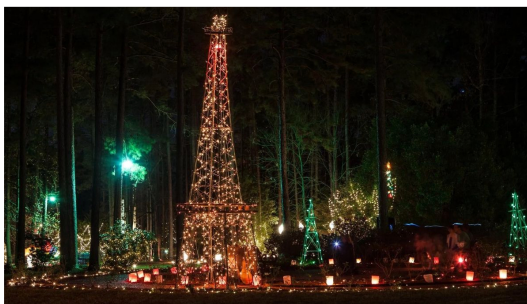


## December 15, 2023: News from the Provost

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



Above: Holiday lights at the *American Rose Center*, Shreveport, LA

Dear Colleagues,

Today, we complete final exams for the Fall Term. While most of our students will be departing campus, the next week holds many important items for us including grading, sending end of term communications to students, preparing for the Spring Semester, and more. Of course, in addition to that, we have family and loved ones to attend to, perhaps travel to navigate, and celebrations to enjoy.

As you depart campus, please remember to set your out of office email and out of office voice mail. While campus is closed, current and prospective students and families may be reaching out and will need to know alternate contacts and/or return dates. Here is template for your convenience:

*"Thank you for your email. Centenary College is observing winter break and most offices will be closed from Monday, December 25-Tuesday, January 2. If you need immediate assistance, please utilize the main campus line at 318.869.5011. If this is an emergency, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 318.207.0007."*

*I will return to the office by Monday, January 8 and will respond to emails soon after that date. In the meantime, check out all the great things happening at Centenary at our [News and Events page](#)."*

In this issue:

- Important Dates and Deadlines to Note
- Kudos!
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In addition, please note the [Spring Start of Semester Memo](#).

Have a wonderful weekend,

Karen

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

#### Important Dates and Deadlines to Note

- **Final grades** are due Tuesday, December 19 at noon. *Adherence to this deadline is vital for student grades to be posted!*
- **Monday, January 8, 8:00 a.m.:** Spring classes begin and Faculty Annual Reports are due.
- **Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**, campus closed.
- **January 15-19: Dream Week**. Events and information forthcoming.
- **Wednesday, January 17 at noon in the White Room: Open faculty discussion on draft course time periods.** Participants are welcome to grab lunch from the cafe compliments of the Provost's Office. Please try to be ready for discussion at noon to allow broad participation and input.
- **Friday, January 19-Saturday, January 20: Scholar's Weekend.**
- **February 1:** Faculty and Faculty-Student Research Award applications due.

#### Kudos!

Congratulations to **Mr. Alan Berry**, Theatre Technical Director, who was awarded a Muses grant to complete multi-year project renovations in the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse.

Congratulations to **Mr. Chris Brown**, College Archivist, who was also awarded a Muses grant to continue digitization of print files for "L'Athenee Louisianias" and the Centenary Athletic Department, 1876-1975.

Congratulations to **Dr. Priyanka Chakraborty**, Assistant Professor of Economics, whose article "Gender and Leadership in Organizations: The Threat of Backlash" was published in the December edition of *The Economic Journal*, Royal Economic Society.

Congratulations to **Dr. Chad Fulwider**, Professor of History, who was awarded a Faculty Research Award to support an archival research trip during his spring sabbatical.

Congratulations to **Dr. Amy Friesehahn**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, who was selected as an honoree for the University of Texas at Tyler 40 under 40 Alumni Awards.

Congratulations to **Dr. Michelle Wolkomir**, Professor of Sociology, and student **Ms. Nyta Pierce**, who were awarded a Faculty-Student Research Award for their proposal, "Racialized Work Experience on the Blue Line: Exploring the Emotional Labor of Policing in Communities."

#### Personnel Announcements

**Dr. Cory Wikan**, Dean of the Hurley School of Music, will join the Provost's Office in a part-time capacity as Associate Provost. Dr. Wikan will assume some of the responsibilities previously held by Associate Dean Hamming. Dr. Wikan brings excellent leadership skills as well as knowledge of and experience with accreditation and admission that I look forward to learning from and sharing.

Please join me in welcoming **Ms. Robin Logan** as our new Associate Provost for Institutional Research and Strategic Planning. Ms. Logan previously served as the Director of Institutional Research at the University of the Incarnate Word and as the Executive Director for University Planning and Analysis at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. **Dr. Katie Bearden** will conclude her regular duties on December 31, but will return to us for a proper farewell in January.

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