



*In celebration and recognition of
Reverend Dr. Donald A. Webb*

It is my great privilege to designate May 4, 2026 as Dr. Donald A. Webb Day on our campus in honor of the 100th birthday of the Reverend Dr. Donald A. Webb, Centenary College's 28th president. Mayor Tom Arceneaux has also issued a similar proclamation for the City of Shreveport in recognition of Dr. Webb's extraordinary leadership and lasting impact on our institution and community.

Dr. Webb's life reflects a remarkable commitment to service, learning, and faith. Born in Wales in 1926, he served eight years in the British Royal Navy during World War II before answering a call to ministry and higher education that ultimately brought him to the United States. In 1977, he accepted the presidency of Centenary College at a critical moment in our history. Over the course of his tenure, from 1977 to 1991, he helped guide the College through meaningful change—strengthening our academic mission, stabilizing our financial footing, and deepening our ties to the United Methodist Church.

Following his presidency, Dr. Webb continued to serve Centenary and the broader community as President Emeritus, mentoring students and contributing significantly to church and community organizations, including the Volunteers of America Lighthouse program. Many of you have seen him at our annual Veterans Day ceremony, where he has delivered the invocation and proudly stood at the end of the program when the Centenary College Choir has sung "Heart of Oak", the anthem of the British Royal Navy. His influence is felt not only in our institutional history, but in the lives of countless individuals he has guided and inspired.

Known to many for his optimism and his enduring belief that "this is the best year yet," Dr. Webb's centennial offers us an opportunity to reflect on a life devoted to leadership, service, and education—and to express our gratitude for the legacy he leaves at Centenary.

Hundreds of faculty, staff, students and alumni have commemorated this special occasion with birthday cards that were delivered to Dr. Webb at a drive-by celebration at his home yesterday. As you go about your day this Monday, I hope you will join me in taking a moment to reflect on Dr. Webb and be grateful for his remarkable service to our College and our community.

We are honored to celebrate Centenary's newest Centenarian, Dr. Donald A. Webb.

Designated in Shreveport, Louisiana on the fourth day of May 2026 in the 201st year of the College.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Holoman,

The thirty-first president at Centenary College of Louisiana