Dear Students,

In 2008, the United States Congress passed and President Obama signed the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), which provides funding for federal financial aid programs, as well as other higher education funding and requirement changes. Part of this Act included new requirements for colleges to notify all students regarding the illegality of sharing files covered under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998. This e-mail shall serve as Century College’s official notice to all enrolled students.

This e-mail is directed to ALL Century College students and does NOT mean that you have done anything wrong related to illegal file sharing. It is simply a required notice.

Downloading or distributing copyrighted material, including through peer-to-peer file sharing, without the permission of the copyright owner is against the law. Illegal downloading or distribution of copyrighted materials can result in you being prosecuted in criminal court and/or sued for damages in civil court. Criminal penalties for first-time offenders can be as high as five years in prison and $250,000 in fines. If sued in civil court, you may be responsible for monetary damages, attorneys’ fees and civil penalties up to $150,000 per work distributed. Use of Century College technology resources (including accessing the Century College wired or wireless network from your personal computer) for unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials is prohibited.

By your use of Century College technology resources, you formally acknowledge that you have been informed of the rules regarding illegal file sharing and the consequences that can come from inappropriate use of computers and network resources belonging to Century College, located in White Bear Lake, MN.

If Century College receives information about suspected illegal file sharing, the Information Technology Services department shall notify you via your Century College student e-mail account and ask you to sign and return a form acknowledging that you have participated in an illegal activity. Failure to return the signed form in the time allotted and/or repeated infractions by the same student will result in a student code of conduct notification and associated penalties, including restrictions from using Century College technology resources.

For further information about illegal file sharing, please visit:

