

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

# WINTER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

AUGUST AND DECEMBER, CLASS OF 2024



In celebration of the 99th  
Conferring of Degrees

Wednesday, December Eighteenth  
Two Thousand and Twenty-four

Ferguson Center for the Arts  
Diamonstein Concert Hall

## ALMA MATER

Knowledge, truth, eternal wisdom,  
Alma Mater we adore.

Your sons and daughters walk the pathway  
Trodden by those who came before.

With passion, loyalty, and courage,  
We wave the silver and the blue.  
Our Alma Mater shining brightly,  
Hail, all hail, to CNU.

Arr. A. R. Forte



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# CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY



## OUR MISSION

The mission of Christopher Newport University is to provide educational and cultural opportunities that benefit CNU students, the residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation.

Christopher Newport provides outstanding academic programs, encourages service and leadership within the community, and provides opportunities for student involvement in nationally and regionally recognized research and arts programs.

At CNU, personal attention in small classes creates a student-centered environment where creativity and excellence can flourish. Our primary emphasis is to provide outstanding undergraduate education. We also serve the Commonwealth with master's degree programs that provide intellectual and professional development for graduate-level students.

We are committed to providing a liberal arts and sciences education that stimulates intellectual inquiry and fosters social and civic values. Christopher Newport students acquire the qualities of mind and spirit that prepare them to lead lives with meaning and purpose. As a state university, we are committed to service that shapes the economic, civic and cultural life of our community and the Commonwealth.

## OUR VISION

Christopher Newport University, a small academically selective public university, is grounded in the principles of liberal learning and dedicated to the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. We celebrate the values inherent in the liberal arts and sciences and live as a community of honor to inspire our students to lead lives of significance.

We aspire to be a preeminent, public liberal arts and sciences university. We will pursue excellence in all that we do and dedicate ourselves to those initiatives that will strengthen our teaching, our scholarship, our academic programs and disciplines, and our campus community. We will build an intimate, diverse, residential community, which will attract the most academically talented, inquisitive and intellectually adventuresome students. We will ignite in our students a love of learning and instill a sense of responsibility and civic duty that will give our graduates the knowledge and confidence to engage as responsible leaders and citizens in their communities, the nation and the world.

## OUR VALUES

- Honor
- Leadership
- Scholarship
- Service



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Dear Class of 2024:

We are proud and excited to join you in celebrating firsts. For many of you, this is your first graduation with pomp and tradition because the pandemic disrupted your senior year of high school. Also, Christopher Newport has never held a full scale winter commencement quite like this. You have earned this moment with your classmates, friends and family and we are thrilled that we can be part of it.

More firsts are ahead – your first full-time job or perhaps you'll be the first in your family to pursue a graduate degree. In the near future, you may buy your first home and your first car and experience other firsts. Life, as they say, comes at you fast. But as a Captain for Life, here's what will never change: your values. You embrace honor, service, scholarship and leadership. We've seen it in your years on campus, how you've performed public service, excelled in the classroom and in clubs, sports and activities, and opened doors, so many doors.

Soon, those values will serve as the foundation for whatever you do next. We hope you come back to campus often and not just for Homecoming. Please share your joys and accomplishments with us. Send a note to a faculty or staff member or a coach who changed your life. Participate in the array of dynamic alumni activities. Mentor, support, and give back.

Spread the word about your University so more Captains like you can walk in your footsteps. Right now, though, celebrate all that you have accomplished and all the people in your life who made it possible.

As you read this, know that we are cheering for you and always will.

*W. B. Kelly*

**Go Captains!**



# ACADEMIC REGALIA

The wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at college and university occasions dates back to the formation of universities in Europe, beginning around the 12th century. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of clerics. Historians suggest that gowns and hoods were the simplest and most effective method of staying warm in the unheated, stone buildings that housed medieval scholars. The gowns worn in American academic ceremonies vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer.

## The Degree Candidates

### Bachelor's Degrees

Candidates for the bachelor's degree wear a gown that falls to the knee, has a closed front and long, pointed, open sleeves. Candidates wear black mortarboard caps with black tassels. All candidates for first degrees wear the tassel on the right side of the cap until the degree has been conferred.

### Master's Degrees

Candidates for the master's degree wear a gown with a closed front with oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. Candidates wear black mortarboard caps with black tassels.

## The Hood

The hoods are lined in silk with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. More than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as by chevrons. Christopher Newport University graduates wear a hood lined in blue with a silver chevron. The binding or edging of the hood is velvet with widths of two inches for the bachelor's degree and three inches for the master's degree. The color of the border signifies the degree granted by Christopher Newport University:

Bachelor of Arts	white
Bachelor of Music	pink
Bachelor of Science	golden yellow
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	drab
Bachelor of Science in Information Science	gold
Master of Arts in Teaching	light blue
Master of Financial Analysis	drab
Master of Science	golden yellow

## The Faculty

Faculty members wear regalia that represent their disciplines and the institutions of higher learning that granted their degrees. The doctor's gown has an open front and large bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bars (black, but sometimes in discipline colors). The doctor's cap may be made of velvet and may have tassels of gold or the color of the wearer's degree. Hood linings, edges and chevrons represent the field in which the degree was granted:

Agriculture	maize	Nursing	apricot
Arts, Letters and Humanities	white	Oratory (speech)	silver gray
Business	drab	Pharmacy	olive green
Dentistry	lilac	Philosophy	dark blue
Economics	copper	Physical Education	sage green
Education	light blue	Political Science	citron-light yellow
Engineering	orange	Public Administration, including Foreign Service	peacock blue
Fine Arts and Architecture	brown	Public Health	salmon pink
Forestry	russet	Science	golden yellow
Journalism	crimson	Social Work	citron yellow
Law	purple	Theology	scarlet
Library Science	lemon yellow	Veterinary Science	gray
Medicine	green		
Music	pink		





# ORDER OF EXERCISES

<b>Processional*</b> <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	CNU Wind Ensemble Mark U. Reimer, D.M., Conductor <i>Distinguished Professor and Director of Music</i>
<b>Investiture of the Mace*</b>	Jay S. Paul, Ph.D. <i>Senior Faculty Member and Director of the Honors Program</i>
<b>The National Anthem*</b>	Grace Farris '27 <i>CNU Voice Major</i>
<b>Invocation*</b>	Quentin Kidd, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
<b>Welcome from the Board of Visitors</b>	Christy Morton '01 <i>Rector, Board of Visitors</i>
<b>Commencement Address</b>	William G. Kelly <i>President</i>
<b>Presentation of Degree Candidates and Ceremonial Conferring of Degrees</b>	Dr. Kidd and President Kelly
<b>Degree Presentation</b>	Dr. Paul, President Kelly and Rector Morton
<b>Alumni Remarks and Alumni Oath</b>	The Honorable Nathaniel Fontaine '07 <i>President, Alumni Society Board</i>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	President Kelly
<b>Alma Mater*</b>	Ms. Farris
<b>Divestiture of the Mace*</b>	Dr. Paul
<b>Recessional*</b>	CNU Wind Ensemble

*\*Those who are able are requested to stand*



# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### *Art and Art History*

##### *Art History*

Alexa Ocean Bergeron

Aryana Nereida Mosquera

Gillian Stolz

#### *English*

Kayla Alexis Cole

Austin Matthew Coose\*

Annie Mason Lauderback

Emily Gail Smith\*

Caleb Werner

#### *Fine and Performing Arts*

##### *Music*

Meagan Dewsbury

##### *Theatre*

Lily Katherine Pond\*

Cassandra Joyce Taxter

#### *Global Commerce and Culture*

Elliot Forrest French\*

Kenneth James Hansin\*

Brian Douglas Harold Jr.\*

Jonathan Peery\*

Heather Elizabeth Rollins\*

Briana Terry

#### *History*

Dane William Christensen\*

Aidan E. Fritz

Gary Eugene Marx

Jack Baird Perry

Jesse Nathaniel Signs

#### *Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures*

##### *Classical Studies*

Catherine Mae Dickason

#### *Philosophy*

Jamil Bai Koroma

Jessie Tabella

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### BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Michael C.J. Monette\*

\*August 2024 Graduates







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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### *Biology*

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Shai J. Franklin  
Celeste Jordan Holliday\*

Hannah Marie Lusk  
Madison Marie Menefee  
Caitlin Noelle Miklos

Charles R. Pauling II\*  
Mikylar Deshareion Smalls

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Nicolette Lorraine Christensen

Julia L. Joyce  
Grant M. Kowal\*

Adyson Grace Royall

#### *Psychology*

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Abigail Marie Barnes  
Ashley Elizabeth-Ann Beckett\*  
Kayla May Conners  
McKayla Havemann  
Amanda Lauren Hughes\*

Eden Lael Jackson  
Ryan K. McDowell  
Joshua Taylor Nelson  
Virginia A. Perry  
Camaryn Sechrist  
Donna Elizabeth Sharpe

Ella Caroline Shields  
Bridget N. Storer  
Rachel Madison Vander Molen\*  
Mary Elizabeth Waclo  
Penelope Isabelle Wong  
Katherine Elizabeth Young

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#### *Biochemistry*

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Taylor Mae Waddell

#### *Cellular, Molecular and Physiological Biology*

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Robert Bennett Fleet IV  
Joshua Ray Hartley\*  
Hannah Olivia Johnson

Alicia Caroline Kelleher  
Hannah Katherine Mammen  
Kaela Mae-Zhi McCrossin  
Daniel James Nathan

Lauren Elizabeth Shea\*  
Tiffany Ann Sugrim  
Daniel J. Vobrak

#### *Chemistry*

Nicholas Russo



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## ***Integrative Biology***

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## ***Kinesiology***

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Allyson Michele Castle  
Courtney C. Ennis

Madison Grace Gates  
Addison Kaye Hart  
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Makenzie Patch  
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Micaela Flores-Vaccari

Payton Elizabeth Harris\*  
Kailynne Doris Landry

Hannah Nicole Webber

## ***Organismal and Environmental Biology***

Ayden Elizabeth Carr

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## ***Psychology***

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Abigail Marie Boone

Macy Kaye Burk  
Krystal Elisabeth Langhorne

Anyshia S. Miles



# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### *Computer Engineering*

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Colby P. Skelly

#### *Computer Foundations*

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##### *Information Systems*

Jack Bellus

#### *Electrical Engineering*

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Cameron E. Seate

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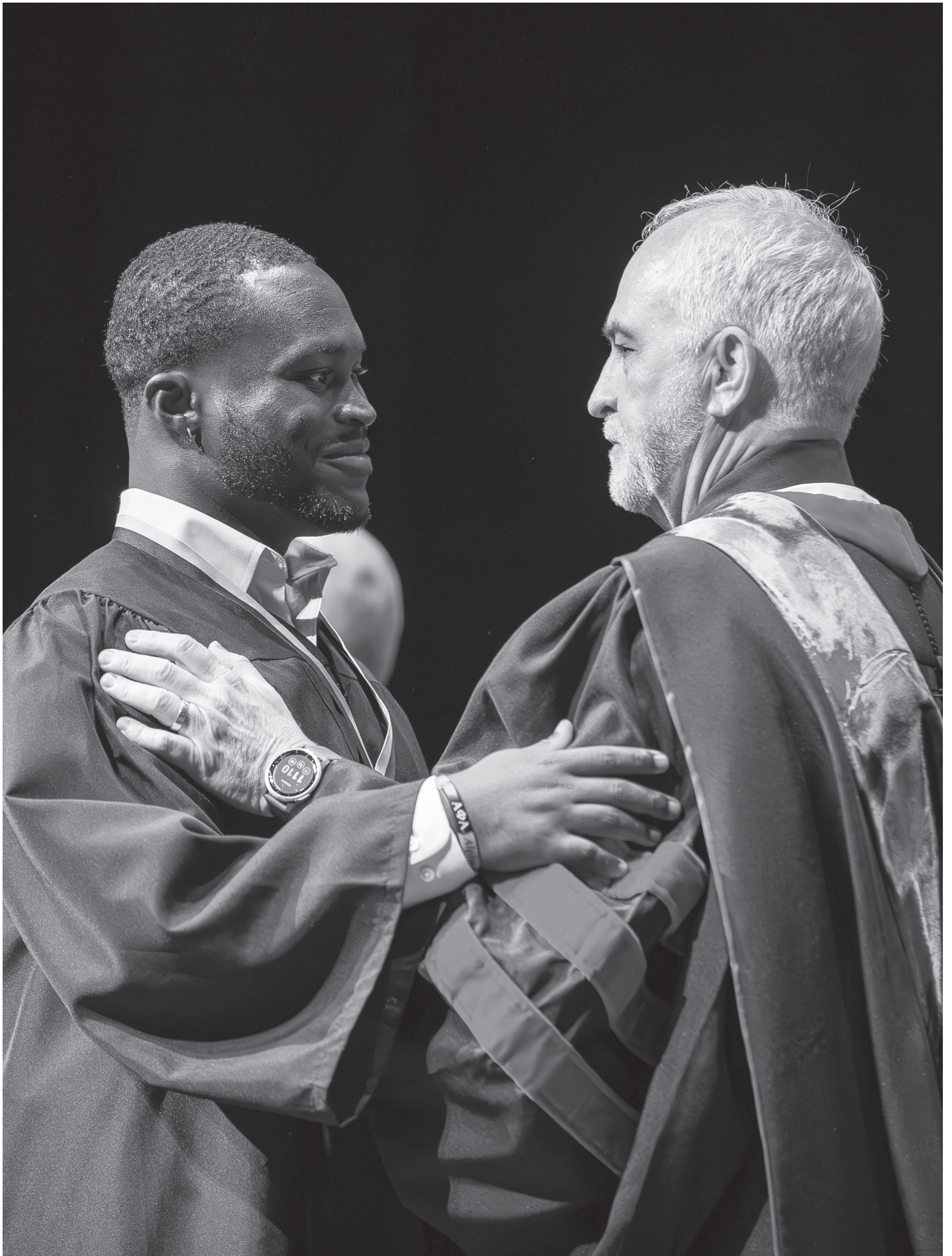
### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCE

#### *Biochemistry*

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Taylor Mae Waddell









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## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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