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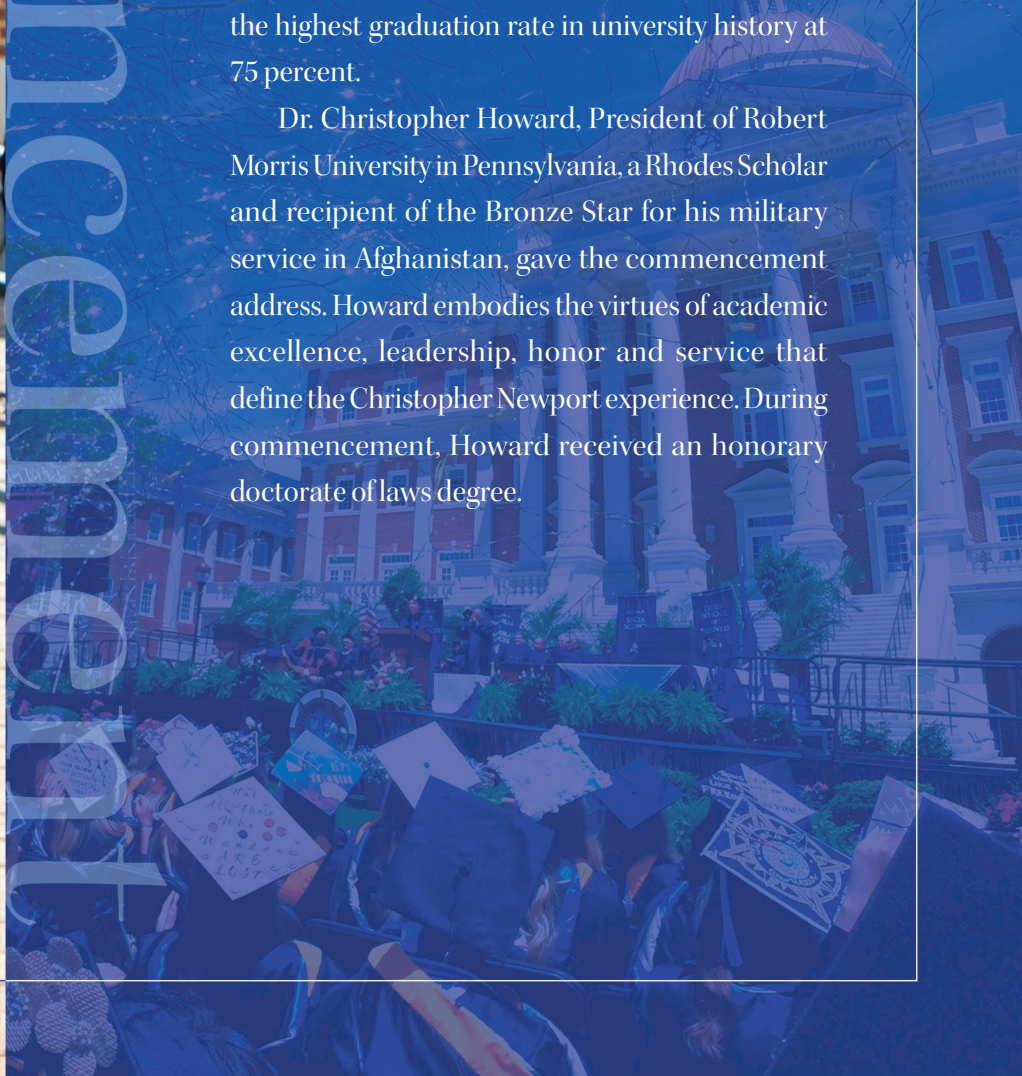
Commencement



Dr. Christopher Howard

MORE THAN 1,300 Captains received diplomas during this year's commencement exercises to cap off a week of celebrations. The largest graduating class to date, the Class of 2016 achieved the highest graduation rate in university history at 75 percent.

Dr. Christopher Howard, President of Robert Morris University in Pennsylvania, a Rhodes Scholar and recipient of the Bronze Star for his military service in Afghanistan, gave the commencement address. Howard embodies the virtues of academic excellence, leadership, honor and service that define the Christopher Newport experience. During commencement, Howard received an honorary doctorate of laws degree.



CONGRATULATIONS

A celebratory moment at the Bell Tower



President and Mrs. Tribble toast the Class of 2016.



The Klich Award for graduates with the highest overall GPA went to (from left) Kevin Konort, Jacob Reeves and Dana Nissel.



Winners of the Rosemary Tribble Prize for Leadership and Service included (from left) Quinton Pace, Mary Kate Dodge, Mariah James, Cate Graney, CJ Cahill and Carol Dougherty.



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ROTC commissioning —
a commencement tradition



Members of the Class of 1966 reunite after 50 years.



campus news



University Receives Top Rankings

ONCE AGAIN, Christopher Newport is the nation's only public institution to earn a perfect "A" rating from the nonprofit American Council of Trustees and Alumni. A perfect score indicates that a school requires all seven subjects deemed essential to a quality education: literature, composition, economics, mathematics, foreign language, science and American history/government.

Forbes magazine has named Christopher Newport as one of the top five medium-sized public colleges in the South on its 2016 list of America's Top Colleges. *Forbes* ranks colleges based on a calculation that determines each university's return on investment by looking at the satisfaction of current graduates, current graduation rates, student debt levels and job placement rates. The University was also designated by *Kiplinger's Personal*

Finance as one of the Top 100 Best Public Colleges and Top 300 Best College Values. In addition, the undergraduate program at the Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business was included in the 2016 *Bloomberg Businessweek* Best Undergraduate Business Schools rankings. The program was ranked No. 93 among all undergraduate business schools.

This fall *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Christopher Newport fifth among public regional universities in the South and 14th among all regional universities in the South.

Christopher Newport was also named to the Princeton Review's list of the "Best 381 Colleges" in America and was highly ranked in several categories. The University placed No. 2 for "Best Dorms," No. 15 for "Best Science Lab Facilities" and No. 8 for "Most Engaged in Community Service."

Second Annual CNU Day Raises \$300K

ON MARCH 17 we celebrated in style, showing the world how lucky we are to be Captains with a second day of giving. This special event is a time to show our pride in Christopher Newport, honor our history and raise crucial funds to support the University. And this year the Marching Captains added some extra spirit, performing at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin.

More than 1,400 donors – including 658 alumni – contributed over \$300,000. On social media we reached nearly a million people in 31 states and eight countries. The #CNUDay16 hashtag was trending on Twitter for six

hours, making the campaign one of the hottest topics being discussed across the platform.

We raised in excess of \$55,000 for two featured initiatives: Global Captains and the Over the Top Fund. We believe study abroad is a life-changing experience. The Global Captains fund helps students who desire to study abroad but lack the means to do so. Contributions to the Over the Top Fund were divided among three initiatives in need of additional support to begin making a meaningful difference in the life of the University. They include the following:

DR. TRACEY SCHWARZE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN THE HUMANITIES

Support for this professorship honors the memory of the late Associate Provost Dr. Tracey Schwarze, a cherished professor and gifted administrator. It will help Christopher Newport recruit and retain a top teacher-scholar in the humanities, an educator who will greatly impact the lives of students and continue Schwarze's legacy of excellence and service for years to come.

T. EDWARD WEISS ENDOWED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP IN ORGANISMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

Dr. Weiss taught at Christopher Newport for 33 years, mentoring countless students and serving as a tireless advocate for innovative science programs. This scholarship, awarded annually to a biology major, ensures Weiss' legacy, love of science and teaching others about the wonders of the natural world endure.

C.J. WOOLLUM VICTORY FUND

During his 26 years at Christopher Newport, Woollum was recognized not only for his accomplishments as a coach but also for the profound impact he made on thousands of students while serving as director of athletics. This fund provides a championship experience for student-athletes and ensures our athletic programs compete among the nation's best.

The remarkable success of CNU Day is an important part of Defining Significance, Christopher Newport's first comprehensive campaign, and demonstrates our commitment to providing scholarships and making a difference in the world. We are grateful to all who participated in the fun and excitement of

this new tradition. Special thanks to Marilyn Alexander, parent of Jacob '18; Lindsey Carney '01; Gina and Anthony Celli, parents of Kacie '17 and Sean '20; Eric '06 and Liz Creasman; and Carol and Joe Lehning, parents of Joey '17 and Gabby '20, for their generous matching-gift contributions.

Join us for the next CNU Day on March 15, 2017!

A CNU Day Flash Party filled the Great Lawn on March 17.



THE FIRST PHASE of Greek Village includes four houses located between the tennis courts and Warwick River Hall. Each house has 25 beds and features single and double bedrooms, a full kitchen, study rooms, elevators, a chapter room, and outdoor social and recreational spaces. Three sororities and one fraternity – Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu and Sigma Phi Epsilon – moved into their houses in August.

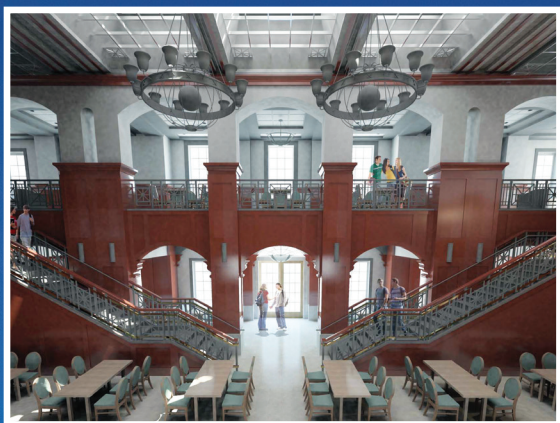


ALUMNI HOUSE

The 12,000-square-foot Alumni House is under construction and will be completed this December. It will feature a reception hall with a grand staircase, a conference room and two sitting rooms on the first floor. Offices for Alumni Relations will be located on the second floor. Memorabilia representing the 55-year history of Christopher Newport will be prominently featured throughout the house, welcoming alumni from all classes. To monitor the progress of construction, please visit our live feed: alumnihousecamera.cnu.edu.



Our 21st-Century Campus



REGATTA'S EXPANSION

Construction began this summer on the expansion of Regatta's to add additional dining stations and 200 seats in a two-story dining room and mezzanine, plus a new entrance from the Great Lawn. This project will be completed in summer 2017 and fully operational when students return for classes that fall.



TRIBE LIBRARY ADDITION

The library addition will add over 80,000 square feet of new construction and increase the number of seats from 250 to over 1,100. It will provide state-of-the-art technology to support excellence in teaching and learning, research, and creativity; two classrooms; a special collections center; and a 100-seat lecture hall for library programming.



New construction projects will enhance the Christopher Newport experience for students and alumni.

Rising Senior Byrd Named Goldwater Scholar

APLIED PHYSICS MAJOR Brook Byrd has received the Barry Goldwater Scholarship, widely considered the most prestigious award bestowed on undergraduates studying in the sciences and engineering. Byrd is the first Christopher Newport student to earn this distinction. A rising senior, she maintains a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while participating in the President's Leadership Program, conducting research at Jefferson Lab and playing women's tennis for the Captains.

"We are extremely proud of Brook's achievements," notes Dr. Anton Riedl, Chair of the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering. "Not only is she an excellent student, but also an aspiring scientist. During her internship at Jefferson Lab, she collaborated with graduate students and PhDs from all over the world, and in spite of her young age was able to establish herself as an accomplished researcher. We are absolutely convinced she will have a very successful career in the sciences and academia."

"I hope I am only the first of many Goldwater Scholars at Christopher Newport. We aren't just producing intelligent

scholars; we are producing scholars who want to make a difference in the world. I'm so proud to be a Captain!" notes Byrd. "I hope to contribute to the modeling of fundamental elements as well as assist in direct medical physics applications in the coming age. With this, I hope to teach at the college level and perform research in the medical imaging field."

Byrd spent the early part of summer at Jefferson Lab, conducting research on the physics of medical imaging; she then traveled to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she was awarded a highly competitive Research Experience for Undergraduates internship at Harvard University.

Congress established the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program in 1986 to honor Senator Barry Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate. The Goldwater Foundation seeks to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students intending to pursue research careers in these fields.

"We are producing scholars who want to make a difference in the world. I'm so proud to be a Captain!"



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A
CAPTAIN'S VIEWPOINT

*Explore the hallmarks of a
Christopher Newport education through
the eyes of four standout students.*



On Research

by CLANCIJO CONOVER

"The Summer Scholars program not only serves as a reflection of the faculty's commitment to preparing students for the future but also exemplifies the unshakeable drive and passion my fellow students and I pride ourselves in."

When I was a rising senior last summer I was concerned about finding a job after college.

AS AN ART HISTORY MAJOR, it is important to have experience working or interning in the field before graduating. As I was considering options, one of my professors, Dr. Liz Moran, asked me if I was interested in being a research assistant with the Summer Scholars Program.

Summer Scholars is structured in a way that sets it apart from research programs at other schools. Most colleges reserve opportunities like this for PhD students, but everyone in the Summer Scholars Program is an undergraduate. Because the program is small and composed of motivated students, I was able to deeply investigate theories concerning my topic, work closely with faculty and discuss research with the other summer scholars. Presenting work to peers and mentors and getting their feedback was also fantastic preparation for our campus research conferences like Paideia or the Hoaglund Conference.

The program lasts about two months and allows students to work closely with faculty on their research. Being a summer scholar was an amazing opportunity and a highly beneficial experience that allowed me to work and study within my field – and get paid! My work centered around European pictorial manuscripts documenting Mesoamerica (part of Central America) during the colonial period. I compiled notes on manuscripts, collected high-definition images and delved into scholarly articles related to my topic.

Our purpose was to examine depictions of indigenous people to develop a deeper understanding of how European colonizers perceived the native Mesoamericans. The ma-

jor finding was that pictorial manuscripts compiled by non-Spanish Europeans portrayed the Spaniards as extremely violent, to a greater extent than they actually were. These manuscripts were published and circulated around Europe strategically, increasing disdain for Spain.

Twenty-six students representing a variety of majors participated in the Summer Scholars Program with me last year. We met in small groups once a week to discuss our work with one another. At every meeting, one of us would present and discuss our topic, objectives and research method to the group. Being able to meet with my fellow research assistants was a great aspect of the program. I learned a lot from my peers about fields I knew little about and, conversely, got to share my own research and appreciation for art history. I was even able to participate as a test subject for one of my group member's psychology research, which is something I had never done before.

Doing serious academic research definitely helped me with writing papers for classes and gave me confidence in my ability to succeed as a graduate student, should I decide to go that route. The Summer Scholars Program not only serves as a reflection of the faculty's commitment to preparing students for the future but also exemplifies the unshakeable drive and passion my fellow students and I pride ourselves in. ♦

CLANCIJO CONOVER graduated in May with a degree in fine arts. She will be launching her photography business over the next year.

Undergraduate research is a cornerstone of the Christopher Newport experience. Through the close mentorship of professors, research fosters independent learning and complements coursework. Students learn valuable skills that lead to success after graduation. Learn more at research.cnu.edu.



On Internships

by SHANNON FLUHARTY

If you looked back at photos of my childhood, you would find few pictures in which I wasn't wearing a hat.

LITTLE DID ANYONE KNOW, my favorite accessory reflected my developing personality in more ways than one. A hat is the finishing touch to any outfit and helps equip one for the task at hand. Every hat has its season, occasion and limit, so having more than one is beneficial. As I have grown, I have developed a passion for exploring new landscapes and cultures, which has led to more interests than I can count – and my hat collection has become quite large.

During my recent internship in California with AmeriCorps and the American Conservation Experience (ACE) I had to wear many hats, both literally and figuratively. I wore a hard hat every day in the field, while also alternating between being a botanist, wildlife first-aid specialist, arborist, ecologist and chef. My co-workers came from 12 countries, and we traveled to different national and state parks to complete environmental remediation projects.

Depending on the project, we had to tap into various skills. The work ranged from invasive species removal to using chainsaws to clear paths for new trails. I learned rock-engineering techniques, trail education and wilderness survival. As though using power tools, moving boulders and living in the wild weren't challenging enough, completing these projects despite multiple language barriers brought its own challenges. I not only had to be patient while working with international volunteers, but I was forced to be more descriptive with my language, find new ways to talk about things and most importantly, to learn more about the person with whom I was communicating.

Although it was my first time trying on some of these hats, I felt fully equipped due to the breadth of knowledge I accumulated at Christopher Newport. I was able to apply knowledge and experiences gained from classes in photography, language, communication, geography, technology, biology and dance, as well as draw on research I completed with professors.

Having a well-rounded liberal arts and sciences education means I adapt easily and rarely start from scratch; my fellow Captains and I draw from our deep knowledge base and apply it to new topics or tasks. It was during my internship with ACE that I truly began to see the puzzle pieces that symbolize my academic career fit neatly together as a full picture.

I distinctly remember one project I worked on in the Inyo National Forest in California where I was able to see it all come together: my knowledge of ecosystems, communication skills, taking leadership roles and initiative. My crew and I worked with the National Forest Service to restore a meadow by re-establishing a stream system through the construction of check-dams. We collaborated with a water scientist, a professional mule packer, engineers and the landowners. Working with each of the players on the project and being able to implement the strategies by hand was incredibly rewarding.

My professors and mentors at Christopher Newport always encouraged me to explore multiple avenues to find ways to incorporate my diverse interests into my work and bring something new to the table. I learned during my internship not to focus purely on what happens after your experience, but rather to focus on all that you can be – and to constantly be adding to your hat collection. ♦



"I learned during my internship not to focus purely on what happens after your experience, but rather to focus on all that you can be."

SHANNON FLUHARTY graduated in May with a degree in biology and minor in communication. She is an intern with Chesapeake Environmental Communications where she assists with the Waterman's Heritage Tourism Program as well as other scientific communication projects.

Internships allow students to apply their classroom learning to real-world situations and gain professional experience that will serve them long after graduation. To learn more, visit the Center for Career Planning online at ccp.cnu.edu.

On Service

by KEANTE' EPPES

Ever since I was little, I have been serving others.

AN OUTREACH PROGRAM called Reaching Our City Kids here in Newport News shaped my views on service. My mother was director of the program, and my brother, sister and I worked by her side. It was truly a family effort. We went into predominantly low-income neighborhoods as mentors to youths aged 3-18. We held weekly gatherings geared toward character-building and spiritual principles, interactive games, home visits, and public recognition for achievements. The program allowed me to embrace diversity in my community and see people as their authentic selves.

This involvement made me passionate for a connection with my community, and as high school came to a close, I did not want that feeling to end just because I was going to college. While many students were heading off to school far away, I understood that in order to create change I should start at home, and that is exactly what I did. I enrolled at Christopher Newport and joined the Bonner Service Scholar Program.

My fellow Bonner Scholars and I have six common commitments: community-building, social justice, diversity, international perspective, civic engagement and spiritual exploration. These commitments allow us to experience "volunteering" on a new level. I wanted to use my love for service and people to develop new and innovative ways to explain challenging material to students. Everyone is different, and no one should be left



"Service is an important part of who I am today, and I am proud to be a Bonner Service Scholar. The program has equipped me with a better understanding of diversity and service, and taught me valuable skills."

out just because something is difficult. I have had the opportunity to do just that at Woodside High School (my alma mater!). I work in the math department focusing on in-class assistance, after-school tutoring and building genuine relationships with students.

As a Bonner Scholar I have also had the privilege of spreading my wings and

gaining new cultural perspectives by traveling to Tennessee and Ecuador. In Tennessee I got to see community-building in action in another state. I met some amazing people who contribute in different ways to help the people of Chattanooga strive to create better lives for themselves. My journey to Ecuador allowed me to gain an international perspective on economic and social issues – an eye-opening experience. For a week I had the privilege to be one with Ecuadorian culture, absorbing the knowledge of many influential people.

Service is an important part of who I am today, and I am proud to be a Bonner Service Scholar. The program has equipped me with a better understanding of diversity and service, and taught me valuable organizational and conflict-resolution skills, all of which I have been able to apply elsewhere on campus, both as a student and as a resident assistant in James River Hall. I am confident all of these experiences will help me succeed as I work toward my dream of becoming a high school math teacher. ♦

KEANTE' EPPES is a senior math and sociology double major and Bonner Service Scholar.

Bonner is a national, four-year developmental program that educates, equips and inspires students to engage our local community and beyond. Through a partnership with the Bonner Foundation, Christopher Newport is part of a national network of more than 75 colleges and universities that support four-year service scholarships. Learn more at engage.cnu.edu.

On Study Abroad

by DANIEL THOMPSON

Studying abroad helped me gain a greater understanding of the natural world and different cultures.

CIRCLING THE GLOBE, swimming with whales, researching coral health on the Tahitian reefs and trekking 100-plus miles across the rugged Yukon Territory – all while earning college credit – aided my academic and leadership career.

Two years ago I was caught in a “sophomore slump,” a wanderlust phase, unsure of what I wanted for my future. I began exploring study abroad opportunities. Spending time in Australia had always been a dream – Steve Irwin was (and still remains) my childhood hero.

Discover Abroad allowed me to spend nearly two months in Australia and Tahiti. I earned biology and leadership credits on the trip, so it was as academically sound as it was adventurous. We learned about animal behavior, interviewed citizens about local issues, participated in debates, recorded and plotted data, and shared our results in papers and discussions. As a biology major required to take labs, this greatly facilitated my ability to conduct research and formulate hypotheses.

I also got to dive the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef, and swim with manta rays, sea turtles and sharks. On land I pet wild kangaroos and observed wallabies for class. The program was perfect for me. Although the “study” in study abroad was a vital part of my trip, I wanted an adventure. That's just what it was. We never stayed in the same location more than three days. I journeyed across Australia, from Sydney to the infamous outback, and finally to Tahiti, where I took a marine biology course that was an exceptional experience in conducting research and presenting data.

Last summer I went on my final study abroad adventure. Northwestern Canada had been a bucket-list destination – I wanted to go whitewater kayaking on the Yukon River, multiday backpacking across the Coast Mountain range and observe wildlife in one of the most pristine environments left on Earth.

I enrolled in the National Outdoor Leadership School's backpacking course in the backcountry of the Yukon Territory and did not see another person outside our small group for 32 days. The experience taught me the power of the outdoors and instilled in me a wonder and appreciation for the wilderness.

The combination of all these experiences taught me many things. For one, studying abroad gave me a greater understanding of human culture, whether learning how to dance Tahitian-style or speaking with Australians about the cost vs. benefits of building a marina in a critically important ecosystem in the community. Secondly, it forged my independence and longing for adventure. Living without parents or family for extended periods, deprived of communication in a foreign environment, is intimidating at first. But before long I learned to become my own person and to embrace new experiences.

Lastly, I grew as a leader. I learned to speak up, voice my opinion, delegate and take charge. In the Yukon I was elected student group expedition leader and led seven of my peers, without instructors, for five days. During this time I faced many challenges, including a torn knee ligament. Yet I learned the value of staying calm during intense situations when many people would panic. I learned to make quick, smart decisions and gained the trust of my peers. Even though I always had these attributes, studying abroad gave me confidence to bring them back to the “civilized” world.

Seeing the world and interacting with the raw environment has instilled in me the desire to share my passion for the outdoors, a caring about the wilderness and a concern for the sustainability of other cultures. These trips have fueled my desire to “set the world on fire.” ♦




“Although the ‘study’ in study abroad was a vital part of my trip, I wanted an adventure.”

DANIEL THOMPSON (*pictured in the Yukon*) graduated in May with a degree in organismal biology. He plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Through Christopher Newport's study abroad programs students gain not only a better understanding of themselves but also about the world and their place in it. For more information visit studyabroad.cnu.edu.





A. Passion ***for*** POLITICS

*Studying political science and
communication prepared
Carolina Hurley ('14) to serve
the Republican Party nationally.*

by MATT SCHNEPF





As the 2016 presidential election progresses, Carolina Hurley '14 stands on the frontlines.

LATE THIS SUMMER Hurley began serving as director of television for the Republican National Committee (RNC). In this role she pitches RNC staff, surrogates and content to TV producers, reporters and anchors to garner political coverage; builds and maintains relationships between TV press and the RNC press shop; writes talking points; and conducts in-person briefings for RNC staff and surrogates prior to interviews.

It's a role she's well prepared for, having just served as national communications director for the College National Republican Committee (CNRC) where she promoted her party's message and brand while engaging young voters in the political process. Founded in 1892, the CNRC holds the distinction of being the nation's oldest and largest youth political organization, enjoying a presence on campuses throughout the U.S.

"According to our research, a majority of millennials support our policies and foundational principles yet don't connect them to the Republican Party," Hurley says. "Through social media, our national field program and our college Republicans on the ground, the CNRC tries to clear up any and all misconceptions about the GOP and explain how our party is made to work for them."

Hurley double-majored in political science and communication studies at Christopher Newport – fields that have served her well. Active on campus, she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and participated in both the College Republicans and the Wason Center for Public Policy, for which she served as a nonpartisan survey research interviewer.

“The minute I stepped on campus I knew it was the place for me,” she recalls. “President Tribble spoke to our tour group and assured us he had an open-door policy with students. To this day, I have a great mentoring relationship with him and his staff.”

Several Christopher Newport professors have been instrumental in Hurley’s academic and post-graduate achievements – individuals like Drs. Quentin Kidd and Pete Carlson in the Government Department, and Drs. Linda Baughman and Jennifer Billion in the Communication Department. “Each one took the time to get to know me, mentor me, and went above and beyond to make sure I was setting myself up for a prosperous future after graduation,” she says. “Christopher Newport is a place unlike any other that constantly encouraged me to be the best I could be.”

Notes Kidd, a vice provost who also directs the Wason Center, “Carolina is just one of those pleasant people you enjoy being around. As a student, she was serious and focused and worked hard. She seemed to be really engaged across campus, and I’m not surprised at all by her post-college successes.”

Shortly after commencement, Hurley took a job as press assistant for California Congressman Jeff Denham. After a few months in that role she accepted a full-time executive assistant position with the CNRC and was then promoted to national communications director last September.

Growing up in Northern Virginia, she gained exposure to politics at an early age due to her

family’s proximity to the nation’s capital – and her family’s consumption of nightly TV news. Raised by a conservative-leaning father and an immigrant mother from South America, she says the political dynamics between her extended families often clashed. “It was only after understanding both sides of hot-button issues my families discussed that I was able to form my own opinion,” she states. “For better or worse, I’ve also always been a pretty outspoken person when it comes to my beliefs. Those personality traits are more welcomed in a political arena than anywhere else.”

Over time, Hurley learned how to foster and maintain relationships with diverse people, including those with opposing views. This has proved essential as she uses her voice to inspire others – especially young Americans who believe their vote doesn’t matter or that registering to vote is a burden.

She explains, “The questions I pose to them are: Do you want a job after graduation? Do you want some relief from your student debt? What is it that you want to change about the current political environment?” And as she engages young people, Hurley fully believes they will provide a decisive vote in 2016, just as they did in 2008 and 2012. “If there are things you want to see changed, you have to make your voice heard. It’s as simple as that: Go vote.”

In retrospect, if someone had told Hurley as a college freshman that she’d land her dream job by age 23, she wouldn’t have believed it. Yet her dream came true, and her future is one of unlimited possibilities.

“It’s difficult to say where I’ll be in the next few years and even hard to say specifically what I’d like to be doing,” she notes. “What I can tell you is that I want to keep doing things I love, representing policies I believe in and, most importantly, having fun while doing it.” ♦



Note: Hurley appeared in the September issue of *Elle* with other young Republican leaders. Read the article at tinyurl.com/HurleyCNU.



Nothing Ventured, *Nothing Gained*

Eric Genazia '10 and Jeremy Wells '06 are among those leading the small business revolution with their fledgling company, Vierra Watches.

by FREDERICK MOULTON '17

Not only are small businesses breaking new ground in today's business world, they also have a new ally: crowdfunding websites.

THESE SITES, SUCH AS KICKSTARTER and GoFundMe, have allowed anyone with a marketable idea to have the online masses chip in to fund their dream. It's the ultimate do-it-yourself vision that bridges the gap between accomplished businesses and amateur entrepreneurs.

"Crowdfunding is a great way to test your branding," says Jeremy Wells '06. "With investors, you might dump money into something that isn't the right path you should be going into. With crowdfunding you can put your brand, your strategy and your product in front of a target market." Although the concept seems simple, Wells and Eric Genazia '10 attest to the intricate detail that goes into building a startup like Vierra Watches from scratch. "It's been a long process," says Genazia (pictured right). "It takes a lot of work to create a design, send examples to manufacturers and judge the craftsmanship. Meanwhile we had to identify a gap in the market, correlate that gap with our product design and familiarize ourselves with crowdfunding itself."

The preparation paid off, as their goal of \$15,000 was 155 percent funded with a final tally of \$27,000 raised through crowdfunding – enough to begin manufacture of the watches. Once the campaign ended in December, the two worked to identify each order and send it to the manufacturer. And now that they're on their way to becoming the business they always dreamed of, both continue to reflect on what led them to Christopher Newport and started it all.

"We recognized each other's shared drive to become an entrepreneur – and we're both big watch enthusiasts," Genazia says. The business school had a major impact on both of them as well. "The Small Business Institute was great. It was difficult, but my thought process and writing abilities were significantly enhanced through my participation." He also benefited from Dr. Robert Hasbrouck who taught applied business statistics and calls Genazia "very focused and an outstanding scholar."

As for Wells, he found valuable mentorship by working closely with Dr. Stephanie Bardwell, whose teaching in

ethics and small business, as well as civic engagement and social entrepreneurship, were critical to his success. "Professor Bardwell's class changed my life. It made me think I wanted to own a company at some point. She had a high standard and made me prepare better and work harder," he says.

Both also received unexpected preparation to launch a company through their experience in Christopher Newport's vibrant Greek life. "Our fraternity was run like a company," says



Wells. "It had a president, vice president, meetings, objectives and goals to achieve. It gave me a level of confidence, and people see that from you, which helps in every aspect."

Soon it became apparent that the skills of both could be honed and put to use toward their goal. "Eric has the strength and a good vision for where our products should take us, as well as which function and features would be good on the products," Wells explains. Meanwhile, "Jeremy is a Web developer, so he dominates tech design. We wear a lot of different hats and are partnered 50-50," Genazia says.

A fascinating component behind the duo's thought process is the blending of original ideas and inspiration from high-profile companies like Apple. "We're going for a very sleek, clean look," Genazia explains. "We took bits and pieces from each other's ideas and made our ultimate design: a watch that's durable and stylish."

Although they've tasted success, neither is content to rest on his laurels just yet. "It's time to grow this to the point where it's our full-time job," Wells says. ♦

Learn more about their company at vierrawatches.com.

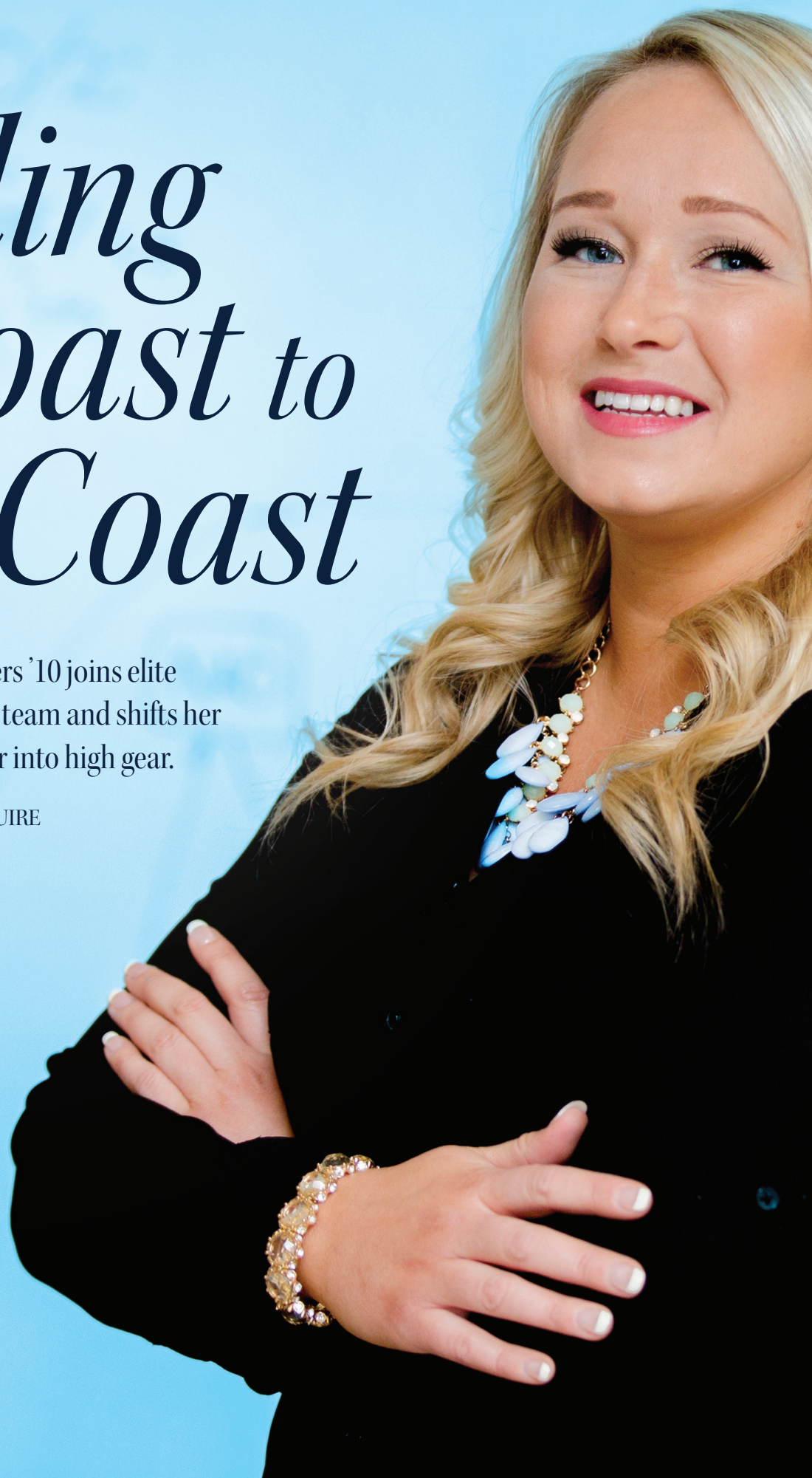


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Coding Coast to Coast

Mandy Rogers '10 joins elite engineering team and shifts her STEM career into high gear.

by BRIAN McGUIRE





It's a long way from the farmland of Fauquier County, Virginia, to metro Los Angeles, but it's the road Mandy Rogers '10 has taken since her days growing up in that bucolic setting west of Washington, D.C.

"MY PARENTS HAD CHICKENS and honeybees, so I wasn't looking for a big city or big campus," she recalls of her college search. "I always really liked the water, and I wanted to be close to the beach, and I knew this area had a lot of great technology companies as well, so Christopher Newport was a good fit."

Rogers was recently chosen as a Northrop Grumman Systems Engineering Associate, a selective two-year program designed for emerging leaders in the company to accelerate career growth. Participants complete six-month rotations in different locations working on critical systems, including defense, aerospace and other technologies. The program is highly competitive and reserved for top talent – innovators willing to work on different missions, with different challenges. "They really want us to be forced out of our comfort zone," Rogers says.

And though this latest advancement came as no surprise to Rogers, she wasn't always sure a high-tech path was the right one for her.

"I kind of stumbled upon computer science in high school," she says. "My grandfather convinced me to try it. It's kind of a funny story," she continues. "I was trying to get into a fashion marketing class because it included a field trip to Tysons Corner Center to go to high-end designer stores, and I got stuck in a computer math elective instead because the other class was full."

So Rogers, the reluctant scientist, tried several times to transfer out of the class, but the teacher recognized her talent and persuaded her to stay. "I actually really enjoyed it," says Rogers. "It was fascinating, being able to develop software – and I was really good at it!" In a town where most of her peers were involved with Future Farmers of America, doing things like programming in visual basic were far outside the norm. "I lucked out," she says. "I don't know what I'd be doing if I hadn't happened upon it."

Rogers is quick to credit the mentors she had in high school and at Christopher Newport with paving the way for her success as an engineer. The encouragement included making sure she understood the significance of becoming an engineer in a field dominated by men. "People told me I was really good at this and that there weren't enough women engineers," Rogers says. "That I should consider pursuing it – that I could make a difference. I was lucky to have support," she adds. "Of course, there were people who said, 'Engineering is too hard; you'll never make it.' I think that made me want to prove them wrong a little bit."

Early support was crucial for Rogers' development, and something she works to pay forward. "I try to encourage people to be

“There’s still a mindset as to what you should be involved in if you’re a certain gender. Women bring a different style of engineering to the table, and I think it’s important to have diverse teams.”

involved in whatever they want to do and tell them they can do it if they’re willing to work hard and be positive about it,” she says. “You’ll always have those moments of self-doubt, but remember that there are people who know you can do it. It would have been very challenging had I not had a little positivity.”

Rogers joined Northrop Grumman full time after graduating from Christopher Newport. She worked in software testing but gradually moved into systems administration and installation of the systems she and her colleagues designed. She spent a few years in this work, learning the field and meeting people through volunteer activities like the USA Science Engineering Festival where she was a featured engineer. The event is a national grass-roots effort to advance STEM education. It was a seminal opportunity for Rogers, as it enabled her to imagine her career as more than work – that part of her job was to inspire other young women to become scientists and engineers.

“There’s still a mindset as to what you should be involved in if you’re a certain gender,” she says. “Women bring a different style of engineering to the table, and I think it’s important to have diverse teams. When I was at the Festival, girls would say, ‘Oh, there’s a girl engineer, let’s go talk to her!’ – and they would just flock to me. It was great being able to share my stories and inspire them.”

Over the years, Rogers began working more with software but grew restless within the confines of her cubicle. She was

assigned to a customer site as a software engineer, which turned out to be another formative experience. Working directly with users, she learned firsthand how much of an impact her work could have. “Being right there on the spot helps save days, weeks worth of time for customers,” she says. “A 30-minute code change can save one person two weeks – imagine that times hundreds or thousands.” It was a rewarding experience, one where she gained trust and directly affected



Mandy Rogers joins her teammates and James R. Clapper (top center), Director of National Intelligence, at the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation GEOINT Symposium in May.

many people. It added a human element to work that can often be solitary and grinding. “What I like about technology is that you’re actually making a difference in people’s lives, helping people discover things,” Rogers says.

“We are very proud of Mandy. She has always had a passion for computer engineering, a strong work ethic and a certain ‘fearlessness’ necessary for a female engineer to excel in a male-dominated discipline,” says Dr. Anton Riedl, Chair of the Department of Physics, Computer

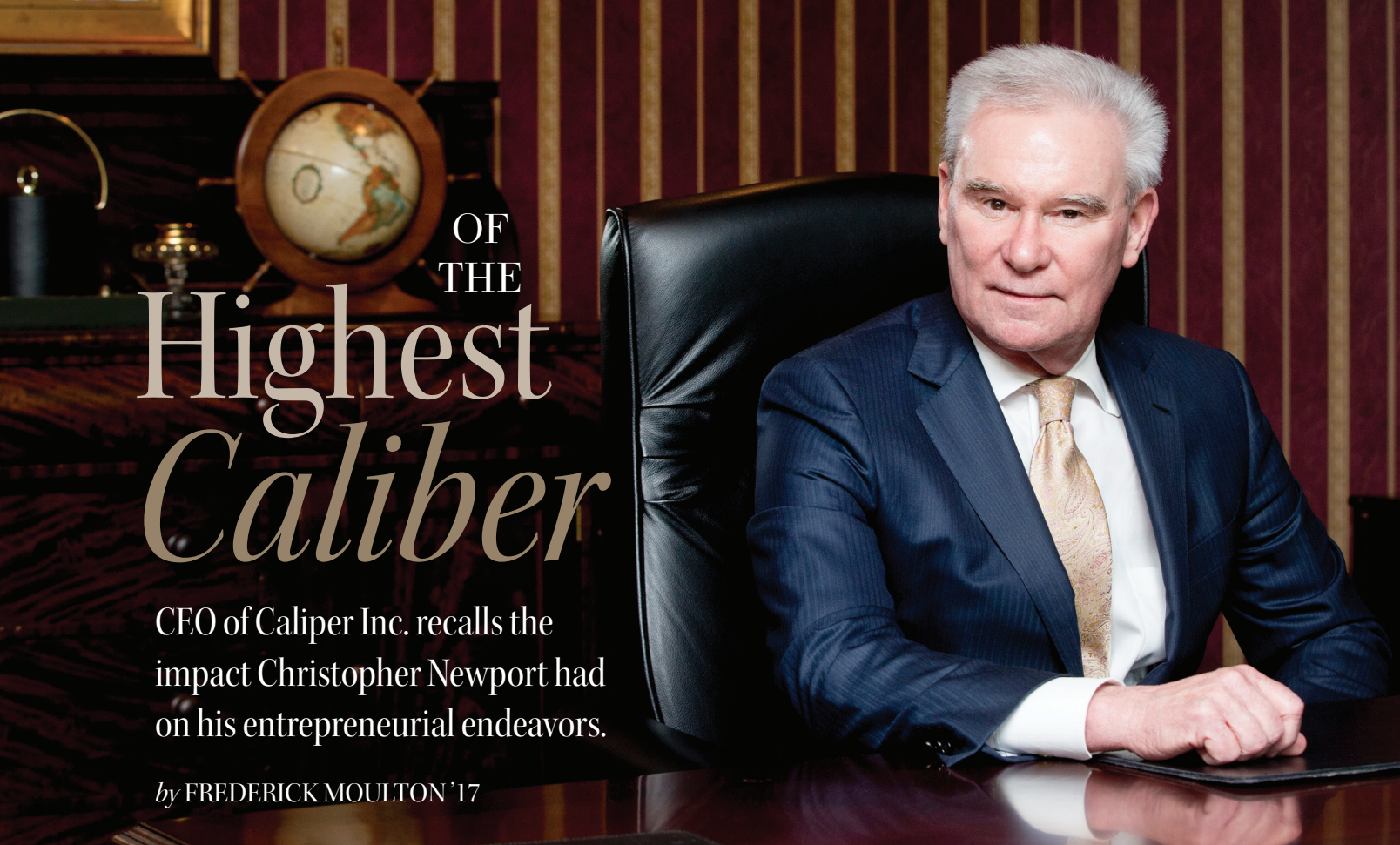
Science and Engineering. “To see her be so successful at a very young age is really great,” he adds. “We offer our students a first-rate liberal education in engineering and applied sciences, with the knowledge and in-depth skills necessary to succeed in their professions and to advance to positions of responsibility.”

In fact, it is the diverse experience in the liberal arts and sciences Rogers had at Christopher Newport that she credits as a key factor in her development. Though she spent much of her time in the computer lab, courses in literature and history, as well as participation in student clubs and organizations, expanded her horizons and helped her see her place in a larger world. “I’m so glad I was able to take those kinds of critical-thinking classes. They made me a well-rounded person. It’s definitely come in handy with customers, being able to better communicate and write. Being

able to listen to others and actually value and process their input is a big deal. It’s important to be good at what you do, but you need be able to communicate what you’re doing as well.”

For Rogers, pursuing her talents and success from one end of the country to the other, the journey is just beginning, as she will soon begin her next rotation at Northrop Grumman. Whatever that may be, she’s ready and willing to face the challenge. “I want to be at work,” she says. “It’s one of my favorite things to do. It’s like the old saying: ‘Find something you love to do, and you never have to work a day in your life.’” ♦

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OF THE Highest *Caliber*

CEO of Caliper Inc. recalls the impact Christopher Newport had on his entrepreneurial endeavors.

by FREDERICK MOULTON '17

Never forget your roots. For Robert Green Jr. '74, that sentiment has defined a professional journey that began in college.

"CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT EMBRACED ME and gave me an opportunity to go to school," he says. Green earned a bachelor's degree in business administration while simultaneously attending the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company Apprentice School.

"Balancing the two wasn't that difficult because I was driven," he explains. "My family begged me not to do it, but I had a plan; I always wanted to try a business for myself." He is now CEO of Caliper Inc., a multimillion-dollar global organization that supports companies through human capital solutions.

The Virginia Beach company's work includes temporary staffing, temp-to-hire and direct hire services, executive searches, payroll, vendor on-premise services, and single-source management/managed staffing. Since its inception, Caliper has hired over 300,000 contractors supporting 400 clients in the power, automotive, aircraft, government and information technology industries, among others. In addition, Caliper's Power Services Division specializes in both emergency and outage support and maintenance repair service.

Green's dedication to his studies quickly paid off through

positions with Manpower and a similar company in Richmond. He formed Caliper Inc. in 1983, and throughout his career he has embraced Christopher Newport's ideal of leading a life of significance, staying involved in the local community. Green has been a sponsor for Cycle for Life, which supports rare cancer research. He also served on the executive board of the Neptune Festival for 10 years, along with being a member or former director of several area groups: Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce, Gateway Bank and Trust, Hampton Roads Bank Shares, PingPongforPoverty, and PiN Ministries, a homeless outreach in the Virginia Beach area, to name a few.

Green's wife, Shelley, is director of information technology at Caliper Inc. The couple has two grown children: daughter Channing, a forensic specialist with the Virginia Beach Police Department, and son Rob, who serves as president of Caliper International.

Green entered college with big dreams for his life, and he has more than achieved his goals. He notes, "Life to me is all about risk. I've taken every risk you can take, but more risk means more reward. Step out and take it."

And throughout the years that have passed since his college days, Green regularly acknowledges Christopher Newport's role in setting him on the path to success. "Christopher Newport was great, and the people and professors were exceptional. This college gave me the confidence to make some of the decisions I've made that wouldn't have been easy to make ordinarily," he says. "This school is a crown jewel." ♦

The Maestro

by BRIAN McGUIRE

Music alum takes up the baton to lead new community orchestra.



When Fort Monroe was built in the 19th century, it was a key part of the coastal defenses of the young American nation.

THOUGH ITS ROLE CHANGED OVER TIME, “Freedom’s Fortress” has always been a landmark in the region. Now a national monument, the Hampton base was decommissioned in 2011 and is currently being redeveloped. One new tenant is the Hampton Roads Philharmonic (HRP), a community orchestra that performs in the historic Fort Monroe Theatre.

The orchestra set up shop in 2013 in an old Army band rehearsal space under the direction of Richmond native Steven Brindle ’10. Brindle, himself a cellist, grew up playing in school orchestras but came to favor conducting over performance while a music major at Christopher Newport. “In addition to my course load for music education, I also worked with the composition department and found conducting opportunities,” says Brindle. “I started to take seriously that it was something I could consider doing.”

The HRP seeks to bring classical music – a genre that can be perceived as inaccessible by some – to a wider audience within the community. Many performances are free and are intended to bring in newcomers. “Our mission is to inspire and enrich and connect with the community. That’s the primary focus,”

Brindle says. “We’re trying to break down walls. People should feel comfortable coming to our concerts. We’re trying to get rid of the stigma that people have to dress up in a tux. I tell people to wear whatever they want. It’s about the music!”

Another barrier Brindle faces is the fact that many people have a limited sense of the scope of “classical” music, which comprises far more than the standard canonical works. “Unfortunately a lot of people think they’re going to show up and hear 90 minutes of Mozart, and that’s just not the case. There are hundreds of years of music, and music that is still being composed that’s so interesting and fantastic.”

Brindle has an unflagging optimism and belief in music’s ability to profoundly impact people, while also being fully aware of the challenges it can pose to the listener. “With pop music, songs are about three or four minutes, and you only have to remember a melody for a limited period of time,” he says. Classical pieces are often long and complex, with many passages or movements. “It’s difficult even for me or for professional musicians, trying to keep track of all that. But I do believe that someone who doesn’t know the music can come in and listen to the sounds, and if it’s a good performance, can take a lot away from it emotionally.”

As music director, Brindle tries to keep the HRP’s performances accessible by sampling broadly not only from the canon, but also from lesser-known – even unknown or new – works. “I do try to frequently commission new things people haven’t

heard before, because classical music does suffer a little bit from playing the same things over and over.” Some of those new works have been composed by one of Brindle’s Christopher Newport classmates, Chris Lamb (see below). “There’s something about being part of a new performance, something no one has heard before,” says Brindle. “If new music is done right, it can be very exciting for the audience.”

Debra Simmonds, Executive Director of HRP, was a pivotal figure in the founding of the orchestra. She conducts the daily business and generally pulls everything together to keep the group in operation. She is quick to praise Brindle’s leadership and commitment to bringing music of this kind to the public. “It is so exciting and refreshing to see such a fine community orchestra return after so many years of not having one,” she says. “Under Steven’s direction, the Philharmonic has opened its doors to contemporary American composers, showcased young, talented artists, and raised the bar in bringing professional classical repertoire to the public. It’s as if we struck gold.”

In addition to being a part of the revitalization of Fort Monroe, Brindle’s passion for bringing classical music to people where they are extends to local schools as well. He’s orchestra

director for Soundscapes, a program in Newport News that teaches life-skills to disadvantaged youth through music performance. “We give students music when they might otherwise be at risk, when their parents aren’t home and they’re just sort of free to roam,” Brindle says. In Soundscapes, students begin with music basics, learn an instrument, then go on to group instruction and choir. Finally, they progress to a full orchestra, which is where Brindle comes in. “We play orchestra music, which is a really cool opportunity for kids because I didn’t start playing in a full orchestra until college. We provide the instruments, instruction, a meal and transportation, all for a very small fee.”

Dr. Mark Reimer, who recommended Brindle to Simmonds, says the key to Brindle’s success is persistence. The conducting world is fairly small, but Brindle seeks chances to keep doing what he loves. “Steven continues to conduct and build his knowledge of repertoire,” says Reimer, Director of Music at Christopher Newport and Torggler Professor of Music. “He possesses a firm foundation of string performance and pedagogy. With talent, enthusiasm, affability and an undeniable positive nature, Steven is creating his own future, and that future looks bright.” ♦



The Composer

Chris Lamb ’11 tells stories through his music.

DR. CHRIS LAMB ’11 AND STEVEN BRINDLE go way back. Both were music majors at the same time, and both played off each other as they developed as music professionals: Lamb composing and Brindle conducting. The latter conducted several of Lamb’s works during their student days, and the

Hampton Roads Philharmonic premiered one of Lamb’s latest works, “Shattered Glass,” in March.

Lamb’s compositions tend to be programmatic – inspired by something outside of music, such as a story or work of art, and vary stylistically. There’s chamber music, opera and electronic pieces in fixed media, created by combining existing audio recordings and other sounds. He also draws from his memories and impressions of different places, which evoke certain sounds and approaches. “I moved around a lot growing up, and it helped introduce me to many different cultures and customs,” Lamb says. “I spent two years in Korea, and the music is beautiful and one of my favorites. I researched Korean folk music during my time at Christopher Newport. The sounds and expressivity of the style have definitely influenced my own music.” Lamb recently completed the doctor of music program at Arizona State University and currently teaches music at Central Arizona College while continuing to work on his own compositions.

Like Brindle, he was introduced to classical music at a young age. He started playing in fourth grade on his grandmother’s old piano. “It was pretty immediate for me,” says Lamb. “I loved playing and performing. The next year I started playing the trombone, and the rest is history.”

Lamb gradually came to be more interested in writing and expressing his musical ideas in more complex ways, using more sounds and instruments – and in how others interpreted his ideas. “I occasionally perform my own music, but one of my favorite parts of the composition process is hearing how other musicians translate it. I like to see others bring their own experiences and taste to the notes I’ve written,” he says.

Lamb’s primary mentor at Christopher Newport was composition and theory professor Dr. Christopher Cook, who helped him develop his compositional style and fostered his musical growth. “Dr. Cook was a huge supporter and provided composition instruction all four years of college,” Lamb says. “He also helped me plan my graduate path.”

“Chris was a student leader and pleasure to teach,” says Cook. “His growth as a composer was tremendous while on campus, culminating in the production of his opera ‘David and Glass’ during his senior year. I am sure his recent successes are only the beginnings of a long and fruitful career.”

Learn more about Chris Lamb at chrislambmusic.com.

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BASEBALL



Tommy Vitaletti

Anchored by the dominant senior season of Tommy Vitaletti, the Captains offense was one of the best in the nation this year. Vitaletti, a first team All-Region selection who also collected All-American honors, became the Captains' all-time leading hitter with a .393 career batting average after a stellar final season in which he led the team in nearly every offensive statistical category. The Captains finished the year 25-14 overall with their third straight appearance in the CAC tournament.

CHEERLEADING

The cheerleading squad captured a second-place finish at the 2016 College Open Cheer National Championships, marking the 10th straight finish in the top three. Head Coach Erica Flanigan and the Captains finished behind only Division I Coastal Carolina as they were named National Runner-Ups.

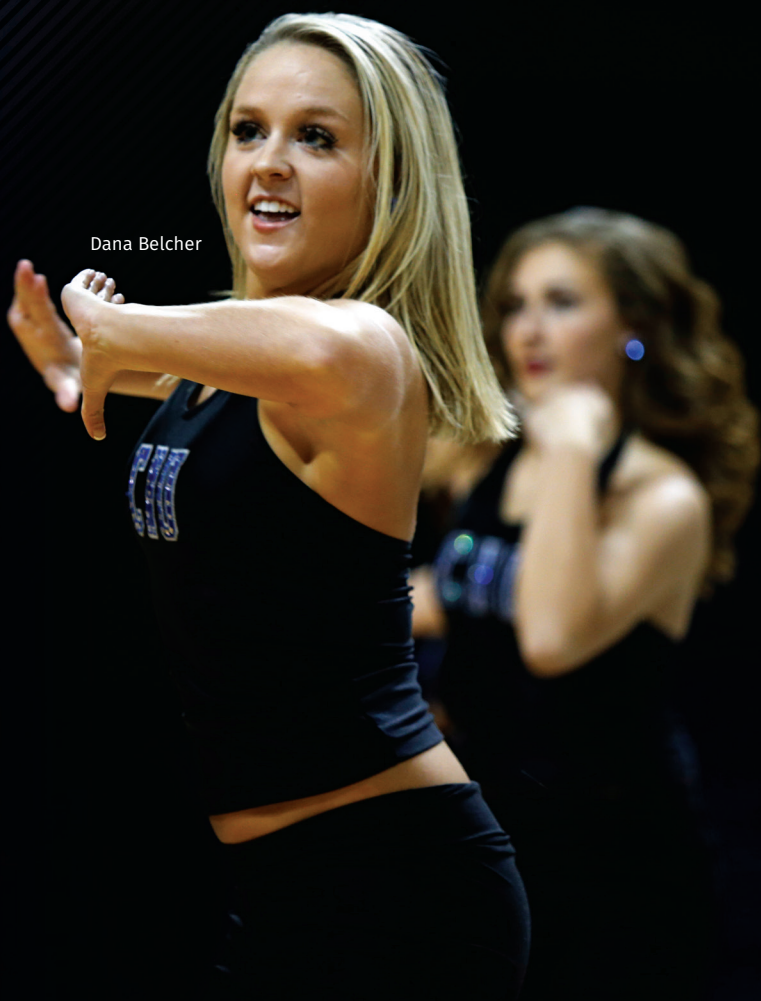
Gabby Taube



CNU STORM

The CNU Storm Dance Team registered another fantastic finish at the NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship this spring, coming away with a sixth-place finish in the Division III Team Performance category. The Captains scored an 8.853 in the preliminary round to earn a spot in the finals, moving on to compete in the world-famous Band Shell in Daytona Beach, Florida. In the finals, the CNU Storm scored a program-best 8.955 to secure sixth place overall. All-Americans Katherine Hall and Dana Belcher capped their final season in the championship after the CNU Storm earned a Silver Paid Bid to the national championship last summer, capturing a second-place finish at the NCA/NDA College Camp.

Dana Belcher



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Harry Nodwell

GOLF

For the third straight season as members of the Capital Athletic Conference, men's golf captured the league championship and enjoyed the conference's first-ever automatic qualifying berth into the NCAA Division III National Championship. The Captains won the conference tournament by 21 strokes over second-place Marymount with a final three-day score of 936. Leading the way was Conference Player of the Year and individual medalist Sam Robinson, who went on to capture honorable mention All-American honors. At the NCAA National Championship, the Captains finished tied for 20th. Robinson was joined by teammates Matt DiSalvo and Harry Nodwell on the GCAA All-Region team, and Nodwell was named a semifinalist for the Division III Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year award.

MEN'S LACROSSE



Brandon Moloney

With the direction of first-year Head Coach Mikey Thompson, men's lacrosse pieced together the finest season in the program's young history. Guided by a record four All-Conference selections, Christopher Newport broke into the national rankings for the first time while notching a program-best 13-5 overall record. The Captains advanced to the CAC semifinals and set new single-season records for points (364), ground balls (626) and caused turnovers (214). Brandon Moloney led a tough defense by putting together one of the team's most historic seasons, establishing new program records with 53 caused turnovers and 100 ground balls. Offensively, junior Randy Foster became the team's first-ever first-team All-Conference honoree after posting 47 points and 36 goals.



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Meaghan Galvin

Junior Meaghan Galvin continued to add to her storied career in 2016, becoming the first player in team history to earn All-American honors. Her second-team designation came after she was named CAC Co-Player of the Year following a season in which she rewrote the record books. Galvin established new career records with 221 draw controls and 41 free-position goals. She ranks fifth in program history with 202 career points, sixth with 74 assists and eighth with 128 goals – all with a season left to play. As a team, the Captains finished with an 11-5 record and were nationally ranked throughout the year.



SAILING

For the first time, the Captains qualified for the College Sailing/Sperry Women's National Semifinal Championship where they finished 14th. The Captains earned a chance to sail for a spot in the national championship when they finished eighth at the MAISA Women's Spring Championship, qualifying for the national semifinals in San Diego. Juniors Amanda Attardi and Laura Kilgore, sophomore Kaitlyn Reilly, and freshman Samara Leith led the women.

Left to right: Laura Kilgore and Samara Leith

SOFTBALL

For the 10th consecutive season under Head Coach Keith Parr, the softball team advanced to the NCAA tournament where they concluded the year with a 35-9 overall record. Led by Scoop Simon's standout senior season, the team also registered its 10th straight 30-win season. Simon hit .450 with 51 RBI, 15 doubles and nine home runs while posting the program's best on-base percentage in program history (.470). She earned first team All-American honors, becoming just the fourth player in school history to do so. The beautifully renovated Captains Park played host to the NCAA regional championship for the fourth time since 2010.



Scoop Simon

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team put together an impressive campaign in 2016, finishing 13-9. For the first time the Captains were ranked in the top 20 nationally and finished the year ranked 25th in the nation. Christopher Newport beat four nationally ranked opponents, including arguably the biggest win in program history when they toppled 13th-ranked Johns Hopkins on the road, 5-4, in March. Seven Captains earned All-Conference honors, led by sophomore Justin Cerny and junior Arttu Fiva, earning honors in both singles and doubles. Fiva also was named an Academic All-District selection after posting a 3.9 cumulative GPA through his third year.



Justin Cerny

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Isabelle Wessel

Women's tennis got off to a hot start and maintained success throughout the year to achieve the program's highest ever national ranking at No. 32. The Captains finished 14-8 overall, with three wins over nationally ranked opponents, and reached the CAC championship match for the second straight year. Christopher Newport placed eight on the All-Conference team, including a sweep of the second team honors in doubles. Sophomores Alexandra Drye and Isabelle Wessel each collected All-Conference honors in both singles and doubles.

WOMEN'S TENNIS



Ryan Scott

TRACK & FIELD

Senior Jennifer Westerholm was honored as the CAC Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year while Jessica Brownell collected the league's Rookie of the Year honor. Head Coach Tyler Wingard was named Coach of the Year for both men's and women's outdoor track and field after leading the Captains to a sweep of the league championships in 2016. Twenty athletes earned All-Conference honors, and 22 went on to collect All-Region accolades. Sophomore Ryan Scott qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships and earned All-American honors in the 100 meters.

Strong bonds formed with coaches and players made basketball a winning experience for this standout student.

CAPTAINS



DURING HIS DAYS PLAYING HOOPS for Christopher Newport, Ben Watkins '16 contributed to the Captains' success as both a player and a student assistant coach. He assumed the latter role from 2013-15 while working his way back from a series of concussions.

"It was a great learning time about life, basketball and myself," Watkins says of his coaching stint. "I grew in that role and am thankful Coach [John] Krikorian allowed me

to remain as a member of the program and help us win some ballgames. The biggest thing I learned from the whole experience is to always have people around who care about you and are willing to help in times of adversity – and in turn to be there for people when they call on you."

Hailing from Fredericksburg, Watkins played center for four years at Chancellor High School – the same position he would later play in college. He was named a team captain during his senior year at Chancellor.

A history major who minored in leadership studies, Watkins decided to attend Christopher Newport for several reasons. "The feel of the campus was unlike any other campus I had visited," he recalls. "The atmosphere, the people and the facilities had an impact on me. The academics of the school – along with its rising national reputation – definitely attracted me."

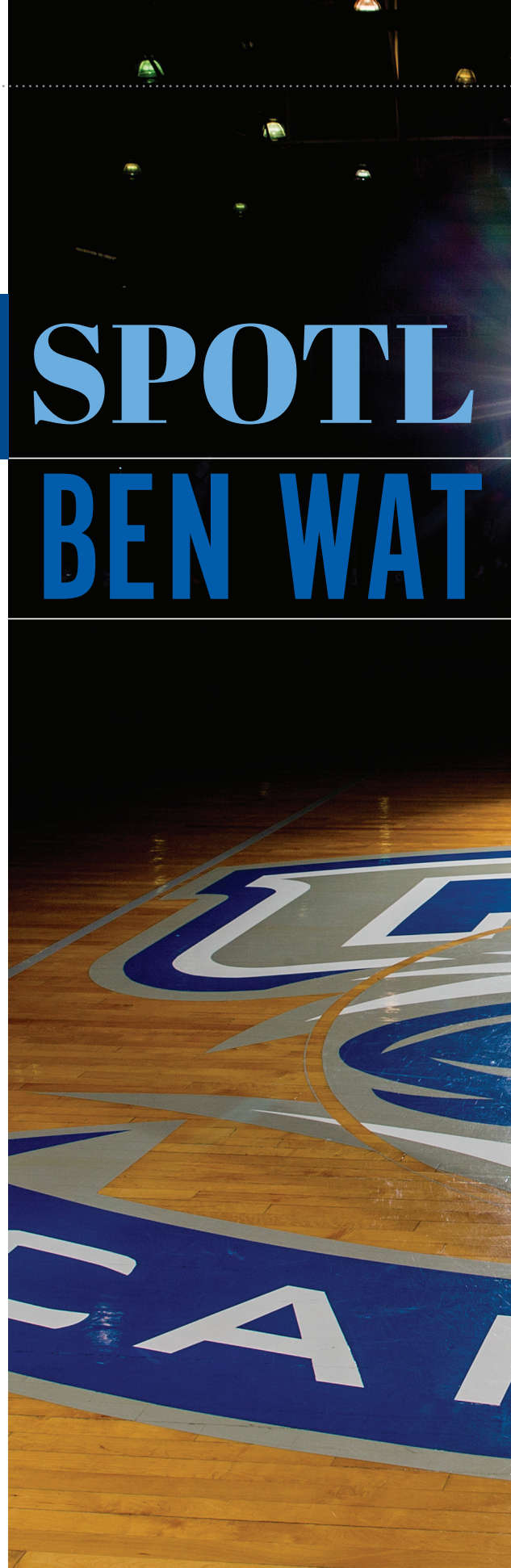
The joy of playing here extended far beyond winning games; it also entailed close friendships with fellow players. "The team was big enough that you had a great variety of personalities, but at the same time it was small enough that you could build good relationships with every guy and the coaching staff," he says. Thanks to those strong bonds on and off the court, the Captains enjoyed a historic journey to the Final Four this past season.

"We are proud of what we have done, and I know the guys are itching to get ready for next season to go even further," Watkins says. "I am glad I was along for the ride and able to help us get so far. I definitely have some stories for my kids down the road."

Watkins thanks several individuals for playing a role in his success. "I'm glad God put people like Coaches Krikorian and [Jarren] Dyson in my life to make these last four years exceptional," he notes. "Plus, the professors in the History Department made me enjoy going to class and learning."

Post-college, Watkins plans to pursue his dream of becoming a police officer. However, his first days following commencement were spent exploring the Western states, visiting national parks, camping and hiking. ♦ — Matt Schnepf

SPOTLIGHT BEN WATKINS



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"Always have people
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Marching Captains Perform in Dublin

THE MARCHING CAPTAINS celebrated March 17 in style this year, performing in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland. The event drew almost 1.6 million viewers in Ireland alone, with over 500,000 people lining the parade route. Ten marching bands were selected to perform, including three from American universities.

Band director Dr. John Lopez began planning the trip as soon as Christopher Newport's application to perform was accepted nearly two years prior to the parade. Approximately 185 students, along with faculty and family members, took part in what now ranks as the Marching Captains' largest performance to date.

"Despite the scale of the event and level of prestige, the Marching Captains were well focused and well trained. They knew what they were doing," says Lopez. Still, many students didn't comprehend the event's magnitude until they experienced it firsthand. "As soon as we rounded the first corner in the parade, you could see hundreds of thousands of people. I think it was a

pretty profound moment in some students' lives," Lopez notes.

According to senior drum major Audrey Charlwood, "It was a huge honor to be chosen, and none of it would have been possible without the effort and dedication of our director, Dr.

Lopez. He has done so much for the betterment of this band in the three short years he's been here."

Calling the trip an opportunity of a lifetime, Charlwood adds, "Not only did we have the chance to go to Ireland to experience and celebrate one of its biggest holidays, but we were able to march in one of the most prestigious parades." Besides performing in the parade, students also visited such sites as St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, the Cliffs of Moore and medieval castles,

among others.

"Participating in this parade and being able to showcase our talents internationally was a great step for the Marching Captains, for CNU music and for the University as a whole," Lopez states. "What we have here is special and unique."



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Brewer Named National Bonner Fellow

BRAD BREWER '02, Director of the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) at Christopher Newport, has been named a National Bonner Fellow for the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation. This fellowship seeks to leverage and support leadership for civic engagement and campus-community partnerships.

Selected from a competitive pool of applicants, Brewer (back row, second from right) will serve in this role for two years and has been involved in building and leading the Bonner Program at Christopher Newport since its founding. He has already shared innovative ideas for fundraising and creative corporate and business partnerships with the Bonner Foundation's national network of colleges and universities.

"It is such an honor to serve as a National Bonner Fellow. I have already learned a tremendous amount from the Bonner Foundation staff and other fellows," Brewer notes. "In the coming years I look forward to developing new strategies and resources that expand the Center's abilities to work across multiple sectors, locally and nationally."

The Bonner Foundation announced this new program to bolster the leadership and professional recognition of campus civic-engagement professionals throughout its national network of

more than 65 colleges and universities. Two cohorts of National Bonner Fellows now involve representatives from 10 colleges and universities, including Christopher Newport, Washington & Lee University, Stetson University, Rhodes College and others. In addition to professional development, National Bonner Fellows play a leadership role in resource development and national meetings sponsored by the Bonner Foundation and such partners as the Association of American Colleges and Universities and Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education.

"We recognize the central role of campus administrators who build and run these programs, combining the talent of an educator, counselor, fundraiser, community relations manager and political strategist," says Robert Hackett, Bonner Foundation President, "and the National Bonner Fellowship engages some of the most exceptional administrators."

Since 1990 the Bonner Foundation has worked with undergraduate schools to support the development of service-based scholarships and infrastructure for higher education's public mission. To date, more than 10,000 students nationally have graduated college as Bonner Scholars or Bonner Leaders.

Learn more about Christopher Newport's Center for Community Engagement and Bonner Program at engage.cnu.edu.

New Minor in Museum Studies



Dr. Michelle Erhardt

Christopher Newport students can now declare a new interdisciplinary minor in museum studies. The program requires 15 academic credit hours and a three-credit-hour museum practicum or internship.

The minor includes two foundational courses that introduce students to museum studies in general, offering a broad survey of museums while emphasizing their importance in preserving culture. Students must also take one business-related course, two elective courses from an approved list, and the internship or practicum. Electives include courses spanning from American studies and fine art to chemistry and history.

An associate professor of fine art and director of the new program, Dr. Michelle Erhardt hopes the minor will complement students' various majors and enrich their overall experience at Christopher Newport. "I hope the minor creates a dialogue between all the disciplines here, which it has already started to do," she says.

As museums preserve and promote cultural heritage, she sees their most critical functions to be educating and initiating cultural dialogue. "I really believe one of a museum's greatest functions is creating conversations. A good museum exhibit forces people to think about a topic or subject – or appreciate it – from an angle they had not previously anticipated."

Concert Hall Named for Alan and Beverly Diamonstein

THE FERGUSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS Concert Hall now bears the names of cherished Christopher Newport friends Alan and Beverly Diamonstein. Each year more than 100,000 patrons will take their seats in the Alan and Beverly Diamonstein Concert Hall, enjoying productions by the world's finest performing artists.

The dream of building a performing arts center on campus began in 1996 when Christopher Newport set out to create another great university for America, with everything done at the highest level of excellence. President Paul Tribble recalls, "We reached out to the community and said, 'Let's work together to build a world-class performing arts center that will empower the lives of our students and faculty and enrich the lives of all of our citizens.' With great energy and enthusiasm, Alan and Beverly embraced that audacious dream."

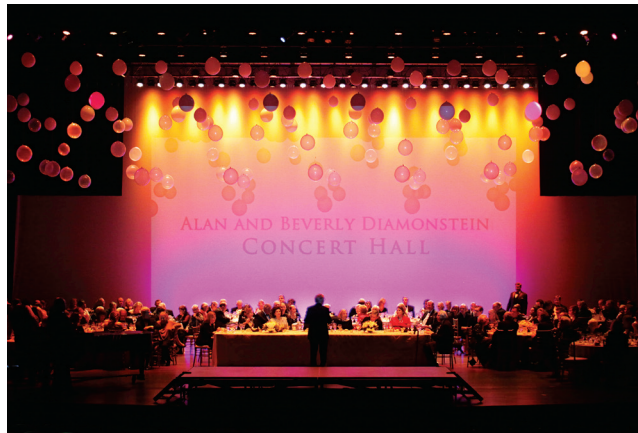
As an influential member of the House of Delegates, a senior member of the appropriations committee and a conferee,

Alan was able to quickly secure \$5 million for the building project. That moment launched the "new" Christopher Newport University while helping to make the Ferguson Center for the Arts a reality.

In five years the University raised the necessary funds to build the Center. "Alan brought home \$30 million from Richmond. Mayor Joe Frank and the City of Newport News contributed \$6 million. Our friends

David Peebles and Charlie Banks and their remarkable Ferguson Enterprises contributed millions more. But it all began with Alan and Beverly's vision and leadership," Tribble says.

In the last decade over 1 million people have walked through the Ferguson Center's doors to enjoy performances by current and legendary artists.



Partnership Benefits Aspiring Performers

THANKS TO A NEW PARTNERSHIP, students studying the performing arts will learn not only how to be exceptional performers but also how to care for their talents through healthy behaviors. Last fall Christopher Newport and Riverside Health System announced a collaboration between the Riverside Performing Arts Medicine Program and the University's performing arts programs in music, theater and dance.

Through this arrangement, Riverside's medical team with expertise specific to performing artists' needs will serve as "guest professors" throughout the academic year. They will explore such topics as vocal health, posture at the keyboard, tendonitis issues for string players, management of performance anxiety and vocal production for actors.

"Christopher Newport's partnership with Riverside is groundbreaking," says Dr. Mark Reimer, Torggler Professor of Music and Director of Music Programs. "The health and wellness of performing artists are at the vanguard of arts education, providing aspiring performers with the knowledge and skills to protect their bodies and prolong their careers. This is truly a holistic approach to education nurturing mind, body and spirit."

As part of Riverside's educational offerings, medical experts will be available upon request to provide screenings for Christopher Newport performing arts students – and to work with faculty to provide educational materials that help promote best practices throughout college and beyond. In addition, while Christopher Newport students can participate in observation opportunities throughout Riverside Health System, they will also showcase their talents by entertaining patients and their families at Riverside facilities.

This summer, Riverside Performing Arts Medicine team members also visited campus to serve as vocal health clinicians during the Torggler Summer Vocal Institute, an annual event for aspiring vocalists.

Notes Liz Penn, Director of Performing Arts Medicine and Physical Therapy at Riverside Health System, "Deep community involvement is one of our core values. Partnering with Christopher Newport gives Riverside the opportunity to enrich this relationship. Our performing arts clinicians also have experience in the world of dance, voice, music and theater. They understand the unique challenges artists have and play a key role in their wellness and longevity as a performing arts professional."



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- 9** enra
- 13** Havana Cuban All Stars “Cuban Nights”
- 16** Unelectable You
- 17** Styx
- 19** Cirque Mechanics “Pedal Punk”
- 22** Vanessa Williams
- 30** Jay Leno

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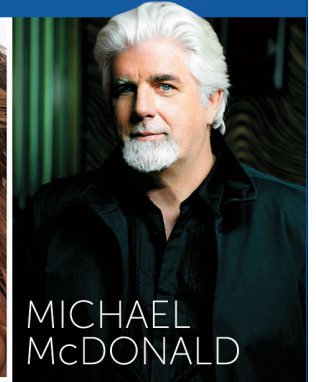
- 1** Concerto for Violin, Rock Band and String Orchestra
Composed by R.E.M.’s Mike Mills for Robert McDuffie, featuring Wordless Music Orchestra
- 6** Shanghai Acrobats “Shanghai Nights”
- 10** Big Head Blues Club featuring Big Head Todd and the Monsters
With special guests Mud Morganfield, Billy Branch and Ronnie Baker Brooks presents “The Songs of Willie Dixon”
- 11** Michael McDonald
- 16** VSO Chamber Orchestra “Classical Winds”
- 19** Simply Three
- 21-22** RENT 20th Anniversary Tour
- 29** Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical
- 30** Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis

DECEMBER

- 1** Sandi Patty “Christmas Blessings”
- 2** SiriusXM Presents The Brian Setzer Orchestra’s 13th Annual “Christmas Rocks!” Tour
- 5** Band of Merrymakers



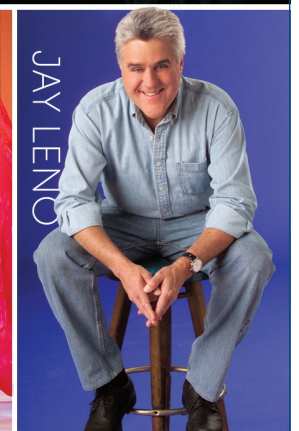
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Dr. Andrew Falk inspires his students to stay connected with the world around them.

Collaboration with students motivates and inspires Dr. Andrew Falk's teaching and scholarship.

"I LOOK AT TEACHING and mentoring as very collaborative," he explains of his approach. "Teaching is often thought of as being one-directional, like we have to implant microchips of content into our students' brains. But education is really supposed to get students to think for themselves and solve problems for themselves."

An associate professor in the Department of History, Falk received the 2015 Alumni Society Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. The \$2,500 prize celebrates his commitment to teaching, learning excellence and university fellowship. In addition to receiving the award, he gave the keynote address at the 2016 Latin honors convocation during commencement week. In his speech Falk noted, "Many have come to realize that an education is too important to be left solely to the classroom. Many of my colleagues encourage students to view our beautiful campus as merely the staging ground for connecting with the larger world."

Falk considers study abroad, undergraduate research and internships to be some of the best ways students can fully

immerse themselves in the world. "My own research is usually focused on what individual people can do when they engage with the world and how they can affect it. This is an important mission we try to instill in our students," he says.



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By encouraging students to study abroad, Falk helps them experience what they've learned in the classroom out in the real world. He has co-led several study abroad trips with other faculty members, from experiencing the history of World War II and the Cold War in Vienna, Prague and Berlin with Dr. Brian Puaca to spending three weeks in China with Dr. Xiao Xu. Falk calls study abroad a

transformative experience, with those who participate often returning more enlightened and engaged.

Inside the classroom, Falk seeks new ways to promote a diversity of interests. When he has students with a background outside of history, he enjoys opening their eyes to the subject's importance. "I try to help students realize that history is about interpretation, research and finding answers to questions. When they get to read an unfiltered version of history, like a letter or diary entry, they understand the significance of the work," he explains. Although some of his students may not choose history as a major or pursue the subject professionally, he appreciates the opportunity to surprise and show them history's true nature.

Having received his undergraduate degree at an institution similar to Christopher Newport, Falk recognizes the value of a liberal arts and sciences education, which empowers students to become well-rounded citizens. "You're exposed to the entire array of the human experience," he says. "I am convinced that is what prepares people for the future."

Whether it occurs inside or outside the classroom, Falk believes mentorship is a group effort between faculty members and students – and when one student succeeds beyond Christopher Newport, "It is a testament that what goes on at CNU is done well." ♦ — Laura Faragalli '16

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Vachris Co-Authors Book Tying Together Economics, Literature

Economics Professor Dr. Michelle Vachris co-wrote *Pride and Profit*, a text describing the links between British writer Jane Austen's work and that of economist Adam Smith, who both revealed much about culture and everyday life during the Enlightenment and industrial revolution in England during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Vachris holds the BB&T Professorship for the Study of Capitalism, which was established in 2006 by a \$250,000 contribution from the BB&T Charitable Foundation. She has implemented several initiatives to fulfill the goals of the program, including course offerings, a lecture series and community outreach activities.



Lewis Pens Text on Prohibition in the South

Dr. Michael Lewis, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, has published *The Coming of Southern Prohibition*, an examination of the rise and fall of South Carolina's state-run liquor dispensary system from its emergence in 1892 until statewide prohibition in 1915. The system, which required government-owned outlets to bottle and sell all alcohol, began as a way to avoid prohibition and enrich government coffers.

Skees Wins VMFA Fellowship

Kristin Skees, Lecturer in the Department of Fine Art and Art History, has been awarded an \$8,000 fellowship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, which recognizes artists in the Commonwealth for their exceptional creativity.

"My work combines traditional portraiture, conceptual knitting, and a love of the unexpected and absurd, and represents the ways our closest relationships can often walk a fine line between loving and smothering," Skees says. "From beginning to end, the pieces are defined by my relationship, dialog and collaboration with the subjects."

More about Skees' artwork is available at kristin.skees.net.



Filetti Wins Annual College English Association Prize

Dr. Jean Filetti, Professor of English, has won the Robert A. Miller Memorial Prize for best article published by the College English Association in its journal *CEA Critic*. The CEA is a professional society of English teachers in higher education.

Filetti's piece analyzes author Myra Kelly's short story collections *Little Citizens* and *Wards of Liberty*. It also exposes the damaging role New York's Board of Health and Board of Education and the staff and teachers who cooperated with and enforced these institutions' policies and programs had on the children of Jewish immigrants in public schools.

Critic editor Jeri Kraver notes, "in reading Kelly's various accounts of the immigrant children in turn-of-the-century New York City public schools, Filetti [shows] ... a system that perpetuated 'a hierarchical system that ... marginalized Jewish immigrants.'"



Cusher Receives \$20K National Endowment for the Humanities Grant

Dr. Brent Cusher, Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership and American Studies, has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Na-

tional Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to develop a new course called *The Promises and Perils of Ambition*. The class will draw from philosophy, literature, history, religious studies and political theory to explore the positive and negative aspects of ambition as a motivating factor for driving people into leadership positions. The grant will also fund a student trip to George Washington's Mount Vernon. The new course will be offered in spring 2017.



Happier Students Are More Engaged Students

by DR. SUSAN ANTARAMIAN

Traditionally, when it comes to mental health, there's a tendency to focus on problems like anxiety and depression, and interventions are designed to eliminate the symptoms and fix the problems. The underlying assumption is that if people don't have these problems, they are mentally healthy. An alternative viewpoint argues that it's not enough to be free of distressing symptoms. We need to have positive well-being, too – including life satisfaction and positive emotions – in order to flourish and thrive. According to this perspective, complete mental health requires both the presence of positive well-being and the absence of symptoms.

RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING RESEARCH that looks at both aspects of mental health – psychological symptoms and positive well-being – in college-aged students. Nearly 600 students, from freshmen to seniors, completed surveys about their well-being and school experiences. From their responses, different mental health profiles were identified. Some students were well-adjusted, having high life satisfaction, positive emotions and no psychological symptoms.

Other students, however, had no psychological symptoms, but they also lacked positive well-being in that their life satisfaction and positive emotions were low. These individuals would typically be considered mentally healthy because of their absence of symptoms, but their low positive well-being means their mental health is less than ideal.

My research also examined how these components of mental health relate to students' academic success. Specifically, I assessed student engagement: students' feelings of connection to and involvement with their educational experiences. Student engagement is an important academic characteristic because students who are highly engaged earn better grades and are more likely to graduate.

Results from the student survey showed that those with positive well-being had higher levels of all types of engagement included in the survey in comparison to the students with low positive well-being. So even though none of these individuals had psychological symptoms, those who had high well-being had better study habits, were more engaged with faculty and peers, had higher intrinsic motivation and enjoyment of learning, and felt a greater sense of belonging in the university community than the individuals with low well-being. This result suggests that positive well-being is an important component of an optimal college experience.

What does this mean for students in their everyday lives? These results suggest that doing things to increase positive

emotions and life satisfaction should be an important goal, not only for psychological health but also for academic performance. For example, one strategy could be actively practicing gratitude. A regular habit of feeling thankfulness, whether toward others or about one's own life circumstances, can have a dramatic impact on happiness. Something as simple as listing things to be grateful for at the end of each day has been demonstrated to increase both positive emotions and life satisfaction.

Another method for increasing well-being involves thinking positively about the future. One way to do this is to imagine a future in which everything has gone as well as it possibly could in all areas of life, including education and career, family life, personal interests, social and romantic life, and physical health. Spending a few minutes a week writing about or envisioning this ideal future can have a significant positive impact on well-being. A variation on this practice that's also associated with increased happiness is spending a few minutes each day imagining a handful of positive events that could happen tomorrow. Whether contemplating years into the future or just the next day, thinking positively about that future can have some real benefits.

One final strategy for boosting well-being is completing acts of kindness toward others. Of course, acts of kindness benefit the recipient, but research shows that the person offering that kindness gets a boost as well. People have higher life satisfaction and more positive moods after completing acts of kindness, and even small favors that only take a moment or so to do offer this benefit.

Devoting just a little time to these types of simple activities can have a major payoff in terms of not only feeling happier but also being more engaged and productive students! ♦

DR. SUSAN ANTARAMIAN is an assistant professor of psychology. She is an expert in positive well-being and life satisfaction in adolescents and young adults.

The Intersection of Theater and the Sciences

Playwright and professor promotes the STEM fields.

Christopher Newport's commitment to the liberal arts and sciences prepared Danielle Hartman '07 to explore her passions in unique ways.

A MEMBER OF the Honors Program, Hartman double-majored in English, with a writing concentration, and theater, with a concentration in directing and dramatic literature.

This spring she earned her master of fine arts degree in theater pedagogy from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), where Hartman serves as an adjunct professor. She has taught dramatic literature, effective speech, introduction to stage performance and acting at VCU.

In February Hartman won the Association for Theatre in Higher Education/Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region IV prize for Innovative Graduate Studies. Her thesis work focused on the use of science plays to encourage women to enter the STEM fields – science, technology, engineering and math. “My research studied the ways in which theater can be used for educational purposes and connected it with how science plays featuring women can promote STEM careers and interest among middle and high school girls,” Hartman says.

A self-described “artist in a family of scientists,” she was inspired to combine science and theater when Associate Professor of Directing Denise Gillman directed a science play at Christopher Newport, “Legacy of Light.” Today the two continue to collaborate on plays and research surrounding the STEM fields and theater.

“The Department of Theater and Dance was fortunate to

have Danielle as a directing and dramatic literature student, and we are proud of all she has accomplished as an alumna,” says Gillman. “At CNU Danielle excelled academically and artistically in both her directing and playwriting work.” After she graduated, the Department invited Hartman to serve as a director for the annual One-Act Play Festival.

In addition to her thesis work, Hartman's playwriting talents have also gained recognition. In March her play “Core of Temptation” – a retelling of “Paradise Lost” and the creation story – premiered at Wichita State University after winning Wichita State's annual playwriting competition (performance pictured below). She wrote the play's first draft as a Christopher Newport senior. Years later, she says, “Something told me to come back to it.”

As a Captain, Hartman was active in theater productions, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Tau Delta international English honor society and Alpha Psi Omega theater arts honor fraternity. After graduation, she joined the Office of Admission as an enrollment services assistant for the President's Leadership Program and Honors Program, working closely with students during the application

and interview process.

“I have a passion for education and love the environment higher education provides, which I discovered during my time working for the Admission Office,” Hartman says. She hopes to continue teaching college theater while pursuing individual productions and research she can share with students – in addition to creating programs that increase female STEM participation through science plays.

Hartman notes, “Christopher Newport showed me that I didn't have to sacrifice one passion to pursue another. There is always a way to make things work.” She expects to begin writing a STEM play in the near future. ♦ — Samantha Kennedy '16



REGIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWS

Upcoming events and additional information can be found at alumni.cnu.edu/chapters.

With several active regional and affinity chapters, Christopher Newport alumni have more ways than ever to reconnect with their alma mater and fellow Captains for Life.

ATLANTA ALUMNI CHAPTER

As our only regional group outside the Commonwealth, the chapter brought a little bit of “homecoming” to Atlanta. The Monday after Homecoming took place in Newport News, Atlanta alumni enjoyed a celebratory happy hour at “Best of Atlanta” award-winning Hudson Grille. The event served as the beginning of what the chapter hopes will become an annual tradition where out-of-state alumni can enjoy and celebrate the spirit of Homecoming from afar.

Over the past year the Atlanta Chapter has made significant gains in recruiting and encouraging high school students in Georgia to call Christopher Newport home. From alumni talking with prospective students to making it possible for guidance counselors to visit campus, members take pride in

promoting the University. And, like all other regional chapters, a Captains and Cocktails CNU Day event took place in support of a record-breaking day of giving.

To get involved in chapter activities, friends and alumni can follow the “Christopher Newport Atlanta Alumni Chapter” on Facebook. Send email inquiries to President Pawl Cowley ’90 and Vice President Dave Lile ’85 at atlalumni@cnu.edu.



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As Christopher Newport’s second-largest concentrated region of alumni, the Metro D.C. area hosts networking and social events throughout the year to bring together these Captains. In July 2015 over 40 Metro D.C. alumni joined current Christopher Newport students at A-Town Bar and Grill for a NoVA/D.C. Career and Networking Reception organized by the Center for Career Planning.

In December the Metro D.C. Chapter joined President

METRO D.C. ALUMNI CHAPTER

Paul Tribble and over 130 fellow Captains for their Annual Holiday Party at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria. Captains for Life celebrated the season with an evening of food, beverages, socializing, and reuniting with former classmates and university faculty. The Brusnahan Family – Casey ’15, Megan ’18, and parents Roger and Mari – hosted the event. On St. Patrick’s Day, as the rest of the nation sported green, Captains also adorned CNU blue to support and celebrate the second CNU Day. A Captains and Cocktails happy hour event took place at City Tap House in Washington, D.C. Over 60 Metro D.C.-area alumni came out in full spirit to enjoy a cocktail, reminisce about their college days and support the University (pictured left).

For more on chapter events or assuming a leadership role within the group, email chapter leadership at novadcalumni@cnu.edu and follow the “Christopher Newport Northern Virginia/Metro D.C. Alumni Chapter” on Facebook.

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PENINSULA ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Peninsula Alumni Chapter enjoyed an engaging, impactful year, kicking off with the nomination and selection of new alumni joining its board of 19 active members. The chapter thanks Kyle Gardner '14, John Hirlinger Saylor '09, Amanda Hupp '11, Karla Keener Atkins '99, Mike Rybinski '14, Lindsey Saylor '05, Stephen Sexton '14 and Stephanie Romett '09 for their first year of service to the Alumni Society Chapter Board. Newly elected officers and board members were announced during the annual Alumni Reunion at Paradise Ocean Club (pictured above) in June 2015 where 60-plus alumni and friends gathered from across the Virginia Peninsula and beyond for a happy hour event filled with great conversation as alumni, faculty and friends built stronger connections.

Last October the Peninsula Chapter hosted its Fifth Annual Captains Choice Golf Tournament at James River Country Club during Homecoming, led by tournament co-chairs Muriel Millar '88 and Eric Kean '98. This event raises funds and awareness for student scholarships, alumni initiatives and programs, the Alumni House, and the global nonprofit Fear 2 Freedom. The tournament brought in more than \$9,000 in

support of these initiatives. For the past five years the tournament has grown exponentially in terms of golfers, sponsors, fundraising and volunteers – and overall the chapter has raised more than \$19,000 for the Peninsula Chapter Scholarship, \$8,000 for Fear 2 Freedom and \$6,500 for the Alumni House.

Additional highlights from the past year include an exclusive alumni tour of the newly constructed Christopher Newport Hall, a Peninsula Holiday Party at the home of Randy '91 and Susan Bryant, an Alumni Theater Night student performance of “Legally Blonde: The Musical” in partnership with the CNU Theatre Guild, and a Captains and Cocktails happy hour celebration on CNU Day 2016.

The Peninsula Chapter represents more than 9,000 alumni living in and around the Newport News, Gloucester, Hampton, Smithfield and Williamsburg areas. All are invited to engage in chapter programs, events and initiatives. To get involved, follow the “Christopher Newport Peninsula Alumni Chapter” on Facebook. Send email inquiries to President Monica Hill '06 and Vice President of Marketing and Communications Dolores Kuchina Musina '09 at peninsulaalumni@cnu.edu.

RICHMOND ALUMNI CHAPTER

With more than 3,000 Captains for Life living and working in and around the Richmond region, this active alumni chapter hosted several successful events over the last year. Chapter leadership partnered with the University's Center for Career Planning to host an RVA Student-Alumni Networking Reception at Bottoms Up Pizza. The chapter also participated in an Alumni Charity Challenge where Richmond alumni representing schools from across the nation collected more than 12,000 pounds of canned goods for the Central Virginia Food Bank. Wrapping up the year, the chapter enjoyed a great celebration of the season and the spirit of being a Captain during the Annual Holiday Party held at the historic Jefferson Hotel.

To kick off 2016, Richmond alumni celebrated CNU Day in March with a gathering at Shockoe Whiskey & Wine – one of several Captains and Cocktails events hosted by chapters and alumni across Virginia that day. In June the group hosted more than 40 alumni and friends at a Richmond Squirrels baseball game where Captains sported their CNU blue, celebrated a home-team win by the Squirrels and enjoyed post-event fireworks at this family friendly affair (pictured right).



The Richmond Alumni Chapter brings together fellow Captains for networking and social events, community-building and volunteer opportunities, and to keep the Richmond alumni community connected, engaged and up-to-date on all the excitement happening on campus and in the broader community of Captains. Visit the "Christopher Newport Richmond Alumni Chapter" on Facebook. Send email inquiries to Chapter President Stephen Maxie '99 and Vice President for Communications Danielle Steel Bolt '09 at richmondalumni@cnu.edu.

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SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS ALUMNI CHAPTER

Captains of South Hampton Roads packed the Mermaid Winery in the Ghent section of Norfolk for the annual Holiday Alumni Reception. President Paul Tribble delivered a powerful message about Christopher Newport, further igniting a fire for alumni engagement. In March the chapter united in support of CNU Day at O'Connor Brewing Co (pictured left).

Robbie Wagner '13 has taken the lead in growing this chapter to new heights, and members are excited about chapter activities forthcoming in the new academic year. For more on how to participate in chapter events, email southhamptonroadsalumni@cnu.edu and visit the "Christopher Newport South Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter" on Facebook.

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AFFINITY CHAPTER NEWS

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at Christopher Newport has experienced several transitions and growth spurts through the years, and the addition of an alumni chapter in 2013 has provided a way for graduates to stay active with their alma mater and CCM friends.

Initially formed to help connect Catholic alumni, the chapter contributes to the current CCM community through a back-to-school barbecue and Homecoming tailgate. The group fosters community-building and networking opportunities with CCM alumni. The chapter also seeks new ways to grow, namely through a more consistent presence in the on-campus ministry and also via an annual alumni newsletter.

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CHEER ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Cheer Alumni Chapter is developing a travel program in collaboration with the Department of Athletics and Office of Alumni Relations. Through this initiative CNU cheer alumni and friends will lend support at major cheer competitions like the College Open Nationals, and through collegiate recruitment and other endeavors.

As former campus leaders for school spirit, chapter members are proud to continue cheering on their alma mater and look forward to attending events and reconnecting with teammates. To get involved, follow the "CNU Cheer Alumni Chapter" on Facebook or contact Chapter President Melissa Farmer '09 at melissafarmer88@gmail.com.

 alumni.cnu.edu/cheer

 CNU Cheer Alumni Chapter

CNU FOOTBALL ALUMNI CHAPTER

Since its 2012 charter, the CNU Football Alumni Chapter has raised thousands of dollars for the football program.

Each year the chapter hosts a charity golf tournament at Cypress Creek Golfers Club in Smithfield attended by alumni, friends and family.

"Since the creation of our chapter, we have seen more alumni engagement at our events and increased donations from former players, families and sponsors. Most importantly, this chapter has allowed teammates and friends to reunite and reminisce about their college-playing days," says Ryan Rusbuldt '11.

The Football Alumni Chapter invites everyone to join them October 29 for the Homecoming game.

 alumni.cnu.edu/football

 CNU Football Alumni

ICE HOCKEY ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Ice Hockey Alumni Chapter was established following the University's 10th season. The group connects ice hockey alumni and friends as they celebrate the current club team, support local hockey and host an annual ice hockey alumni game at Homecoming. In July the chapter also played in the Microbrew Hockey Fest at the Prince William Ice Center in Woodbridge.

Ice hockey alumni and friends are invited to attend social events, participate in or watch tournament play, and support the active club team, in addition to other athletic and university events.

To get involved with the chapter, contact Chapter President Kyle Stutzman '09 at icehockeyalumni@cnu.edu.

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 CNU Ice Hockey Alumni Chapter

PLP ALUMNI CHAPTER

The President's Leadership Program (PLP) Alumni Chapter welcomed nine PLP alumni to its inaugural board of directors in April. The group seeks to serve, represent and promote PLP's history while building a network of alumni.

The board collaborates on events, membership growth and governance, and chapter advancement with a focus on establishing effective relationships with CNU staff and students, providing networking for alumni, and advancing alumni initiatives.

Those passionate about PLP should contact Vice President of Chapter Relations Justin Hardwick '06 at jhardwick@smithfield.com or President Chris Inzirillo '09 at christopher.inzirillo@cnu.edu.

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 CNU President's Leadership Program Alumni Chapter

THEATERCNU ALUMNI CHAPTER

The TheaterCNU Alumni Chapter both serves and develops a vast alumni network while supporting current Theater Department students.

At Homecoming members kicked off the weekend with their signature event, Shoebox Follies. Two alumni and 12 student cabaret performances took place in the Black Box Studio Theatre of the Ferguson Center for the Arts. The event once again raised funds for the theater scholarship, which reached its endowment level last year.

To participate in upcoming activities, follow the "TheaterCNU Alumni Chapter" on Facebook and/or send email inquiries to Chapter President Allen Brooks '04 at allenbrooks@gmail.com.

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 TheaterCNU Alumni Chapter



Members of the senior class of 2016 raised \$106,000 and gifted leadership funds to the Lighthouse Fund endowment, provided funds to start a community garden and helped create the employee recognition fund.

Cassandra Abell	Theresa Blankemeyer	Lauren Cheatham	Sarah Davis	Hattie Firebaugh	Katherine Hall
Sebastian Abrigo	Joelle Blas	Megan Chipana	Jacob Dean	Heather Fish	Megan Hall
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Ashley Akers	Callie Boone	Natalina Ciarapica	Kaliena Dimaano	Christine Frantz	Justin Hansford
Bisola Akiode	Stevie Boose	Aileen Clark	Amber Dingus	Angela Fredrickson	Jessica Hanson
Thomas Albertson	Benjamin Brackley	Katelyn Clark	Emily Ditto	Tanya Freeman	Jamie Harbold
Kalkidan Alemayehu	Ashlyn Brady	Meagan Clark	Victoria Dixon	Hayley French	Taylor Hardt
Tylor Alexander	Adam Brakman	Cherith Cleaves	Mai Anh Do	Elizabeth Fulmer	Jessica Harmon
Isaac Allan	Kendall Brancart	Sommer Clegg	Lydia Dodge	David Furrow	Brittany Harper
Molly Anderson	Vashaun Brandon	Taylor Cocherell	Mary Kate Dodge	Keller Gabriel	Kayla Harper
Trevor Anderson	Lauren Brent	Olivia Cochran	Alexandra Dorsey	Amber Gaddis	Jaime Harris
Megan Apollonio	Tarah Bricker	Jonathan Colb	Rashauna Doublin	Laurie Gagne	Joclyn Harrison
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Patrick Johnson	Emily Malley	Lisa Murphy	Jorey Richards	William Solomon	Elizabeth Wall
Kristen Jones	Rachel Malonson	Candice Murray	Leah Richardson	D'lonte Somuah	Rachel Wall
Samuel Jones	Samantha Mangum	Keshyra Myers	Nicol Rivadineira	Victoria Sprenger	Sarah Wallace
Nicole Jordan	Nolan Mann	Rasia Nadjkovic	Micah Rivers	Calvin Stanford	Alissa Walsh
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Dylan Kramer	Shayna Maust	Sydney Oden	Rachel Rowlett	Ashley Switzer	Amy Wilson
Joshua Kufera	Rebecca Maxfield	Nathan Oweis	Valerie Rubenstein	Alexa Tabackman	Taylor Wilson
David Kuhn	Zachary McAndrew	Quinton Pace	Chelsea Rubis	Jeremy Taguding	Seth Winslow
Andrew Kunk	Ryan McCann	Katelin Pan	Megan Ruhland	Jeni Taskesen	Sarah Winstead
Allison Kunz	Kristen McCartney	Amber Paniagua	Alexandra Sahagun	Luke Taylor	Pace Woods
Ryan Kurrle	Caitlin McClay	Richard Papetti	Benjamin Salvail	Samantha Taylor	Kelsey Woolwine
Samantha Lambert	McCaella McConnell	Alexandra Pardue	Kirsten Sams	Teresa Tedrick	Jadine Wray
Andrew Lamont	Kaitlin McCormick	Cameron Parker	Kyle Saulle	Erin Tenney	Ernest Wright
Kambria Lannetti	Charles McCracken	Kaitlen Parker	Jodie Saunders	Elisabeth Thaxton	Brianna Yeager
Ryan LaRochele	Alexis McCreary	Kelsey Patecell	Kelsey Saunders	Lindsay Thomas	Emily Yelton
Matthew Lassiter	Sara McDonough	Alissa Patnode	Aaron Savage	Christopher Thompson	Christopher Young
Kristen Laukaitis	Tyler McGilvery	Tony Patrick	Alyson Saylor	Mary Thurman	Karla Young
John Lawhorn	Abigail McIntyre	Kathryn Patrizio	Austin Schaffer	Zachary Ticer	Abbey Zackular
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Emily Leich	Zachary McKnight	Gracie Peck	Lauren Scott	Jennifer Titus	
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Career Announcements

1960s

Patrick H. Garrow '63 recently retired after a 50-plus-year career in the archaeology field. He will continue to live in Dandridge, Tennessee, with his wife, Barbara, and is currently working on two books that should be ready for publication this year.

1970s

John Adams '73 has retired to Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina. He enjoyed a highly successful and rewarding career in technology as a self-described "mainframe techno-nerd."

1980s

Dr. John Bordeaux '89 has accepted a position with the RAND Corporation as senior management scientist in Santa Monica, California.

Charles Ciccotti '86 is director of investigations for Coastal Virginia Investigations with offices on the Southside, Peninsula and Richmond.

Brett Giffin '81 was named president and CEO of 3si Systems, LLC, a healthcare technology company based in New York City in 2015. He and his wife, Kira, reside in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, and have a daughter, Abigail, who lives in Iowa.

Dr. Katherine Hall '86 is in her fifth year as an assistant professor of English at Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. She teaches public speaking, technical writing and freshman composition.

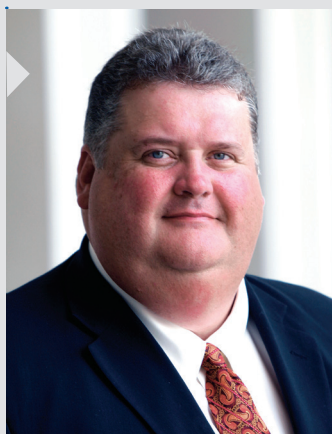
Dr. Art LaMan III '84 was conferred with the degree of doctor of education with a concentration in organizational leadership. His thesis title was "The Mentor's Tale: Cognitive Apprenticeship and Entrepreneurial Education – A Narrative Study." LaMan is an assistant teaching professor in the Northeastern University College of Professional Studies where he teaches project management in the master's degree program. He resides in Mansfield, Massachusetts, with his wife, Anne Marie Conway.

Scott Millar '85 has received a major promotion and will now serve as vice president of corporate human resources for Canon USA. Millar began his career with Canon Virginia in 1992 and has been instrumental in building a successful human resource program as senior director for human resources. In his new role, Millar will oversee people strategies for Canon operations throughout North and South America, ensuring alignment and continuing growth and development across these business units.



Stephen Orlando '85 and his wife started their own landscaping company 30 years ago. They are still in business today and use his biology/horticulture degree from Christopher Newport. His wife earned her degree in fine arts and is a multimedia specialist working for a government contractor. They met in an art class and have recently become grandparents.

Dr. Maryjean Sotack '85 is pleased to announce her 26th year practicing dentistry. After graduating from Christopher Newport she received her doctor of dental surgery from the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry in 1990. She currently practices in Chesapeake.



1990s

Mike Andress '92 is the new baseball coach for Asheville Christian Academy in Buncombe County, North Carolina. He played at the collegiate level during his time at Christopher Newport studying physical education and sports administration. Andress worked with USA Baseball, Impact Baseball, Perfect Game and Prospect Select and currently runs his own fitness and nutrition business.

Ákos Balogh '92 has been appointed chief financial officer for



Hungarian telco Invitel. His new position began in May of this year. After graduating from Christopher Newport, Balogh completed the Financial Leading Platform of Harvard Business School.

Kim Eger '92 was recently inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Gene Green '92 is president/CEO of South Shore Health System (SSHS) headquartered in South Weymouth, Massachusetts. SSHS is the regional health system between Boston and Cape Cod. He relocated to Norwell, Massachusetts, from Annapolis, Maryland, after 13 years at Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Nadine Boone '95 was promoted to lead lender relations specialist at the U.S. Small Business Administration's Massachusetts office. Boone will help develop and implement the office's strategic plan.

notes

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Kevin Dolby '99 has joined the Halperin Lyman LLC law firm in Atlanta, Georgia, as a closing paralegal; obtained a real estate license held with Prestige Brokers; and started a credit repair company (visit helpmycreditscoreplease.com).

William C. Johnson '99, '06 was sponsored by the Applied Mathematics Department of the French Civil Aviation University to serve as a guest lecturer on air traffic management (ATM) topics in May. He provided a series of lectures to PhD and postdoc students working on ATM and advised some of them on their ATM dissertation topics. Johnson is a senior project manager/engineer at NASA and serves on the Christopher Newport Alumni Society Board of Directors.

David Stein '99 has joined En Pointe Technologies as a Microsoft solutions architect, working with Microsoft System Center products for Fortune 500 clients. After graduating from Christopher Newport he worked for such companies as SAIC/AMSEC, Northrop Grumman and several consulting firms.

2001

Christy Morton '01 was appointed by the Virginia House of Delegates as

executive director of the Virginia Rural Center, a partnership of the Center for Rural Virginia and the Council for Rural Virginia. She most recently served as deputy director for external affairs and policy development in the office of then-Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell. Prior to this she worked in communications and public relations for Virginia Natural Gas and in government affairs for Davis Consultants in Richmond.

2003

Cathy (Taylor) Greene '03 is the owner/lead instructor of CPR Basics since 2014, located in Newport News. CPR Basics provides the latest education in resuscitation science using American Heart Association guidelines. Greene, along with her husband, Allen, lives in Smithfield.

Brett Watts '03 has accepted a position as the immigration attorney for Asian Services In Action Inc. (ASIA), a nonprofit immigrant services organization with multiple offices in northeast Ohio.

Dayton Wiese '03 opened Dayton Wiese State Farm in 2015, which provides insurance and financial services and is located in Newport News. His wife, **Cassie (Reynolds, '05)**, is the office's customer service manager. Their son, Atley (7), also enjoys helping out around the office.

2004

Caryn May '04 earned her master's degree in dramatic arts from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in May. She currently works at Harvard Law School and previously was an actor in the D.C. metro area prior to moving to Boston in 2008.

2005

William L. Holt '05 was elected as a partner at Kaufman & Canoles. He practices in the firm's Williamsburg and Newport News offices and is a member of its Private Client Services Practice and Real Estate Strategies Group. His practice focuses on business law, real estate, and trusts and estate planning. Holt earned his JD from William & Mary; at Christopher Newport he played football and was in the President's Leadership Program. He remains active with his alma mater, serving on the board of directors for the Education Foundation and Alumni Society.

Robert May Jr. '05 moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in 2015 after working six years in defense contracting. He now works with Amazon.com as an operations manager in one of the fulfillment centers.



of Business, earning his MBA with concentrations in supply chain management and international business.

Monica (Nolan) Hill '06 has transitioned to a new role as assistant director in Christopher Newport's Office of Alumni Relations after spending six years in the University's Center for Career Planning.



Emily (Seamon) McNulty '06 works at the Naval Academy Club on the yard of the United States Naval Academy as the membership and marketing coordinator. In April her husband, John, was promoted to major in the U.S. Marines Corps.

Jeremy Wells '06 opened a food truck, Munchie's Grub Bus, in Corpus Christi, Texas, with **Hank Harrison '12** and former CNU student Xavier Ramos. Munchie's Grub Bus serves sandwiches and tacos and can often be found parked on the beach or driving through downtown Corpus Christi.

2006

Eric Creasman '06 graduated with honors in May from Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School

2007



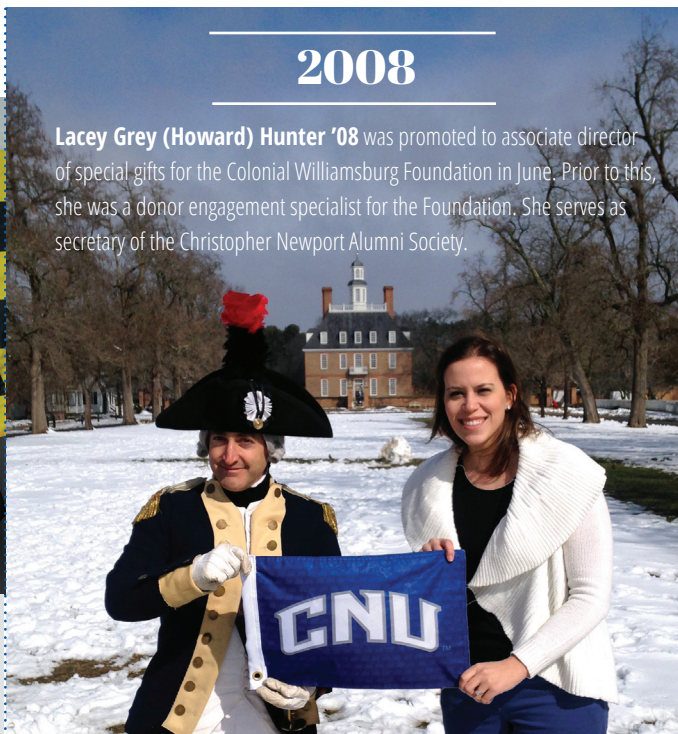
Courtesy of GradPics

Dr. Latasha Eley '07 graduated with her PhD in language, literacy and culture from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in 2015. This past February she began a new position with the U.S. Department of Education as an education research specialist with the Office of Postsecondary Education. In this role Eley coordinates research projects and conducts data analysis to help improve access to higher education and ensure academic success for both students with disabilities and underrepresented students.

Laura "Meg" Finch '07 opened her own law practice in the rural town of Marlinton, West Virginia, in February. She graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2012 and had previously worked as law clerk to the Honorable James J. Rowe, a distinguished circuit judge.

Eric Tarnovsky '07, special agent for the U.S. government, will receive the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in October for his work on a large multiagency review of information sharing prior to the Boston Marathon bombings.

2008



Lacey Grey (Howard) Hunter '08 was promoted to associate director of special gifts for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in June. Prior to this, she was a donor engagement specialist for the Foundation. She serves as secretary of the Christopher Newport Alumni Society.

2009



Dolores Kuchina-Musina '09 graduated from Old Dominion University with a master's in business administration in May and was accepted into ODU's PhD in public administration and urban policy program. Kuchina-Musina remains in Newport News, working for a defense contractor as a contract administrator II.

Krista Sweet '09 has accepted a position as assistant director of Chesapeake Experience, an environmental education nonprofit based in Williamsburg. Chesapeake Experience allows students to connect with their environment in a meaningful way via kayak, ensuring students attain a deeper and richer understanding of their local ecosystems. Sweet is also in her second year as an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Organismal and Environmental Biology at Christopher Newport. When she is not teaching, Sweet is working her Morgan horse, Emma.

2010

Steven Brindle '10 is the new conductor for the Soundscapes orchestra in Newport News, an afterschool program that teaches at-risk students important life skills through music education. After graduating from Christopher Newport, Brindle studied at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati and the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University (see page 28).

Kevin Cooksey '10 completed his master's degree in economics at Johns Hopkins University and began working as branch chief at the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He now manages a staff of economists working on a time series for Business Employment Dynamics.

Billy Fellin '10 joined the staff of the *Powhatan Today* as a sports editor in Richmond in 2015. He began his career in journalism as a member of *The Captain's Log* at Christopher Newport and helped produce a sports segment on CNU TV, "Overtime."

Kiara Girkins '10 has been accepted into the doctor of physical therapy program at Lynchburg College. Upon graduating from Christopher Newport, Girkins worked full time as a physical therapy technician at Mike Kelo Physical Therapy and as an operations ambassador for the



Courtesy of Chesapeake Experience

Washington Redskins at their training camp in Richmond. She spent the past year on the training team for paralympian and world championship competitor Jamey Parks who will compete in the 2016 World Championships in Germany. This summer she completed her first clinical rotation at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland.

Kara Lusk '10 began a new chapter in April serving as associate director of annual giving for Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. She previously spent nearly six years on the Christopher Newport University Advancement team and looks forward to hopefully starting a new Christopher Newport alumni chapter in Nashville.



Dr. Emily (Howard) Mantovan '10 graduated with her doctor of pharmacy and master's of clinical research from Campbell University in May. She started a two-year Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship in clinical research and development with Rutgers University and Celgene in July. Additionally, she and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their first baby girl, Santina Juliet, to the world in September 2015.

George Schraudt '10 was hired as a real estate development manager for Ferguson Enterprises out of their corporate offices in Newport News. Prior to this role, Schraudt enjoyed a three-year tenure as senior economic analyst for the city of Newport News' Department of Economic Development.

2011

Breanne (Catharine) Harris '11 marked her one-year anniversary as community relations and programs coordinator for the city of Newport News. She was formerly marketing and special events manager for the Peninsula SPCA and lives in Newport News with her husband, Andrew.

Dr. Kristopher Kelly '11 successfully defended her dissertation to earn a PhD in polymer chemistry from the Florida State University in Tallahassee in May.

Lori Reibach '11 will be attending Barry University in Miami, Florida, and completing her master's degree in counseling with a specialization in marriage, family and couple counseling. While attending school, Reibach hopes to volunteer and advocate for sexual assault victims in the Miami area.

Stephanie Whitehead '11 has been accepted to Cardiff University in Wales and will begin her master of science – conservation practice degree this fall.

2012

Jeremy Brandt-Vo '12 started his own business, the Board Bus, a mobile skate-shop unlike anything in the world. The entire store is solar-powered and features professional skateboard goods and clothing. The Board Bus can be found at skateboard

competitions, communal festivals, concerts, food events and art openings around the D.C. area.

Nathan Carl Davidson '12 graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School in May with a doctor of medicine degree. He is currently a resident physician at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Bennie Wall '12 graduated from the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law with a Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service Certificate for the significant time he dedicated to public service during law school. Wall was also a 2015 recipient of the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Estate Planning. He currently works in Williamsburg as an associate attorney at the Zaremba Center for Estate Planning and Elder Law.

2013



Kevin Garcia '13 works with the Change Project, an LGBTQ non-profit that elevates the visibility of LGBTQ people and advocates for an improved quality of life through the arts, strategic partnerships and community programs in the Deep South and Midwest. He also speaks at universities and community events about faith, sexuality and authentic living. Learn more at theKevinGarcia.com.

Marguerite (Maggie) Gore '13 was recently drafted to play professional women's ice hockey for the Boston Blades, a team in the Canadian Women's Hockey League.

Danielle Gunderson '13 is the assistant women's soccer coach at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Gunderson comes to Denison after one season as assistant women's soccer coach at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland.

Brett McGee '13 is stationed in Pilar, Paraguay, with the Peace Corps, where he has been a Community Economic Development volunteer.

Jimmy Morris '13 wrote a debut novel, *As I Lay Dying 2: As I Start to Feel Better, Actually*, that was recently accepted by a publishing house and will be available in summer 2017.

Zachary Wilson '13 graduated with a JD from Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law in May. He plans to sit for the North Carolina bar exam and currently resides in Raleigh.

2014

Chloe Christoforou '14 is a post-graduate fellow in the blast-induced neurotrauma unit at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and a master of science candidate at Johns Hopkins University studying biotechnology.

Jeff Dietzel '14 recently accepted an acting position in Sesame Street Live's "Make a New Friend." The interactive show opened in 2015 at the Five Flags Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Dietzel began his career as a performer at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg while in college.

Jessica East '14 teaches World History I and II at Highland Springs High School in Henrico County. Additionally, she received the New Teacher of the Year award at her school.

William Fruchterman '14, MAT '15 began his job as a music teacher in Nashville, Tennessee, after graduating with his master of arts in teaching. He currently teaches students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade at Inglewood Elementary School in East Nashville.

Carolina Hurley '14 has been named director of television for the Republican National Committee. She recently served as national communications director for the College National Republican Committee. In September she was featured in *Elle* magazine (see page 18).

Gerald McAlister '14 works with Amazon on the Devices Team as a software development engineer. He previously developed software applications for Android and Playstation Mobile marketplaces.

Bella Nguyen '14 spent a year working at Gannett and *USA Today* in McLean right out of school. Nguyen then moved to New York City to join FOX News, in Rockefeller Center, as an insights specialist working specifically in advertising sales.

Brelyn Powell '14 accepted a position as donor communications specialist in Virginia Commonwealth University's Development and Alumni Relations department in March. Before that, she spent almost two years working in a fundraising position for the Virginia chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

2015

Alessandra Astete '15 pursued a master's degree in vocal performance at Belmont University after graduating from Christopher Newport. She currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee, where she performs with the Nashville Symphony Chorus and Nashville Collegiate Orchestra.

Barbara Ballve '15 landed a job at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., working as an arts development and membership assistant in February. She was hired based on her experience in entertainment, fundraising and her accomplishments working for the Office of University Advancement for two years while attending Christopher Newport.

Elizabeth Baril '15 is in her first year at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Her goal is to graduate with a master's in divinity in three years and simultaneously become an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



Laura Carrione



Pictured clockwise from top left: Justin Brewster, Nick Mirra, Kristin Godsey and Tatum Williams

Justin Brewster '15, Kristin Godsey '15, Nick Mirra '15 and Tatum Williams '15 just completed their first year at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Joseph Duchane '15 began attending the Washington and Lee School of Law this fall. He received a full-tuition scholarship and research fellowship.

Azure Gardner '15 is beginning her master of science in finance at Georgetown University this fall. She will take classes while pursuing her current job as a registered client associate at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.

Cory Webb Glembot '15 has gained acceptance into the Kent State University School of Podiatric Medicine as a member of the Class of 2019.

Allie Hackbarth '15 recently became the assistant field hockey coach at Union College in Albany, New York.

Erin Kirby '15 has launched her career in computer science as an associate programmer at Science Systems and Applications Inc. in Hampton as part of a contract with NASA Langley Research Center.

Courtesy of History in Action 1.1



Sally Meyer '15 was featured in the publication *History in Action*, where her work as a museum education assistant at the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum was featured. Meyer has worked to create a virtual exhibit, develop exhibit guides and create programs that engage children and families in public history – particularly in the study of plants and animals.

Wedding Announcements

Jennifer Lou (Joy) Morgan '94 married Perry Edward Smith on January 2, 2016, in Newport News.

Cristin Johanna Toutsis '03 and William George Grigos were married May 14, 2016, at the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Diane Cabirovich '04 and Thomas John Auth were married at the Pope Chapel on April 16, 2016. Both Diane and Thomas work in the IT department of Lumber Liquidators and reside in Toano.



Jenna (Martin) DeKesuter '07 and Andy DeKeuster were married at the 1757 Golf Club in Sterling on March 28, 2015. They reside in Centerville where Jenna works as a school counselor for Fairfax County and Andy works for Billy Casper Golf.

Charles Watson Tyler '08 married Anna Kathleen Salyers Pitts on September 9, 2015, in Richmond. The couple resides in the Phoenix suburb of Glendale, Arizona.

Tirena (Schue) Dingeldein '09 married Sergeant James Dingeldein on April 8, 2015, at Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City. Tirena is a marketing associate for Gartner while James serves as a sergeant for the United States Park Police. The couple resides in Arlington.



Leigh (Ayers) Olvera '05 married James Olvera on August 15, 2015, at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News where they work and reside. Afterward, they spent 10 days exploring Belize on their honeymoon.

Adam Ulan '05 married Christianne Rebecca Bird on June 13, 2015, at Spray Beach Yacht Club on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Several CNU Pi Kappa Phi alumni attended, including the master of ceremonies and groom's wedding party. Residing in Fairfax, Adam is director of Cloud services at Daston Corporation, and Christi is a senior industry analyst at Frost & Sullivan.



Lauren (Waegerle) Weiner '09 and Michael Weiner were married June 5, 2015, at Christopher Newport. They both work at TowneBank in Suffolk where Michael is a senior vice president and supervises the engineering team, and Lauren is an application administrator. The couple resides in Chesapeake.



Danielle Dwight '10 married Quinn Adams on May 28, 2016, at Saint John's Catholic Church in Warrenton. The couple resides in Richmond where Danielle is an associate at Capital One and Quinn starts work as an associate with Hunton & Williams law firm this fall.



Seen Hills Photography



Christopher Allen-Shinn '10 married Amelia B. Knight at Emanuel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach on July 9, 2016. The bride received a BS in health sciences with a major in healthcare administration from Old Dominion University in 2013. She is employed as a licensed practical nurse. The groom served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an artilleryman from 1997-2002, earned a BA with double majors in history and philosophy from the University of Northern Colorado in 2003, a master of arts in teaching in history and social science education from Christopher Newport in 2010, and an MA in modern world history from St. John's University in 2013. He is employed by Portsmouth City Public Schools as a life science teacher.

Lauren (Shea) Nabulsi '10 married Matthew Nabulsi on March 26, 2016, in her hometown of Lynchburg. They began dating in 2009 during her senior year at Christopher Newport while he was stationed in Norfolk. They dated long distance for several years before moving to Atlanta, Georgia, in 2011 and finally relocating to Phoenix, Arizona, in 2014. Matthew is an auxiliary operator at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station; Lauren works in supply chain at Centuri Construction Group, one of the largest utility contractors in North America.

Colleen (Kramar) Stein '10 and Mark Stein were married December 19, 2015, in Virginia Beach at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, with a reception at the Lesner Inn Catering Club. They live in Norfolk where Mark is a nuclear engineer and Colleen is an area director with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Lindsay Fauver Photography



Cassie Wykle Olson '11 married Ryan Michael Olson on May 10, 2015, in Irvington at the Tides Inn. The happy couple resides in Woodbridge.

Jessica (Tomes) Barrick '12 married Matthew Barrick on June 18, 2016, at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church. A reception followed at the Williamsburg Winery. She works at Riverside Hospital and currently attends nursing school to become an RN; he works at Tidewater Physical Therapy as a physical therapist. They reside in Yorktown.



Chad Davis Photography

Nate Thiel '12 and Andrea Riley were married July 12, 2015, at the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia. They live in Fork Union.



Krista Patton Photography

Samantha (Peeples) Hillard '14 married Jack Hillard on January 3, 2015, in Birmingham, Alabama, at Southside Baptist Church. They currently reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Samantha works as an HR administrative assistant at CBL & Associates Properties Inc.; Jack is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communications and is also in the Army Reserves.



Pamella Vann Photography

Captains *Marrying* Captains

Danielle (Steel) Bolt '09 and **Adam Bolt '06** tied the knot on April 29, 2016, in a beach ceremony in Corolla, North Carolina. The happy couple lives and works in Richmond.



Once Like a Spark Photography

Dr. April Boucher Alley '10 and **Matthew Alley '08** were married November 27, 2015, in Savannah, Georgia.

Sabina (Pedini) Furbee '11 and **Brent James Lee Furbee '11** were married in July 2014 at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Bedford with a reception at West Manor Estate. She works as an assistant wedding coordinator for historic events; he recently accepted a position as a sales representative for Iseli Nursery. They reside in Easton, Maryland.



Michael and Emma Photography

Meggan (Bond) Campbell '11 and **Calvin Campbell '12** were married April 30, 2016, at Rock Hill Plantation House in Stafford. **Danielle Lewis '11** served as maid of honor, **Michelle Vaughan '12** and **Kaitlyn Howarth '10** served as bridesmaids, and **Quentin Marrow '16** was a groomsman. The Campbells live in Fairfax.



Renard Photography



Bryan Gunst '11 and **Brittany Finch '11** were married September 19, 2015, at Bluemont Vineyard in Bluemont. They reside in Arlington.

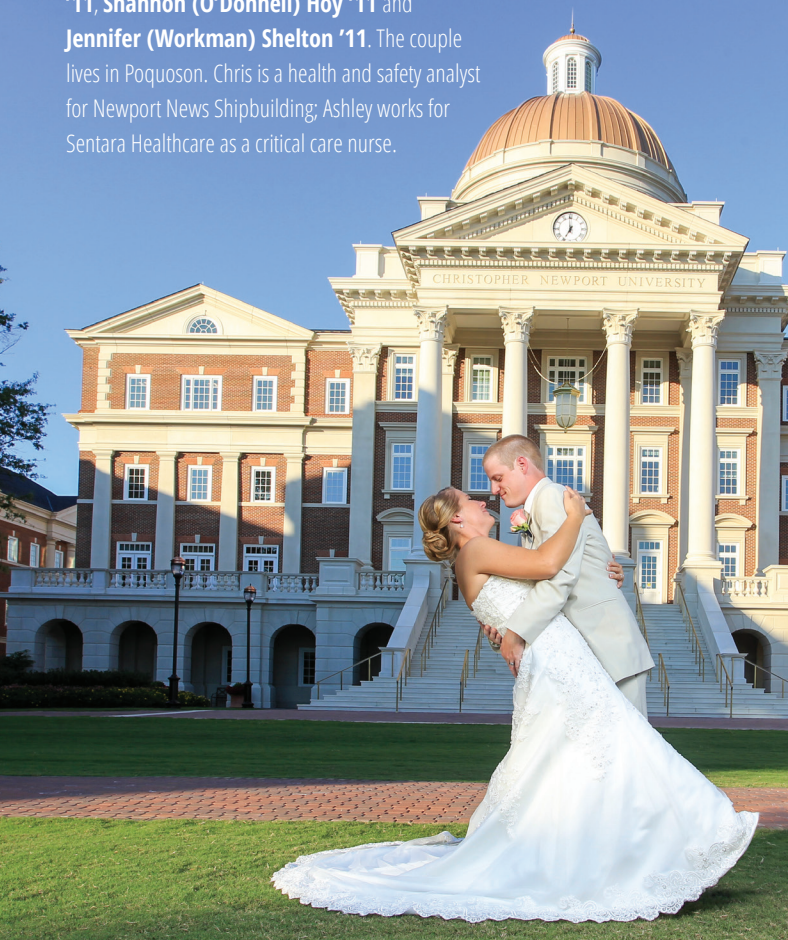
Melissa (Farmer) Smith '11 and David Smith '11

were married April 23, 2016, at Glenmont Farm in Fort Valley. David recently earned a master's degree in biophysics and physiology from Virginia Commonwealth University, and Melissa works as an executive assistant. They live in Henrico with their two rescue pups.

Katelyn James Photography



Ashley Walker '11 and J. Chris Maxwell '09 were married August 1, 2015, in Christopher Newport's Pope Chapel. Bridesmaids included **Megan Stough '11, Shannon (O'Donnell) Hoy '11 and Jennifer (Workman) Shelton '11**. The couple lives in Poquoson. Chris is a health and safety analyst for Newport News Shipbuilding; Ashley works for Sentara Healthcare as a critical care nurse.



Phil Cedor '12 and Cait Harris '12, '13 MAT

were married in July 2014 at Christopher Newport. He is employed by Northrop Grumman, and she teaches social studies at Mount Vernon High School. The couple resides in Alexandria.



Justin Ferry

Paige (Butterfield) Kohrmann '15 and Christian Kohrmann '15

were married July 30, 2016, in Springfield. They now live in Raleigh, North Carolina, where Christian works for Fidelity Investments in software development.



Sharon Elizabeth Photography

Ande (Ehler) Remington '12 married **Jonathon Remington '07** on September 5, 2015, at the Vintager Inn in New Kent. They reside in Newport News where he is a sales consultant for Carmax and she is an environmental specialist at NASA Langley.

Rachel (Tomlinson) McGregor '13

married **Andrew Scott '13** June 13, 2015, at the Founders Inn and Spa in Virginia Beach. She is a vocational counselor for the Choice Group, and he is a financial consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton. They recently purchased their first home in Virginia Beach.

Callie Hardman Photography



Future Captains

Ashleigh (Pigford) Andrews '02

announces the arrival of Connor Edward Andrews, born October 20, 2015, in Newport News.



Greg Dale '03 and his wife, Amie Graham Dale, Executive Director of University Relations at Christopher Newport, welcomed future Captain Charlotte Everley Dale on September 6, 2015.



Akeembra (Grady) Lawrence '04 and her husband, Jarret, welcomed Khalil Amir Lawrence into the world on December 14, 2015. Khalil weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. The family resides in Maryland where Akeembra is a senior manager at a nonprofit and Jarret works for the National Security Agency.

Erika Frances Photography



Amanda (Meadows) Smith '04 and **Josh Smith '07** welcomed their fourth child, Samantha Rosaline, on March 8, 2015, in Newport News where they reside.



Nicella Photography

Dr. Kimberly (Karnes)

Hoagland '04 and Ben Hoagland welcomed baby boy Thomas Albert on March 1, 2016. The family resides in Suffolk. Kimberly is an assistant professor at Old Dominion University.

Travis Binns '06 and Michelle Binns welcomed Kaia Mary on June 15, 2015. Travis and Michelle live in Chicago, Illinois, where he is a realtor for Jameson Sotheby's International.



Elizabeth (Thuma) Tobe '06

welcomed son Mason Michael on September 8, 2016, in Annapolis, Maryland, less than 48 hours before his father, Christian, deployed to the Middle East for a year.



Christopher Kreider '06 and Kristin Kreider welcomed their baby boy, Connor Lee Kreider, on April 28, 2016, in Fort Stewart, Georgia. Kristin is an OBGYN physician while Christopher is a software developer.

Erin Berman Photography



Jenna (Martin) DeKesuter '07

and Andy DeKeuster are happy to announce the birth of their son, Carter Drew, born January 4, 2016. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Kelly (Chohany) Petty '07 and **Gene Petty '08** are excited to announce the arrival of Parker Thomas on May 26, 2015, in Broad Run. Gene and Kelly also have an older son, Luke. Gene is a special agent with United States Capitol Police; Kelly is a special education administrator with Fairfax County Public Schools.



Rickey May '07 and **Katie May '07** welcomed Campbell Grace on August 24, 2015.

Kevin Cooksey '10 and **Katherine Cooksey '10** welcomed their first child, Hannah Alexandria, on January 6, 2016.

Kari (Roth) Hosack '10 and **J.T. Hosack '10** welcomed their baby boy, James "Jamie" Thomas Hosack III, on March 16, 2016. The family resides in Mechanicsville where J.T. is the HR training coordinator for Patient First and Kari is the manager of humane education at the Richmond SPCA.



Molly (Buckley) Stillman '07 and John Stillman welcomed baby boy Amos James on February 19, 2016. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 19 inches long. Amos' big sister, Eileen, is so proud. The family resides in Durham, North Carolina.



Marie (Breninger) Guagliardo '12 and Ian Guagliardo welcomed their firstborn, Camden Rae Guagliardo, on April 14, 2015 – just eight days before Ian left for deployment.

Marie Guagliardo Photography
Emily Shores Photography



Lauren Pigford Hill '07 and Douglas Hill welcomed their first child, Vivian Lee, into the world on February 9, 2016. The happy family resides in Hampton. Lauren is employed at Newport News Shipbuilding as an e-procurement analyst.

Ryan Bradley '09 and **Andrea Bradley '09** are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Adalyn Mae, born July 5, 2016. They reside in Yorktown.

Lauren (Wiesner) Cecora '09 and Sgt. Anthony Cecora proudly announce the birth of their first child, Evelyn, on April 24, 2015. The family lives in Northern California.



Welcome Aboard, Legacy Captains!

We are exceptionally proud of the families who leave an enduring mark here. The following represent our legacies within the Class of 2020 – new students with immediate family who previously attended Christopher Newport.

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Kelley Madison Barley
Jordan N. Beamer
Tyler A. Blanks
Evan Wayne Borders
William G. Brennan
Alex Cole Brown
Campbell Bain Burton
Peyton S. Butler
Samantha Callejas
Jayne E. Carter
Madison Rose Chestnut
Isabella Christina Clouse
Ilana L. Cochrane
Lucas Sean Collins

Justin E. Corlett
Savannah Nicole Davidson
Aleksis O. Davies
Christopher Andrew Dean
Nicolette S. DeFrank
Sophia Therese Delmare
Dominic P. DeSanctis
Grace H. Doeblar
Glenn A. Doering
Mitchell Bernard Drier
Lila Patton Duvall
Charles Joseph Egress
Connor R. Elsbernd
Jordan E. Epstein
Jonathan Marshall Falcone
Nicholas S. Fischer

Kimberly Elizabeth Garlem
Riley Elizabeth Garrison
Peyton Gay
Stevey R. Gerling
Scott P. Gilbert
Sara Elizabeth Gravely
Alexandra Francis Green
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Austin David Halter
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Devin Reid Headrick
Joseph T. Herrity
Macy P. Highland
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Liam Kempton
Cassidy Rose Kiel
Luke N. Kline
Gabrielle Katherine Lehning
Jay Harrison Leonard
Stephanie Kim LeRoy
Elizabeth Marie Lilliston
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Emily Grace Majchrowitz
Robert Joshua Theodo Maloney
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Madalyn Louise Millen
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Sydney Ann-Grubbs Shaw
Kristen Nicole Shipman
Morgan H. Simmons
Haidyn Gloria Stark
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Thomas J. Stout
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Ethan J. Suminski
Julia Swenson
Jordan L. Taylor
Brian B. Teller
Michael Alexander Wilson
Brooke Mikaela Winne
Isabella Margo Wintersteiger



Jay Epstein '76
Morgan Epstein '14
Robert Epstein '03
Jordan Epstein '20



IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

1970s

W. R. Glover '72
Mary N. Williams '73
James M. Hoover Jr. '74
Joseph G. White II '74
Benjamin E. Hoffman '79

1980s

William D. Crosby '80

Charles Helderman III '81
Allen W. Porter '81
James A. Foretich Sr. '82
Robert McGraw '84
Leonard Kukla '85
Patricia J. Bresnahan '86
Rhea C. Tannen '86
Linda D. Adolph '88
Janice Hyatt '88

1990s

Michael A. Wunder '92
James M. Jackson '95
Sandra Bouffard Robinson '96

2000s

Judge M. Haugen '02
Michelle R. Millard '02
Tracey L. Frink '03
Stephanie Dawn Mutter Green '07

FRIENDS AND FACULTY

Mrs. Elizabeth Brauer passed away on February 5, 2016. She and her late husband, Harrol, were ardent contributors and supporters of Christopher Newport, where Harrol served as the first rector of the Board of Visitors. A room in Christopher Newport Hall is named in their honor. In 1986 the Brauers were individually awarded the Distinguished Citizens Medallion from the city of Hampton for their service to the community. She is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law: Harrol Andrew III and wife Jenny, William

Lanier and wife Michelle, and Gregory Hill and wife Cindy.

Dr. Clyde W. Brockett died on June 23, 2015. An eminent scholar of medieval music, he retired as emeritus professor of music/musicology after 25 years at Christopher Newport and authored numerous books and articles.

Dr. Gary G. Hammer died on February 8, 2016. He located to Williamsburg with his family in 1961 and after a short time working for Dow

Chemical Company became a professor of chemistry at Christopher Newport. He retired in 1998.

Dr. Julius E. Harris passed away on February 8, 2016. After retiring from NASA in 1992, he became an adjunct professor at Christopher Newport teaching mathematics.

Dr. James C. Windsor, former president of Christopher Newport, died on April 3, 2016. Born on August 11, 1932, in Scarbro, West Virginia,

he served in the Marine Corps, was a Korean War veteran and was decorated with a Naval Commendation, with "V" for Valor, and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. Christopher Newport awarded him an honorary LLD degree in 1989. He joined Christopher Newport's faculty in 1962, founding the Psychology Department. Along with creating the institution's evening college and summer school he also founded the counseling center. He served as dean of students before becoming president (1970-80).



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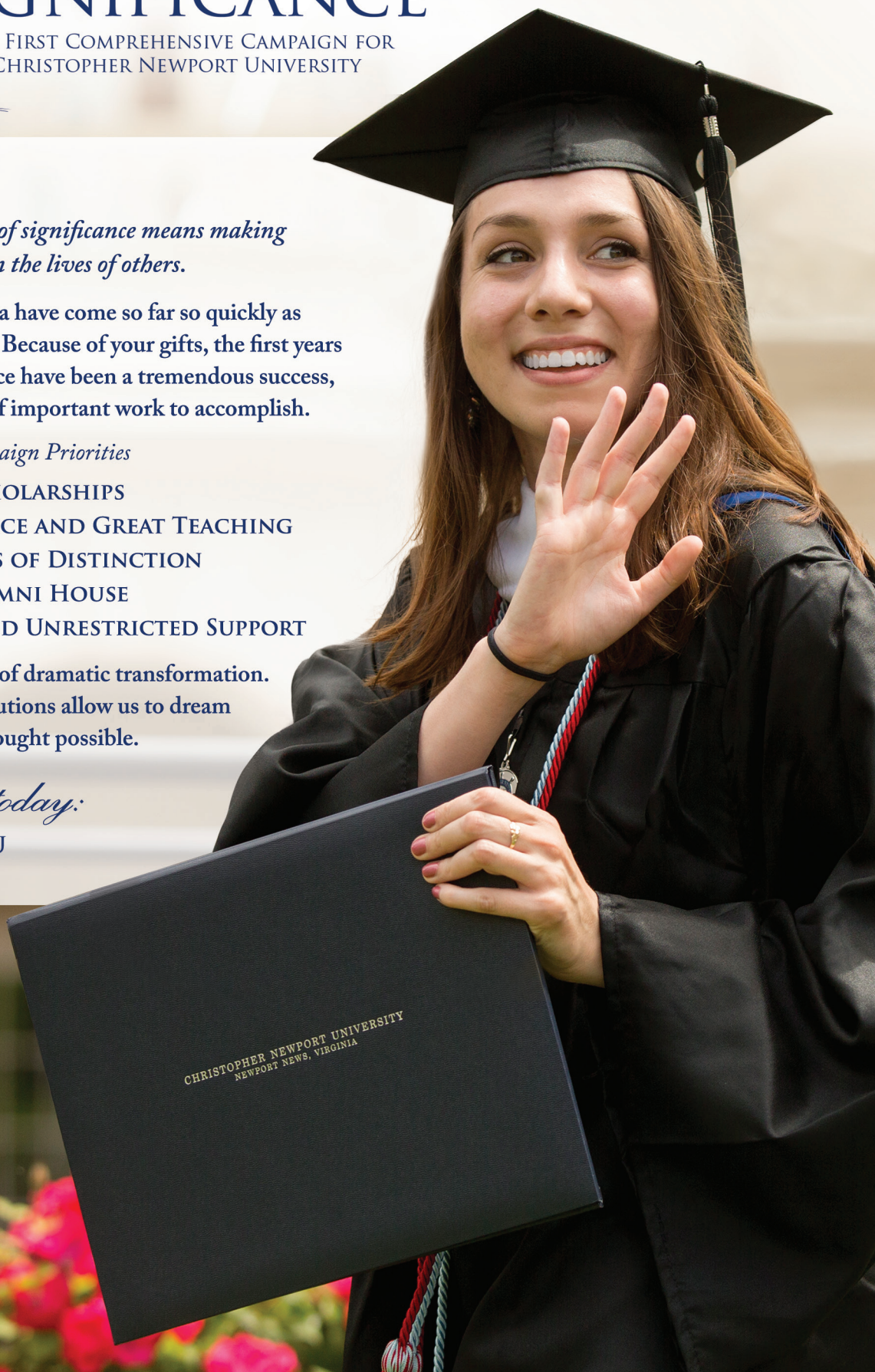
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