

**October 20, 2023: News from the Provost**

*Our Mission: Centenary College prepares global citizens to live productive lives of vitality and purpose.*



Dear Colleagues,

I hope it has been a good week for you. I know it has been busy with many special campus activities - thank you to CAB for Fall Fest, to the Chemistry Club and Department for events around National Chemistry Week, to the Registrar's Office for preparing for Spring registration, and to Ms. Connie Whittington for her support and expertise in hosting our Board of Trustees.

In this newsletter, you will find:

- Call for Centenary in Paris Courses
- Announcements and Information from the Board of Trustees Meetings
- Information about the Strategic Plan Summit
- Thriving Survey Information
- Dates and Events to Note
- Kudos!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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 Karen Sou, Ph.D.  
 Provost and Dean of the College

**Call for 2024 Centenary in Paris Courses**

Due to the 2024 Olympics and taking into consideration feedback from faculty, Centenary in Paris will run a little differently next year. As you consider proposing a course, please note:

- As scheduled, classes will begin Monday, August 5.
- However, travel to Paris will change to Sunday, August 11-Saturday, August 17.
- And course meetings will end Wednesday, August 21 instead of Friday, August 23.

If you are interested in teaching a 2024 CIP course, please email the following information to [provost@centenary.edu](mailto:provost@centenary.edu) no later than Wednesday, November 15:

1. Course title and description
2. Co-instructor, if applicable
3. In-load or overload request
4. Confirmation of department chair approval

All new course proposals must be approved by the Trek Committee and should submit [here](#), as well.

We will begin faculty CIP meetings in December - dates and times forthcoming!

**Announcements and Information from the Board of Trustees Meetings**

Congratulations to **Dr. Amanda Donahoe** who received unanimous Board approval for promotion to Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure!

Congratulations to **Dr. James Reid** who received unanimous Board approval for promotion to Associate Professor of Mathematics with tenure!

Congratulations to **Dr. Helen Sikes** who received unanimous Board approval for the title Faculty Emerita!

Thank you to **Dr. Jessica Alexander**, Associate Professor of Psychology, and **Professor Jessica Hawkins**, Associate Professor of Communication Arts, for their sabbatical presentations to the Board.

The Board also received and discussed updates on the Mickle Hall and football projects, the 2022-2023 audit and 2023-2024 budget, and fundraising. New program and revenue ideas, as noted in the strategic plan, were discussed, including innovative learning through certificates, leadership retreats, and corporate and customized programs.

**Strategic Plan Summit**

Please join President Holoman and me at the Strategic Plan Summit next Wednesday, October 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the White Room.

At this event, we will discuss the specific initiatives associated with strategic plan goals, implementation of these initiatives, and how you can be a part of *Bold at the Bicentennial!* We welcome your ideas, questions, and participation. Lunch will be provided.

Please [RSVP TODAY!](#)

**Thriving Survey**

The College has launched a "Thriving Survey" to students, faculty, and staff. The survey is in your email, takes less than 10 minutes, includes Centenary-specific questions, and enters you to win a \$50 gift card! Your participation is important in helping the college identify areas of strength and growth, including helping us identify new student and employee benefits, wellness programs, work structure, and more. You can learn more about the survey at "[The Thriving Quotient](#)" and read about how colleges have used it to improve student success at [Inside Higher Ed](#).

**Dates and Deadlines to Note**

- **TODAY, October 20: Midterm grades** are due in BannerWeb by noon.
- **Course materials orders for Spring and May terms were due October 15.** Please submit your order through the online bookstore [here](#). Here are some helpful [instructions](#). If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Lauron Callaway ([callaway@centenary.edu](mailto:callaway@centenary.edu)) in the Provost's Office.
- **Registration for Spring, May, and Summer begins next Monday, October 23.** Please see yesterday's email, "Connected Knowledge: 2024 Spring Registration," from Dr. Laila Rogers with detailed information.
- **November 1: Sabbatical applications** are due to [provost@centenary.edu](mailto:provost@centenary.edu).

**Upcoming Events**

**Tomorrow, Saturday, October 21: Admission Preview Day** will be held on campus from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank you to the faculty and staff participating in this event!

**Monday, October 23: The John William Corrington Award for Literary Excellence** will be presented by the Department of English to poet and essayist Aimee Nezhukumatthil at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Auditorium.

**Kudos**

Congratulations to **Dr. Andia Augustin-Billy**, Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies, who presented "The Black Man as Object of Desire in Creole Louisiana" at the 73rd Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA.

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