoyed two grandchildren. My husband, Michael, and I made eight trips to see the Tylers. Parry passed away before her 92nd birthday.

Clara "Chic" Correll Bolger has been very kind to me since my husband's passing. I am grateful.

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In a letter to Centenary University President David P. Haney, Ph.D., **Gail Bergenback Vigra** writes: "It was a great pleasure spending time and having lunch with you and your lovely wife, Lisa, during Alumni Weekend. How very fortunate Centenary University is to have you as our new president, and I am sure your leadership will keep Centenary moving forward...Our daughters and I look forward to next Alumni Day—my 60th!"



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Thais Haines writes: I am now a licensed sales agent with the Pringle Homebuilding Group in Mount Dora, Fla. I am specializing in the Lakes of Mount Dora, a 55+ community.

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Judy Wisdom Quinn, Jean Wisdom Weaver, Joyce Fierro Velzy

Joyce Fierro Velzy writes: The Class of 1961's most loyal contributor to our column, **Molly Power Balzer**, will once again be traveling from Vancouver to Anna Maria Island, Fla., for six weeks. She and **Lee Fobes Murphy** will have their annual early bird dinner at Lazy Lobster, a nice tradition.

I'm sure Barnaby's in West Chester, Penn., was rocking recently when **Sandy Holroyd Carboni, Lois Arvidson Sack** and **Mary Ellen Williams Fisher** attended a wonderful surprise 75th birthday party there for **Carolee Clark-Norton**.

In the last issue of *The Centenarian* was a photo of **Mary Nash's** grandchildren holding up signs reading, "We Love You, Grandma!" because Mary was unable to join them on vacation. I am so sad to tell you that Mary passed away in November 2016. Mary was a good friend, both at CCW and afterward. We were both in the two-year liberal arts secretarial studies classes at CCW and after graduation shared both work and personal stories. Her grandson will miss playing golf with Mary, who was an avid player, as well as a rabid Red Sox fan.

After talking about it for so long, **Jean Wisdom Weaver, Judy Wisdom Quinn** and I finally got together last November in Stuart, Fla., and had lunch at Too-Jays, a favorite deli restaurant. After being snowbirds for many years, Jean and her husband have moved to Florida permanently. I think Jean feels, as Bob and I do, that the northern winters have gotten out of hand for us.

In March, our son, Bob, and granddaughter, Lindsey, escaped the New York weather and stayed with us a few days. What a joy! They hadn't been to see us in Florida, though we do see them when we go to New York, since Lindsey started school; she's now 14.

We haven't heard from quite a few classmates in a while. I know how busy we all are, but classmates want to hear what you've been up to! Please let me know if you change your email address; I don't want to lose you. Start making notes to add to the next issue of *The Centenarian*.

Sally Murphy Albano writes: My husband and I celebrated our 52nd wedding anniversary in November 2016 and currently reside in Bethlehem, Penn.

I have retired four times from several different occupations: nurse, travel agent, international textiles and nurse again. I'm still not retired, though, as I am a long-term substitute certified school nurse at a local school district. I prefer to work a couple of days a week, but these young nurses keep having babies, so I have pretty much worked full time since August. I do look forward to my next retirement in June.

Polly Hare Tafrate writes: I never had enough time to write when I was teaching and raising a family, but once retired, I pursued this wanna-be hobby. I now call myself a freelance writer, having published numerous articles in local newspapers, regional magazines and a few national ones, as well. My most recent success is Chicken Soup for the Soul's new book, *Random Acts of Kindness*. This is on a different scale than my other publications with local newspaper coverage, complete with photo, podcast and interview. I'm an eclectic writer covering anything that strikes my fancy—education, foreign travel, restaurants and food, grandparenting, gardening and exercise. I welcome any ideas you may have, as well as your comments: pollytafrate@hotmail.com.

Mary Graves Jordan has been busy with her latest move to a Hilton Head, S.C., retirement community. She writes: My husband was in the Army so moving was not a new experience, but downsizing was. I think I will like it. Any other '61 Centenarians in the area?

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Sharon Cook Aldrich writes: I graduated from Centenary with a degree in early childhood education, and was immediately offered a very good job in Philadelphia. Although neither of us knew each other at the time, my future husband lived right around the corner from me in Philadelphia. We didn't marry until 10 years later. By no means a concert pianist, I learned to play the piano on the grand piano in

the front parlour at Centenary. Playing enough piano for children's songs was a requirement for an early childhood education degree in those days.

One experience at Centenary I will never forget is a group date with some of my fellow classmates—one of whom was **Janice Babcock Johnson '63**—and some guys from a neighboring college. We were all to drive to the Poconos, have dinner and return by 11 p.m., as that was Centenary's curfew then. Well, the young men showed up in a converted hearse. My fellow classmates and I were speechless, but happily went along with it.

A few hours into our adventure, it began snowing very heavily. It definitely was not safe enough to be on the roads. One of the guys had a family summer cabin nearby, so we all went there. It was not winterized, and there was no heat. However, there was a fireplace and plenty of wood, but even so, it was still very cold. We managed to call Centenary and explain the situation, and they were very understanding. We didn't return to Centenary until the next afternoon, and Dean Bigelow was waiting in the doorway for us with an appropriate scowl on her face, as a hearse filled with her students pulled up.

I went on to complete my bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of South Florida, as well as my master's degree in counseling from the Bank Street College in New York City. After graduate school, I taught in New York City for several years, then accepted a job in California. I loved my career tremendously, and was grateful for being able to study and work in different parts of the county.

My sister, **Susan Cook '62**, wanted to see me happily married with a family, and was always trying to fix me up, but nothing ever worked out. One summer, however, I spent my vacation with Susan, who planned a get-together, and that is when I met my husband, Ken. We have now been married 44 years, have three children (two boys and a girl) and five grandchildren. They all live within reasonable traveling distance, so we are able to get together frequently.

Ken is an ordained Episcopalian priest, and although he retired after 50 years, he still preaches from time to time and performs occasional weddings, baptisms and, sadly, funerals for family and friends. While Ken and I were raising our family, because of my background in education, I was active in the Sunday school and youth groups in Ken's church.

Growing up, I attended church, but really didn't enjoy it all that much. Ken made it fun and meaningful, not only for me and our family, but for all his



Family Ties

Left to right: Justin '20 and Brandon '20 Bundy; Karolyn '18 and Karoline '18 Lazo; Aarenee Greene '20, Najee Evans '19

Aarenee Greene '20 hadn't planned on attending the same university as her older brother, Najee Evans '19. Yet as she started her college search, she began to realize that visiting her brother at Centenary University felt like home.

"Centenary grew on me," said Greene. "One of the benefits of having a sibling here is that I already had a support system in place. I knew Najee's friends and some of the people from the EOP (Educational Opportunity Program)."

Throughout the University's history, the friendly, college-town atmosphere at Centenary has been a draw for siblings, as well as legacies with one or more alumni relatives.

Once families discover the many benefits of siblings enrolling at the same college, Centenary often becomes a family affair, according to **Devon Vialva '97**, director of the EOP. The two biggest draws for parents: a tuition discount for siblings and the security of knowing their children are together.

Vialva should know. His younger sister, **Ilisha Herbert '97**, enrolled because their mother felt safer having Vialva there to watch over Herbert.

Twins Karoline '18 and Karolyn Lazo '18 seem to do everything together. Both fashion design majors minoring in graphic design, they share a room on campus and take many of the same classes. They hadn't set out to attend the same university, but their parents, immigrants from Peru, were relieved when both of their daughters decided on Centenary. "Our parents didn't know a lot about American higher education, so they definitely felt better that we were going to the same school," Karoline said.

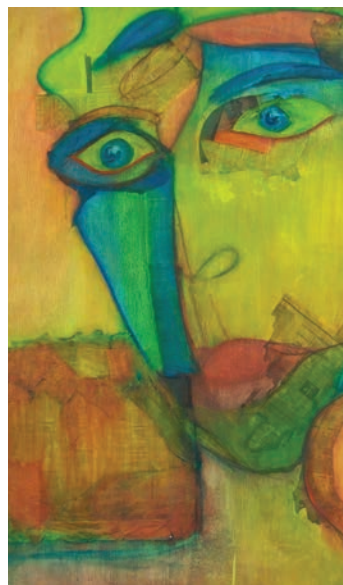
Vialva said Centenary's warm, welcoming atmosphere is a big factor in recruiting siblings. "We have a really good relationship with our students, so we adapt well to the sibling culture."



"Systems Self-Portrait" by Tiarah Crawford



"Priorities and Entitlement" by Tiarah Crawford



"Soulful" by Elizabeth Calienni



"Alex" by Michaela Correll

Art on the Edge

An exhibit this spring at the Trenton City Museum explored what it means to be "On the Edge" through the work of young artists, including three trained at Centenary University. Alumnae **Tiarah Crawford '14** and **Elizabeth Calienni '16**, as well as student Michaela Correll '18, were selected for the juried exhibition.

Millennial artists were invited to digitally submit three original pieces graphically depicting the theme for the juried exhibition, which ran from March 18 through April 30 at the museum's Ellarslie Mansion. "It's very unusual for a museum to target the millennial generation," explained Professor of Fine Arts and Director of the University's Art Gallery Carol Yoshimine. "The fact that we had two alumnae and a current student accepted into this elite exhibition is a win-win success story for the entire institution."

The trio of Centenary artists submitted works that were assigned in Yoshimine's painting classes. At a well-attended opening night reception, a couple surprised Calienni by buying one of her works.

Crawford, the first of the three notified of her acceptance to the exhibit, said the experience has encouraged her to advance her art career. "Having my work highlighted in this manner has inspired me and motivates me to continue to create and paint."

parishioners. Through Ken, religion has become a happy and significant part of our family's life, with purpose and direction.

As a child, my parents always traveled to Florida with us during the winter, as work and school would allow. When Ken and I were married, we continued that tradition, and now that we are retired, we spend several winter months in Fort Myers, on the Gulf Coast. The community in which we live has a wonderful group of people from all over the country, as well as from Canada. Best of all, my brother lives close by. There is something going on all the time: water sports, golf, concerts and Bible study groups. Our children come to visit us on their winter breaks with their families, and on the drive back to Pennsylvania after the season is over, we stop along the way, visiting with them all again, as well as with other family members and friends. We are blessed with a wonderful family, friends, and so far, good health.

I have more or less stayed in touch with **Karen Mueller Barth**. We went through high school together. Also, every now and then, Janice Babcock Johnson organizes mini-Centenary reunions in Florida. I have lost touch with my roommate, **Greer Meeks**, so if anyone knows her whereabouts, I would really appreciate your letting me know. Also, I would love to reconnect with **Joanne Posner**.

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Claire Kilpatrick Michlovitz writes: My great aunt was **Elizabeth Ashley**. That was her maiden name; her married name was Kilpatrick. I found her name on a plaque years ago. In the 1920s, I think, she and Uncle Harry had young women living in their house, Kilpatrick House on Hatchery Road, back in the 1950s when the dorms were overcrowded. They did not have biological children but they loved their Centenary girls.

My parents met through Centenary connections. My father, who grew up in Hackettstown, was a good friend of President Trevor's son, Bob, whose wife was a friend of my mother (my mom did not attend Centenary) and

introduced them. I remember sitting on the front steps of my grandparents' house on Church Street, as a child, listening to the college chimes. So, my connections go way back!

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To Serve and Protect

As executive director of public safety and chief of police for Rutgers University, **Kenneth Cop '11** directs one of the nation's largest university-based public safety entities. With campuses and facilities—including a Big Ten stadium and a hospital—spread throughout New Jersey, policing Rutgers presents many challenges. Cop credits Centenary University for providing him with the leadership background he relies on to get the job done.



Chief Kenneth Cop '11

The master's degree in leadership and public administration he earned from Centenary cultivated skills that translate readily to real-life law enforcement, Rutgers' top cop said. "My degree has assisted me in becoming a better leader and positioned me for organizational change. Everything in our coursework applied to the real world."

Like Cop, a growing number of law enforcement professionals are discovering that a Centenary degree positions them well to protect the public and advance their careers on the local, state and national levels. The University offers an associate degree in paralegal and legal studies, bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and political and governmental affairs, and a master's degree in leadership and public administration.

Lt. Michael Koroski '01/15 of the Morris Plains Police Department has also experienced the value of a Centenary education. Koroski's graduate degree in leadership and public administration has provided

"My degree has assisted me in becoming a better leader and positioned me for organizational change."

a solid foundation in policing, as well as communication and life skills that are vital when dealing with the public. When hiring, he seeks out Centenary graduates because they are so well

prepared. As proof, he points to **Anne Marie Ferris '13**, the first female police officer in Morris Plains. While at Centenary, Ferris earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice with a minor in political and governmental affairs, and also studied criminalistics. "My department requires a four-year degree for patrol positions," Koroski said. "When I hire Centenary graduates, I know we're getting qualified employees with a good education."

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Connie Hart Sjosward writes: I am thrilled to pass along news from some of our friends for all of you to enjoy. For those of you not on social media, here's the latest with our classmates:

Since graduation, **Jackie Tierney Williams** has been one busy woman. She has moved four times and now calls Flanders her home. She changed careers from the business world to the medical field and is currently working in an inpatient hospice unit at Morristown Medical Center. She earned her bachelor of science in nursing and is working toward her master of science in nursing. She's done all that while

raising four children, Hunter, 20, Shelby, 17, Tyler, 15, and Ainsley, 14. Jackie and her husband, Stacy, recently celebrated their 26th anniversary. Jackie is lucky enough to live close to the University and occasionally walks the campus to relive the memories she has from almost 30 years ago.

Marie Phillips Castricone says her son, Daniel '19, is loving Centenary University. He is a communications major. Daniel is excited to have several small parts in the student production of "Young Frankenstein," which is being directed by Carl Wallnau, whom Marie remembers from her years at school.

Here's the latest with **Lynn Richardson Mancill**: She has been married to professional golfer, Jim, for 22 years and has three sons, Clayton, 20, Travis, 18, and Harrison, 14. She has lived in Hilton Head, S.C., for 17 years and has a jewelry line that is sold exclusively at The Gallery on Main Street in Hilton Head. She also donates her jewelry and artwork to local charities. I have purchased some pieces from Lynn for myself and for gifts, and can say she's very talented.

Chris Abel Lofstead shared that she and her husband, Gee, celebrated their 25th anniversary March 14. They live in Wheeling, W.V., with their two children, Graham, 16, and Bridget, 12. Her kids love playing hockey, lacrosse and soccer. Chris has been working at The Linsly School for 14 years, while Gee works at the law firm Spilman, Thomas and Battle. Chris and her family made a visit to New Jersey last summer, where she and I got together and spent hours laughing and reminiscing over college memories.

I also heard from **Donna Neff Verrico**, who lives in Burlington, N.J. with her husband of 25 years, Vinnie. She has three sons, Vincent, 23, who attends Rowan College at Burlington County, Daniel, 19, who goes to Immaculata University, and Matthew, 17, who is a junior at Holy Cross Academy. Donna works in the bookstore and cafeteria at Holy Cross Academy.

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Top shots—Centenary University alumni had the opportunity to network and watch the Brooklyn Nets defeat the Phoenix Suns at a Networking Night held March 23 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. Five Centenary alumni work for the Nets.



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Michelle Abbate writes: I am super excited that I now have a teenager. I cannot believe that she is one. Where did the time go? Emily and I marched with Centenary at the St. Patrick's Day parade, which was exciting. I've been super busy at work having a student teacher from Monmouth, and also mentoring a Centenary student. Hope all is well with everyone. I enjoy seeing all that you share on Facebook. If you have any news to share with our Centenary friends, please drop me a line.

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NEW AAEB MEMBERS

The Centenary University Alumni Association is an integral part of the Centenary community. Led by the Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB), the organization advances the mission of Centenary by engaging alumni to participate in University life through service, loyalty and friendship, as well as providing financial support for important initiatives.



Kyle Malavasi '14 is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, where he assists clients in preparing for retirement. A student-athlete while attending Centenary University, Malavasi was captain of the men's basketball team and was named twice to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court, four times to the Colonial States Athletic Conference All-Academic Team and once as a Centenary FAR/FAB (Faculty Athletic Representatives/Faculty Advisory Board) Scholar-Athlete. In addition, the University recognized him with the Business Merit Award and an Academic Excellence Award.

Alumni Executive Board

Jacqueline McRae Jones-Banks '04/06,
President

Angela Rodriguez Moore '90,
Vice President

Secretary/position open

Michelle Timoteo '10,
Interim Treasurer

Angie Desai '07, *Nominating*



An account executive at Coyne Public Relations in Parsippany, N.J., **Heather Rottner '11** specializes in digital influencer relations, focusing on clients in the toy and juvenile, travel, health care, and food and beverage industries. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Centenary, where she was a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, the Honors Program and was president of Theta Epsilon Nu. In addition, the University recognized Rottner with the Elmer E. Pearce Speech Prize. She holds a bachelor's degree in print journalism.

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Michelle Timoteo '10 is a staff accountant at Barnes & Noble Education in Basking Ridge, N.J. A *magna cum laude* graduate of Centenary University, she holds a double major in accounting and business administration with a concentration in finance. Before enrolling at Centenary, she attended Union County College on a NJ Star Scholarship, which selects bright New Jersey students to attend county colleges tuition-free. Since earning her degree, Timoteo has gained career experience in both accounting and legal research.

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REMEMBERING CAROL LACKLAND



Carol Burgess Lackland '54/10 HA never forgot that an anonymous donor provided the financial support she needed to finish her college degree. That act of kindness sparked a lifetime of generosity in Carol, who passed away on Jan. 28.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., Carol developed a love for music early on. She began taking piano lessons at

age 3, performing as a concert pianist at many local recital halls, including New York Town Hall. Her father died suddenly when she was just 11 and family finances were tight, so Carol hadn't planned on attending college.

A high school teacher encouraged her to apply for a music scholarship to Centenary University, but after her freshman year Lackland still came up \$500 short to enroll as a sophomore. That's when the donor stepped in. "I was ready to leave school, but then I was called in by the dean and told an anonymous donor had given the money, and that I would be able to finish," Carol recounted to *The New York Times* in 2010.

While attending Centenary, she took a radio course that changed the direction of her career. After graduation, Carol parlayed the

knowledge and confidence she gained from the course into a job at CBS in New York, and later worked as an assistant to a radio producer at NBC. "I had taken a radio course at Centenary, and I thought I knew everything there was to know about radio and TV," Carol once said. "I marched myself right into New York, and happened to be at the right place at the right time. I really had a very nice career, and it was all because of Centenary."

She and her husband, the late **David Lackland '10 HA**, made an impact on Centenary through their gifts of time, expertise and financial support. He was vice chair of the University's Board of Trustees, while she was a member of the President's Advisory Council. "Carol had an extraordinary love for Centenary University and its students," recalled **Wolfgang Gstattenbauer '84/13 HA**, chair of the Centenary University Board of Trustees. "She and David made a far-reaching impact on the future of the University, its students and the cultural landscape of western New Jersey."

Together, the couple were lead benefactors for the David and Carol Lackland Center, which opened on the Centenary campus in 2010. The capstone of a successful capital campaign, the

68,000-square-foot Lackland Center is a cultural and educational destination offering theatrical and musical performances, lectures and other events. The facility features the 485-seat Sitnik Theater and the Black



Starting opposite page, clockwise: Carol Lackland '54/'10 HA; she and her husband, David, often supported Centenary events; Carol launched her career in radio at Centenary; The David and Carol Lackland Center.



Box Edith Bolte Kutz '42 Theater, as well as a dance studio, dining hall, café, classrooms, offices and meeting spaces.

"The Lackland Center has become a cultural centerpiece in northwestern New Jersey, and is a fitting tribute to Carol and David Lackland," said Centenary University President David P. Haney, Ph.D., a bluegrass musician who, together with presidential spouse Lisa Baldwin, presented a concert there on Feb. 4 through the Centenary Stage Company to benefit the Centenary University President's Innovation Fund. "Centenary and the arts were near and dear to Carol's and David's hearts, and it is a privilege to carry on their legacy in the facility that bears their names."

Like Haney and Baldwin, the Lacklands enjoyed performing music together, she on piano and he on violin. To the dedicated Centenary graduate, providing leadership on a project that combined her loves for music and her *alma mater* seemed an appropriate way to honor the donor who rescued her college career many years ago. In announcing the couple's gift, Carol said, "Today, we better understand my anonymous benefactor's motivation: wanting to make a difference. Our gift to Centenary both honors that donor's spirit and enriches our own."

Carol is survived by her son, David J. Lackland; daughter, Jennifer Lackland; daughter-in-law, Tessa Alden Lackland; grandson, Indy Lackland; sisters-in-law, Connie Burgess Scher and Donna Lackland; brother-in-law, Fred Lackland; three nephews and a niece.



In Memoriam

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Renee Richel Behrens '12	10/19/16
Charlotte Jameison Edgar '52	12/7/16
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Marilyn Olsen Foster '50	12/1/16
Ruth Meier Hennings '57	9/8/16
Mildred Griffith Kohler '33	2/28/17
Carol Burgess Lackland '54	1/28/17
Yvonne Bucher Linn '51	2/17/17
Jean Gilpatrick Losee '57	11/28/16
Mary Nash '61	11/11/16
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2009

Jenni Noto writes: Dan Aquino and I are currently engaged after dating for nearly 10 years, and are planning our wedding. We met at Centenary right before sophomore year started in 2006, and have been together since.

2011

Devon Paffendorf '10/11 writes: I currently work at Express as a stylist and will be starting a full-time position at a company in downtown Chicago. I am still new to the city and would love to connect with any alumni in the area.

2012

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Monica Brinson is running for governor of New Jersey.

Jackie Mariani writes: Since I graduated in 2012 with a bachelor of arts in theatre management, I've worked in various theatres across New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York City. Currently, I work mostly at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. I'm stage managing "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which runs this summer at the outdoor stage located at the College of St. Elizabeth.

2017

Lydia Sarro won first place for eventing at the Equiventures Ocala Winter II Horse Trials, which took place Feb. 10-12 at the Florida Horse Park. The competition consisted of dressage, jumping and cross country. Two years ago, she obtained an internship through Centenary in Ocala, Fla., with Clarissa Wilmerding, whom Lydia credits with making her the rider she is today.



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The St. Benedict's Connection

From left, Christopher Bonilla '17, Najee Evans '19 and Marcus Garcia '18

As **Christopher Bonilla '17** prepared to graduate this spring, he reflected on what first drew him to Centenary University: hope.

A standout soccer player at St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, N.J., Bonilla hadn't been the strongest student academically. He wasn't even sure that college was an option for him. Then, he met **Devon Vialva '97**, director of Centenary's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). Vialva saw lots of promise in Bonilla, including a determination to succeed that is ingrained in St. Benedict's graduates. When Vialva described the academic, personal and financial support the EOP provides, Bonilla knew he was making the right choice. "I chose Centenary because he had confidence in me and hope for me, more than any other college did."

Newark is miles away from Hackettstown, in geography and in attitude. Yet a growing number of St. Benedict's graduates are discovering that Centenary's personal approach is a natural extension of the caring atmosphere found at St. Benedict's. Last year, a *60 Minutes* report on the high school's highly successful methods to improve inner city education won St. Benedict's national and international acclaim.

Even before *60 Minutes*, Vialva knew that Centenary would be a good fit for St. Benedict's graduates. A former Newark resident, Vialva was familiar with the school's mission and strong track record for shaping young men, many of whom overcome great odds to succeed in life. In a city where just 12 percent of all adults hold a college degree, St. Benedict's sends 99 percent of its graduates on to college.

"I knew that St. Benedict's graduates have that drive to succeed," said Vialva. The high standards for academics and behavior at the high school pave the way for a smooth transition to university life. "In terms of academics, most of these guys are up to speed. The rigor of the St. Benedict's curriculum prepares them to hit the ground running."

Like many recent high school graduates, St. Benedict's alumnus Najee Evans '19 was nervous leaving home to start college. But at the EOP's summer enrichment program at Centenary before his freshman year, the Newark resident met lots of students from his hometown and realized that he fit right in.

An encounter with a hospice worker, who counseled and prayed with his family through the terminal illnesses of two uncles, has influenced the young man's career path. After graduation, Evans plans to earn a master's degree and work in a hospice environment. "Centenary University is a smaller institution where you make a lot of friends and the professors talk to you one-on-one," explained Evans. "It's good to have someone believe in you when you don't believe in yourself."

Like Evans, Marcus Garcia '18 has built strong relationships at Centenary. While he was attending St. Benedict's, his family decided to make the move to Hackettstown, enrolling Garcia in Hackettstown High School. The recipient of a Hackettstown Partnership Scholarship, he is double majoring in criminal justice and political and governmental affairs to prepare for law school. "Centenary is a great school. The professors are very personable and genuinely caring, which reminds me of St. Benedict's."

Today, Vialva is proud of St. Benedict's graduates like Bonilla, who are making their mark on Centenary. A student-athlete, Bonilla played on the first two Cyclone men's soccer teams to win Colonial States Athletic Conference championships. Now, he looks again to his future with hope: the psychology major plans to earn his master's degree and return to St. Benedict's to pay it forward by counseling kids who are struggling. Reflecting on his first encounter with Vialva, Bonilla said, "I didn't have many college options. He offered me a chance. At Centenary, they help students, just like my high school did. It's been a great opportunity to come here."



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