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CNU READY IS A NEW PATHWAY FOR TCC STUDENTS

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President William Kelly and Tidewater Community College (TCC) President Dr. Marcia Conston signed an agreement that creates *CNU Ready*.

It is a pathway to prepare TCC students for the next step in their educational journey at Christopher Newport University and completion of a bachelor's degree.

Kelly and Conston put pen and ink to the partnership in a Christopher Newport Hall ceremony attended by leaders of both institutions.

"This agreement embodies our shared commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for the students of Hampton Roads," Kelly said.

The University has a [similar agreement](#) in place with Virginia Peninsula Community College and is seeking additional partnerships to help community college students from across Virginia continue their education.

TCC has campuses in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. It is the second largest of the 23 Virginia community colleges, enrolling nearly 25,000 students.

"We are pleased and proud to partner with Christopher Newport in providing access and opportunity for our students and, together, building a better community," Conston said.

Kelly and Conston outlined the benefits TCC students will enjoy through *CNU Ready*:

- Co-advising through both TCC and CNU to better support preparation and transition
- Early access to events and support services while reducing the time to earn their degree.
- Early access to CNU's on-campus events and resources such as transfer visits and tours, writing workshops, career workshops, financial literacy workshops, student success workshops, and faculty spotlights with both TCC and CNU faculty.

"We will welcome, encourage and support these TCC students so they are ready to thrive at CNU," Kelly said. "We hope they stay right here in Hampton Roads, building their careers and families here and making this an even stronger community."

"This agreement is a testament to the power of collaboration in higher education," said Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Lisa Duncan Raines. "By combining our strengths, we can create a more robust and supportive educational experience for our students and we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to succeed."
