



Christopher Newport College

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Dear CNC Associate:

Marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the teaching life of the College, September 19, 1986 will be the day of celebration for all of us who work and teach here, for those who are studying or who have studied here, and for those who have come to understand the remarkable greatness of our school. At the center of the day shall be a morning academic convocation and a festive luncheon. Invitations are being extended widely and will number near ten thousand.

The noted writer William Raspberry of the Washington Post will deliver the day's major address. Short commemorative talks will be made by Dr. Davis Y. Paschall, President of our mother college, The College of William and Mary, at the moment of our birth; Dr. H. Westcott Cunningham, our first President; and Dr. Lois Wright Abramczyk, our first graduate who is now Assistant Dean of the School of Social Work at the University of South Carolina.

The Day has importance both as a historical marker and as ground breaker, in that it will be our first effort at a convocation whose focus is truly upon us as a collegial body. Its success both as a moment in history and as an event that can transform future college calendars is, I believe, an outcome worthy of our deepest commitment. Toward the end of making this a presentation of our best, I shall be asking for your help between now and the 19th.

Thanking you for your personal contribution to the quality of Christopher Newport College, I remain

Sincerely,

L. Barron Wood, Jr.
Chairman

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration

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