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We've had an amazing year at CNU. I want to share some of the incredible images from Commencement, exciting news about our programs and wish you a happy Memorial Day weekend!

CNU Celebrates 86th Commencement

Capt. Hat



Ask the President

CNU is a work in progress, and we are all striving hard to pursue 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

More than 10,000 people were in attendance as the sun burst through gray skies when CNU celebrated Commencement on Sunday, May 15, at POMOCO Stadium. Over 1,000 graduates, the largest class in CNU history, took part in the ceremony.

and answers in my
future
communications.

50th Gala Celebration

CNU is celebrating our 50th
anniversary throughout
2011-12.

Please join us on
Sunday, Sept. 18, for
CNU's

50th Anniversary
Gala Celebration.

Join the university family
for a festive evening of live
performances and elegant
dinning.

50.cnu.edu

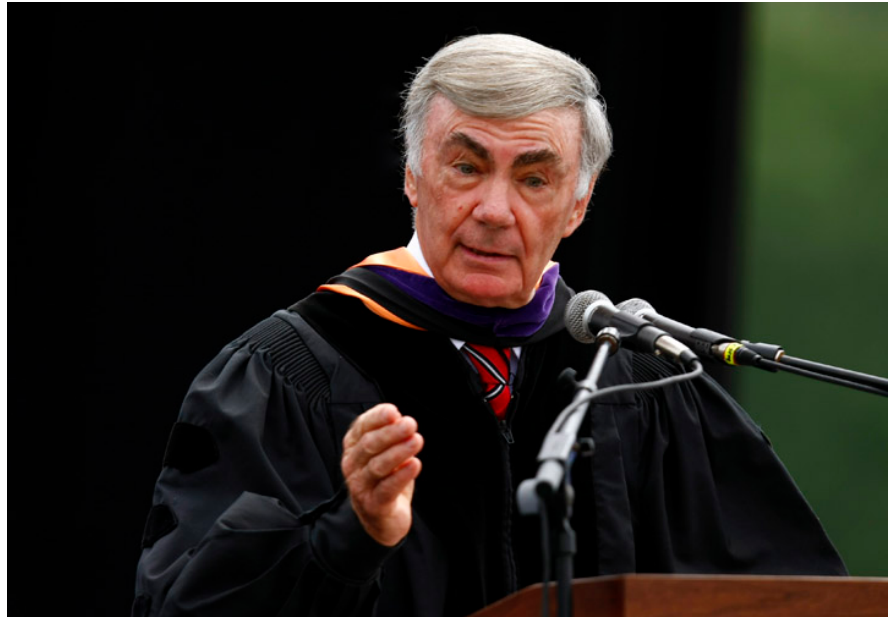


CNU faculty, honorees and their families gather in the Ferguson Center for the Arts for the Latin Honors Convocation.

John Conrad



CNU Rector John Conrad welcomes the commencement audience.



Keynote speaker, ABC newsman Sam Donaldson, addresses the graduates. You can [watch](#) Mr. Donaldson's speech online on CNU's YouTube channel.

Rosemary Hugs a Student



University First Lady Rosemary Tribble embraces a graduate after she receives her degree.

ROTC Oath of Office



CNU ROTC graduates recite the oath of office and become the newest second lieutenants in the U.S. army.

Seniors at the Trib house



We are so very grateful for the more than 400 graduates who together

donated more than \$30,000 to support CNU through the senior class gift. Participants gathered at the president's residence to celebrate with a champagne toast.

Softball No. 2 in America

Softball image



The 2011 CNU Softball team made an exciting run to the NCAA Division III National Championship. The unranked Captains won seven straight games against nationally ranked opponents, including an epic 13-inning come-from-behind victory against No. 2 Emory. CNU finished with a 38-12 overall record and made a fifth straight NCAA Tournament and second straight NCAA Finals appearance. Complete tournament information can be found at the NCAA's Division III Softball Championship [website](#).

Baseball Sets New Mark



Captains baseball enjoyed a record-setting season winning 39 games en route to a No. 1 national ranking, a USA South Conference championship and another NCAA Tournament berth.

Golf Team Takes USA South Title

CNU Golf



The CNU golf team won a first-ever USA South Championship and an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. The Captains continued their hot play at the NCAA Championships finishing 11th in the nation.

Football Under the Lights!



A new era of CNU football begins at POMOCO Stadium on September 17th when the Captains play their first home game under the lights. The Captains open the season Labor Day weekend in POMOCO Stadium with a 1 p.m. game against Waynesburg and then return to campus to celebrate CNU's 50th anniversary on Sept. 17 against Salisbury at 7 p.m.

The complete 2011 football schedule can be found [HERE](#).



CNU a Top-Three School in Textbook Drive

Christopher Newport University ranked among the top three campuses

in the fall 2010 CARE for AIDS Textbook Drive. Proceeds support Kenyan families living with HIV/AIDS. The other top schools were Texas A&M and Texas Christian University.

Twenty-seven campuses from across the United States participated in the drive, raising \$90,000. Thank you to all CNU students who took part in this great cause, underscoring our longstanding commitment to making the world a better place.

CNU Music Continues to Soar

CNU Orchestra



CNU has built one the finest undergraduate voice programs in the country.

In this year's statewide National Association of Teachers of Singing competition, which includes the best voice majors from every school in Virginia, CNU captured three first-place awards: Caroline Scruggs in Freshmen Women, Wesley Evans in Junior Men and Marshall Severin in Junior Men Music Theatre. CNU also earned five second-place awards: Rachel Sowinski in Freshmen

Women, Renae Erichsen in Freshmen Women Music Theatre, Michael Baggett in Senior Men, Marshall Severin in Junior Men and Wesley Evans in Junior Men Music Theatre. Winning Honors (third place) were Caroline Scruggs in Freshmen Women Music Theatre, Paul Keene in Sophomore Men, and Emi Frantz and Victoria Myers in Senior Women. CNU took home half of all the possible first- and second-place awards.

The CNU Indoor Drumline won the gold trophy in the Atlantic Indoor Competition Championships followed by the CNU Indoor Guard, which won the bronze, beating teams from the University of Virginia, The College of William & Mary, and other schools across Virginia.

In 2012 the Marching Captains will participate in London's New Year's Day Parade, the Women's Chorus will sing in the United Kingdom and the Chamber Choir in Germany and Italy. This summer, voice and piano majors will be studying and performing in Cornwall and at The University of Oxford in what we hope will soon become an ongoing national summer music program.

Chapel Constuction Begins

CNU Chapel



The University has broken ground on CNU's future chapel, which will welcome people of all faiths. Here we will nurture hearts and minds by hosting student groups, religious activities and weddings, as well as musical performances and lectures.

The Chapel will be located near the entrance of campus between the Ferguson Center and the Library. Funds for its construction were provided by generous donors and benefactors.

Stage Set for TheaterCNU

Pinafore Finale



TheaterCNU brought to a close a triumphant year with six standing room-only performances of a sparkling production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*.

Next year's TheaterCNU schedule includes *Brighton Beach Memoires*, *Duchess of Malfi*, *Steel Pier* and *Humble Boy*

Find out more at theater.cnu.edu.

Ferguson Announces 2011-2012 Season



The Ferguson Center for the Arts announced the 2011-2012 season of nearly 40 attractions featuring the finest performing artists in the world.

Highlights include:

The New Mel Brooks Musical *Young Frankenstein*

Willie Nelson

Tony Bennett



Celtic Woman *A Christmas Celebration - The Symphony Tour*

Royal Philharmonic

Damn Yankees

Diana Krall



Patti LaBelle
Mamma Mia
and much, much more!

Now is a great time to subscribe and get the best seats in the house. Visit www.fergusoncenter.org for details.

50 Outstanding Alumni to Be Honored!

As part of our [50th anniversary festivities](#), Christopher Newport University will honor 50 alumni who exemplify the Captains spirit and have achieved success and significance in their lives.

I invite you to nominate Christopher Newport alumni who in your opinion have made significant contributions to our university, community, commonwealth or country.

Please submit your nomination [here](#).

Along with your name and contact information, be sure to include the nominee's full name, graduation year and achievements. **We'll be collecting nominees now through June 1, 2011.**

I look forward to hearing from you.

