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Dear Colleagues,

As we complete our second week of classes, I am mindful that the snow days have caused disruption for us all. I know that faculty are working to reorganize course content and calendars, staff are revisiting deadlines and projects, and students are re-engaging and regrouping.

Please help support students by:

- Actively referring them to the Learning Commons for academic and organizational support
- Reaching out to those that are absent
- Using Dropout Detective to communicate across our student support system

In this newsletter, you will find:

- Professional Development Opportunities
- Grant Opportunity: NEH Artificial Intelligence Research Centers
- Kudos
- Outstanding Teacher Nominations
- Dates, Deadlines, and Events to Note

What I'm reading this morning: "[A Small Pennsylvania College's Big Investment in the Humanities](#)" and "[In Defense of Remedial Math](#)". What I'll be listening to on the treadmill after lunch: "[Future U Podcast: Student Success 2.0](#)." Send your suggestions for me and/or for sharing!

And, yes, the fancy newsletter is no more. Sometimes technology is not a time saver and I don't need to be fancy, at least not all the time.

Have a great weekend!

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Associated Colleges of the South Teaching and Learning Workshop. The 31st iteration of this valuable summer workshop will be held at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky from Monday, June 3 to Saturday, June 8. Workshop mission and learning outcomes are published on the [ACS website](#). Centenary is guaranteed two spots with all costs covered by the ACS/Centenary. Please submit interest or nominations to me at ksoul@centenary.edu no later than Friday, March 8.

ACS Department Chairs Virtual Seminars: Please see the attached calendar of virtual seminars for department chairs. While designed for new and upcoming department chairs, all interested faculty are invited to attend. The next session will occur on February 5 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and will be focused on topics related to budget.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Centenary College has been invited to collaborate with Richmond University and other ACS institutions to apply for a **National Endowment for the Humanities grant for AI Research Centers**. You can read about the grant [here](#). The PI is Dr. Lauren Tilton and she has prepared a draft overview that I can share with interested faculty members. If you are interested in participating, please email me at ksoul@centenary.edu by next Friday, January 26.

KUDOS

Congratulations to **Dr. Bellee Jones-Pierce**, Assistant Professor of English, who presented as part of a panel titled "Shakespeare's Sonnets" sponsored by MLA's Shakespeare Forum at the Modern Language Association national conference. Dr. Jones-Pierce also co-organized and participated in a roundtable titled "Disability and Intimacy in Early Modern England."

Congratulations to **Dr. David Kordahl**, Assistant Professor of Physics, who presented "Millikan's Oil Drop Experiment as a Smartphone Lab?" at the 2024 Winter Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Congratulations to **Dr. Kyra Rietveld**, Assistant Professor of Art, whose paper "The Empty Shell of A goddess: Representations of Artemis Based on Literature in the Graeco-Roman period" has been accepted for the May 2024 Eurasian Conferences 5th World Conference on Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education. Dr. Rietveld has also been accepted to present her paper "The Empty Image: Ancient Artemis and AI" at the October 2024 International Conference on The Image.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER NOMINATIONS

Centenary College is fortunate to have so many talented and devoted faculty members. Each year, we recognize one of these faculty as an "**Outstanding Teacher**" for their teaching ability, excellence in advising, College service, mentoring ability, and campus leadership. Please submit your nomination no later than Friday, February 2 by clicking [HERE](#). Faculty members who have served at Centenary College full-time for five years or longer are eligible to receive the award (a list of eligible faculty is attached).

In your nomination message, please provide the reasons why your nominee should be considered an outstanding teacher, including teaching ability, excellence in advising, College service, mentoring ability, and campus leadership.

The Outstanding Teacher Award, as well as other College awards, will be announced at the Founders' Day Convocation on Thursday, February 22 in Brown Chapel.

DATES, DEADLINES, and EVENTS TO NOTE

- Today, Friday, January 19-Saturday, January 20: **Scholar's Weekend**.
 - There are 37 student scholars registered to attend Scholars Weekend. These outstanding prospective students will arrive to campus around 3:00 p.m. today, Friday, January 19 and depart around 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, January 20.
 - We are excited about these exemplary students and look forward to them interacting with our students, faculty, and staff and learning about their accomplishments and goals. Faculty and staff conducting interviews are encouraged to score students as individuals and not in comparison to each other or to current students. While only some of these students will receive our most prestigious scholarships, really, we would love to have all of them attend Centenary College!
 - Faculty and Academic Affairs staff are invited to attend the Dean of Students Reception at the Meadows Museum today, Friday, January 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the lunch tomorrow, Saturday, January 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Whited Room. Faculty and staff participating in student interviews are also invited to the Provost's Breakfast tomorrow, Saturday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Whited Room.

- **Masculinities Series** begins: Next Tuesday, January 23 is the first in a series of events “Exploring Masculinities.” This workshop will take place in Kilpatrick Auditorium from 6:15-7:30 p.m. See the attached flyers for more information.
- **English Colloquy**: Thursday, January 25 at noon in the Centenary Room
- **Meadows Museum Artists Talk**: Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Centenary in Paris Faculty Meeting**: *Friday, January 26* at noon in the Centenary Room. Faculty are welcome to grab lunch from the café compliments of the Provost’s Office.
- February 1: **Faculty and Faculty-Student Research Award** applications due

MORE EVENTS AND RESOURCES

See campus events on [Engage](#)

View the College [Events Calendar](#)

Check out what’s happening in [Athletics](#)

Visit the [Associated Colleges of the South \(ACS\)](#)

Visit the [Council of Independent Colleges \(CIC\)](#)