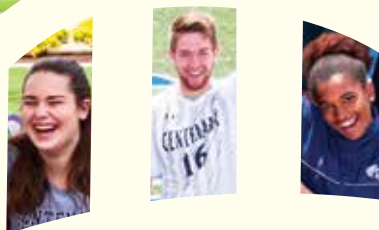
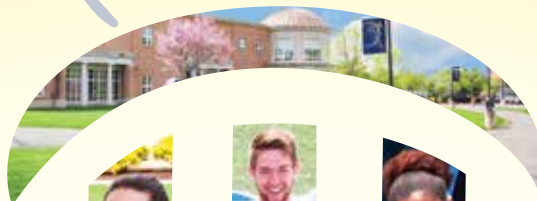




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With a sharpened career focus, Centenary is redefining the future for students and the University.



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This spring's Senior Fashion Show featured the collections of 10 graduating fashion design students. The event provided a sneak peek into the styles envisioned by the next generation of fashion trendsetters. Centenary University students handle all aspects of staging the annual show, from fashion design and advertising to marketing and guest services.



Dear Centenary University Alumni and Friends,

Centenary University began as a dream by the people living in this beautiful area of forested ridges, rolling farmlands, and meandering streams and rivers. Today, we celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff as they not only dream big dreams, but also accomplish the greatness of those dreams—the *Future U* persona.

As you will read in this magazine, our students showcase Centenary's focus on current and future career trends and on an education that ensures graduates are ready to take their place within high demand fields. As we mentor and support each student's *Future U*, we have graduates who are confident, career-ready, and prepared to take their place in a swiftly evolving and changing marketplace.

We have often heard History Professor Raymond Frey, Ph.D., talk about the uniqueness of Centenary's academic programs, which provide a combination of a strong liberal arts foundation and specialized preparation for a satisfying career. He wrote: "Centenary students leave here ready to compete and succeed in a quickly changing and increasingly global society." Can anyone express the dreams and accomplishments of our graduates better than Dr. Frey?

"To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act."

— Anatole France

From the amazing acting talent of Nicholas Bettens '19 to the compelling business leadership skills of Benjamin Sibbles '19, from the nationally recognized riding skills of Michael Andrade '19 to the athletic prowess and inspirational courage of Samantha Bombardiere '19, from the educational leadership skills of Michele Cone '13/19 to the significant philanthropy of Claire Couch Bousee '54, from the study of Shakespeare in England of Sachel Bise '20 to the interpretative skills of Meghan Kolbusch '18, we see in this issue of the *Centenarian* that our graduates have the strength, the patience, the knowledge, and the passion to realize their dreams.

One of our Gold Dome recipients this year, Steve Somers '19 HA has always had big dreams. As a college student he chose to major in chemistry even though he did not take chemistry in high school. Today, he is owner and president of Vigon International, one of the flavor and fragrance industry's fastest growing companies. As longtime fans of baseball, Steve and his wife, Sharon, dreamed about providing a first-class venue for baseball teams for Centenary and other local schools. "Our Diamond of Dreams" baseball field, which is nearing completion, is the realization of those dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." As alumni and friends of the University, you must continue to believe in your dreams for Centenary University and work together to bring about their reality. She expects this of all of us.

With Kindest Regards,

Rosalind Reichard, Ph.D.
President

Celebrate!



Centenary University's 144th Commencement was a jubilant celebration of the Class of 2019's many accomplishments. The graduates made history: Among the class were the first Centenary students to receive doctoral degrees from the University and the first adult non-traditional student to serve as valedictorian. (See story, page 3.)

Commencement speaker **Stephen M. Somers '19 HA**, owner and president of Vigon International, was recognized with an honorary degree.

Among those honored at the event were Welsh Prize winners **Caitlin C. Wigger '19** (traditional student) and **Christine DeLuca '19** (non-traditional student). In addition, the University bestowed the Van Winkle Achievement Award upon **Cynthia Seiss Rowan '75/77**, president of Performance Management Solutions.

The Centenary University Distinguished Teaching Award was presented to Kris Gunawan, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, while the Joel A. Kobert Award for Teaching, which recognizes an adjunct professor for teaching excellence, was awarded to James Stone, adjunct business professor.





Sister Act

A dare by her sister convinced this year's valedictorian, **Milissa Plescia '19**, to enroll in Centenary University's School of Professional Studies (SPS). Juggling a career, her family, and her college studies, Plescia worked through her bachelor's degree course by course, often studying late into the night. Her efforts were rewarded at Commencement, where she made history as Centenary University's first non-traditional valedictorian. Not to be outdone, her sister, **Christine DeLuca '19**, graduated this year as the University's Welsh Prize winner for non-traditional students.

Affectionately referred to as "the sisters" at SPS, Plescia and DeLuca have much more than family ties in common. Both work at BASF and earned bachelor's degrees in business administration, *summa cum laude*.

Plescia has long overcome any self-doubt she had about returning to school. Now the administrative assistant to BASF's senior vice president of human resources for North America, she said, "As a teenager, I'd convinced myself, perhaps out of self-preservation, that I didn't need to go to college. I was wrong. Thanks to SPS, I learned that I can confidently lead a team to a successful outcome."

DeLuca, an executive human resources analyst, recalled that her high school guidance counselor told her she wasn't college material: "The most transformative result of my time at SPS was when I wrote my first argumentative paper and the professor read it out loud. He told the class that it was the perfect example of an opening to an argumentative paper. Right then, I knew I was college material."



Midnight Run By the Numbers

Centenary University students make an impact on the lives of people in need around New York City through Midnight Run. This year, they took six late-night trips into Manhattan to distribute food, clothing, and hygiene kits.



*estimated



Around the World

All the world's a classroom for Centenary students, who gain a stronger worldview through the University's robust study abroad offerings.

CSI: Cambridge

Forensic studies were on the itinerary during a spring break trip to Cambridge University. Students visited two of the world's best osteological collections to examine human remains, primarily from the Middle Ages, analyzing them to determine age at death, gender, and ethnic origin.



Presidential Greeting

Centenary students paid a courtesy call on President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins during a spring break course to the Emerald Isle. The president discussed pressing issues facing Ireland, including climate change and attitudes regarding migration, with the students.



Oxford Bound

Sachel Bise '20 is spending six weeks at Oxford University this summer to study Shakespeare. A double major in English and education, she spent a semester at the University of Roehampton in London last year. She plans to become a teacher.



Picture This

The Equine Studies Department has introduced two new tools to enhance hands-on learning opportunities for students: the latest digital radiography and ultrasound technology. The new technologies can pinpoint many maladies in horses, but are primarily used to view tendon and ligament issues. These advances promise to deepen students' understanding of the diagnosis and treatment of equine injuries.

Nature's Lessons



Yellowstone National Park expert Ryan Atwell, Ph.D., spent several days at Centenary University in April as part of the Gates-Ferry Distinguished Visiting Lecture Series. During several classroom visits

and an address to the community, Dr. Atwell discussed the interconnections—both good and bad—between nature and humans. His message: Lessons from nature can lead to improvements in society. Dr. Atwell was the first social scientist to work for Yellowstone National Park. His exploration into understanding and managing humans within the Yellowstone ecosystem now plays a pivotal role in decision-making at the national park. He is the co-founder of NatureWerks, a nonprofit that connects people with self, others, earth, and world.

ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

The fourth annual Academic Symposium, held on April 25, provided an opportunity for Centenary University students to present their finest work, which was displayed throughout the Edward W. Seay Administration Building. During the all-day event, students showcased a wide variety of projects, from posters detailing independent research to fashion displays, performance arts, and PowerPoint presentations.



Honoring Excellence

Centenary University recognized the academic accomplishments of 24 outstanding students at the annual Honors Convocation, held April 25 in the George H. Whitney Chapel. The event featured a keynote address from **Meghan M. Kolbusch '18**, last year's valedictorian, who is now a museum interpretive guide in the educational program at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in Manhattan.



Lauding Leadership

Leadership took center stage on April 14, when Centenary University celebrated the accomplishments of more than 100 students at the annual Student Leadership Awards Ceremony held in the David and Carol Lackland Center. During the event, the University presented its Faculty Advisor of the Year award to Lauren Bergey, Ph.D., associate professor of biology and director of Centenary's Honors Program.

The Future U

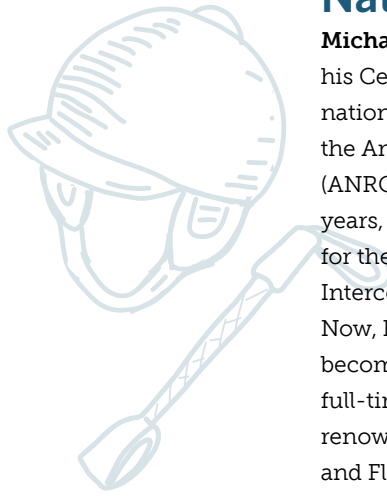
Centenary University's career-focused approach to higher education is already paying big dividends for our students. These six standout scholars are ready to embark on their futures, armed with the solid career skills, knowledge, and confidence that define the next generation of leaders.



Born Leader

Benjamin Sibbles '19 knows he's got leadership skills that translate to the business world. In fact, he's already scored a job as a management trainee intern with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. "Leadership is a staple at Centenary University," he explained. The business administration major honed his leadership skills as a member of the Sports Management Association and graduated as president of the Student Government Association.

At the annual Student Leadership Awards Ceremony in April, Sibbles received the Dr. Charles Frederickson Award, presented to a student who exemplifies high ethical behavior and leadership. Calling Centenary "the right choice," he shared this takeaway: "Never burn a bridge, because you don't know who's on the other side of it that you might need someday."



National Reputation

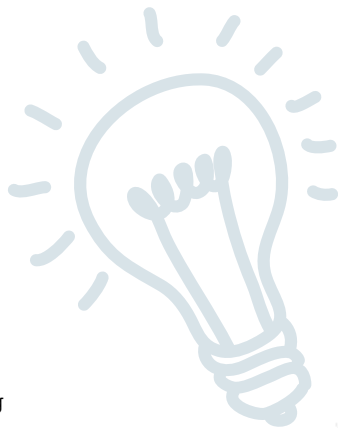
Michael Andrade '19 has already parlayed his Centenary University education to the national stage. He's won the individual title at the American National Riding Commission (ANRC) Championship for two consecutive years, and in May placed an impressive third for the prestigious Cacchione Cup at the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association. Now, he's on track to achieve his dream to become a top trainer in the industry with a full-time position at Heritage Farms, a world-renowned facility with locations in New York and Florida.

When it came to choosing a college, the choice was clear for the Poughquag, N.Y., resident. He explained, "I knew I wanted to make riding my profession, so I only applied to Centenary. You can do anything with this program. Centenary has been amazing."

Teaching by Example

Lifelong learning has paid off for **Michele Cone, Ed.D., '13/19**. When the Clinton Township school district was searching for a new superintendent last year, officials turned to the mother of three, who holds master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from Centenary University. Dr. Cone had enrolled in the School of Professional Studies for her terminal degree shortly before receiving the job offer: "I was diving into this new and exciting position. Needless to say, I felt a bit trepidatious leaping back into academics as a student."

Today, she advises others not to hesitate when considering an advanced degree. The seasoned educator concluded, "If you're waiting for the right time, you'll be waiting forever. Trust yourself and jump in. Your new degree will open up numerous possibilities."





All the World's His Stage

Nicholas Bettens '19 hopes that, someday, his name will be in lights. With a theatre arts degree from Centenary University under his belt, he has set out to establish a career on the stage. While an undergraduate, Bettens explored his passion under the tutelage of professionals in the field like Stephen Davis, associate professor of theatre arts. "At Centenary, help is always there," Bettens said. "The resources are here. Ask for help, and you'll get to where you want to be."

Bettens beefed up his resume with a minor in social media marketing. The Stanhope, N.J., resident explained, "It's a skill needed in theatres. They need help at the box office. Social media skills can get your foot in the door in a theatre company."

Strategic Decision

Jodi Day '20 will soon add an impressive credential to her resume: an M.B.A. from Centenary University. The director at ACME Plastics—who already holds certifications in pharmaceutical tech, real estate, and small business—said, "I felt it was time to pull together all that I've learned and acquire the one degree that could give me more opportunities."

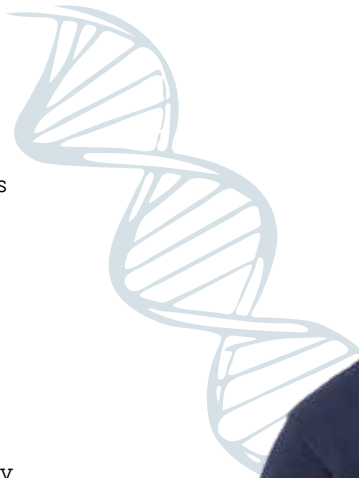
At the School of Professional Studies, supportive faculty have helped her sharpen on-the-job skills like public speaking, time management, and strategic planning. "The faculty at Centenary is tremendously supportive," she noted. "I feel like they're really in my corner. Now, I encourage other adults who are going back to school to seize every moment and take on the world with passion."



The Right Stuff

Victor Marte '19's first stop after graduation is Fort Benning, Ga., for basic training with the U.S. Army. The forensic science major plans to dedicate his career to serving his country, as an officer in the military or doing forensic work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Marte had heard that Centenary University has a strong science program from friends in his hometown of Paterson, N.J. He had the good fortune to get a work-study position in the labs in Trevorrow Hall, gaining valuable experience he'll tap in the workplace: "I got a hands-on education on how labs are set up, especially how they are supposed to work in a professional setting."



Capital Career

Aysha Hackett '19 is heading to Washington, D.C., a logical place to start her career in government and criminal justice. The Willingboro, N.J., resident said, "I'm excited, but nervous. I ask myself, 'What's next?'" That's a question that has never deterred Hackett, who changed her major twice before working with her adviser to customize an academic program that fit her career goals. In May, she graduated with a degree in political and governmental affairs, with a concentration in foreign policy.

That flexibility only happens at a small, personal campus like Centenary University's, she said: "I'm big on vibes and energy. I visited many schools, but when I set foot on the Centenary campus it was just like a warm embrace."



with
Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Amy D'Olive

Tell us about the ongoing curriculum redesign.

When Centenary University talks about the Future U, we're not just referring to students. In this case, U also refers to the University. So our faculty are thinking about the future of this University, including learning outcomes and how well we are preparing graduates. That forward-looking approach has sparked the current curriculum redesign. Right now, faculty in every discipline are analyzing the curriculum and proposing changes to better meet students' needs, as well as changing demand in the job market. The result has been several new programs, such as the accelerated 4+1 BS/MBA, data analytics, and sustainable practices. Our sports management program is starting to look at incorporating marketing and event planning for e-gaming, which is a really hot field, and criminal justice is considering adding courses in cybersecurity. Those are just a few examples.

What about the core curriculum?

The core curriculum is the foundation upon which all of our academic programs rest. A process to revise the core has been ongoing since June 2018. An in-house committee of roughly 17 people, led by Assistant Professor of Business Linda Poisseroux and Associate Professor of English Robert Battistini, have

undertaken the task of developing a new core curriculum model. In addition to faculty representation from every department, the committee includes myself—the only member of the administration—as well as Student Life, Academic Success and Advising, Career Development, and the Registrar's Office.

Take us inside the process.

It started in the 2014-2015 academic year, when the University began a thorough program analysis process. This kicked off a comprehensive review of every academic and non-academic program to ensure that we're delivering on the promise we make to Centenary students. We began by analyzing the mission and outcomes of our non-academic programs, and recommended a series of changes that better support students.

Two years later, we shifted the focus to academic programs. During this phase, we worked with an external consultant on market demand and analysis. We also did our own homework, researching best practices at other universities. Finally, we asked ourselves a lot of questions: Are we delivering on the mission of the University? Do prospective students find the academic programs they want here? Once they enroll, are we retaining students? Does Centenary achieve the learning outcomes we promised?

Any topline results to report?

The process is still unfolding, but we introduced some recommendations to the faculty and University community a year ago. Then, we spent the 2018-2019 academic year implementing several new academic programs and restructuring departments.

We also made the decision to reduce the number of credits required for graduation to 120, a reduction of eight credits. As part of our market analysis, the consultant did a deep dive into our competitors and found that we were pretty unusual requiring 128 credits. Our faculty determined that students could accomplish the same thing in 120 credits by building necessary learning outcomes into existing courses.

Can you share a sneak peak of the new core?

The committee has proposed a model that is currently being considered by the faculty. Once the new core curriculum is approved by the faculty, we'll work on implementation. The class entering in fall 2020 will be the first under the new core. It would be premature to share details now, because the new core is still evolving. However, I can say that there's an emphasis on communication—writing and public speaking. Centenary appreciates the arts and humanities, so creative expression is important. Another thing we're considering is a takeoff on our current Academic Foundations course, focusing on the big questions of the world from a very thoughtful, interdisciplinary perspective.

These skills are critical for career success.

In addition to the so-called "hard skills" required by employers, skills like effective expression, creativity, and critical thinking really are crucial in the current job market. The ability to communicate effectively, whether it's in writing or verbally, is essential. Employers are looking for graduates who can ask critical questions in a thoughtful way. It makes you a better colleague and team player when you respect diversity. An appreciation for your own well-being—your physical and mental health—also makes you a better, more productive employee and community member.

How are students responding?

They're excited about what's happening here at Centenary. Our students are gritty: they see the value in higher education, and they're determined to work hard to succeed. Today's learners are also very savvy. They're concerned about the impact of debt and don't want to be overburdened with the cost of higher education well into the future. Quite honestly, we have some 18- and 20-year-olds


here at Centenary who are caring for families, including siblings.

As a result of these economic and family pressures, they're looking to acquire the knowledge base and real-world experiences that are necessary to achieve their dreams, but they also need to get into the workforce quickly. So they appreciate things like the accelerated 4+1 BS/MBA and the switch to 120 credits. Students know that this University provides the academic and financial support that helps them to accomplish their goals. For me, that's what makes Centenary such a unique place.

Where do you see Centenary in 10 years?

The future of any university lies in its people. Our staff is extremely dedicated to creating opportunities for students that translate into career success. In addition, our faculty are excited about the possibilities. They are doing and dreaming, coming up with great ideas to serve students in a rapidly changing world. They're looking at the capabilities of technology and more online course offerings, as well as additional two-credit courses to expose students to interesting new content. My job as vice president for academic affairs is to get the barriers out of their way and give them the space to explore. That has been really essential in this process.

In coming years, I see this University as razor-focused on providing a quality educational experience. That includes meeting our students where they are and appreciating their diversity in terms of their learning needs, backgrounds, skills, and dreams. The joy is in the journey, and the journey here at Centenary is rooted in a proud history. The Future U here at Centenary University is really bright.

Amy D'Oliveo, Ph.D., has served as vice president for academic affairs at Centenary University for two years. She earned a doctoral degree from Drew University, as well as master's degrees from Drew and Clemson universities, and a bachelor's degree from Clemson. 

Fast Facts

1. EXPERIENCED EDUCATOR

Sociology professor. Recipient of 2003 Centenary University Distinguished Teaching Award

2. ADMINISTRATION CALLS

Left the classroom to serve Centenary, first as department chair, then as associate provost, and finally as vice president for academic affairs

3. Enduring Mission

"Centenary started out as a finishing school for women of wealthy families. It's got a really rich history. 150 years later, the mission has evolved. Centenary is attractive to a student body that is economically, ethnically, and racially diverse. That is very special to me."

It's a Record!

Centenary University's 22nd annual Scholarship Gala on May 30 raised \$170,285 in gifts and pledges to fund student scholarships. "This is significantly more than has ever been raised at the gala, and by far surpassed the ambitious goal we had set for this event," noted Tracey L. Thompson, vice president for university advancement. "Thanks to the generosity of attendees, this gala was a huge success."

Held at Perona Farms in Andover, the event featured the stories of Centenary scholarship recipients, as well as silent and live auctions to generate support. In addition, attendees stepped up to support our students with instant pledges of \$100 to \$5,000 during the event's first "Fund a Need" appeal.





A Family Tradition

Centenary University has been woven into the DNA of the Van Winkle family for more than a century. Today, the strong family tradition is carried on by Centenary Trustee **Linda Van Winkle Watkins '62** and her sister, **Joan Van Winkle Cunningham '59**, both of whom are generous supporters of the University's annual Scholarship Gala, as well as many other University initiatives.

Watkins recalled that when it was time to choose a college, her family ties naturally led to Centenary. "My grandfather and my dad were on the Centenary Board of Trustees at the same time, and my sister was already at Centenary," she said. "It was expected that I would want to go to Centenary, too. I'm so glad I did."

At the dawn of the 20th century, **Charles A. Van Winkle '00**—grandfather to Watkins and Cunningham—earned his Centenary degree. Later, both he and their father, Arthur, served on the Board of Trustees. Now, Watkins carries on that tradition as a third-generation board member. The family's legacy also lives on in Van Winkle Hall (named for Charles) and the prestigious Van Winkle Award presented at Commencement.

Three Who Give

These donors are making a difference by establishing scholarships at Centenary University.



2019 Gold Dome Award Recipient Stephen M. Somers '19 HA



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At this year's scholarship gala, **Stephen M. Somers '19 HA** pledged to contribute annually to establish a Centenary University scholarship for Hackettstown High School students. His simple goal: to pay it forward.

The grandson of immigrants, Somers grew up with hard-working parents who challenged him to succeed. Coming from modest means,

he relied on help from others to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees, and to launch his career in the flavor and fragrance industry. Today, Somers is owner and president of Vigon International, one of the industry's fastest-growing companies. A part owner of the New York Yankees' Triple A team, Somers and his wife, Sharon, are also the lead donors of Centenary's new baseball complex, "Our Diamond of Dreams," which is nearing completion.

Now, Somers wants to assist a new generation to achieve success. "I've been blessed with so many things, and in my heart, I feel like the blessings I have should be shared with others," he explained. "I want these students to go to school, finish college, and do great things with their lives. This is my legacy."

In devising his latest gift to Centenary, Somers was inspired by meetings he's had with two famous philanthropists—Yankees great Mariano Rivera and Robert Smith, founder of Vista Equity Partners. Smith told Somers, "Remember that we will all be judged not on what we did, but on what we didn't do."

Somers makes two very important requests of students he assists. "I tell students that my help isn't free," he explained. "First, I want them to take advantage of that help the same way I did, and to be the best that they can be. And then, I ask that, someday, they see themselves in somebody else and pay it forward. Wouldn't the world be a better place if all of us, one at a time, touched other people's lives and tried to make a difference?"



2019 Gold Dome Award Recipient Claire Couch Bosee '54



Claire Couch Bosee '54

Throughout her life, **Claire Couch Bosee '54** has relied on the lessons she learned at Centenary University to overcome adversity. "Centenary has rescued me in very personal ways all through my life," she said.

Bosee repays that debt of gratitude to Centenary through the Claire Couch Bosee '54 Tea Dance Scholarship, which recognizes

outstanding students with demonstrated financial need who are majoring in education or liberal arts, and plan to teach on the elementary, high school, or college level. Every five years, Bosee celebrates a milestone birthday by hosting a party to provide financial support for the scholarship.

As a teenager, Bosee initially chose Centenary because she loved horses. Soon, however, she reaped the benefits of the excellent education she received from the University, which was then a two-year women's college. As a Centenary student, Bosee spent a joyous two months singing on a USO tour of Europe and England, and after graduation, all of the credits she earned were accepted when she enrolled in a four-year college.

Years later, Bosee was divorced with two young children. The education she began at Centenary qualified her for a government program to prepare college graduates to teach elementary school, as well as for a part-time master's program. "The idea was that we would give back to our communities," recalled Bosee.

She does that at Centenary through the scholarship she has generously endowed and as a member of the President's Advisory Council (PAC). She has this advice for those deciding how to best help Centenary: "Look to yourself, to your own personality, interests, talents, and skills. Then, devise your own way to help Centenary. I put my love for Centenary together with my love for dancing, and the scholarship was born. There is always something you can do."

Michael J. Gulotta '09 HA

Deo Volente Farms, Chief Executive Officer



Michael J. Gulotta '09

As founder of Deo Volente Farms, **Michael J. Gulotta '09 HA** understands the important role Centenary University plays in the state's equine industry. Yet his commitment to funding a Centenary scholarship goes beyond business. "We want to help a Hunterdon County student," said

Gulotta, chief executive officer of the world-class breeding operation. "We were looking for a student who works hard to keep their grades up, and who is dedicated to helping the community."

That student is **Brianne Ferraro '19**, the first recipient of the Deo Volente Farms Scholarship. A graduate of Raritan Valley Community College, Ferraro is a double major in marketing and management at Centenary. While Ferraro initially looked at larger universities, she selected Centenary because the University accepted all of her transfer credits and the campus environment felt right: "I don't think I would have had the same experience if I had gone to those bigger universities. Thank God I chose Centenary. It's just been a blessing."

Gulotta is active on the state level in advancing the equine industry in New Jersey. The treasurer of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, he has served in the administrations of New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Gulotta has pledged to fund the scholarship each year, eventually contributing \$20,000 annually to defray tuition expenses for Centenary students. The award gives preference to students who intend to study business, math, or equine studies.

"Centenary's campus has a great feel," Gulotta explained. "I think the University does a great job focusing on the strengths of students, and accentuates those strengths. A small University that looks to help the most students—that's exactly the type of community outreach we were looking for."

The scholarship has made a world of difference to Ferraro, who cried when she found out she was selected. "This is just such an honor," she said. "For me, this scholarship was the best possible gift I could have received. It's so amazing for a stranger to do this for me."

For more information about establishing a scholarship at Centenary, contact Tracey L. Thompson: tracey.thompson@centenaryuniversity.edu or (908) 852-1400, ext. 2379.

Community Matters

Just as donors support Centenary, the University pays it forward to the local community



Honoring Crime Victims

Centenary University marked National Crime Victims Rights Week with a tree planting ceremony on the Hackettstown campus. Generous donations by Callaremi Cadillac Buick GMC in Budd Lake and Donaldson's Greenhouse & Nursery in Hackettstown made the event possible.



Relay for Life

As part of Centenary's new Changebuilders Project, spearheaded by **Rachel Dantiz '18** through New Jersey Campus Compact, the University hosted its first Relay for Life. Attended by more than 100 students, faculty, and staff, the event raised \$3,567 to advance cancer research.



Night to Shine

Centenary students partnered with the Tim Tebow Foundation to host the University's first Night to Shine, an unforgettable prom experience for young adults, ages 14 and up, with special needs. Held in conjunction with the Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown, the event featured formal dining, dancing, professional photos, makeovers, and a special guest appearance by Hackettstown police officers.

Profile in Courage



Samantha Bombardiere '19

Cyclone soccer standout **Samantha Bombardiere '19** was one of four finalists for the 2019 Honda Inspiration Award, a national honor that recognizes NCAA female student-athletes who have persevered through physical and emotional adversities while demonstrating academic success. Presented by the Collegiate Women Sports Awards program, the final award selection aired on CBS Sports on June 18, after this issue of the *Centenarian* went to press.

Diagnosed with ovarian cancer at the end of her freshman year at Centenary University, Bombardiere underwent surgery

and chemotherapy that sidelined her from soccer for a year. During her battle, she still managed to attend Cyclone soccer games and classes, maintaining an impressive grade point average. In May, Bombardiere graduated on time with an undergraduate degree in biology, *summa cum laude*.

Head soccer coach Kevin Davies said, "Cancer for Samantha was a temporary inconvenience in her life. She took the attitude of 'Let's get this thing over with so I can go back to normal and play my favorite sport.' Her attitude for most of her illness was, 'I'm going to beat this.'"

The talented student-athlete closed out her career last fall by being named the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year after helping the Cyclone defense post eight shutouts in conference play. The Cyclones set the school record for single-season shutouts with 12, and went on to win their first conference championship since 2010, advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

Field Hockey Returns



Head Coach
Stephen Speirs

This fall, Centenary University will reintroduce field hockey as its 14th NCAA Division III sport. Seasoned coach Stephen Speirs, who was hired to head the program, has been actively recruiting student-athletes for the upcoming season's roster.

Athletic Director Travis Spencer said the decision to add field hockey was logical, since the sport is popular in the Hackettstown area. "We are excited to have Steve on board to build our field hockey program into a Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) contender," Spencer said. "Being in a rich field hockey area, it was only smart for us to bring a person with a connection to local players."

A highly successful coach at Hackettstown High School for the last eight years, Speirs brings a wealth of experience to the Centenary

sidelines. Last fall, he led the Tigers to the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex County Tournament title for the first time in 15 years. Speirs has led Hackettstown to the conference title in each of the past four years, and also to three appearances in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) semifinals.

"I am honored to be selected to help reinstate the field hockey program at Centenary University," said Speirs. "As the head coach, I am committed to providing student-athletes every opportunity to reach their greatest potential, on and off the playing field."

At this year's conference of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association, Speirs accepted a donation of 20 hockey sticks and stick bags from Longstreth, a leader in field hockey equipment. The firm selected Centenary's program for the generous gift after Speirs submitted an essay announcing the new team.



The annual dinner honored outstanding student-athletes.

Sports Standouts

The Centenary Athletic Department gathered at Minebrook Golf Club to celebrate the success of the 2018-19 school year and to recognize its senior student-athletes for their contributions to the program. All the senior student-athletes in attendance received a stole to wear at graduation. At the awards banquet, the Cyclones announced the Rookie of the Year, Athlete of the Year, and Cardy Gemma (senior career achievement) honorees.

The Rookie of the Year awards went to **Billy Veras '22** from men's basketball, and on the women's side there was a tie, as women's basketball's **Jessica McKenzie '22** and Rachel Colt '22 of women's soccer were honored. Women's soccer player **Chloe Christopher '20** and **Etiini Udott '19** from the wrestling team were named the Athletes of the Year. Soccer swept the Cardy Gemma awards as **Devon Warne '19** from the men's team and **Samantha Bombardiere '19** from the women's team were selected as the winners. Both Cardy Gemma winners carry GPAs of 3.6 or better and are active in their communities, as well as being successful on the field.



Pump it Up!

It's a whole new look for the Centenary Cyclone! After the University announced its Future U campaign, our mascot wanted a new image, too. With its 30th birthday looming, the Cyclone started a vigorous workout regimen that included pumping iron, aerobic fitness, and swearing off junk food. After much sweat—and a few tears—this determined warrior trimmed down and even developed muscles. The result: a leaner, meaner Cyclone who's ready to take on other university mascots at Centenary athletic contests.

Let us know what's new!

Send us your news and keep up to date with classmates. Class News and Notes may be edited to reflect *The Centenarian's* guidelines and space constraints. For class agent contact information, please call Elizabeth Freeman at (908) 852-1400, ext. 2253.

1949

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Florence Austermuhl Larson writes: "I had pneumonia a month ago, but am well now and am active in my church. My two sons want to take me on a trip to Poland and Israel."

Deborah Ettinger Moss says her health has been fine until recently, but now she has a major surgery coming up. She still likes bridge, tech things, and has even purchased an Alexa, which she installed herself. Her hearing aids work using her iPhone. She loves Amazon and Netflix, and still has her 14-year-old Papillon dog.

Margaret Pfeiffer McCann celebrated her 90th birthday on March 20. She writes: "Where did the time go? Now, it's truly a different era, but onward and upward we go; hopefully we will survive it all! I recall spring at Centenary and being in the Pocono Mountains. Mr. Gleason, our music teacher, would take our class into Camden to hear the opera. Some girls went to Asbury Park for the weekend and some talked of

opening their beach houses. Those were the exciting activities of that era."

Audrey Henn Nawoschik is expecting the birth of her great-great-grandchild.

Peggy Bolte Castle writes: "I continue to love life in Mercy Ridge, the retirement community in Timonium, Md. The favorite meeting place is our pub, where everyone unwinds over a drink at 5 p.m. I still give real estate some time, but no longer seven days a week. I phoned **Laura Lechner Woodcock**, who is feeling the loss of her beloved golden retriever, Biscuit, her pal for 15 years. **Laura**, **Carol Minster Pendergast**, and **Anne Middleton Flood** are still enjoying living in their Gladwynne retirement home, and often have dinner together. **Barbara Bensing Terrstappen** also still loves living in her retirement home in Naples, Fla. She suffered the loss of her daughter, Karen, this year."

1953

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Beverly Oetjen Imgrund writes: "I keep busy traveling and just having fun. Keep on as long as we can! I'd love to hear from you all, so I can add your news. **Nancy Cunningham Paris** and I meet regularly for lunch. Nancy keeps busy with the senior citizens group in New Vernon, sings in the church choir, and plays golf with 'The Nine Holers.' She has a place in Spring Lake and spends her summers at the shore. She has three grandchildren graduating this year and still more to go. Nancy is planning a trip to Italy in the fall with some friends."

"**Carol Sweet Locke**'s daughter shared that her mom passed away on Nov. 2. Carol had battled Parkinson's disease for over 15 years and is now at peace."

"**Marge Holmes Brown** lives in Avon, Conn., and is still actively volunteering at the hospital gift shop, plays lots of bridge, and is running a bridge marathon for the women's club."

"**Gara Van Schaak** volunteers at Hartford Hospital Cancer Center two afternoons a week. She has two nephews and six grandnieces and nephews."

1957

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Mally Holmes Wilkinson attended **Marge Wright Dwyer's** book reading and signing of Marge's new book, *The Girls of Greystone Manor*. The event was held at the Mercer County Library System's Hopewell Branch. This is Marge's second novel. It celebrates two widows who pool their money to move into a grand stone mansion, with a plan to create a community of women dedicated to art, literature, and music.

1959

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Thais McAleece Haines writes: "We are living in Greenbriar Oceanaire in Waretown, N.J., and are only 15 minutes from Long Beach Island. I am still working as a full-time Realtor for Diane Turton Realtors and mainly showing properties in 55+ communities in Ocean County. Would love to see any fellow Centenarians!"

Ann Hufnagel Rafferty writes: "I am still doing my volunteer work at the library in Rockland and loving it. I am now head of the used book volunteers, and am still on the library board. There is always



Nancy and Bev



Mally and Marge

something to do at my church and the Owls Head Historical Society, as well. Everyone loves volunteers."

Susie Hoyt Holloway writes: "Recently I read that **Ann Hufnagel Rafferty** had heard from **Debby Johnson**. All of a sudden I remembered that the only Christmas I spent away from family was with Deb. After we left Centenary, she was alone in Paris, France, and I was alone in Lausanne, Switzerland. Somehow, we got together and went to Wiesbaden, Germany, to stay with friends of her family. More recently, Ann put Deb and I in touch and we have been emailing back and forth; it's great fun. I live in Pacific Palisades, Calif., near Los Angeles, and Cambria, Calif., on the central coast. Three people from Centenary have come to visit: my roommate, **Betty Ann Tierney Mahoney**, **Jane Eller Schmidt**, and **Bette Piller Craig '57**. I'm also in touch with **Polly Dreher Hermann**, **Margie Wechsler Warwick**, **Jane Wilgus McCabe**, **Susie Stauff Measelle**, **Betsy Pettit Smith**, and **Judy Casey Harris**. Best wishes and love to everyone from the Class of 1959."

1961

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Joyce Fierro Velzy writes: "On a trip to Florida, **Missy Keely Bell** and her husband, Jim, stopped by and Bob and I had a lovely lunch and visit with them. Missy, Jim, and I were classmates in high school, though Missy and I went to school together from kindergarten through Centenary (as I've probably shared many times!). Amazingly, Bob and I are celebrating our 53rd wedding anniversary this year. We're so fortunate to have had all these years, and hopefully, many more together."

Susan Pederson Lamberti shared happy family news: "It's an exciting time in the Lamberti household, as we celebrate the successes of our two oldest grandchildren. Oldest grandson, **Ralph III**, has been accepted to, and will attend, Georgetown University in the fall. Oldest granddaughter, **Hanna Susan**, will attend Sacred Heart University with a Division I equestrian scholarship. I'm so proud of them!"

Ann Watson Mangels and her husband, Bill, were in Daphne, Ala., celebrating the baptism of their first great-grandson. Ann writes: "He has two sisters, but, being a family of boys, it's nice to have another generation of John Henry Mangels. We're looking forward to attending the annual American

ALL-STAR SPORTS

Connections run deep for Centenary University's sports management program. Faculty led by **David Perricone**, associate professor of sports management, partner with industry pros—including many Centenary alumni—to provide practical experiences for students planning careers in the field.

Here are just a few ways Centenary students interacted with professional sports organizations this year:

Careers in baseball ► management took center stage when students visited with representatives of the New York Yankees (top) and New York Mets (right).



► The Pocono Raceway College Tour made a stop at Centenary on April 3 to share insights on marketing, research and analysis, and event planning for racing venues.

Centenary alumni and industry ► professionals visited campus for the annual Sports Management Conference on April 12. Students run every aspect of the event, from guest speakers to logistics and marketing.



► Comedian **Joe Piscopo** headlined an April 14 fundraiser at the David and Carol Lackland Center organized by sports management students. The event benefited the Boys and Girls Clubs of New Jersey.

Rhododendron Society meeting in May, when I will turn over the gavel to the next president. It's been fun, but I'll enjoy being past president and a happy member with the rest of the group. With the warmer weather, our plants are blossoming and it's beautiful. Happy spring to all!"

Marg Hinkel Leed writes: "A very happy spring to all my classmates. My husband, Bear, and I have been super busy managing all my autoimmune diseases. It has put a real halt to our travel plans. We do get frequent visits from our three children, 10 grandchildren, and great-grandchild. Those visits are fun and priceless! We would love to hear from any of you. Our email is bear.and.marg@gmail.com. Please keep in touch."

Jean Wisdom Weaver writes: "Nothing new with me, but for those of our classmates who play bridge—my sister, **Judy Wisdom Quinn**, would never tell you that she reached 'Ruby' life master status in the duplicate bridge world."

Sally Murphy Albano writes: "As I approach my 55th reunion from Columbia University School of Nursing, I think back to the five of us who transferred from Centenary to Columbia in 1961: **Sally Ann Jennings**, **Judy Ward**, **Sue Lindner**, and **Liz Salter**. Somewhere along the way, we have lost contact with Liz, but Judy and I see each other at reunions and keep in touch at other times. Judy is retired and living in New Jersey, as is Sally Ann Jennings, who is running a lovely family farm with many rescue animals. Sue Lindner passed away many years ago, leaving small children, after a short illness, but a tough fight. And me? I retired about 10 years ago from a wonderful nursing administrative position in New York City and Brooklyn, and returned to Bethlehem, Penn., where our daughter and her family live. That is where we resided before New York City and are now 'home' again. Our other daughter and her family are in the Phoenix area. I have recently retired as a certified school nurse, but still teach patients in their homes how to administer new injection techniques for first-time users through several pharmaceutical companies. My public and community health backgrounds have served me well. Needless to say, I have never regretted my many years in nursing."

"I keep in touch with **Sally Swan Schwabe**, who has just moved to a lovely retirement community in Lancaster, Penn. I hate having her that much farther away, but we have had some wonderful times together since our days at Centenary. My husband and I will be celebrating our 55th wedding

anniversary this year; where have the years gone? We are kept busy with two daughters, four grandchildren, and a wonderful great-granddaughter. Hoping all our classmates are doing well."

June Adams Salaun, as you can see, has not lost her sense of humor: "In 2017, I moved back to Atlanta from Jacksonville and went to my 60th high school reunion in Baltimore at the end of April. **Janice Auer Scrabis** and I are still talking, every month at least, and laugh and laugh about old times, and great memories. We have always stayed in touch since Centenary. Janice's email is cbts87@icloud.com. I am still playing tennis/golf/pickleball each week and have not had my knees replaced. I stay active and also rescue dogs—an English setter, beagle, and corgi. They're better than any husband (three) that I've had!"

In error, **Marian Morse Kindler's** husband, Jim, received a request for news from the Class of '61. He writes, "As a surprise for Marian, I will respond. On April 10, Marian was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Wheaton. She works with seven chaplains as a volunteer spiritual care visitor. She visits the patients soon after their admittance to inform them of the spiritual care the hospital offers each patient. Marian tells me all the time how she loves sharing the patients' and staff's stories. Whether it's a joyous or sad happening, she feels so very privileged to share their journey. Actually, with a big smile and a good laugh, she tells me that at age 77, she has finally found her favorite vocation. Her email is mariankindl@aol.com." Jim signed his note about Marian, "The proud husband, Jim Kindler."



Marian Morse Kindler

Gail Sickinger Maffeo '61/94 writes: "Would love to send regards to all of our classmates. I'm living in Los Angeles and traveling back and forth to North Carolina with my wonderful guy, Ken Anderson. We just returned after two-and-a-half months in Indian Wells. Family is all well—my 13-year-old

grandson, Dante, is 6 feet tall. All is well!"

Nancy Heimert Zabka writes: "We were in Burbank, Calif., visiting our son, Billy, and family for Easter, and then attending the Los Angeles premier of season two of *Cobra Kai*, the TV sequel to the 1984 *Karate Kid* movie that Billy is in, which aired on April 24. He also appeared on *Good Morning America* to discuss the show."

"In May, our son, Guy, and his wife of two years, Lori, were in northern California, where she will be performing as a vocalist with the Modesto Symphony's Hollywood Sings, featuring all-time great theme songs from popular movies. Our entire family attended, as none of us had heard her perform."

"Stan and I will be celebrating our 55th anniversary on Aug. 2. We're hoping it will be in the San Juan Islands off Washington and Victoria, B.C."

1962

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Judi Braddock Andrews writes: "**Judy Colton Christensen**, **Betsy Zweier Paxton**, and I keep in touch throughout the year. Judy reports that she and Dan spend each January and February on Hutchinson Island, Fla., where she sees **Fran Nikola Sennas '61**."

"My husband, George, and I, **Betsy Zweier Paxton** and her husband, Jim, and other friends took a relaxing Royal Caribbean Cruise in February to the Grand Caymans, Costa Maya, and Cozumel. Local food, drinks, and a good time were enjoyed by all."

"Our holidays were spent in California with our West Coast family. Always a must when we go from East Coast to West is catch up time with our dear friend, **Bobbi Bidwell Gallagher '61**, at her lovely place in Carlsbad. Bobbi's busy schedule, boundless energy, and positive vibes have me shaking my head. She's an amazing lady!"

"It's hard to believe we've been in Florida full time for over three years. We are enjoying life in Winter Park and are involved in various organizations, thanks to **Linda Johnson Heintz**, whom I think of as my personal welcome ambassador. Everyone moving to a new area, a long distance from their comfort zone, in their later years should be so lucky."

"I would love to hear from Centenary classmates. It's been too long. Send news or photos."



Judi Braddock Andrews and Betsy Zweier Paxton

1963

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Carla Perdue Peterson writes: "After graduating from Centenary with a business degree, I went to work for General Electric while my husband-to-be, Larry, finished up at Lehigh University. Larry and I were 'sort of born together' (seven months apart), as both our families were very close. As children, we played together and were best friends. Later, we fell in love, yet we were still best friends. We lived in Pittsburgh for several years while Larry earned his degree in clinical psychology, then moved up to Worcester, Mass., while he completed his internship. We both fell in love with Worcester and have remained there for the last 54 years."

"I retired in 2007 after 38 years at a public accounting firm in Worcester, but stay busy as the registrar for our church. I have also been a longtime member of our local garden club. In addition, I manage the food pantry in our town. It is extremely rewarding work because the people are so appreciative, and I see I am really helping them."

"As beautiful as Massachusetts is, Larry and I spend time during our summers at a cabin on Sacandaga Reservoir near Lake George, N.Y., which has been in his family for many years. We are members of Music Worcester, which offers wonderful classical music. We have wonderful friends, especially my dog-walking group, even though our mini-poodle mix has passed away. I still walk with the group, however, while Larry and I look for another dog."

"My happiest times at Centenary were traveling on weekends to Lehigh to see Larry, but I also enjoyed the camaraderie of my wonderful classmates. I only stay in touch with

Nancy Musser Nicholson with an annual Christmas card. Larry and I are very happy, we are in good health, and our lives are filled with people and activities we enjoy. Does it get any better than that?"

Susan Nims Scott writes: "Following Centenary, I went on to get my teaching certificate at The College of New Jersey and taught for a few years. My husband, John, and I were married in 1966. We had two children and I became a stay-at-home mom. Our daughter, Barbara, was born in 1969 and went on to receive a Master of Aeronautical Science degree. A mother of three, she now works for Boeing in Denver while giving flight lessons on the side. Our son, Trip, was born in 1971, but sadly, he succumbed to head injuries sustained in an accident a year after graduating from college. Again, sadly, my husband passed away, much too soon, so I went back to teaching, where I stayed until retirement. These losses were devastating, but I was blessed with lots of family and friends who were—and continue to be—wonderfully supportive. In addition, I have kept myself busy. Last year, with Barbara and my three grandchildren living in Colorado, I packed up all my belongings and moved to Littleton, Colo., where my primary activity now is shoveling snow.

"I have been fortunate to indulge my passion for travel over the years, enjoying numerous Road Scholar trips (formerly known as Elderhostel), walking the Cabot Trail in Canada, learning to snorkel in Belize, and exploring the Mayan ruins in Guatemala. Centenary classmate **Sally Chapman Elliott**, with whom I have been friends since elementary school, and I have traveled together to Costa Rica several times. Recently, Sally and her husband, Corky, RVed through northern Colorado, and we all spent a night together in their RV.

"I also send yearly Christmas and birthday cards to **Carla Perdue Peterson** and **Penny Ferguson Griffith**. I took my first cruise last fall and traveled with friends to Spain and Portugal. While relaxing at home, I spend time with my family, play bridge several times a week with friends, enjoy monthly potluck dinners, and tend to my herb garden. Life is good. Wishing all the best to my Centenary classmates!"

Susan Tittle Wargo writes: "After graduating from Centenary, I went on to receive my Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Northwestern University and then a Master of Arts in Spanish from the University of Michigan. I owe my pursuit of Spanish to my Spanish professor at Centenary, Dr. Elane Matz. She inspired me in other ways, too, and was one of those instructors you look back upon

and realize what a great influence they were in your life.

"My plan was to teach Spanish. However, while teaching Spanish in a classroom setting in my last year of grad school, I realized teaching was not my calling. I went to work for an international corporation that does market research in healthcare, IMS Health. One of my first jobs was setting up an office in Madrid. It was quite a challenge and a great experience. I went on to work for IMS for 30 years, eventually becoming a senior vice president.

"While volunteering for a focus group on how to meet people, I met my husband. He was five years younger than I, but was bald, so I thought he was older—the right age. We married one year later, and have been married 39 years. We have two children and two grandchildren. My husband received his Ph.D. in economics and teaches at Temple University. Although my children traveled and lived all over the country, they finally settled right here in the Philadelphia area, where my husband and I have lived for 40 years.

"After I retired from IMS, I launched a career in flipping houses. I would buy a house, fix it up, then sell it at a profit. It was a lot of fun and very lucrative. However, the economic crash of 2008 put a damper on that career.

"After years of volunteering at my local church, and a period of discernment, I went on to attend seminary. I am now a licensed pastor in the United Church of Christ (UCC). I serve all the UCC churches in the Philadelphia area, helping out as the need arises.

"For many years, my husband and I played a lot of golf and tennis, but have graduated to pickleball. For those of you who don't know what that is, it's an offshoot and mix of tennis and badminton, on a smaller court, using a paddle, not a racket, and a type of wiffle ball, instead of a tennis ball. Life is good!"

1972

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Virginia Lee Miller Royen writes:
"After Centenary, I went to Columbia University. I graduated with a degree in nursing. After two years in New York

CIA Adventure



Gail Dawson McNally '57

Gail Dawson McNally '57 has lived a storybook life, one that has taken her from her hometown of Sea Girt, to Centenary University, to a 25-year career working for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Panama.

It was at Centenary College for Women, as the University was then known, that McNally and one other classmate showed up to hear a recruiter from the CIA speak. McNally was quickly intrigued at the possible adventures a career at the CIA would offer and decided to apply to work at the agency. "Within 20 minutes, I said, 'Yeah, I want to do that,'" she recalled. "He made it sound very appealing."

After graduation, McNally returned home to Sea Girt, then, following training in Washington, D.C., was stationed in Panama, inside the Canal Zone. There, she met the admiral's aide, who proposed to her. She later returned to Sea Girt, got married and had five children, then returned to Panama for several years as a contract worker for the CIA. While she can't share many specifics about her career with the CIA, the Alexandria, Va., resident said, "It was a wonderful time."

These days, she is still very much connected to Centenary University. She has been on the President's Advisory Council for a dozen years and visits the campus at least yearly. "Centenary wasn't coed when I was there. It was a big change," she explained. "The first time I went back, I was shocked to see these guys in our old dorm rooms."

For her, partaking in formal tea ceremonies, dressing elegantly for the occasion, stands out in her memory. "We used to have gloves for tea," she said.

One moment forever imprinted on her mind is the very first day at school, hearing then-Dean Margaret Hight greet her with, "Hello, Gail, how are you?" McNally said, "I walked up the front steps and she knew my name. She looked at our photos all summer and memorized the names. I thought it was remarkable."

Looking back, she believes Centenary served as a good foundation for her life's path. It encouraged her to be open to opportunities. "I think they instilled in us a desire to expand," she said.

City, I moved to Washington, D.C., where I worked primarily in the ER and then shock/trauma. I am married and have two daughters who are grown with families of their own. We retired and live in Bluffton, S.C., near Hilton Head. I keep busy with volunteer work and needlepoint. We do love living in South Carolina, as people are so friendly.

"**Karen Clark Blane** mentioned that she is living outside Memphis, a pretty part of the country. I envy her, having grandchildren so close that she can watch them during the day. All five of mine are in Virginia (northern Virginia and Virginia Beach). Grandchildren truly are the best part of life!"

1984

Karen VanDerhoof, vice president of business and finance at County College of Morris, was selected for the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. The honor recognizes leadership skills and commitment to the mission of community colleges.

1985

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Margarita Snead-Gravesande writes: "I came to Centenary in 1982 when the college was all women. **Roxanne Baskerville-Williams '84**, **Trudi Butler Morant '84**, **Lucretia 'Cree' Love-Gray '84**, and I get together



Roxanne Baskerville-Williams, Trudi Butler Morant, Margarita Snead-Gravesande, Lucretia Love-Gray

regularly to talk about the old days in North and South dorm."

1990

The S3 Agency created a rebranding campaign for Centenary University titled The Future U. The campaign features current Centenary students and their future careers, highlighting the University's focus on majors that are in step with emerging market needs. **Denise DiGiacomo Blasevick** is CEO of The S3 Agency.

1991

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Justine Steinfeld-Mahon writes: "Hi everyone! I would love to hear how you are doing and what life has brought your way."

"I want to congratulate **Ruth Eaddy** and **Dyan Ashworth Cutrona** on their recent marriages. I also caught up with **Rochelle Boyett-Guidas**, aka Rocky. She is residing in Pennsylvania and doing well. I hope to be able to meet up with her soon."

"**Isabelle Ivanko Arway's** daughter joined the Coast Guard, and the proud mom is beaming with joy. I cannot wait to see Katheryn this summer. So proud and honored to be a part of her life."

"**Kellie Gray Sweeley** and **Boyd** have love beyond words. They are married now for 30 years."

"When **Carla Colburn '90** traveled to New Jersey last summer, there was an amazing reunion in Atlantic City. Members of the Class of 1991 who attended included **Dyan Ashworth Cutrona**, **Courtney Stacks Jost**, **Kimberly Kirwan Burton**, **Kimberly Kraynak Camarda**, **Michelle Kwiatkowski Rubin**, **Kathryn Elliott Rathbone**, **Kimberly Elliott Catapano**, and **Ann McGovern Scripko '89/91**. Also attending were **Ericka Richbell '90**, **Tami Abbott Horan '96**, **Vicki VanDine**, **Christy Post Murphy '90**, **Claudia Nitsche Esparza '90**, **Colleen Walsh Mueller '90**, **Connie Hart Sjosward '88**, **Denise Calabrese '88**, **Jacqueline Tierney '88**, **Kris Gamble '89**, and **Pam Stritehoff Piro '89**. I am so blessed we met and reconnected through Facebook or in person. The kindness I embraced at Centenary came from each of you. I hope my children get to experience this in their lifetime. Enjoy your summer and drop me a message. I would love to hear from you."

1997

Devon Vialva '97/08 was appointed the assistant dean of diversity at Centenary University.

2007

The Randolph Public Schools selected **Jennifer Hypes Leach '07/18** as a 2019 Educator of the Year. She returned to Centenary University in March to discuss her experiences at a Graduate Information Session with prospective Centenary students.

2014

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Dominick de Matteo writes: "**Sammie Davis** graduated from Montclair State University with her master's in counseling with a concentration in student affairs in 2017. She works at the Pennsylvania College of Technology as the coordinator of diversity and cultural life. In this role, Sammie plans and executes various diversity awareness events for the campus, facilitates

identity and inclusion trainings for staff, faculty, and students, and coordinates various service learning initiatives. Additionally, she supervises community peer educators, who are student leaders working to educate and engage with the campus in the areas of diversity and community engagement, health and wellness, suicide prevention, and healthy relationships."



Sammie Davis and students working at a Habitat for Humanity project in South Carolina.



Sammie Davis and Herman Boone, the legendary coach who inspired the film *Remember the Titans*.

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Richard G. Hinchliffe: Radio Icon



Richard Hinchliffe

Richard G. Hinchliffe, award-winning journalist and former director of WNTI.ORG, Centenary University's internet radio station, passed away Feb. 1 after a battle with cancer. He played a key role in transitioning WNTI from an FM radio station to a student-run online station, encouraging on-air talent to create original programming.

Student radio hosts remembered Hinchliffe as a hands-on professional who worked closely

with them to create high quality programming. "He showed me the ropes with my radio show and taught me how to use the board," said communication major **Gabby Lambe '20**. WNTI Student Music Director **Mitchell Waddington '19** agreed: "Working alongside Richard for almost two years will never feel like enough time."

A graduate of Princeton University, Hinchliffe leaves his wife, Katherine Margaret Stone Hinchliffe, daughters Emma and Margaret, a brother, Roger, and a sister, Sally Hunting Hinchliffe MacMillan.

*This remembrance was excerpted from an obituary written by **Katie Peters '19** for the Centenary student newspaper, The Quill.*

Stephen Wasylean: Technical Theatre Artist



Stephen Wasylean

Stephen Wasylean, assistant technical director of Centenary Stage Company, passed away May 19. A native of Newport, R.I., he worked in a number of fields—including as a park ranger, policy officer, and healthcare technician—while volunteering with lighting and sets at several local nonprofit theatre companies. After serving as assistant technical director at Bristol Community College,

he moved to Easton, Pa., to pursue his dream job at Centenary.

In a social media post after his passing, Centenary Stage Company called Wasylean a "passionate technical theatre artist...who brought a sense of joy, humor, kindness, patience, and an unyielding tenacity to all that he did." The post went on to say, "His love for the arts and passion for our students was infectious."

Wasylean leaves his wife, the former Joann Marie Nolan, daughter, Abby, and father, Stephen Wasylean Sr.

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Ann Titzell Hammond '56.....	12/29/18
Jane Womble Haver '68	11/5/18
Louise Monez Hill '40	1/28/19
Richard G. Hinchliffe	2/1/19
Joan Garey Hooper '50	1/31/19
Marie Sutter Kammenzind '45	1/17/19
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Ruth-Louise Louser Keefer '41.....	3/6/19
Elizabeth Shuster Kiely '49	10/30/18

Kathryn Gary Kiley '67	10/2/18
Susan Paine Krinkjak '69.....	3/19/19
Carol Sweet Locke '53	11/2/18
Frances MacKnight '48	12/28/18
Linda Dix McConnell '58.....	7/6/18
Shirley Newbaker McCracken '48.....	4/16/19
Bernais J. McNeil '12	3/25/19
Susan Bell Nelms '67	11/20/18
Eleanor Paradee Cain '53	4/8/19
Sally Simpson Park '56.....	12/5/18
Margot Foster Sankey Smith '61.....	2/27/19
Gloria Madden Sherrill '45	10/28/18
Margaret Ballinger Smith '54	11/11/18
Carol Rudnick Soller '60.....	12/7/18
Marie Stone '95.....	12/23/18
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Patricia Melarkey Sykes '51	1/24/19
Mary Togno '83.....	11/11/18
Mary Nelson Van Dusen '59	2/19/19
Stephen Wasylean	5/19/19
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ALUMNI IN ACTION

The Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) had an active year, hosting events to build affinity between Centenary University graduates and *alma mater*. Here are a few highlights from the spring calendar:

Hoppy Easter

The annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt on April 13 was a sellout, with alumni and community members returning to campus with their families. The Easter Bunny was on hand for pictures with children and, of course, to give out delicious treats.



An Evening of Bowling

Cyclones turned out on April 26 to throw some strikes and reminisce at Alumni Bowling Night. Held at Circle Bowl & Entertainment in Ledgewood, the annual event is a great way to catch up with fellow graduates and hear what's new at Centenary.



Welcome, New Alumni

The Class of 2019—Centenary University's newest alumni—were welcomed into the fold at a reception hosted by the AAEB following their Commencement rehearsal on May 7. This year, the University awarded 505 degrees, creating hundreds of new Centenary University alumni.



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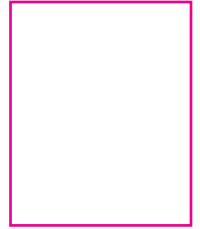
Nicole Soriero '19 has already enjoyed success in fashion design—and she only earned her Centenary University degree in May. The Monroe, N.J., resident took home the top award at this year's Senior Fashion Show, a traditional rite of passage for Centenary fashion design majors.

As a high school senior, Soriero won first place in a fashion design competition sponsored by Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, a national career and technical student organization. The honor came with a scholarship to Centenary—the only University in New Jersey with a fashion major. Soriero, who minored in business marketing, recalled thinking, "Oh, gosh, I'm good at this!"

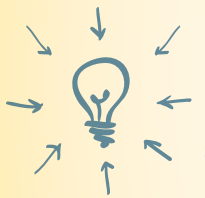
Once Soriero arrived on campus, she benefited from one-on-one attention from professors who helped to refine her eye for style. Now, Soriero hopes to work in New York on a creative design team. "Eventually, I want to be a wedding dress designer and own my own company," she said. "Hopefully, people are going to say, 'I want her dresses' and buy them."



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Entrepreneur Justin Dalcourt is the CEO of his own dessert firm, recently opening its second location in Hackettstown.



Enactus Co-president Mariah Russo and her teammates placed 3rd in an international competition.

Criminal Justice major Alexandra Wohr and a contingent of Centenary students conducted forensic studies at Cambridge University.



Future equine trainer Michael Andrade won three national riding championships and is starting a job with a top trainer.



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