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As I walked our campus this morning, I was reminded once again of the beauty of this place, and how far we have come, and how hard each of us is working to make CNU one of America's pre-eminent liberal arts universities! Thanks for all you do each day to make this a magical place, and I wish you a happy, healthy and successful 2013.

CNU Shines on Princeton Review and Kiplinger's Lists



Today The Princeton Review announced that CNU has been selected as one of 150 higher education institutions to be

Ask the President

CNU is a work in progress, and we strive for excellence in all we do.

I welcome your advice, suggestions and questions. Let me know how we can do better or where we fall short of expectations.

Email your advice and questions to:
AskPST@cnu.edu

I will include some of your questions and answers in my future messages.



included in *The Best Value Colleges: 2013 Edition*. CNU is also ranked in the top 100 public institutions by [Kiplinger's Best Values in Public Colleges 2013](#). These ratings are based on a consideration of academic quality and affordability.

The university also appears in the top 100 of Lumosity's list of smartest colleges based on the measurement of student intelligence. CNU joins William & Mary and UVA as the highest ranked schools in Virginia. You can read the complete report [here](#).

Signature Scholarships

The students we accept gain admission to many of the best schools in America. Those schools possess large endowments, completed infrastructure and often have been in business for hundreds of years.

In spite of the intense competition we face, and the fact that we are still a work in progress, every year CNU is selected by outstanding students. When we are able to provide scholarships we balance the playing field and prevail against the finest public and private schools. Let me give you two examples.



Canon USA President Joe Adachi, Canon Virginia Inc. President Toru Nishizawa and Canon Leadership Scholars

Our freshman class includes 40 Canon Scholars who earned, on average, a high school GPA of 4.26 and a 1350 SAT. Canon Scholars participate in the [President's Leadership Program](#), receive a merit scholarship of \$5,000/year and the opportunity to study at Oxford. This important program is funded by Canon USA and Canon Virginia and we are most grateful for that strong and generous support.



2012 Smithfield Leadership Scholars with
Smithfield Foods President Larry Pope

The freshman class includes 91 Smithfield Goodwin Scholars with an average GPA of 3.96 and a 1276 SAT. Smithfield Goodwin Scholars receive a scholarship of \$2,000/year, an additional \$2,000 stipend toward foreign study, and participate in the President's Leadership Program.

The Smithfield Goodwin Leadership Scholars program is made possible by the generosity of the Smithfield-Luter Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Goodwin Jr. of Richmond, Va.

Forbes Hall Phase II



The addition to Mary Brock Forbes Hall is now open. The new wing adds 44,000 square feet of classrooms, laboratories and a vivarium, an interactive learning laboratory where students will conduct hands-on science by raising animals and plants for observation and research.

Phase II provides dedicated teaching and research labs for our faculty, enabling them to expand the focus of their experiments and provide more undergraduate research opportunities.

CNU offers a unique chance for students to pursue cutting-edge investigation. At other institutions these opportunities are reserved

for graduate and post-doctoral students.

With the opening of this remarkable facility, we greatly advance CNU's development as *the* place for undergraduate research in Virginia.

Spring 2013 Career Fair



On January 31, more than 400 CNU students attended the Center for Career Planning's Spring Career and Graduate School Fair. Ninety-one organizations (including 14 graduate schools) were on campus to promote internships, full-time employment and graduate degree programs.

This year, 30 CNU alumni represented their organizations at the fair. Not only were they promoting employment opportunities, but they were also giving back to their alma mater by talking to current students and sharing insights from their own career paths.

The Center for Career Planning is a wonderful resource for CNU students and alumni, with a wealth of resources and expertise that enable our students to achieve career success. Visit the Center online at ccp.cnu.edu.

New Summer Vocal Institute

CNU has established the Torggler Summer Vocal Institute (TSVI), an intensive two-week residency program where emerging young singers will learn from professional vocal instructors and performers.

TSVI is made possible by a generous gift from George and Mary Torggler, retired entrepreneurs and longtime supporters of the arts and education. They are also the parents of Hunter Torggler, a CNU senior vocal performance major.

The Institute is scheduled for July 7 through 21. A maximum of 50 high school and college students will be selected to participate.

Visiting artists for summer 2013 include internationally acclaimed lyric-coloratura soprano, Costanza Cuccaro; Grammy Award-winning dramatic tenor, Ben Heppner; nine-time Grammy Award winner and founding member of The Manhattan Transfer, Janis Siegel; and Tony-winning actor and singer, Brian Stokes Mitchell.

Visit www.tsvinstitute.org for details.



CNU Welcomes New Greek Chapters

Sorority bid day and fraternity spring recruitment have just been completed and a total of 1,025 students are now participating in Greek social organizations. This year we welcomed two new Greek organizations to campus: Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity.



80 new members of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Theta Nu chapter on charter night



Athletics Roundup

As the regular season enters the home stretch, both CNU basketball teams have put together great performances, and have 20-win seasons well within sight.



Junior Tra Benefield drives to the net

The men's team is tops in the USA South and is ranked 21st in the nation. Lead by junior standout Tra Benefield, who is averaging nearly 20 points per game, the Captains have an impressive 15-4 record. Sophomores Mike Cherry and Nik Biberaj join Benefield in averaging double figures in scoring.



Junior Tia Perry goes for the lay-up

The women's team is led by first-year coach Bill Broderick, who has guided CNU to an 18-2 record, the second best start in CNU women's basketball history. Juniors Tia Perry and Nicole Mitchell join sophomore Camry Green to form a powerful trio that leads the team in nearly every category. The women are looking forward to tomorrow's home game against conference rival N.C. Wesleyan. Come help us "Fill the Freeman" -- wear your CNU blue and support

the Captains! Tip-off is 7 p.m.

This is the final season for Christopher Newport in the USA South, as we enter the Capital Athletic Conference July 1, 2013. During our tenure, CNU's men and women hoopsters have posted an impressive 24 combined league championships and 32 NCAA tournament appearances. You can catch all CNU basketball games on your computer at CNUsports.com/live.



Freshman Jennifer Westerholm clears a hurdle

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams are off to a strong start in 2012-13, earning high marks in the first regional rankings for the year. Both squads are ranked #1 in the south region and are preparing for conference and national meets.

The women's team has seen outstanding performances in the distance medley relay where two freshmen, Lydia Cromwell and Melissa Rizor, and two sophomores, Jessica McClelland and Enuma Ezenwa, have teamed up to drop the school record by 20 seconds. Freshman Jenny Westerholm has also distinguished herself early in her CNU career and is currently ranked eighth in Division III's pentathlon.

The men's team has registered performances this season that rank in the top 10 all-time at CNU. Senior Ray Gamache now ranks third in school history in the 3,000-meters while freshman Josh Showalter holds the eighth best mark in the same event. The teams will return to the track for the Mason-Dixon Indoor Championship in The Freeman Center on February 16.

CNUsports.com has complete athletics coverage, schedules and ticket information.

Alumni Corner

Alumni are all-important members of any great institution and we enjoy hearing about the many accomplishments and activities of Christopher Newport graduates. Our Captains for Life are achieving great success in their personal and professional lives while giving back to their communities.

This past Thanksgiving, some of our South Hampton Roads alumni spent an afternoon at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. They

helped distribute more than 200 pounds of turkey, potatoes and other items to families in the South Hampton Roads community.

In December, I enjoyed visiting many CNU alumni in Richmond and on the Peninsula and Deans Bob Colvin and Steven Breese attended a festive gathering of the Metro DC Alumni Chapter. These were great opportunities for us to hear more about the successes of our graduates and for alumni to reconnect with friends and faculty.



Please send us your news and keep us up to date by submitting a [class note](#).

The Month in Photos

To share our campus spirit with you, each newsletter includes a link to a [photo gallery](#) featuring images of exciting events from the past month. Enjoy!

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