

## Session Descriptions and Locations

**Campus Safety – Keeping our Students Safe – Robert Kumpf, Assistant Dean for Campus Security** - This session will answer any security related questions that a parent or guardian may have. An overview will be provided of the different Security initiatives that have been adopted at Centenary. Initiatives to be discussed include: mass notification systems, lockdown procedures, emergency call boxes as well as the anonymous crime tip line. Parking information and vehicle registration will also be provided. **Location: Formal Dining Room**

**Transitioning from High School to College – Amy D’Olvio, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Dr. Christine Floether, Assistant Professor of Psychology** – This program is designed for parents sending their first child off to college and will review your role as a parent in regards to influence, involvement, and other situations that relate to the first-year adjustment. We will also review campus resources that are available to assist your student in making a successful adjustment. You will also have the opportunity to meet one of our First Year Leaders and learn how instrumental these individuals are with ensuring a smooth transition for your student. **Location: West Dining Hall**

**Campus Life Panel – “What’s there to do on Campus?” – Neil Andrito, Director of Residence Life, Constance Edouard, Coordinator of Community Service, Don Gebhard, Assistant Chaplain and Tiffany Kushner, Director of Student Activities** – Parents...interested in learning about the variety of ways your student can get involved on campus? During this session our panel of experts will discuss the possibilities that are available to your student so that they can experience a rich and vibrant extra-curricular life here at Centenary! It doesn’t matter if your student is a resident or commuter – the possibilities are endless! **Location: Front Parlours**

**Academics 101 – Sandra Genduso, Assistant Professor of Education & Chair of the Education Department and Christopher Linne, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology** - All of us – parents, guardians, faculty and advisors – are stakeholders in your child’s educational journey. Your goal as parents or guardians is to see your child graduate and achieve their career goals. Our job as faculty is to guide and assist them through their academic career and help them achieve academic success! This session will include a brief overview of the academic requirements and will allow us to address general questions regarding requirements and programs at Centenary. **Location: The HUB**

**Academic Support Services – Dr. Sandra Moore, Dean of Students for Academic Support and Suzanne McCarthy, Director of Learning Services** – This session will provide information on the various services that are offered to assist your student in achieving their fullest academic potential through personalized attention. An overview will be provided of tutoring services, academic coaching, various workshops offered throughout the academic year, and the services offered by the HUB (the Tutoring and Writing Center). **Location: The HUB**

**Your Student Athlete – Billie Jo Blackwell, Director of Athletics** – This session is designed especially for parents of new student-athletes. An overview will be provided of NCAA, conference, and athletic department policies and procedures. We will address commonly asked questions, concerns and perceptions which include: expectations of parents & student-athletes, sportsmanship, missed class time, study hall, missed meal times, missed orientation activities, medical coverage, etc. **Location: The Gym Lobby**

**Student Handbook 101 – Kathleen Boody, Associate Dean of Students** – This session is designed to provide a brief overview of the Student Handbook. This handbook provides documentation of our policies and procedures to ensure every student learns in an environment that promotes their success. During this session we will highlight many popular topics such as: alcohol and drug policy, residence life policies including visitation & guests, and the judicial process. **Location: West Dining Hall**

**College-Parent Basics – Dr. Barbara-Jane Lewthwaite, President of Centenary College, Dr. Lynn Taylor, Acting Chief Academic Officer and Rev. David Jones, Vice President for Student Engagement and Services** – Join the President of the college and the Vice Presidents of Academic & Student Affairs for this informal discussion of your involvement with your student’s success. Included in this session is an overview of the academic and social culture at Centenary. Topics to be discussed include FERPA, The Cleary Act, accreditation and other realities of contemporary college life. **Location: The Formal Dining Room**

**Career Services: Workstudy Program & Internships – Trish Mahaffey, Director of Career Services and Jessica-Lee Marino, Career Services Coordinator** – This informative session will provide an overview of the services offered by our Career Department. This office is committed to providing students with the skills and tools necessary to be successful in their chosen careers. This session will address commonly asked questions regarding the federal and institutional workstudy program and some of the exciting internship opportunities available to our students. **Location: The Front Parlours**