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Dear Colleagues,

It has been a beautiful and eventful time on campus. Speaking of beautiful, did you know our very own [Ed Leuck Arboretum](#) has been awarded a Level II Accreditation through the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and the Morton Arboretum? In fact, of the ten arboreta in Louisiana listed in the Morton Register of Arboreta, the Ed Leuck Arboretum is the only one that has achieved Level II status, making it the most highly accredited example of its kind in Louisiana. Enjoy a walk through our one-of-a-kind campus today!

I want to highlight some appointments approved by the Board of Trustees and awards announced at Founders' Day last Thursday. Please join me in congratulating:

- **Ms. Lauron Callaway**, Administrative Assistant to the Provost, on receiving the President's Excellence Award!
- **Professor Don Hooper**, Professor of Theatre, on his appointment to Professor Emeritus!
- **Dr. Rebecca Murphy** on her promotion to full Professor of Biology *and* her award as Outstanding Teacher!

As a follow up to the recent Junior Faculty meeting, my office ordered several copies of *Scholarship Reconsidered* by Boyer. Feel free to stop by and check one out.

For the remainder of the week, I will be attending the Chief Academic Officers/Council of Deans Meeting of the Associated Colleges of the South and am pleased to report that I am serving on the Executive Committee of this group. Topics for this meeting include: an update on the Faculty of Color Connect program; how to facilitate difficult conversations on campus; faculty recruitment and retention post-Covid; and how to address the current attack on higher education. I will be checking in on email, but if you need on-campus or immediate assistance, please reach out to Dr. Cory Wikan, Associate Provost, at cwikan@centenary.edu and Lauron Callaway, Assistant to the Provost, at lcallaway@centenary.edu.

In this newsletter, you will find:

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

Have a wonderful week and weekend!
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KUDOS

Congratulations to **Dr. Jessica Alexander**, Associate Professor of Psychology, who presented her poster “Men are more careful than women? Listener perception of final words in sentences with semantically surprising and typical endings,” at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society in San Francisco, California.

Congratulations to **Ms. Lisa Johnson**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting, who was elected as the President of the Board of Directors for Shreveport's historic Strand Theatre for the second year of a two-year term.

Congratulations to **Dr. Chrissy Martin**, Assistant Professor of English, whose poem “Tethered” was published in *Cream City Review*, vol. 27, no. 2, 2024, pp. 35.

DATES, DEADLINES, and EVENTS TO NOTE

- Please note the **Advising Power Hour** series hosted by the Registrar’s Office (flyer with dates attached). Thank you to Dr. Lalita Rogers, Registrar, for organizing these great workshops!
- **Magale Fest** is next Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8.
- **Masculinities Series: Dr. Jocelyn Lehrer** will give a keynote address on masculinity, health, and social justice on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Whited Room.
- **Craig Colorusso** will give an Artist Talk at the Meadows Museum on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- The next **Centenary in Paris Faculty Meeting** will be **Friday, March 8 at noon in the Centenary Room**.
- 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 NLTCC. 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

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