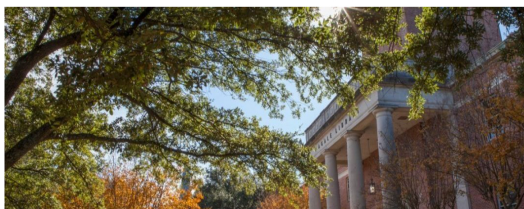


November 17, 2023: News from the Provost

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



Dear Colleagues,

I want to sincerely thank our faculty advisors, as well as our staff, who have worked so hard over the past few weeks to get students registered for spring, May, and summer. I have heard advisors talk of beginning registration with students in the wee hours of the morning and working well into the evening. I know that our students are grateful for such commitment and Centenary is lucky to have so many faculty and staff who give generously of their time and expertise to support student success. I sincerely hope that this weekend and next week bring ample opportunities for you to relax and enjoy special time with friends, family, and loved ones.

I am so pleased to make two special announcements:

Please join me in congratulating **Dr. Chad Fulwider**, Professor of History, who has been appointed to the Arthur and Emily Webb Eminent Scholars Endowed Chair of International Studies.

Please also join me in congratulating **Dr. Sarah McCall**, who has been promoted to Director of Global Engagement.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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Karen Sou, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Upcoming Events

- The **November Faculty Meeting** is Monday, November 20 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Whited Room. Meetings materials were emailed by Lauron Callaway. Refreshments are generously provided by Sodexo - thank you to Shanta Bates and her wonderful staff for this gift!
- **Thanksgiving Break** for faculty and students begins Tuesday, November 21 at 9:30 p.m. The campus will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. Classes resume Monday, November 27 at 8:00 a.m.
- The annual **Christmas Candlelight** service will take place on Friday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Dates and Deadlines to Note

- **Centenary in Paris 2024:** Courses are due today! Please email the following information to [provost@centenary.edu](mailto:provost@centenary.edu): course title and description; co-instructor, if applicable; in-load or overload request; and confirmation of department chair approval.
- "Teaching during Crisis": A faculty brown bag event on Thursday, November 30 at 11:15 a.m. in the Centenary Room. Dr. Amanda Donaloc will share an overview and timeline of the Gaza crisis and Dr. Rachel Johnson will offer helpful resources and strategies for you and students. We will have time for questions and sharing, as well. Please enjoy lunch from the café compliments of the Provost's Office.
- Applications for the [Charlton H. Lyons Faculty Research Award](#) are due December 15.

Kudos!

Congratulations to the following students who swept the awards at BRAID (Biomedical Research and Industry Day). This is an annual event hosted on the LSU-Shreveport campus. It is a collaborative effort between LSU Health Shreveport, LSU-Shreveport, University of Louisiana Monroe, LA Tech, Grambling State University, and Centenary College that focuses on bringing scientists at all career stages together with industry experts for research presentations, panels, and networking opportunities.

1<sup>st</sup> place – **Cameron Cason**  
Project Title: Paradoxical Regulation of Cellular Redox Homeostasis by Hydropersulfides and Hydropolysulfides via Cystathionine γ-Lyase Phosphorylation  
Mentor: Dr. Christopher Kevill, LSU Health Sciences Center, Department of Pathology

2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Caymen Hawkins**  
Project Title: The Effects of Sulfide-Releasing Pharmaceutical Drugs on Xanthine Oxidase Dependent Nitrite Reduction to Nitric Oxide  
Mentor: Dr. Christopher Kevill, LSU Health Sciences Center, Department of Pathology

3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Tarif Islam**  
Project Title: Functional Characterization of Novel lncRNA in *Arabidopsis thaliana*  
Mentor: Dr. Rebecca Murphy, Centenary College of Louisiana, Department of Biology

Thank you to **Dr. Becki Murphy**, Associate Professor of Biology, and **Dr. Scott Chirhart**, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, for their leadership and mentorship!

Works in Progress

- The Registrar's Office is making great progress with the set-up of **DegreeWorks** and student self-registration. Training for faculty advisors will occur in the spring. Thank you to Dr. Lalita Rogers, Registrar, and Ms. Amanda Currie, Assistant Registrar, for their work on this amazing improvement!
- **Centenary All Access** will launch Fall 2024. This program will seek to ensure that all students have course materials on day one of the semester! More information forthcoming.
- The College is exploring the launch of a **Center for Innovative Learning**. I'll talk more about this at the faculty meeting on Monday, but the CIL would house non-credit certificates coordinated through [Corg.edu](http://Corg.edu) and would be a venue for creative ventures by faculty and staff including credit bearing certificates, short programs like leadership retreats or writing retreats, continuing education courses, corporate and customized programs, and more!

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