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## CNU's 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration

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To: employees@cnu.edu, faculty@cnu.edu

Dear Colleagues,

Our beloved CNU will soon celebrate a historic milestone. As our website says, "We have been sailing along for 50 years -- and now it's time to have a party!" Rosemary and I invite you to join us on **Sunday, September 18** -- the very day that Christopher Newport opened its doors for the first time in 1961-- for an incredible 50th Anniversary celebration.

Our black-tie gala will begin at 6:30 pm with an elegant dinner paired with live performances. Throughout the evening, we will showcase the incredible talent of our CNU students, faculty and alumni as we fondly remember the past and look forward to the next 50 years. And, of course, you can't have a proper anniversary party without a show-stopping finale and cake for everyone!

To express our appreciation for your many contributions to our success - every day of the year - I have requested a discount of \$50 on each ticket ordered by CNU faculty, staff and employees between July 14, 2011 and August 11, 2011. **After that time, tickets will again be \$200 each.** Simply click on the following link - after July 14 - to purchase tickets for the Gala or for additional details: <http://www.cnu.edu/50/gala/index.asp>. Proceeds from the Gala dinner (less the meal cost) will directly benefit merit and need-based scholarships at CNU.

If you would like to have your early ticket purchase automatically deducted from your paycheck, simply call Fonda Smith in the Office of University Advancement at 594-7038 and she will be happy to assist. Moreover, if you are a CNU employee **and** a recent CNU grad (2006-2011), when you go to the Gala website, look for the Young Alumni link for even greater savings on tickets.

In addition to the Gala on Sunday evening, there are a number of other activities planned for our special anniversary weekend - from a "birthday party" on the Great Lawn for all students, to a huge BBQ tailgate on James River Field, to our very first football game under the lights that Saturday night. Details about all of these events can be found on our CNU website at: <http://www.cnu.edu/50/events/>

[index.asp](#).

Rosemary and I look forward to celebrating with you!

Sincerely,  
Paul Tribble

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