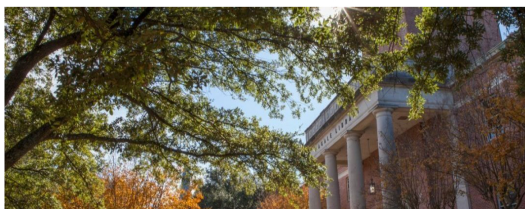


December 8, 2023: News from the Provost

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



Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the thoughtful and intentional ways that you are both challenging and supporting our students. Through observation, as well as formal and informal communications, I know that you put forth tremendous effort to hold high expectations for learning and growth, to facilitate student success in meeting these goals, and to seek resources for our students well beyond classroom and academic needs.

While we readily acknowledge that the next week of final exams is stressful for students, we don't always acknowledge the same for faculty and staff. I recognize that you will spend hours grading (and re-grading), reaching out to and meeting with students, grading some more, and even preparing for spring semester. Just as we would tell our students, don't forget to take breaks, get enough sleep, exercise, eat well, and maybe even Pomodoro grade (is that a thing?). Along with my gratitude, I offer my support, as well as a free lunch next Thursday at the Open House.

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In addition, please note the [Spring Start of Semester Memo](#).

Have a wonderful weekend,
Karen

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

Important Dates and Deadlines to Note

- The [Meadows Makers Market](#) is tomorrow, Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Final Exams** are December 11-15. The Final Exam schedule is posted [here](#). The Final Exam policy is posted [here](#).
- **Micro-credentialing Lunch and Learn**: On Tuesday, December 12 at 11:15 a.m. in the Centenary Room, Ms. Debbie Bury, Director of Career Development and Internships, will present information about what micro-credentials are and how to develop them. Participants are welcome to grab lunch from the cafe compliments of the Provost's Office.
- **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.

Kudos!

Congratulations to **Dr. Matthew Blasi**, Assistant Professor of English, who was awarded a Muses grant to purchase, install, and maintain a letterpress machine for student and faculty use in the English Department.

Congratulations to **Dr. Rachel Johnson**, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, who was also awarded a Muses grant to purchase laptops for the Learning Commons to launch a laptop loaner program for students.

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