

HONORS CONVOCATION

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“Treasures” from *#twitterlieder*:

15 tweets in 3 acts

by James Eakin '00Centenary Choir

Invocation.....Rev. Lindy Broderick
*Chaplain and Director of the
Christian Leadership Center*

Welcome.....Dr. Karen Soul
Provost and Dean of the College

Selective Reflections.....Jonathan Okereke '23
*President of the Student
Government Association*

Award Presentations.....Presented by members
of each department

Closing Remarks.....Mark Miller
Dean of Students

The program concludes with the singing
of the Alma Mater. Please stand.

*Where the sleepy, silver bayou
Gleams among the pines,
Watching o'er the throbbing city
Alma Mater shines.
Forward, forward Centenary -
Time and tide may fail,
But our hearts shall love thee ever -
Centenary, Hail!*

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COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA



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ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Department: ALPHA CHI NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Presenter: Professor Jessica Hawkins, Associate Professor of Communication

Award Name: Alpha Chi National Honor Society
Description of Award: Alpha Chi is a national honor society comprised of more than 400,000 members from some 300 college and university chapters. Members of Alpha Chi, who rank in the top 10 percent of juniors, seniors, and graduate students, represent the best undergraduate scholarship in all academic fields at their institutions.

Inductees: Kaleb Atkinson
Haley Bordelon
Tuyen Chau
Jo Hoffman
Emerson Horne
Tarif Islam
Mackenzie Newlan
Aiden Peterkin
Riana Seidenberg
Madeline Vacula
Mackenzie Williams

Department: ART AND VISUAL CULTURE
Presenter: Professor Shea Hembrey, Assistant Professor of Art

Award Name: Nellie Lyons Studio Art Award
Description of Award: The purpose of this award is to recognize a Centenary student of any year whose major is or will be studio art. The studio art faculty select from students meeting those requirements a recipient who has created a body of work of exceptional promise.

Awardee: Emma Foster
Description of Awardee: Emma is committed to her growth as an artist. She spends her time dedicated to improving her technical abilities, and puts in long hours in the studio as a model example to her fellow students.

She spent her free time this past summer creating a solo exhibition which was displayed at the Meadows Museum.

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Department: RESEARCH CONFERENCE AWARDS
Presenters: Dr. Scott Chirhart, Professor of Biology
Dr. Mandi Donahoe, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Award Name: Best in Visual Arts
Awardee: Jan Gary for "Mori"

Award Name: Best Oral Presentation in the Humanities
Awardee: Visar Rraci for "The United States and the Independence of Kosovo: Examining US Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, and Military Intervention in the late 20th Century"

Award Name: Best Oral Presentation in the Natural Sciences
Awardee: Bryn Jenkins for "Qualitative to Quantitative: Optimizing an SOP"

Award Name: Best Oral Presentation in the Social Sciences
Awardees: Remi Miller for "Effects of Changes in Gun Control Policy on the Frequency and Severity of Mass Shootings"
Lauren Warren for "Gender and Governing Bodies: The Intersection of Legal Precedents and Sociological Processes"

Award Name: Best Poster Presentation
Awardees: Anna DiMaggio for "The Evolution of a Common Man"
Alireza Moosavi Behbahani for "Computational methods for development of arbidol as a fusion inhibitor of the novel coronavirus"

Award Name: Honorable Mention for Best Poster Presentation
Awardees: Tarif Islam, Alireza Moosavi Behbahani, and Jonathan Okereke for "Phenolic Compound Production from Pathogen-Induced Plant Communication"
Michael Smith for "Calibrating Milikan's Oil Drop Apparatus"

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Department: BIOLOGY
Presenter: Dr. Scott Chirhart, Professor of Biology

Award Name: AED Outstanding Contributions Award
Description of Award: This award is presented to a senior Alpha Epsilon Delta honor society member committed to both the College and the community.

Awardee: Rose Deshler
Description of Awardee: The winner of this award has been one of the best leaders of this organization in years. She not only did what was expected but went above and beyond to improve this organization. She is an outstanding young woman whom I am proud of and will miss her being around-Rose Deshler.

Award Name: Biology Department Award for Academic Excellence
Description of Award: The Biology Department Award for Academic Excellence is presented to a senior student who has achieved academic excellence in overall studies.

Awardee: Rose Deshler
Description of Awardee: During her time at Centenary I have seen this recipient balance a large number of responsibilities, including to the department, the College, to her team as well as to her academics and herself.

Her organizational skills are unparalleled and her efforts have meant that many more of her peers have been able to gain information and access to programs that might otherwise be difficult to navigate. Her impact on this campus and the biology department has been significant.

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Department:	CHEMISTRY
Presenter:	Dr. Kathrine Weeks, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Award Name:	General Chemistry Achievement Award
Description of Award:	This award is presented to a student who has shown outstanding achievement in General Chemistry.
Awardee:	Kaleb Atkinson
Description of Awardee:	Kaleb was selected for this award based on his academic performance in both semesters of general chemistry and for earning the highest score on the standardized exam.
Award Name:	Outstanding Achievement in Inorganic Chemistry Award
Description of Award:	This award is presented to a student who has shown outstanding achievements in Inorganic Chemistry.
Awardee:	Cassie Halford
Description of Awardee:	Cassie was selected for this award for her consistently outstanding performance in both lecture and lab. Cassie was clearly dedicated to understanding the reactions and applications of inorganic chemistry.
Award Name:	Outstanding Achievement in Organic Chemistry Award
Description of Award:	This award is presented to a student who has shown outstanding achievements in Organic Chemistry.
Awardee:	Maddie Vacula
Description of Awardee:	Maddie was selected for this award for her clear understanding of organic mechanisms that are used to explain organic chemical reactions.
Award Name:	Senior Chemistry Academic Award
Description of Award:	This award recognizes an outstanding senior chemistry or biochemistry major based on overall academic performance, performance on the departmental senior assessment exam and future plans.
Awardees:	Bryn Jenkins Payton Lii
Description of Awardees:	Both awardees were selected based on their consistently exceptional academic performance, their Independent Study research pursuits, their participation in the American Chemical Society's national conference, and their participation in chemistry department events on campus. Notably, both students are pursuing the ACS accredited degree in chemistry. Payton is also pursuing a second degree in economics, and Bryn is pursuing dual minors in mathematics and computer science.

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Department: EDUCATION
Presenter: Dr. Terrie Johnson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education

Award Name: Hallquist Elementary Education Award

Description of Award: The Hallquist Elementary Education Award is presented to the outstanding graduating candidate in Elementary Education who has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and who has met all requirements for Louisiana State Teacher Certification in Elementary Education, including obtaining passing scores on all parts of the PRAXIS (National Teachers' Exam). Also, this student must have demonstrated leadership and creativity in planning, implementing, and evaluating instruction at the elementary level. This candidate must also exhibit all of the characteristics of a Centenary Dedicated Educator and must have shown extraordinary dedication to the profession.

Awardee: Lyle Alford

Description of Awardee: Lyle Alford is a 2nd grade French Immersion teacher at Mamou Elementary. He began his pursuit of his Masters of Arts in Teaching in June of 2020. He is a dedicated educator and strives to use effective and innovative strategies for his students.

Award Name: Vroonland Secondary Education Award

Description of Award: The Vroonland Secondary Education Award is presented to the outstanding graduating candidate in Secondary Education who has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and who has met all requirements for Louisiana State Teacher Certification in his/her content area for Secondary Education, including obtaining passing scores on all parts of the PRAXIS (National Teachers' Exam). Also, this student must have demonstrated leadership and creativity in planning, implementing, and evaluating instruction at the secondary level. This candidate must also exhibit all the characteristics of a Centenary Dedicated Educator and must have shown extraordinary dedication to the profession.

Awardee: Ashley Tyler

Description of Awardee: Ashley Tyler is committed to being the best teacher she can be. She teaches choir at North Caddo and Green Oaks Schools. She demonstrates dedication to her students and strives to instill a love of music.

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Department:	ENGLISH
Presenter:	Dr. Jeff Hendricks, Professor of English
Award Name:	Audrey M. Smith Poetry Award
Description of Award:	This award is presented to the full-time Centenary student who has submitted a poem judged best by an English department faculty committee.
Awardees:	Phoebe Cragon Jerney Harms
Description of Awardees:	Phoebe Cragon's "Beak" and Jerney Harris' "Daughter's mother" were selected through an anonymous judging process. English faculty on the selection committee were Dr. Emily Leithauser, Dr. Rachel Johnson, and Dr. Matthew Blasi.
Award Name:	M.T. Brewerton Award for English
Description of Award:	This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior as selected by the members of the English Department.
Awardee:	Phoebe Cragon
Description of Awardee:	Phoebe Cragon has been an outstanding English major throughout her time at the College, contributing significantly to <i>Pandora</i> , copyediting and proofreading for Storyport Press, and organizing events for Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. Phoebe is a talented writer and an expansive thinker. Her academic prose is as careful and startling as her poetry, which has been published in <i>Pandora</i> and in off-campus publications including <i>The Writing Disorder</i> , <i>Rejection Letters</i> , <i>Sparks of Calliope</i> , and <i>The Bookends Review</i> .
Award Name:	P.B. Lindsey Memorial Award for the Outstanding Freshman in Creative Writing
Description of Award:	This award, established by Professor Emeritus Earle Labor, recognizes a first-year English major of exceptional promise in Creative Writing.
Awardee:	Jude Williams
Description of Awardee:	Already a pillar of the creative writing community on campus, Jude is a passionate and skilled poet. He is a leader in the classroom, fearless and novel in his argumentation. The English Department is thrilled to see this level of engagement, dedication, and promise from a freshman, and we can't wait to see all that Jude will accomplish at Centenary.

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Presenter: Dr. Jeff Hendricks, Professor of English

Award Name: Thomas E. Horton & Stephen Victory Scholarship
Description of Award: This award is presented in memory of Thomas Edward, Esther Horton, and Steven Thomas Victory to an outstanding first-year major in the English Department. The recipient will receive the scholarship in the fall of the next academic year.

Awardee: Dani Kimmey
Description of Awardee: A double major in English and History, Dani excels in both fields, connecting concepts across disciplines to great effect in their papers and projects. Within the English Department, Dani is already a leader in the classroom. Their critical engagement with texts and peers is highly considered and mature, both kind and critical, sharp without cutting. A true scholar in the making, Dani is a credit to Centenary and our department, and we look forward to learning alongside them as their career continues.

Award Name: Zeak Monroe Buckner Creative Writing Award
Description of Award: This award is presented to a full-time Centenary student who has submitted a work of prose - fiction, creative non-fiction, or scriptwriting - judged best by an English department faculty committee.

Awardee: Emily Moreno
Description of Awardee: Emily Moreno's essay, "Es 'mande,' no es 'what'" was selected through an anonymous judging process. English faculty on the selection committee were Dr. Chrissy Martin, Dr. Jeanne Hamming, and Dr. Jefferson Hendricks.

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Presenter: Dr. Andia Augustin-Billy, Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies

Award Name: **Prix Alfred Mercier**
Description of Award: Alfred Mercier studied at what was to grow into Centenary College of Louisiana in 1825. (His tuition that year was \$12.00). He became the editor for one of Alexander Dumas's newspapers, is known as Louisiana's foremost author in French, and is the first medical doctor to have studied at this institution. For her work on the newspaper, *Le Tintamarre*, the department awards the Prix Alfred Mercier to **Athena Vasquez**.

Awardee: **Athena Vasquez**

Award Name: **Prix Diego Morphy**
Description of Award: Diego Morphy was the first professor hired by this institution in 1825. He taught French and Latin and published the first book written by a faculty member of this institution. The winner of this prize wrote a short story, « Le garçon qui avait la lune dans les yeux » that was selected for publication in an anthology of short fiction in French. The judges deemed it an "excellent story that is complex and well-conceived." The Diego Morphy prize goes to **Corey Bowe**.

Awardee: **Corey Bowe**

Award Name: **Prix Jean Arceneaux**
Description of Award: The French program recognizes Phoebe Cragon who has won the Prix Jean Arceneaux for the short story "Le Corbeau et la Sorcière des Attakapas." Phoebe competed in the national competition hosted by Les Éditions Tintamarre, winning first place in her category. The judges of the contest were the three poet laureates of French Louisiana: Kirby Jambon, Jean Arceneaux and Zachary Richard. They selected this story as the winner, based on its "excellence, its engaging storyline, and its originality"

Awardee: **Phoebe Cragon**

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Award Name: **Prix Louisa Lamotte**

Description of Award: Louisia Lamotte was a Creole of Color born in New Orleans in 1848. Educated in Paris like so many Louisiana Creoles of the period, she earned a university degree in 1862, making her one of the very first women of Color to receive an advanced degree. She wrote the very first study of the history of the education of women in France, taught courses to girls in the lowest economic classes of Paris during the French Commune and became a major publisher of literature for children during the 1880s. Her work to educate the economically marginalized resonates perfectly with the mission of Les Éditions Tintamarre, which is to provide reading material to Americans who have been marginalized historically because of language or social background.

The Prix Louisa Lamotte thus honors a student who has worked not just on campus, but in a broader picture, whether it is making crepes in the Quartier Français, coordinating French Table, writing articles for the French newspaper that are distributed to immersion schools, editing a book of French poetry, or doing radio broadcasts in French in Canada. The winners of the Prix Louisa Lamotte are **Lillian Breaux** and **Zuri Jenkins**.

Awardees: **Lillian Breaux**
Zuri Jenkins

Award Name: **Prix Tintamarre**

Description of Award: Le Prix Tintamarre is given to those students whose works were judged worthy of publication by the three judges of the international short-story competition *Concours du conte merveilleux louisianais 2023*. The judges were Kirby Jambon, Jean Arceneaux, and Zachary Richard, the three poet laureats of French Louisiana. Each of these students' stories appear in the peer-reviewed publication *Contes Merveilleux: 2023*.

Awardees: **Corey Bowe**
Lillian Breaux
Sierra Charles
Phoebe Cragon
Zuri Jenkins

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Award Name: Pi Delta Phi (French Honor Society)
Description of Award: Pi Delta Phi is the oldest national academic honor society for a foreign language in the United States with more than 400 chapters and over 75,000 members across the United States. It recognizes outstanding scholarship in the French language and Francophone literatures. Members of Pi Delta Phi rank in the top 35% of their class.

Inductees:
Corey Bowe
Kevin Brown
Jaspén Charles
Emma Greer
Coby Harris
Reece Maguire
Anna Storms
Athena Vasquez

Department: FROST SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Presenter: Dr. Barbara Davis, William J. Atkins Dean of the Frost School of Business and Professor of Accounting

Award Name: Cecil E. Ramey, Jr. Frost School of Business Award
Description of Award: The Frost School of Business faculty presents this cash award to an outstanding Business student who will pursue a graduate degree upon graduation from Centenary.

Awardee: Ian Givens
Description of Awardee: The Cecil E. Ramey, Jr. award is given to an outstanding graduating senior who has taken a leadership role during their academic career at Centenary. The award is made possible by the family of a beloved colleague. The student receiving this award will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and two minors: Accounting and Legal Studies earning a 3.93 cumulative GPA. He has had major roles in SGA and has been a work study student for the FSOB his entire time at Centenary.

Award Name: Top Accounting Major Award
Description of Award: The recipient of this award is selected for their outstanding academic achievement in the Accounting major.

Awardee: Kendall Huff
Description of Awardee: The top accounting student will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Commerce earning an impressive cumulative GPA of 4.0. She is a member of the gymnastics team and represented Centenary at the National Conference this year. She plans to pursue an MBA at Centenary while competing an additional year in gymnastics.

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Presenter: Dr. Barbara Davis, William J. Atkins Dean of the Frost School of Business and Professor of Accounting

Award Name: **Top Business Major Award**
Description of Award: The recipient of this award is selected for their outstanding academic achievement in the Business Administration major.

Awardees: **Trevor Henry**
Devan Martin
Description of Awardees: This year is unusual. Two students earning Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration have earned the same GPA - 3.80 and both are athletes. The first student pursued a Bachelor of Science degree with a Concentration in Commerce while participating on the baseball team. The second student pursued a Bachelor of Science degree with a Concentration in Sport Management while participating with the golf team.

Award Name: **Top Economics Major Award**
Description of Award: The recipient of this award is selected for their outstanding academic achievement in the Economics major.

Awardee: **Payton Lii**
Description of Awardee: The top Economics award this year goes to a student earning double majors - Bachelor of Arts in Economics AND a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. His cumulative GPA is an outstanding 4.0. I am told by his teammate that he is quite a force on the men's volleyball team.

Award Name: **Woodrow W. Pate Economics Award**
Description of Award: Woodrow Pate served as Professor and Chairman of the Economics Department at Centenary from 1949 to 1977. He passed away in August 2002. To honor his memory, the Economics Department instituted this award that goes to the student who demonstrated the greatest aptitude for study of economics.

Awardee: **Hoodie Collier**
Description of Awardee: The Economics faculty instituted the Woodrow W. Pate Economics Award in memory of Professor Pate for his long-term commitment to the students and the College. This year's recipient in an Economics major and in my opinion, has an academic curiosity that Professors love to see in their students. When he comes to my office to schedule courses for the upcoming semester, he enthusiastically responds to enrolling in courses outside his major. He is genuinely excited to experience challenging learning opportunities.

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Award Name: Sigma Beta Delta
Description of Award: Sigma Beta Delta honors students who have attained superior grade point averages in business programs in schools and colleges with regional accreditation. It is an International Honor Society in Business, Management, and Administration with wisdom, honor, and pursuit of meaningful aspirations as its goals.

Inductees: Mackenzie Cox
Christopher Lee Dant
Isabella Morgan Giglio
Trevor DeWitt Henry
Theresa Faye Johnson

Department: HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE
Presenter: Dr. Chad Fulwider, Professor of History

Award Name: Chris T. and Sue C. Barnette Memorial Award
Description of Award: This award is presented to the outstanding junior or senior majoring in History or Political Science with a concentration in International Studies.
Awardee: Sami Borchalli

Award Name: Colonial Dames of America, Chapter 6 -- Outstanding American History Student Award
Description of Award: The recipient of this award has demonstrated excellence in study, knowledge, and mastery of U.S. History in courses at Centenary, and has been selected by the faculty of the Department of History and Political Science.
Awardee: Collier Cloinger

Award Name: Dr. Leroy Vogel Memorial Award
Description of Award: A check is presented to an outstanding student majoring in history or political science, based on overall academic achievement in the major.
Awardees: Remi Miller
Caleb Smith

Award Name: Excellence in Political Science Award in honor of Professor Rodney Grunes
Description of Award: This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior with the most impressive academic achievements in Political Science.
Awardee: Renee Katz

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Presenter: Dr. Chad Fulwider, Professor of History

Award Name: Katherine Slaikeu Nolan Historical Research Award
Description of Award: The Katherine Slaikeu Nolan Historical Research Award recognizes a Centenary student who has demonstrated an exceptional talent for historical research during her or his undergraduate career.

Awardee: **Markiese Boykin**

Award Name: M.T. Brewerton Award for History
Description of Award: This award is given to an outstanding graduating senior as selected by the members of the History Department.

Awardee: **Christine Goodman**

Award Name: Weems, Schimpf, Haines, Landry, Shemwell & Moore Pre-Law Award
Description of Award: A law dictionary and a check are presented to the junior who has shown excellence in Law-related courses as well as overall academic performance.

Awardee: **Visar Rraci**

Award Name: Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society
Description of Award: The following students were inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society

Inductees: **Emilie Adams**
Tuyen Chau
Collier Cloinger

Award Name: Phi Sigma Alpha Honor Society
Description of Award: The following students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society

Inductees: **Visar Rraci**
Lauren Warren

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Department:	MATHEMATICS
Presenter:	Dr. Christal Schoen, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Award Name:	Minnie Hall Brown and Willey Bush Brown, Jr. Award
Description of Award:	This award is given in memory of Minnie Hall Brown and Willey Bush Brown, Jr. It is awarded to a sophomore level Mathematics major who has a 3.0 GPA or above.
Awardee:	Dylan Allred
Description of Awardee:	Dylan Allred has always shown great mathematical potential. In the past year, his depth of knowledge and understanding has grown tremendously.
Award Name:	Virginia Carlton Mathematics Award
Description of Award:	This award was established in honor of Jasmin Alibalic by Jasmin's colleagues and associates at Republic Insurance and Liberty Mutual because of his passion to recruit college students into the actuarial field. Jasmin was born in Sarajevo, Bosnia and graduated from Centenary in 2002 with a BS in Math and minors in Computer Science and Physics. Preference is given to a student with aspirations to pursue a career as an actuary.
Awardees:	Macy Smith Felix Kraus
Description of Awardees:	Macy Smith's work is consistently high quality. She is a bright student whose attention to detail and perseverance is exceptional. Felix Kraus asks great questions that demonstrate his complex understanding of mathematical concepts.
Department:	MUSIC
Presenter:	Dr. Cory Wikan, Dean of the Hurley School of Music
Award Name:	Frank Carroll Award
Description of Award:	This award is presented to a student selected by the Music faculty for being an outstanding junior.
Awardees:	Seth Hooker Audrey Ree Randolph
Description of Awardees:	Seth transferred to Centenary from BPC in the fall of 2022. Seth is a talented percussionist serving in a number of Hurley's ensembles. Seth always has a great attitude, and he is very hard working.
Description of Awardee:	Ree Randolph recently won Hurley's vocal concerto competition, first place among six competing soloists. Ree is a member of Choir and Camerata and is currently part of the Sigma Alpha Iota elected leadership.

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Department: MUSIC (CONT'D)
Presenter: Dr. Cory Wikan, Dean of the Hurley School of Music

Award Name: Outstanding Senior Award
Description of Award: This award is presented to the graduating senior Music major whose talent and musical ability, professional promise, attitude and achievement, and contribution to the School of Music is judged outstanding by the faculty.

Awardee: Corey Bowe
Description of Awardee: Corey Bowe is majoring in music with a concentration in composition. He also plays piano and violin exceptionally well. Corey recently gave an excellent senior recital featuring his piano and violin skills, as well as a number of his original compositions. Corey was a winner of the Centenary Youth Orchestra concerto competition this year, performing a challenging piano piece in concert with the CYO. Corey has worked in the Hurley Dean's Office, as well as served as a sound engineer for the past few years. We are so lucky to soon count Corey among our esteemed alumni.

Award Name: Ronald E. Dean Academic Achievement Award
Description of Award: Chosen by the Music faculty, this award is given to a Music student who exhibits a high level of excellence in the academic pursuits of Music Theory and History.

Awardee: Anna DiMaggio
Description of Awardee: Anna, a philosophy and music (composition concentration) double major. She has earned departmental honors in both philosophy and music. Anna is a member of the Centenary Choir and the Centenary Wind Ensemble. Anna has also served as one of Hurley's sound engineers for a number of years, recording ensemble concerts and student recitals each semester. Anna won an award for one of her compositions, premiered in Ohio in the summer of 2022.

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Award Name:	Shirley Hawn Outstanding Freshman Award
Description of Award:	This award is presented to an outstanding freshman for attitude toward studies, general level of achievement, and contributions to the School of Music. The recipient is selected by the Music faculty.
Awardee:	Destry Martignetti
Description of Awardee:	Destry is a native of Bossier City and, as a first-year student, has already proven herself to be a valued member of Hurley. Destry is a member of Choir, Camerata, and Singer's Workshop. She was cast as Hansel in Hurley's spring performance of Hansel and Gretel, as well as a member of the main ensemble for Emmett Hook's production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Destry earned a 4.0 in her first semester at Centenary is on track to maintain her stellar academic pursuits in both music and psychology.
Department:	NATURAL SCIENCES
Presenter:	Dr. Tom Ticich, Professor of Chemistry
Award Name:	Poppy K. Moon Endowed Award
Description of Award:	This award is presented to a female student with outstanding achievements as a Natural Science major in her junior year of study. The recipient is chosen by the faculty members of the Natural Science Division.
Awardee:	Bryn Jenkins
Description of Awardee:	Bryn is a 3rd year student who is completing a B.S. in Chemistry (ACS) and minors in Mathematics and Computer Science this May. She completed an industrial research experience last summer which she presented at the Research Forum and will pursue a Ph.D in Materials Science at Texas A&M University this Fall. She is a member of the swim team, a Maroon Jacket, and an active member of the chemistry club.
Department:	PHILOSOPHY
Presenter:	Dr. Christopher Ciocchetti, Associate Professor of Philosophy
Award Name:	L. Hughes Cox Endowed Scholarship Award
Description of Award:	The Philosophy Department selects a candidate meeting the following conditions: the chosen student has declared a major or minor in Philosophy; has maintained a 2.5 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 average in his or her Philosophy courses; must show promising the study of Philosophy as determined by the Philosophy Department; has not received previous scholarships which will cover his or her full tuition costs; and must be above the first-year level.
Awardee:	Anna DiMaggio
Description of Awardee:	Anna's curiosity and artistic talent drive her to ask important questions about different cultures and ways of life. Wherever she goes, we know that Anna will pursue philosophy for the rest of her life.

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Department: PSYCHOLOGY
Presenter: Dr. Pete Zunick, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Award Name: Vroonland Psychology Award
Description of Award: This award is presented to an exceptional Psychology major planning to attend graduate school.

Awardee: Kennedy Stephens
Description of Awardee: Kennedy is an outstanding student, extraordinarily focused, and intellectually curious. She works hard in and out of the classroom--she has been our departmental assistant and tutor for two years and competes with our Ladies Gymnastics team. She has completed an ambitious honors thesis project which she recently presented at the campus-wide Research Conference.

Award Name: Psi Chi Inductees
Description of Award: Psi Chi is the International Honor Society for Psychology majors and minors which recognizes students in the top 35% of GPA for their academic cohort.

Inductees: Coleman Guidry
Mackenzie Olinger
Viviana Rodriguez
Madison Schonberg
Mackenzie Williams

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CAMPUS AWARDS

Department: CHAPLAINS OFFICE
Presenter: Reverend Lindy Broderick, Chaplain and
Director of the Christian Leadership Center

Award Name: John M. Warren Award
Description of Award: The recipient of this award is given to a student who is known on campus as a person of faith, is respected by their peers and who leads by their actions. This award is given to a student who is committed to the nurture and development of religious life on the campus.

Awardee: Monica Percino
Description of Awardee: This year's recipient has a quiet and humble faith that is essential to their everyday demeanor. They are a living example of servant leadership in that they anticipate the needs and carryout tasks before even being asked. She regularly attends chapel services and has led their own chapel service. She sings in the Centenary College Choir and is also committed to singing the choir at Noel United Methodist. This student clearly lives a life of ministry to others simply by her presence, her encouragement, her reliability and her inspirational outlook on life.

Award Name: Thomas A. Pitt Memorial Award
Description of Award: The Thomas Pitt Memorial Award is given to a student for his/her contributions to religious life on campus and for biblical scholarship in religious studies.

Awardee: Anna DiMaggio
Description of Awardee: This year's recipient has been active in religious life activities throughout her time at Centenary College. They have been a member of the Christian Leadership Center since their very first semester at Centenary and was elected as President this academic year. They served as an officer in Catholic Student Organization. They regularly lead chapel services, Christmas Candlelight Service and other religious life events on campus. She has served as a cantor at various churches in the Shreveport area and she served as a Lead Resident Assistant this academic year. This student has excelled in Sacred Music and Religious Studies. They have led with grace, resilience and inner strength throughout her time here at Centenary College.

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Department: CLC
Presenter: Reverend Lindy Broderick, Chaplain and
Director of the Christian Leadership Center

Award Name: CLC Senior's Award
Description of Award: The Christian Leadership Center's Seniors Award is reserved for a first year CLC student who represents the ideals of the Christian Leadership Center program. Each year the CLC seniors choose the award recipient for the first year student who most exemplifies the mission for the Christian Leadership Center. These students are chosen for their positive attitude, their commitment to their faith, their leadership qualities, and commitment to the values of the Christian Leadership Center. We have chosen two students this year who received an equal number of votes.

Awardees: **George Heydens**
Kaitlyn Moton

Award Name: D.L. Dykes Founder Award for Excellence in Field Education
Description of Award: Presented to students in CLC who have demonstrated high commitment and positive attitudes toward the goals and progress of the CLC Field Education program, and who have displayed a high quality of professional attitude toward others, staff and laity.

Awardee: **Coby Harris**
Description of Awardee: Our 2023 recipient went into their internship experience with joy and enthusiasm. They made such an impression on our agency partners that they sent a glowing evaluation about their experience with student saying that "he completed every task with a smile and was always willing to help." This student not only completed the requirements of their field education, they did so with ease and grace.

Award Name: James Sears Award for Outstanding Contribution to the CLC
Community
Description of Award: Named in memory of James Sears, this award recognizes a Christian Leadership Center student who embodies the same qualities that Jim did. Jim was a young man of great enthusiasm, supportive of the program and always encouraging his fellow students.

Awardee: **Riana Seidenberg**
Description of Awardee: The CLC student chosen for this award is an advocate for CLC, her cheerful presence, and for always encouraging others. She has emerged as a strong leader with new ideas and a willingness to serve. She is a student Ambassador welcoming prospective students and their families to campus. She nurtures other students with her calm presence and seeks out students who will benefit from the CLC experience. She has participated in CLC every semester that she has been at Centenary. She has served as CLC's Vice President and was recently elected to be President of CLC in the next academic year.

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Department: COMMUNITY ENAGEMENT
Presenter: Dr. Sarah McCall, Assistant Director of Community and Civic Engagement

Award Name: Dian Tooke Student Service Award
Description of Award: This award is given to a graduating senior who has made leadership through service to the community a priority during their college career. The award is named for Mrs. Dian Tooke, founding director of Centenary's Office of Service Learning. Recipients of this award have demonstrated exemplary community and civic engagement both on and off campus during their time at Centenary.

Awardee: **Jessica Cordova**
Description of Awardee: Jessica Cordova embodies the spirit of the Dian Tooke Student Service Award through her tireless leadership both on and off campus. In addition to volunteering at a local elementary school and interning for an immigration attorney, Jessica has served as Outreach President, National Residence Hall Honorary VP of Awards, Student Ambassador, Kinesiology TA, Student Activities Board Member, and Maroon Jacket. Her efforts and engagement have contributed to a vibrant and thriving Centenary community.

Department: INTEGRATED ADVISING
Presenter: Dr. Valerie Breashears, Director of Intergrated Advising

Award Name: Peer Mentor Award
Description of Award: The peer mentors are upperclassmen who help students transition to college life and integrate into the Centenary College community. They are leaders in the Learning Commons and can assist students with anything from degree planning to study strategies.

Awardees: **Jazmine Carroll**
Mary Caruthers
Coby Harris
Tori Ligman
Vernesha Martin
Mackenzie Newlan

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Department: OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION
Presenter: Dr. Latoya Pierce, Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer

Award Name: **Morgan and Pledger Diversity Advocate Award**
Description of Award: Named for Professor Emeritus and Centenary Historian, Dr. Lee Morgan, as well as former faculty member Dr. W. Ferrell Pledger, who both were members of the college's faculty that supported the initial efforts for integration at Centenary College, this award is given to a graduating senior who has made leadership in the area of diversity a priority during their college career. Recipients of this award have coordinated diversity programming, supported opportunities to educate their peers on topics of diversity, and ensured that multicultural perspectives were represented and included in campus life.

Awardees: **Markiese Boykin**
Zuri Jenkins

Description of Awardee: Markiese and Zuri were selected for the Morgan and Pledger Diversity Advocate Award because they exude the qualities of advocacy, humility, and dedication in diversity work. As diversity interns, both students were involved in diversity programming, research, assisting the Dean for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion on initiatives, and providing a student pulse on the campus climate. Markiese and Zuri have demonstrated leadership in the field of diversity, and will continue to exemplify the tenets of a diversity advocate beyond their years at Centenary College of Louisiana.

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Department: RESIDENCE LIFE
Presenter: Ms. Katherine Shamburger, Director of Residence Liffe

Award Name: Allan Todd Memorial Award

Description of Award: In appreciation of the service of Allan Todd as a leader in Residence Life while a student at Centenary College of Louisiana and his passion for serving others, Paul McDowell established the "Allan Todd Memorial Award for Outstanding Resident Assistant." This award recognizes a Resident Assistant who has excelled at all aspects of the position including demonstrating leadership, developing a positive sense of community on their floor, being available to their residents, serving as a role model in the residence halls, putting on creative programs and events, and working well with other staff members.

Awardee: Rachel Ayres

Description of Awardee: The Allan Todd Memorial Award is voted on by the Residence Life staff to award the staff member who best exemplifies what it means to be a Resident Assistant at Centenary. This year's awardee, Rachael, is a first-year RA who has consistently gone above and beyond in every aspect of the job. When asked about her impact by her peers, she was noted for the genuine compassion and consideration she has for her residents as well as her ability to lend a willing hand to anyone on staff who needs help.

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Department: SGA
Presenter: Mr. Jonathan Okereke '23, President of the SGA
Mr. Mark Miller, Dean of the Students

Award Name: SGA Executive Committee members:
President: Andrew Turner
Vice President of Campus Engagement: Andrea Kay
Vice President of Finance: Tarif Islam
Vice President of Institutional Affairs: Caymen Hawkins
Vice President of Publicity & Records: Jordan Danzell

Award Name: SGA Sophomore Senators:
Tuyen Chau
Abigail Rinaudo
Sophie Vidrine

Award Name: SGA Junior Senators:
Avery Cauley
Emma Greer
Ethan Manwaring

Award Name: SGA Senior Senators:
Anacelia Galeano-Balam
Victoria Ligman
Stanley Melton
Emily Napier
Zachery Van Gorkom

Award Name: Pacesetter Award
Description of Award: The Pacesetter Award is presented to those who "set the pace" for the institution this year through their leadership and significant contributions to Centenary College. Pacesetter recipients are selected by the student body.

Awardees:

Markiese Boykin	Bryn Jenkins
Joel Cardenas-Lopez	Zuri Jenkins
Tuyen Chau	Andrea Kay
Rose Deshler	Audrey Laper
Jordan Fong	Tori Ligman
Mack Grant	CJ McCulloch
Channing Hall	Stan Melton
Caymen Hawkins	Gracie Napier
Camryn Hebert	Jonathan Okereke

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Department: SGA (cont'd)
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Mr. Mark Miller, Dean of the Students

Award Name: Faculty/Staff Pacesetter Award
Description of Award: The Pacesetter Award is presented to those who "set the pace" for the institution this year through their leadership and significant contributions to Centenary College. Pacesetter recipients are selected by the student body.

Awardees: Dr. Scott Chirhart, Professor of Biology
Dr. Chrissy Martin, Assistant Professor of English

Award Name: SGA Bullet Award
Description of Award: The Bullet award is voted upon by the current Senate and given to the senator who they believe has gone above and beyond the call of duty as a senator.

Awardee: Andrea Kay

Award Name: The Centenary Spotlight Award
Description of Award: The Student Spotlight award is selected by the student body. It goes to the graduating senior who received the highest number of votes as a Pacesetter finalist.

Awardee: Camryn Hebert

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Department: MAROON JACKETS
Presenter: Mr. Mark Miller, Dean of the Students
Ms. Camryn Hebert, Maroon Jacket President

Award Name: 2023-2024 Maroon Jackets
Description of Award: Maroon Jackets is a honorary society that recognizes outstanding senior student leaders. Any full-time student entering his or her final year of study at Centenary with a 3.0 cumulative GPA is eligible for consideration for membership in this organization. Selection is made by the present members of the Maroon Jackets based on scholarship, leadership, campus involvement, and service to the school.

Awardee: **Haley Bordelon**
Joel Cardenas-Lopez
Jordan Danzell
Jordan Fong
Regan Griffin
Caymen Hawkins
Tori Ligman
Eva M. Vega
Stanley Melton
Gracie Napier
Mackenzie Newlan
Aiden Peterkin
Siobahn Stanley
Caroline Swoboda
Maddie Vacula
Mackenzie Williams

Award Name: Faculty-Staff Honorary Maroon Jacket
Description of Award: Maroon Jackets is a honorary society that recognizes outstanding senior student leaders. Any full-time student entering his or her final year of study at Centenary with a 3.0 cumulative GPA is eligible for consideration for membership in this organization. Selection is made by the present members of the Maroon Jackets based on scholarship, leadership, campus involvement, and service to the school.

Awardee: **Jarret Richardson**

Award Name: Ray Williams Honorary Maroon Jacket Award
Description of Award: The Maroon Jackets was established in 1931 by the late Ray Williams, a Shreveport civic leader. This award is presented annually to a graduating senior who, although not previously selected as a member of the organization, possesses the characteristics expected of a Maroon Jacket, particularly in the area of service to Centenary College
Awardee: **Zuri Jenkins**

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Department: MAROON JACKETS (cont'd)
Presenter: Mr. Mark Miller, Dean of the Students
Ms. Camryn Hebert, Maroon Jacket President

Award Name: Joy Jeffers Award
Description of Award: Ms. Terry Joy Jeffers began working in the Dean of Students Office in 1967. She was selected as an honorary Maroon Jacket at Honors Convocation in the spring of 1974 and in that same year, she assumed the position of advisor to the Maroon Jackets. Ms. Jeffers was a dedicated sponsor for many years in maintaining and enhancing the Maroon Jackets organization. The Joy Jeffers Outstanding Service Award was established to honor her contributions. The award is voted on by the current members and is presented to someone who has gone above and beyond the stated expectation of membership. Their dedication to Centenary College and the Maroon Jackets reflects the positive example set by Ms. Joy Jeffers.
Awardee: Camryn Hebert

Department: STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
Presenter: Mr. Mark Miller, Dean of the Students

Award Name: Outstanding Contributions to Student Life
Description of Award: These awards are presented annually to the graduating seniors who have made the greatest contributions to student life during their time at Centenary through involvement and leadership across multiple areas.

Awardee: Carson Alvarez
Markiese Boykin
Kyle Comi
Anna DiMaggio
Ian Givens
Camryn Hebert
Zuri Jenkins
Divine Martin
CJ McCulloch
Remi Miller
Jonathan Okereke
Caleb Smith

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Department: FINANCIAL AID
Presenter: Ms. Quintina Miles, Assistant Director of Financial Aid

Award Name: Class of 1964 50th Anniversary Award
Description of Award: In recognition of the 50th anniversary of their graduation, the Class of 1964 endowed this award to be given annually as a monetary award to a student in good standing.

Awardee: James Harris

Award Name: Mary Sue Rix Award
Description of Award: Mary Sue Rix was the Director of Financial Aid from 1986 – 2012 and was very dedicated to her job and the students. She was well known for knowing every student by name.

Awardee: Jazzmyn Jones

Department: PRESIDENT
Presenter: Dr. Chris Holoman, President

Award: David and Jodi Rowe Presidential Leadership Award
Description of Award: The person presented with this award is a Centenary College graduating senior whose Centenary journey exemplifies the transformative nature of a Centenary education.

Awardee: Sierra Charles
Description of Awardee: Sierra has a long history of volunteerism in her communities, at home, and on campus. She has volunteered at Shreveport Soccer, with S&L properties doing yard work for the elderly, and has gone on mission trips to Nicaragua, Haiti, and Peru. She has been a member of Centenary's Student Ambassadors, Ladies Soccer, the Black Student Union, a ZTA, Maroon Jacket, an RA, and a member of the SOAR and Orientation teams. Sierra has maintained a high GPA while attending Centenary and made the Dean's list numerous times. I have chosen to nominate Sierra because of her professional behavior, her dedication to acts of service, as well as her caring spirit. I have worked with Sierra numerous times during her four years at Centenary and I have always been impressed with her willingness to tackle any task without complaint. She is well-liked by her peers and has proven leadership qualities which she has used as an Ambassador, SOAR, Orientation, and as an RA. Sierra will graduate with her bachelors in Political Science, a minor in French, as well as her MBA. She will be attending Southern Law School in the fall and will no doubt make a difference in the lives of others.

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Department: PRESIDENT (cont'd)
Presenter: Dr. Chris Holoman, President

Award Name: Verba J. Schwab Memorial Endowed Leadership Award
Description of Award: This award, in memory of Mrs. Verba J. Schwab, was created and established by President Emeritus Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab in 1998 in memory of his mother. This annual award recognizes a first or second year female student who demonstrates the capacity for significant leadership. The recipient must possess a strong character, demonstrate an enthusiastic commitment to others, and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or above. The recipient is selected by the President and the Dean of Students.

Awardee: Mackenzie (Mack) Grant
Description of Awardee: Mack Grant is a dynamic student with a spirit of service to others. The nominators said, "This student is at everything, and always shows up with a smile and a great attitude. This is the type of leader who makes everyone around them better." This year's recipient is currently working as a student ambassador and will be a resident assistant the incoming first-year students for the upcoming year. They are a member of the Centenary College Choir and spend some of their spare time singing in the Noel Community Church Choir. You can also find them hanging out in the Theatre Department, using their welding skills as a theater tech for campus productions. As a Psychology major with a Biology minor, they are fluent in American Sign Language and have plans to go into Speech Pathology after graduation. I have no doubt that we have only just begun to see what they will do on campus. This year's winner of the Verba J. Schwab award is Mack Grant.

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Department: PRESIDENT (cont'd)
Presenter: Dr. Chris Holoman, President

Award Name: Ellis H. Brown Leadership Award

Description of Award: This award is presented to the senior man and woman who, throughout their years at Centenary, have displayed outstanding leadership qualities among the student body. Nominations are submitted by students and faculty with the final selection determined by the Student Services Committee.

Awardee: Jonathan Okereke

Description or Awardee: Jonathan Okereke is a relentlessly committed campus leader. While at Centenary he has been a member of the Tri-Beta, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and Alpha Chi academic honor societies, and will be graduating Summa Cum Laude tomorrow. He has served as a RA, a Student Ambassador, and as member of the Diversity Committee. He has been actively involved in a number of research projects, including doing NIH-funded medical research as a scholar in the CURIOUS program and will be attending medical school in the fall. He is probably best known for his work over four years on the Student Government Association, serving as a freshman senator, Vice-President of Institutional Affairs, and more than two years as President. Under his leadership the SGA has taken an active role in improving the campus, funding and advocating for residence hall lobby improvements, pet waste stations, outdoor seating, no-cost menstrual product dispensers, campus ambiance lighting, card-reader and accessibility access improvements, and the new Career Closet in the library.

Awardee: Zuri Jenkins

Description or Awardee: Zuri is one of the friendliest and most positive students you will meet on campus. She will always make the time to say hello and genuinely ask how your day is going. Her winning personality has served her well in her time at Centenary, she's served as a SOAR mentor and lead team member and a student ambassador helping to welcome new students to campus. She has a strong background in advocating for the rights of her peers, serving for two years as a Diversity Intern and a member of the Academic Policy Committee, leading the National Organization for Women on campus, completing an internship with Dining Services, and as a member of the Black Student Union. She spent four years working as a resident assistant and was served as the President of the National Residence Hall Honorary for two years. In her academic pursuits, she's earned dual degrees- a BA in French and a BS in Business with a focus on International Business. She's studied abroad in Lillie, France for a month, been a member of La Legion de Française for four years, the RA for Le Quartier Français for two years, and we even sent her back to Paris with the Class of 2024 to help with our Centenary in Paris program. The female award recipient of this year's Ellis H. Brown Award is Zuri Jenkins.