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Dear Colleagues,

I am looking forward to seeing you next week at the important meetings and events that are scheduled. Compiling these feels a lot like a gratitude journal this morning – and so I want to note explicitly that I am continually grateful for, and quite honestly in awe at, the time, energy, and resources our faculty and staff contribute to Centenary each day ... and often evenings and weekends.

Monday, February 19 is the **February Faculty Meeting**. Materials were emailed by Lauron Callaway and refreshments will be provided. The agenda includes a number of votes and the preliminary list of graduates. Please take a moment to review these items in advance.

Tuesday, February 20 at noon in the Whited Room, I am hosting a **Junior Faculty Lunch** in collaboration with Faculty Personnel Council. We will present information about faculty review processes and policies and answer questions. Attendees are welcome to get lunch from the café compliments of my office. Feel free to send me questions in advance at ksoul@centenary.edu.

On Wednesday, February 21 at noon in the Kilpatrick, there is an open meeting to discuss the College's prospective partnership with **Core Education**. We will provide salad, pizza, and water/iced tea or feel free to bring a brown bag. As you know, the first initiative in this program is non-credit professional preparation certificates. You can see examples of these certificates and the related websites created by Core at [Greensboro College](#) and [Tiffin University](#). Feel free to send me questions or requests for information in advance at ksoul@centenary.edu.

Thursday, February 20 is **Founders' Day**. The Convocation will take place at 11:10 a.m. in Brown Chapel. The Order of March was emailed from Lauron Callaway.

This annual convocation celebrates the rich history of the College and features an invited speaker, as well as the announcement of service pins for faculty and staff along with special annual awards including the President's Excellence Award and the Outstanding Teacher Award. Our speaker this year is the [Honorable Carl E. Stewart](#), Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals. Judge Stewart is an Honorary Alumnus of the College as well as former Board of Trustee. Please plan to attend, and process, at this important event and please require/encourage your students to attend.

King Lear begins Thursday, February 22 and runs through Sunday, February 25. **The Sunday, February 25 matinee (2:00 p.m.) will be Professor Don Hooper's Last Lecture.** Please join the campus and community in celebrating Professor Hooper, who plays the title of role of King Lear *and* is the scenic designer for the production.

In this newsletter, you will find:

- Kudos
- More Dates, Deadlines, and Events to Note

My office hours next week will be Tuesday, February 20 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Have a great weekend!

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KUDOS

Please use this link <https://centenaryla.wufoo.com/forms/kudos-portal-form> to submit items for the 2022-2023 Kudos Publication that will be compiled and presented at the Academic Affairs Celebration Dinner on Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meadows Museum. Please include publications, presentations, performances, special awards, and other professional achievements for recognition. *Please resubmit any items that you have already submitted as the new form requests additional information for the publication.*

DATES, DEADLINES, and EVENTS TO NOTE

- Today is the last day to remove incompletes from August and Fall 2023.
- The Board of Trustees will be on campus meeting the afternoon of Wednesday, February 21 and the morning of Thursday, February 22.
- Saturday, February 24 is **Preview Day**. Thank you to the faculty and staff that have volunteered to help host this event.
- Save the Date: The 2024 Regional Career Fair is April 10 from 10am-2pm at LSUS University Center. This year's fair is hosted by Centenary College, LSUS, BPCC, SUSLA, NSU- College of Nursing, and NLTC. Please encourage your students to attend the fair. They can meet with employers such as Amazon, Centerpoint Energy, CHRISTUS Health, Enterprise Mobility, Frymaster, and Takeda Pharmaceuticals, just to name a few. This year's employers represent companies from coast to coast, providing students a wider range of employment and networking opportunities. Transportation will be provided to and from the fair to all Centenary students.

MORE EVENTS AND RESOURCES

See campus events on [Engage](#)

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