

September 9, 2026

Dear Members of the Centenary Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I write to share that President Christopher L. Holoman has informed the Board of his intention to retire as President of Centenary College of Louisiana effective June 30, 2027. After thoughtful discussions with Dr. Holoman, the Board has accepted his retirement plans and has begun a deliberate succession planning process designed to ensure a smooth and successful transition for the College.

Leadership transitions are among the most important responsibilities entrusted to a governing board. Our commitment is to approach this transition with the same care, transparency, and long-term perspective that have guided Centenary through its most important decisions. We are fortunate that Dr. Holoman has provided nearly a full academic year of notice, allowing ample time for a comprehensive presidential search and a thoughtful transfer of responsibilities. This timeline positions the College well to build on its momentum while preparing for a new chapter in its history.

Over the coming months, the Board will engage faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other stakeholders as we identify the qualities and experience needed in Centenary's next president. We will establish a search committee, engage professional assistance as appropriate, and communicate regularly with the campus community regarding the process and timeline. Our goal is not simply to find a successor, but to identify a leader who can advance Centenary's mission, build upon its recent successes, and guide the College through the opportunities and challenges ahead.

At the same time, Dr. Holoman will remain fully engaged in leading the institution through June 30, 2027.

We have significant work in front of us: increasing non-student-athlete enrollment, investing in new facilities and academic programs, and continued fundraising. As Dr. Holoman completes his final year of service, please know that he will have the entire Board of Trustees' prayers, financial support, and efforts.

Transitions inevitably prompt reflection, but they also create opportunities. As we celebrate President Holoman's many contributions, we will also look forward with optimism. Centenary has thrived for more than two centuries because each generation has embraced both stewardship and renewal.

This generation is committed to ensuring that this transition honors that tradition.

Please join me in expressing gratitude to President Holoman for his dedicated service to Centenary College and in offering your support as we undertake this important succession process together.

Sincerely,



Ross P. Barrett
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Centenary College of Louisiana