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or so many of us, our time spent at Christopher Newport included some of the best experiences and friends of our lives.

We look back fondly, and sometimes longingly, and remember how great it was to be a Captain. To be sure, the friends I made at Christopher Newport are still some of my best, but the ones I have made through staying involved with the University are among the people I hold dearest. The Christopher Newport Alumni Society is a big part of that. I am truly humbled to have the opportunity to lead the Alumni Society as president and am excited to share that being a Captain does not stop when we graduate. It is truly a great time to be a Captain for Life!

If it has been awhile since you last visited campus, you are in for a surprise. Construction is now finished on the Pope Chapel, the expansion of the Commons (known to many of us as Harbour

Lights) and Warwick River Hall. Plus, Luter Hall is set to open, and construction on Rappahannock River Hall is nearing completion. This fall these two buildings will welcome students from the Classes of 2014-17. Campus certainly looks different from when I drove up Shoe Lane every day for class, but the one thing that remains consistent through the years is the caliber of our students and the lasting relationships they build with faculty members.

Our alumni chapters continue to stay active, hosting networking events, holiday parties, tailgates and so much more. Important foundations are being laid for new and expanded alumni chapters and services. While our involvement with students on campus increases, our engagement with alumni through our chapters keeps growing significantly as well. As you will see in the pages that follow, many exciting things are happening both on and off campus.

We look forward to the upcoming academic year as we continue to develop the Alumni Society's board of directors, programs and volunteer initiatives. Opportunities abound to stay engaged in the life of your alma mater by being a part of the Christopher Newport Alumni Society. Remember, membership is free, and the many benefits — both social and tangible — are outstanding. The collective voice of more than 20,000 Christopher Newport alumni is something special, and your engagement with us assures the bonds of being a Captain will remain as strong as ever.

Please stay in touch, keep us updated and share your stories with us. We have made it even easier to do so by increasing our social networking presence. Email us at alumni@cnu.edu, call us at (757) 594-7712, tweet us @acaptainforlife and follow us on Facebook at Christopher Newport Alumni Society.

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Around CNU

CNU Shines on National Lists

Christopher Newport University continues to garner national recognition and accolades.

- The Princeton Review selected CNU as one of 150 higher-education institutions to be included in *The Best Value Colleges: 2013 Edition*. CNU is also ranked in the top 100 public institutions by *Kiplinger's Best Values in Public Colleges 2013*. These ratings are based on a consideration of academic quality and affordability.
- CNU was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as an up-and-coming university.
 The publication's 2013 "Up-and-Comers" list was developed from a survey of college administrators identifying which institutions they deemed to "have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities."

U.S. News also ranked CNU among the top public regional universities in the South, as well as the top overall regional universities in the South.

• The University also appears in the top 100 of Lumosity's list of smartest colleges based on a measurement of student intelligence. CNU joins William & Mary, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech as the highest-ranked schools in the commonwealth. ◆

New Greek Chapters

Two new Greek chapters have formed on campus. This year Christopher Newport welcomed both Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Currently 1,025 CNU students participate in the University's Greek social organizations. •



Summer Vocal Institute Established

CNU has established the Torggler Summer Vocal Institute (TSVI), an intensive two-week residency program where emerging young singers will learn from professional vocal instructors and performers. The program will provide extraordinary opporunities for students to develop essential performance skills.

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

The Institute is scheduled for July 7-21 with a maximum of 50 high school and college students selected to participate. World-renowned visiting artists for summer 2013 include Costanza Cuccaro, internationally acclaimed lyric-coloratura soprano; Ben Heppner, Grammy Award-winning dramatic tenor who has performed with the Metropolitan Opera; Tony Award winner Brian Stokes Mitchell; and Janis Siegel, nine-time Grammy Award winner and founding member of the Manhattan Transfer, who are also scheduled to perform.

Visit tsvinstitute.org for details. •



The Manhattan Transfer

Brian Stokes Mitchell

Janis Siegel

Ben Heppner

Costanza Cuccaro

Federal Grant Funds Farmers Market



Christopher Newport received \$84,756 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to expand its on-campus farmers market. The two-year grant will fund an advertising campaign and 10 summer internships to educate students about farming practices.

"This grant will allow us to develop supportive, symbiotic relationships between local farmers, CNU students and faculty, and the Newport News community, enriching everyone with local, sustainable produce and meats, while enhancing our understanding of how such food comes to our kitchens and tables," notes Dr. Scott Pollard, Professor of English

and Director of the CNU Farmers Market. "What we create could be a model for other similarly sized liberal arts universities across the country."

USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) awards were granted to 130 initiatives across the U.S. to establish and develop new farmers markets as well as support longstanding ones. CNU was the only Virginia university to receive an FMPP grant this year.

New Mathematics Major

The Department of Mathematics now offers a major in computational and applied mathematics (CAM), the application of mathematics to real-world problems. In addition to receiving a comprehensive math education, CAM students will combine theoretical learning with indepth inquiry into an interdisciplinary area of their choosing. Concentrations include biology and the life sciences, chemistry, economics and finance, physics, and engineering.

This degree is well-suited for students seeking careers in industry or specialized graduate study. $\ensuremath{\diamondsuit}$

Alpha Chi Inducts 100

Alpha Chi, the national honor society at Christopher Newport that represents the top 10 percent of students in all academic disciplines, inducted 100 new students last fall.

Established in 1934, Alpha Chi is one of the nation's largest honor societies, with 300 chapters and more than 300,000 members across the United States. Christopher Newport's Zeta Chapter was chartered in 1977. Besides honoring exemplary students, Alpha Chi sponsors local, regional and national activities, awarding yearly scholarships and fellowships for which all members may apply.

Visit us online at **voyages.cnu.edu** for the list of inductees. �

Service Distinction Promotes Volunteerism

Launched this academic year, the Service
Distinction Program will strengthen CNU's commitment to building relational bridges between
the campus and local communities. The program
also reinforces CNU's mission of sending out
graduates to lead lives of significance in their
communities, the nation and the world.

This initiative acknowledges students committed to service while recognizing four aspects of engagement: volunteerism within the community; a commitment to the work and cause of community partners; civic engagement through advocacy, policy development, program planning and implementation; and social entrepreneurship addressing local issues in new and innovative ways.

To be awarded with distinction at commencement students must complete either 140 service hours in the local community over at least two years or 120 hours and a service-learning course.

CNU has placed special emphasis on tutoring and mentoring students in Hampton and Newport News schools. "With our nation crying out for a better-educated citizenry, our students are uniquely positioned to not only tutor students in math, science and English, but also to mentor students in their critical teenage years," President Paul Trible says.

Learn more about the University's Service
Distinction emphasis at **engage.cnu.edu**. �

Food for Thought '12

Christopher Newport collected 46,188 pounds of food during the fifth annual Food for Thought campaign. The food drive mobilized the campus community to collect food and money to benefit the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula.

To support CNU's effort, Smith-field Foods generously donated 10,000 pounds of protein as part of its "Helping Hungry Homes" program. Campus volunteers helped weigh, sort, box and load all of the collected food directly onto Foodbank trucks.

CNU's Food for Thought engages students, faculty and staff in an important dialogue regarding the causes of hunger, as well as ways to directly contribute to shortand long-term solutions. �





CNU students completed more than 61,000 service hours during the 2012-13 academic year. Overall, 167 community partners benefited from this volunteerism. Independent Sector, a leadership network for nonprofits, estimates the dollar value of this volunteer time at almost \$1.4 million.

Underscoring the University's commitment to transforming hearts and minds,100 students graduated with CNU's Service Distinction during the program's first year; an additional 383 undergraduates are currently enrolled and working toward that goal.

Ferguson Makes \$12 Million Gift to CNU

Ferguson Enterprises recently made the largest donation in Christopher Newport's 51-year history.

"Ferguson's commitment of \$12 million will enable us to sustain the programming excellence and success of the Ferguson Center and create two transformative opportunities for our students by supporting scholarships in the performing arts and service in our community," President Paul Trible notes.

- \$10 million will provide support for the Ferguson Center's operations and programs.
- \$1 million will create the Ferguson Enterprises Performing Arts Scholarships to provide support for full-time students in music, theater and dance. These scholarships will enable CNU to recruit and retain

students of extraordinary talent with an ongoing commitment to academic and artistic excellence. An important expectation of Ferguson Scholars is that they will engage in service opportunities, sharing their talent and intelligence in creative ways throughout the community.

\$1 million will provide support for the Center for Community Engagement. Ferguson has partnered with CNU's Center for Community Engagement for several years, particularly through the support of local internships. Through these internships, Ferguson supports experiential learning opportunities for students to serve the citizens of our community and commonwealth.

For more than a decade, through the vision and leadership of CEOs David Peebles, Charlie

Banks, Chip Hornsby and Frank Roach, Ferguson and Christopher Newport University have formed and sustained a strong partnership. That close association created a model for corporations and institutions of higher education in making a difference in the quality of life for Virginia and for exponentially increasing the educational experience for students.

"CNU is immensely grateful for our longstanding partnership with Ferguson and for Ferguson's strong support through the years," Trible says.

Providing a model for good corporate citizenship, Ferguson encourages its associates to actively engage in the communities where they live and work and contribute generously to the success of those communities, with the company leading the way. �



2013 Commencement

Christopher Newport graduates largest class in school's history.

his year's Commencement Exercises held Saturday, May 11, honored the largest graduating class in Christopher Newport's history — 1,170 men and women ready to make a significant impact on the world.

Approximately 12,000 people — including family, friends and members of the CNU community — gathered on the beautiful Great Lawn to recognize the Class of 2013 and celebrate their many accomplishments. □ 1

Larry Pope, President and Chief Executive Officer of Smithfield Foods, one of America's largest and most respected corporations, gave the keynote address. 2 In his remarks to the graduates, he stressed that it is now their turn to "make the world a better place," emphasizing that the greatest satisfaction they will receive is in "doing something good for someone else." He noted, "I wish for all of you much success and happiness in the years ahead. Make us all proud, and more importantly, remember to commit random acts of kindness."

The University presented both Pope and Robert L. Freeman Sr. with honorary degrees 3, recognizing their leadership and commitment to the success of CNU, our community and commonwealth.

Andrew Garmon ('13) received this year's Gregory Klich Academic Achievement Award, presented to the graduate with the highest cumulative grade-point average (GPA).

Recipients must begin and end their academic career at CNU. Garmon earned a 3.99 GPA, graduating summa cum laude with a BS degree in applied physics and a second major in computational and applied mathematics.

Commencement capped off a week of senior activities in honor of the graduating class — the annual senior picnic, departmental receptions, a senior art exhibit and myriad other events.

Four ROTC cadets took their oath of office to defend and serve our country as commissioned officers in the armed forces. They included Katelyn Hall ('13), Patrick Leegan ('13), James Morris ('13) and Stephen Murphy ('13).

Many graduates received Latin honors for their high academic achievement at the Convocation for the Conferring of Honors and Awards. Faculty awarded emeritus status and those promoted in rank or awarded tenure were also honored. Dr. Graham Schweig, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, received the 2013 Alumni Society Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. 6 Last year's recipient, Dr. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch, Associate Professor of Leadership and American Studies, gave the keynote address.

The night before commencement, the Class of 2013 attended the traditional sunset candlelight ceremony, commemorating their transition to CNU alumni. 7 Immediately following the candlelight, graduates attended the President's Reception, celebrating their final night as CNU students.

Members of the Class of 1963, celebrating 50 years since they received their own diplomas, were on hand to honor Christopher Newport's newest graduates. The 50th anniversary class was also recognized at commencement.

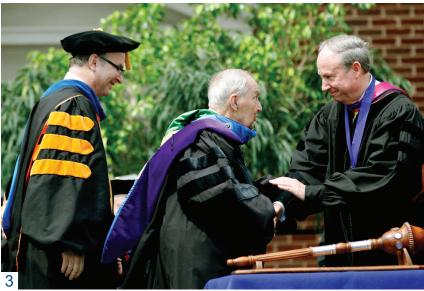
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— Matt Schnepf

Online exclusive: Read Larry Pope's full commencement address at **voyages.cnu.edu**.



























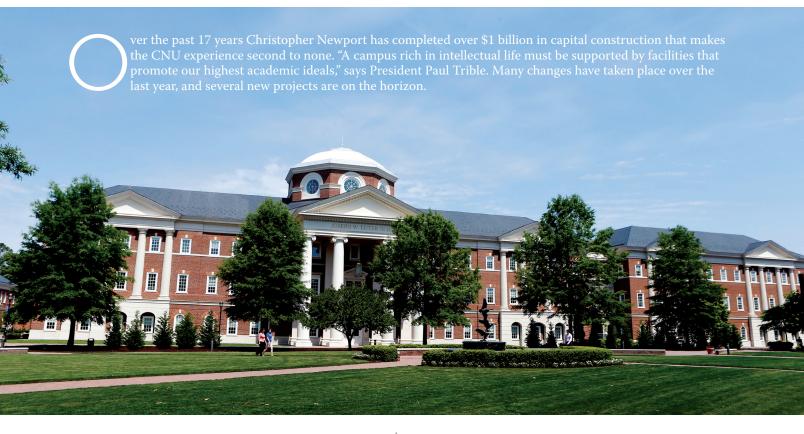






A Dramatic Transformation

The evolution of Christopher Newport University's beautiful, 260-acre campus continues.



Luter Hall

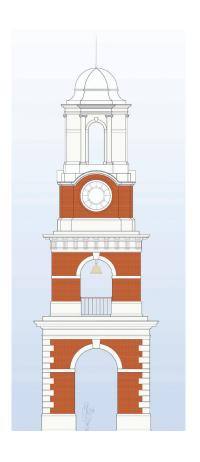
Luter Hall (pictured above), the largest academic building on campus, is now complete. It houses the Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business, as well as the Departments of Economics; Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology; Leadership and American Studies; Mathematics; and Physics, Computer Science and Engineering. Features include a trading room; a tiered lecture hall; 14 traditional and seven computer classrooms; nine teaching labs for physics, computer science and engineering; eight faculty and student research labs; three reading rooms; faculty offices; a boardroom; public spaces; and cutting-edge technology.

New Residence Halls

Last fall the University opened Warwick River Hall, which houses sophomore students in four-person suites. Residents live two to a room and share a common area and bathroom. Rappahannock River Hall will open this fall and will house returning upper-class students. The 457-bed facility will include private bedrooms and baths, full kitchens, and a 250-space parking deck.

Forbes Hall Phase II

The second phase of Forbes Hall, CNU's integrated science center, opened in January. The 46,000-square-foot addition includes state-of-the-art classrooms, a vivarium, laboratories and offices supporting academic programs in the Departments of Molecular Biology and Chemistry, Organismal and Environmental Biology, and Psychology.

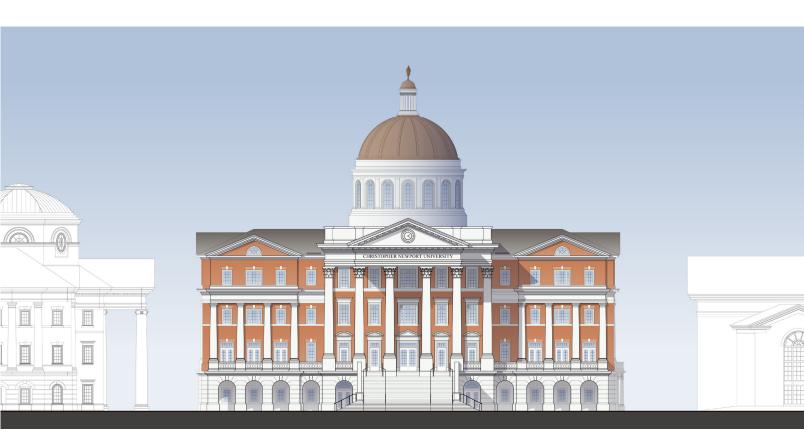


Bell Tower

Construction will begin this summer on a bell tower (rendering left). Located between McMurran Hall and Forbes Hall, the tower will feature the bell from the *SS United States* currently on display in the Trible Library. It will also include a clock on each of the bell tower's four sides and a carillon. The bell tower will allow CNU to build rich traditions around commencement, athletic victories and other events.

Student Success Center

Construction of the Student Success Center (rendering below) begins this summer. Completing the Great Lawn, the 80,000-square-foot project will replace the current Administration Building. In addition to providing important administrative functions, the facility will offer students "one-stop shopping" by housing these service departments: Admission, Financial Aid, the Registrar's Office, the Business Office, Payroll, Student Accounts, the Center for Academic Success, the President's Leadership Program, Study Abroad, the Honors Program, Alumni Relations and University Events, and the Center for Career Planning. — Lori Jacobs



Pope Chapel Opens

NU's new Pope Chapel opened to the community in February. Welcoming people of all faiths, the 10,000-square-foot building stands at the entrance to the University and enriches campus life through religious activities, lectures, musical performances and other special events.

Christopher Newport dedicated the chapel during a special program on February 17. Invited guests, including those whose financial support helped make this project possible, attended the ceremony and enjoyed musical performances by CNU student ensembles and faculty members.

Twenty-seven weddings have already been scheduled in this new facility. To reserve space for your ceremony, please contact Alicia Brown at (757) 594-7018 or alicia.brown@cnu.edu. � — Lori Jacobs

POPE CHAPEL

As a testament to the faith and vision of friends and benefactors, the following prominent rooms and features within the chapel have been named in honor of those who have made financial contributions toward this magnificent structure.

- Pope Chapel
 Larry and Mary Pope
- Celebration Hall
 Dorothy C. Freeman
- Rotunda
 John and Paige Lawson
- Bride's Room
 Climis and Carol Lascaris
- Groom's Room
 Pastor Dick Woodward
- Quiet Room
 Royden and Martha Goodson
- Stained-Glass Window Dr. John and Mary Lou Hatten
- Boehm Porcelain Sculptures
 John and Carol Jamison

In addition to these individuals, all of the most generous chapel donors will be recognized on elegant plaques in the Celebration Hall.

Prosperity and Purpose

CNU business majors win more than \$12,000 with alert system plan.

rowing up in a home with two deaf parents, Andrew McGregor ('13, pictured left) grew keenly drew McGregor (13, picture 121, 8) aware of the challenges the hearing impaired face in everyday life. Seemingly mundane things — a doorbell, telephone or boiling kettle, must be seen, not heard. There is help available, in the form of electronic systems that alert users to such things visually, but McGregor's parents were never satisfied with any device they tried. "Current systems are overpriced and outdated, and yet many sounds still go unheard by the deaf and hard of hearing," McGregor says. "My parents expressed a need for a better home communication system that could connect their smartphone with lighting or vibrating signals."

McGregor, realizing there would be great demand for such a system, took these suggestions to heart and partnered with two fellow students in CNU's Luter School of Business, Ethan Emanuele ('13,



pictured right) and junior Edward Pekalski (pictured center), to form the company Prium Strategies. They plan to market SoundSense, an alert system that combines mobile communications and networked sensors to serve the deaf and hard of hearing. The system can alert users to oven timers, doorbells, baby monitors, phone calls, fire alarms and other sounds using flashing lights and bed-shaking, or via a smart-watch worn around the wrist.

The team began work in January when McGregor shared his idea with Emanuele and Pekalski. They also turned to William Donaldson, a lecturer in strategic planning at CNU, and Luter School Director Dr. Ronnie Cohen for guidance on startups, legal and patent needs. Both faculty members "have been huge advocates for us from the beginning," McGregor says. "We immediately began working on how to make this idea a reality, and today we have a proof-of-concept prototype, and we continue to develop the product."

The SoundSense project has so far been a resounding success — McGregor, Emanuele and Pekalski recently entered and won recognition in international and state businessplan competitions. At the Values and Ventures Business Plan Competition at Texas Christian University in April, CNU placed second among teams from 28 colleges and universities from around the world and won \$10,000 in prize money. At the event teams from each school presented a plan for a new for-profit business that also aims to benefit society. Entrants faced a formidable panel of judges from a wide range of businesses, including Elliott Hill, President of Nike North America.

> The CNU trio presented their SoundSense plan again at the statewide Governor's Business Plan Challenge in Richmond in May, where they were selected as first runner-up. The prize included \$2,500 and services from professional business consultants. "The whole experience has been amazing from beginning to end. We loved working together developing this project for the months leading up to the competitions," says McGregor, adding that the events were rewarding not only because the team got to reveal the results of all its hard work, but also for the chance to listen to others' plans and get valued

feedback from successful businesspeople. "The spirit of competition was exciting," he says. "It was all sparked by students who have found ways to do good things for society and find prosperity doing it."

The rich resources available through CNU's Luter School of Business were invaluable as the the team developed the SoundSense idea. Their experience "helped us find answers to the many questions we had," says McGregor. "The University provides the professors, networks and academic databases that have helped us further our project."

McGregor and Emanuele both graduated from CNU in May with degrees in finance and intend to work full-time at Prium Strategies. Pekalski will complete his marketing degree next year. "We plan to use the startup funding and resources that we won to bring SoundSense to market," McGregor says. "We will be focusing on it over the summer and beyond, and [Pekalski] will work on the project through his senior year." ♦ — Brian McGuire





ince coming to Christopher Newport in 2005 Dr. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch has accomplished much in a short time. As one of her first tasks, she helped create a major and minor in American studies — a program that currently totals approximately 45 students pursuing the major and more than 250 students enrolled in courses each semester.

"This program was CNU's first interdisciplinary major," she says. "The curriculum focuses on teaching the foundation and evolution of American ideals as well as America's place in the world. Because the major contains a constitutional studies track, it is also of significant interest to CNU's pre-law students."

Last spring Kaufer Busch received the Alumni Society Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring, a \$2,500 honor recognizing her exceptional commitment to teaching, learning excellence and university citizenship. "I believe professors should constantly strive to challenge students to cultivate their minds and inspire introspection in order to assist them in attaining self-knowledge," she notes. "This means offering classes that not only captivate students' imaginations but also encourage them to work hard to rise to their highest potential."

Kaufer Busch completed her undergraduate studies at Emory University and earned her PhD from Michigan State University. "I was inspired to pursue an academic career early in my undergraduate education. As a freshman at Emory, I was asked to tutor four subjects. I found I learned more about the material through teaching than I ever could from taking a course. I fell in love and left my potential future as an attorney behind," she says.

In addition to serving as an associate professor of leadership and American studies, Kaufer Busch co-directs CNU's Center for American Studies (CAS) with her husband, Dr. Nathan Busch from the Department of Government. The CAS is a university-affiliated, nonpartisan center that supports teaching and research about America's founding principles,

economic history and national security.

"We founded the Center to respond to the growing lack of civic awareness in the United States," Kaufer Busch explains. "We wanted to supplement students' classroom experiences by providing them with internship opportunities, resources to assist student research, and activities to create enthusiasm for those pursuing a major or minor in American studies."

The Center has grown significantly since its founding as the directors have raised more than a million dollars, which helps fund post-doctoral teaching fellows, conferences and guest speakers. In addition to increasing the University's visibility, CAS activities also enable students to make important connections with graduate schools, law schools, nongovernmental organizations and government agencies.

The Junior Fellows Program, one of Kaufer Busch's main teaching and mentoring vehicles, represents one of the Center's signature programs. Students who serve as fellows work with CAS faculty to develop and write original research projects, assist with Center events, and meet with world-class scholars and policymakers the Center brings to campus. "These paid internships provide students with valuable experience, useful contacts and serious training in the area of American studies — and therefore serve as an excellent springboard for their future careers, graduate studies and law school," she says.

Reflecting on her time here, Kaufer Busch affirms she made the right choice in coming to Christopher Newport. "CNU's vision of liberal education so closely mirrored my own that I decided to take a gamble," she says. "I have never regretted this decision. I am fortunate to be a member of a community that values the right kind of education by encouraging academic entrepreneurship and creative inquiry to cultivate the young minds that will shape the future." \(\infty\)

— Matt Schnepf

Passion

Talented alumna wins Gates Cambridge Scholarship.

s a choral director, Erin Plisco ('09, MAT '10) is not the go-it-alone type. She knows songs only attain their harmonious beauty through the efforts of many voices together, by the conductor's mastery of the score and skill at coaxing the best performance from the singers. "There is such a human element to it," she says of vocal music. "You cannot create it alone." She also knows the power music has to inspire, and has dedicated herself to bringing joy to others. "I am driven by my love of music," she says. "It's more than

a love — I would call it a reverence. Doctors help to prolong and save lives — I want to help people *enjoy* their lives."

Plisco recently earned a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, a full-cost award to pursue graduate studies at the University of Cambridge. This fall she will begin the master of music in choral studies program at that storied and ancient university, with its 800-year history of renowned scholarship. Newton, Wordsworth, heads of state, monarchs — all walked the hallowed

halls. The Gates Cambridge program was established in 2000 by a \$210 million donation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and awards a mere 90 scholarships each year to students from around the globe. Recipients are talented scholars who not only are intellectually gifted, but also demonstrate a talent for leadership and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

At Cambridge, which consists of 31 autonomous colleges, Plisco will enroll at Trinity College, where she will



for Song

study with some of the finest choirs in the world and learn from leading musicologists. Her program will focus on both the performance aspect of choral conducting and the academic. She will work closely with the Trinity, Kings and St. John's choirs, among others — all legendary ensembles that have performed around the world and recorded some of the most cherished vocal music in existence.

"I will have ample opportunity to not only observe all of them and their renowned conductors, but also to lead them myself," she says. "Having access to several different musical perspectives is unique and exciting." Plisco will explore other academic elements as well, including producing a scholarly edition of a previously unpublished musical work, something she eagerly awaits, as well as the chance to work with a roster of eminent faculty. "Some of the world's leading scholars are at Cambridge, and I cannot wait to learn from them," she says.

At CNU Plisco, a Newport News native, was enrolled in the Honors Program and earned her bachelor's degree with a double-major in choral music education and vocal performance, and a minor in leadership studies. She remained on campus for an additional year and completed the Master of Arts in Teaching Program. She has since been working as choral director at Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, North Carolina, about an hour southwest of Raleigh, where her students have won numerous local and national performance awards.

During her tenure she has worked to enrich the lives of her young singers through music and to bring major figures to Pinecrest to inspire and challenge them. Her efforts included leading a team of volunteers to raise more



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than \$40,000 to host Eric Whitacre, a Grammy-winning composer and conductor (and Cambridge alumnus), for a three-day residency at the school. The event also entailed coordinating eight additional high school, college and professional ensembles to work with Whitacre. "I have seen the power of choral music to stimulate and transform others," Plisco (pictured right) says. "I am dedicated to inspiring my students' realization of this transformative power, and endeavor to illustrate that music is an improvement on life itself."

One of Plisco's former high school students, Callie Boone, who now attends CNU, is grateful for the experience she had with Plisco. "I consider studying music with Ms. Plisco to have been one of the most rewarding of my musical experiences thus far," Boone says. "She is a devoted and passionate teacher, and I think I can speak for all of my choir family when I say we are very appreciative of her and proud of her accomplishments."

Plisco was deeply involved in many campus and area music groups at CNU. She was an octet leader for three years with the Chamber Choir, and she founded and led CNU Voices. a student-run, a cappella choral group. She was invited to join the Virginia Chorale, a professional ensemble in Hampton Roads, while still a student and appeared as a professional soprano at the Yale/Norfolk Chamber Choir and Conducting Workshop. Plisco has also served as a conductor for the Princeton Summer Workshop and the Sarteano Workshop in Italy, among others.

Dr. Lauren Fowler Calisto, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies and Vocal Jazz at CNU, recalls Plisco as "the most informed, the most pedagogically sound, the most communicative and the most inquisitive student I have witnessed in my entire teaching career. She showed a level of comprehensive choral teaching strategy far beyond

her years." When several of CNU's musical and choral groups traveled to London as part of the New Year's celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, Plisco accompanied Calisto as associate conductor of the CNU Women's Chorus.

As with any momentous occasion or dream realized, Plisco's admission to Cambridge and scholarship award took awhile to make an impression. While she has long admired the many celebrated choirs of that prestigious school, she pictured herself there only during non-waking moments. Indeed, she recalls the morning she learned of her scholarship as something out of a dream: "I checked my email shortly after waking up one morning, and because I was still half asleep, I didn't immediately process what I was reading," Plisco says. "My reaction felt like a delayed heart attack - a few minutes after reading the email, my heart stopped beating, and the realization of what it meant fully sank in."



Despite her anticipation for the coming adventure, Plisco isn't looking much beyond this fall, when she heads to England to begin her studies, or even beyond figuring out how to make the move via airplane as opposed to the standard mode of packing up the car and heading off to school. "Trying to figure that out now!" she says. She does eventually plan to pursue her doctorate at some point. "I would like to complete it sooner rather than later student life doesn't seem too appealing after 30." She's also certain she will teach again; the only unknowns are when and where. And she is quick to share the words of encouragement once given to her, words she still credits for her own successes: "Find that thing that lights your fire," she says, "the thing that will keep you up at night, and go after it. And don't underestimate the power of persistence."

Her next challenge is to carry that fire across the ocean and keep it burning in the face of so many new challenges. • — Brian McGuire

The Reiff Center at CNU

s a liberal arts institution, CNU seeks opportunities to support interdisciplinary learning, cultural understanding and student involvement. This takes place both inside and outside the classroom as the University promotes service, leadership, intellectual inquiry, and the exploration of social and civic values.

To that end, the new Reiff Center at Christopher Newport University will support the study of genocide, human rights, human-rights violations, conflict and conflict resolution. The Center is named in honor of Dr. Theodore R. Reiff (pictured seated), a retired physician who has been professor of medicine at a number of medical schools, including Eastern Virginia Medical School. The Center adopts a broad focus stressing the historical, political, social and international context of these issues.

The Center's establishment is the result of a longstanding collegial and friendly relationship between Reiff and Dr. Anthony Santoro (pictured standing right), CNU President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of History. "Dr. Reiff and I worked together for years on the National Genocide Education Project in which we are still both active," notes Santoro, who will serve as inaugural chair of the Center's board of advisers. "What brought us together was our mutual interest in exploring the horrors perpetrated by Hitler's regime and the abuse of human rights in general throughout history. I encouraged Dr. Reiff to contribute resources to initiate a Genocide Studies Endowment. which then became the forerunner of the new center."

Dr. Tina Kempin Reuter (pictured standing left), Associate Professor

of International Relations and Comparative Politics, will serve as the Center's director. Her extensive body of research has focused on humanrights issues and violations, ethnic conflict, genocide studies, and conflict management.



"I believe the Reiff Center and its related programs are important additions to campus life, both academically and with regard to student engagement for human rights and conflict resolution," she says. "The Center will create wonderful opportunities for our students to become involved in social and humanitarian causes and will foster understanding of international and domestic political, economic and social issues facing our society today. I am very excited and grateful to be able to take part in establishing its programs and look forward to working with students, staff and faculty to give the Reiff Center a home at CNU."

Thanks to the Center's establishment, CNU students can now earn a minor in international human rights and conflict resolution. Core issues studied will include the legal, cultural, social and political basis of human rights; the causes and nature of violence; societal conflict; war between states; and methods of conflict management, peace implementation and reconciliation on the personal, group, national and international levels. The minor facilitates the discovery of effective ways to overcome conflict and work toward peace.

Students also will have the opportunity to conduct independent research or research projects with faculty affiliated with the Center and to present their findings via academic conferences and scholarly publications. An annual \$1,000 Santoro Prize will honor the best scholarly or creative student project related to the Center's mission.

Additional hallmarks of the Reiff Center will include internships and service learning. Students will gain real-world experience through internships with local, national and international institutions; nonprofit organizations; government agencies; and private companies with missions related to the Center's focus.

The Center will seek opportunities to partner with other campus departments and programs to raise awareness and work toward common goals. It will also serve as the new organizational home of CNU's program in international conflict management, established in 2009 to study peace processes in deeply rooted international and internal conflicts. �

— Lori Jacobs

hen the time came to choose a college, Michael Zimmerman ('12) sought outstanding academics and the opportunity to play soccer. He met Head Coach Steve Shaw by chance at a recruiting event, and soon went from knowing little about CNU to being impressed with the business school, President's Leadership Program and Honors Program. He also met President Trible, whose vision for Christopher Newport impressed Zimmerman. Knowing the University produced graduates who lead lives of significance, he decided CNU was the place for him.

As a top student and soccer player, Zimmerman, from Durham, North Carolina, learned how to honor his commitments to both academics and athletics. A devoted scholar-athlete, he knew school came first and at times found it challenging to meet the competing demands on his time. Yet Zimmerman never lacked encouragement, thanks to his coaches and teammates.

"Being on a team at CNU is like being the member of a family," he says. "We call ourselves a band of brothers who live, work and train together."

With positive support and personal drive, he developed confidence. "By the end of my soccer career, I didn't play to avoid mistakes — I learned how to play to win," Zimmerman says. "The same applied in the classroom. Early in my studies I was hesitant to participate in class out of fear of getting an answer wrong. By the time I was a senior I learned that if I didn't participate and make myself vulnerable to errors, I would never learn."

The hard work paid off, culminating in an inspirational moment during the senior night soccer match. As the final whistle blew, the midfielder looked into the crowd of cheering fans and threw a kiss to his parents. The men's soccer team had solidified its fourth-straight regular-season championship and fourth-straight bid to the NCAA tournament, a memory Zimmerman will not soon forget.

His accomplishments on and off the field didn't go unnoticed. He was a three-time selection to the USA South Academic All-Conference team. He was a Canon Leadership Scholar and studied abroad at the University of Oxford. He also received a number of academic scholarships and was named both a 2012 Capital One Academic All-District selection, the only USA South player to receive the honor, and an Academic All-American nominee.

This past December Zimmerman graduated a semester early and has since returned to North Carolina, interning with Ernst & Young's assurance service line. He has also been actively training for his first triathlon and this summer begins graduate studies in accounting at North Carolina State University, where he earned a scholarship. After graduating in 2014, he plans to work full time at Ernst & Young. � — Eliza Eaton





INOUR NATION'S SERVICE

Love of country and a devotion to family keep Stephen Murphy ('13) grounded amid life's competing demands.

tephen Murphy acquired a vast knowledge of the United States at a fairly young age. The fact that he grew up in Dundalk, Ireland, makes this all the more impressive. "We were always talking politics, and we visited the states a few times," he recalls of his youth.

Murphy developed a great appreciation for America, particularly the nation's political foundations. The son of a pastor and an occupational therapist, he eventually moved to Virginia at age 19. Now 30 and a U.S. citizen, he's poised to launch his career as a second lieutenant in the Army. "I'm very proud to be an American," he says.





Planting Roots in America

What began as a temporary job became a life-changing experience for Murphy. Following his freshman year attending college in Ireland, he spent the summer working at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg. There he met his future wife, Heather ('04), a fellow Busch employee and CNU communication studies major. A Virginia transplant herself, she was born in Charleston, South Carolina, and has lived in Florida and Guatanamo Bay, Cuba. Following her father's retirement from the Navy, her family settled in the commonwealth where she graduated from Jamestown High School.

"We hit it off pretty quickly. Then we had to decide whether this was serious or not, since I was going back to Ireland after three months," Murphy recalls of the couple's early days together. "We both came to the conclusion it was."

At summer's end he returned to Ireland, dropped out of school and began working. He eventually earned enough money to return to Virginia on a student visa and enrolled at Tidewater Community College in Norfolk. "During that time I got engaged to Heather, and we got married — a year after our first kiss, to the day," he notes.

That was June 29, 2003, while Heather was still enrolled at CNU. To help pay for an apartment, Murphy once again put school on hold and began working for Waterford Crystal in Williamsburg. He later joined Williamsburg Winery, where he did website design work.

Murphy developed design skills during his first year in college, studying marketing with an e-business focus. In time he picked up more Web development skills independently, designing websites on the side.

Becoming a Captain

During his tenure with the winery, the couple welcomed the first of three children, daughter Ciara (6). She was later joined by their son, Evan (3), and daughter Ashling (1). "Shortly after Ciara was born I got word of a job opening in Web design at CNU," recalls Murphy, who joined the Office of Communications and Public Relations in late 2007.

At the time, Heather was working across the hall in University Advancement. Drawing on the vast skills she acquired as a CNU student, she led the telefund program, raising financial contributions for her alma mater.

"While I was here I figured if there's any time you can finish your degree it would be while you're working at a university," Murphy says. He soon began taking classes, this time as a CNU Captain working toward a political science degree, which required him to assume an often hectic schedule as husband, father, full-time employee and student.

He accomplished much as a Web assistant, perhaps most notably his work on CNU's website redesign and his development of the University's mobile site.

"I really lucked out with the department I was in," Murphy says. "They were very supportive of these new goals." Also on his list of pursuits was serving in the U.S. military.

Pursuing the Army Life

Murphy's responsibilities expanded even more when he added ROTC to his schedule. "I'd always wanted to be in the military in some capacity," he explains. "I've really enjoyed ROTC. It's been a lot of work." Early mornings became a regular routine as he attended 6 a.m. physical training at least three days a week. After each intense workout he would quickly shower and change clothes in The Freeman Center, head to work in the Administration Building, attend class during the day or in the evening, and still carve out time for his family and homework.

In summer 2012 he completed the Army's five-week Leadership Development and Assessment Course for ROTC cadets — a program with a large impact on his future. "There's pressure because you know your every step is being evaluated," he says of the exercises that test physical and mental capabilities through activities like live firing and combat scenarios. "The full gamut of military expertise is evaluating you."

During senior year cadets learn their score, as well as where it places them

I'm very proud to be an American.

nationally among 5,000-6,000 peers. Combined with personal preferences, this score helps determine each cadet's assigned branch. "It's a combination of what you want and how many slots are left in that branch," he says. "Air defense artillery is where I'm going."

Everything came to fruition this spring. "Before graduation we actually got commissioned, and then there was another ceremony at commencement," he says. At that point Murphy became an Army officer.

He begins his service this summer at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. After four months he transitions to an as-yetunknown permanent duty station Army base, working as a second lieutenant. If all goes as planned he should be promoted to first lieutenant after 18 months; around his fourth year he can rise to the rank of captain.

To honor his Army scholarship, Murphy must complete four years of active-duty service, followed by a few years in the reserves. After those four years, however, he can choose to continue in active service. "I'm hoping to really enjoy it and see through the 20 years," he says, noting that he would then be able to retire with all the associated benefits. If he stays in the Army he can also pursue his master's degree.

Preparing for the Future

A successful student, Murphy finished his CNU studies with a 3.87 gradepoint average, and commencement ushered in a busy summer for him. Besides being commissioned, he celebrates his 10th year of marriage, leaves a job he thoroughly enjoys and prepares to move his family. Yet he and Heather are ready for the challenges ahead.

"Stephen asked me to marry him 11 years ago. Even then, I knew he was going to be a doting husband and an amazing father. What I could not have foreseen was the direction he would lead our family," she says. "For the past four years, I have watched in awe as he has excelled at each of his five full-time jobs: Web assistant, student, cadet, father and husband. I couldn't be more proud. He has handled his responsibilities and commitments with such poise and grace, and I love him more now than I did 11 years ago."

Murphy believes not walking Christopher Newport's campus daily will be "jolting" at first. "I will miss the people most of all at CNU; the people in the office will be tough to leave," he says. In turn, he has left a large impression on those who have crossed his path.

"Stephen Murphy — perhaps more than any other student I have ever taught — embraces the foundational principles of America. Perhaps this is because he became an American citizen by choice rather than by birth. Perhaps it is because he chose to risk his life in the armed forces of his adopted land," says William Thro, who previously served as CNU's university counsel and pre-law adviser. "Stephen has a great love and a thorough understanding of the ideals behind

our constitutional system. Having him in my constitutional law class was a real pleasure."

And while he's now a full-fledged American citizen ready to serve his adopted country, Murphy has a deep fondness for the homeland he left a decade ago. He notes, "I love going back to Ireland to visit. I love my family and the people there." •

Matt Schnepf





Reunited at the Right Time

As he undergoes cancer treatment, Dr. Edward Weiss finds unexpected support from former student and oncologist Dr. Mike Powell.

r. Edward Weiss has seen countless changes since joining Christopher Newport's biology faculty in 1980, including the transition from a commuter to a residential student body and the physical transformation of campus.

Some things haven't changed, however. As he chairs the Department of Organismal and Environmental Biology, Weiss (pictured above left) continues to share his deep affinity for plants, relating the botanical world's diversity and complexity. He also maintains a strong connection with his students. After being diagnosed with a glioblastoma multiforme brain tumor in 2012, he saw one

such relationship come full circle when former student Dr. Mike Powell ('84, above right) became his oncologisthematologist.

"He was in one of the earliest groups of students I really connected with," Weiss recalls. "He was one of the traditional-aged students, which wasn't typical at that

time. For many in that period, this was the first generation that was going to college. This was a new experience for these families."

In 1981 Weiss bought a house in nearby Hampton and

teamed with his department chair, Harold Cones, to make structural renovations. "We dreamed up this hair-brained scheme that we could make modifications on my house," Weiss recalls. "We had enough people who would help, and he convinced me we had enough know-how among us to do this."

We have had a very long, established relationship, which greatly improved our mutual trust.

– Mike Powell ('84), MD

The two men enlisted willing staff and students — including Powell — to remove the back roof, cut holes and install windows. "I can honestly say it worked," Weiss recalls of the undertaking — just one way he and Powell connected outside the classroom.

A biology major, Powell also minored in chemistry at Christopher Newport, where he received substantial support from his professors. "Dr. Weiss and Dr. Cones were excellent mentors and role models. These professors had an extensive core knowledge of science," he says. "They were approachable, available and encouraging, and I felt well-prepared for graduate school and my subsequent medical education."

Powell had several science-related career interests when he began his studies at Christopher Newport. While ultimately he didn't choose botany, he remembers studying plants with Weiss and the lifelong influence it had.

"I have always had an interest in botany, and I greatly enjoyed Dr. Weiss' courses — particularly the field courses,"

Powell says. "I still remember my plant press fondly and learning how to identify plants. Native plants continue to interest me — I still have my well-worn copy of Vascular Plants of the Carolinas."

Fast-forward 31 years after Weiss underwent surgery for his brain tumor. He was sitting in the waiting room at Virginia Oncology Associates when Powell walked in, met with Weiss and provided

would be more than happy to serve as your physician and work with you."

"Like I have a choice in this," Weiss responded. "You couldn't write this script. It's just the way it's supposed to be." The two have been a team ever since, and Powell's support means the world to Weiss. "I can't get out of that office after a visit without him giving me a hug," he says.

Powell was deeply saddened to hear of Weiss' diagnosis. "But as a cancer physician, I knew I was in a position to help him," he says. "We have had a very long, established relationship, which greatly improved our mutual trust and faith that we would approach his treatment aggressively."

> Weiss currently sees Powell monthly, underwent a second surgery in December and receives maintenance chemotherapy. "You use the same chemo drug you used when you were doing radiation, but it's done in a different dosage and timing," he explains.

Weiss has maintained a full teaching schedule, and while his focus often diminishes by day's end, he appreciates his students' understanding.

"One of the things I've tried very hard to do is be open and up front with students about my situation," he says. "That was especially true in the first semester when I had no idea how I was going to react to the chemo and the radiation."

Being on CNU's campus lifts Weiss' sprits. While weekends provide an opportunity to rest and regain energy, he thrives being around others. "What I didn't realize was psychologically I needed to be with people," he says. "And I'd come back on Monday, and the amount of energy that came to me from being in class and interacting with students just really surprised me."

The University as a whole has offered tremendous encouragement. "This has always been

very much a family," Weiss says. "And we like working with each other, and we work to make it possible for students to succeed." He also appreciates the number of alumni who have reached out during his illness, checking in and relating the impact he has made.

"This isn't a job. I'm lucky to do what I do. I love what I do," Weiss affirms. "Not everyone is as lucky as I am." > — Matt Schnepf

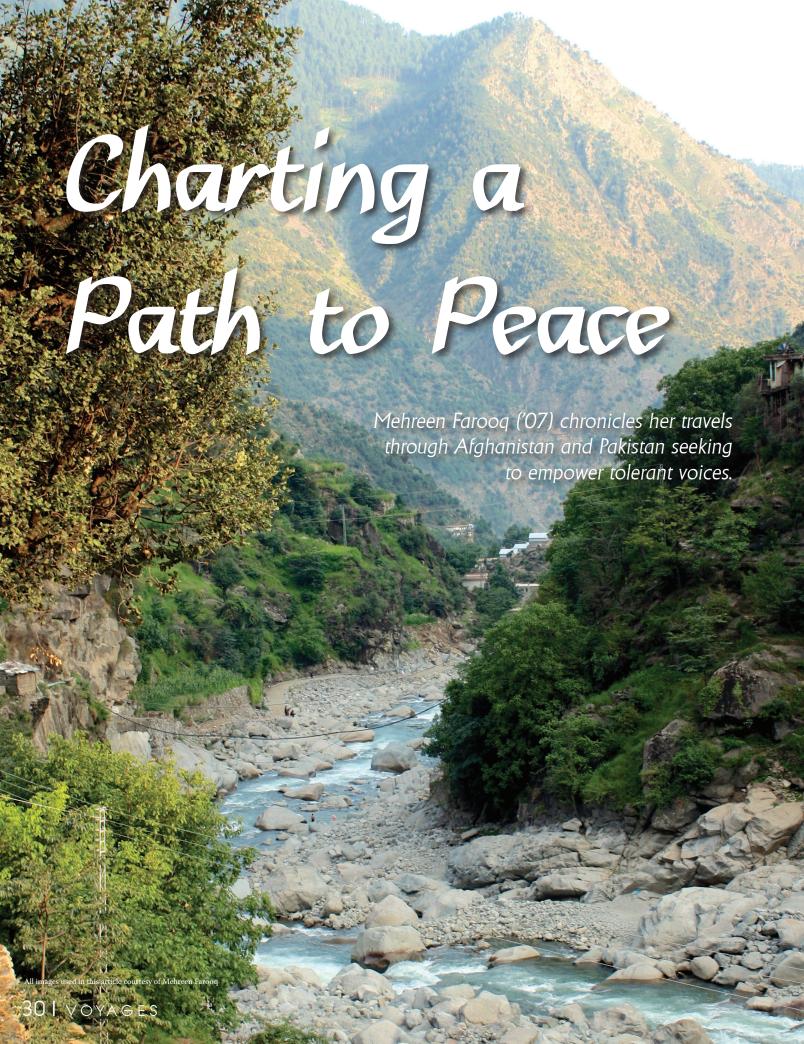
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Edward Weiss



an overview of his upcoming cancer treatment. This unplanned reunion simply occurred because the oncologist assigned to Weiss was away that day; yet it couldn't have happened at a better time.

Weiss remembers Powell saying, "I'm not asking you to make a specific decision. I just want you to know I'm happy with whatever you choose and however you're comfortable. I know you've already seen and talked to [the other physician], and if you want to stay with him that's fine. I



r. Quentin Kidd, Professor of Political Science at CNU, once told me, "You're not conducting cutting-edge research unless you're living on the edge." About four years after graduating from CNU I found myself on the edge in Pakistan and Afghanistan leading research with my husband, Waleed Ziad, for the World Organization for Resource Development and Education. We were collecting untold stories from community activists, former militants and religious scholars to understand the capacity of civil society to promote peace and counter extremism.

I was preparing for the next leg of our fieldwork when my mother called. She asked how my work was progressing. "It's going really well! Tomorrow

we're leaving for Swat and Peshawar!" I blurted out, without thinking my parents would be concerned that the region where I was traveling was facing a fierce insurgency by the Taliban and other violent extremist networks.

"Promise me you're not going anywhere dangerous that's been targeted by the Taliban!" my mom urged.

Looking down at my itinerary, I hesitated, not knowing what to say. Our initial meetings were with people who had fostered community resilience against extremism. The first was a meeting in the town of Buner with the caretaker of the shrine of the 16thcentury Sufi saint, Pir Baba. In 2009 the Taliban engaged in a gunfight with the locals and then shut down the shrine complex. Our next interview was at the shrine of the Pushto poet-saint, Saidu Baba, which had been attacked in 2010. Across South and Central Asia, shrines such as these foster a sense of inclusivity by welcoming both Sunnis and Shi-

> ites as well as people of all faiths. In socially conservative places, shrines are also some of the few public spaces where women can worship and meditate. In short, because these centers of Islamic spirituality cultivate an ethos of tolerance and social harmony, they pose a direct threat to extremist ideologues.

I assured my parents we would be fine, said a quick prayer and went to bed. The next day our team embarked on what I had assumed would be a sobering trip, but which ended up being one of the most uplifting and inspiring journeys of our 12 weeks of fieldwork.

One of the most memorable stories emerged from a meeting of activists in Bahrain, a picturesque riverside village in the Swat Valley of Pakistan, once romanticized as the "Switzerland of South Asia."

In 2009 when the Taliban were

hanging people from lampposts throughout the region, they sent a couple of their commanders to warn the elders of Bahrain that if they did not publicly renounce their moderate Islamic beliefs and pledge their allegiance to the Taliban, they would suffer a similar fate. It was a classic demonstration of *takfiri* ideology — a hallmark of radical Islamist movements around the world. Those who ascribe to it believe any Muslim who does not practice Islam as they define it is deemed an unbeliever and should therefore be killed.

The village was given two days to decide whether or not to accept the ultimatum. When the time came, however, the elders faced the Taliban and, with the entire community behind them, they challenged the militants to a public debate on *their* beliefs. Fearing humiliation, the Taliban relented and left the village largely intact.

I was fortunate to witness this unyielding faith many times during our trip. How did these civil society leaders have the courage to stand up to the militants? The elders in Bahrain explained that they had no other choice but to stand up for their beliefs. For centuries their community had practiced Islam as a pluralistic and tolerant faith. They had multicultural celebrations and openly welcomed tourists from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds. They wanted their women to continue their education and for their society to flourish. If they had allowed the Taliban to take over their village, they would have lost their very way of life.

Despite the bullet holes in storefronts it seemed the Swat District was beginning to return to a sense of normalcy after years of violence. I found it hard to imagine anything horrific could happen in a place so serene. Near the center of Bahrain, where the Daral and Swat Rivers meet, the water was smooth, and during the day you could see children swimming and lying on large, warm rocks painted with the flag of Pakistan. In the evening, when the tide was low, you could hear men chatting away well





Faroog's husband, Waleed (third from right), with community leaders in Bahrain; Bottom: Community activists at Saidu Baba shrine



Mehreen Farooq ('07) is a senior fellow with the World Organization for Resource Development and Education, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance communication and understanding between Muslim and non-Muslim communities worldwide to mitigate social and political conflict. Her areas of expertise include public policy, civic engagement, countering violent extremism and grassroots community development.

She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Christopher Newport University in 2007 and was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to research democratic movements in Egypt. In 2009 she earned her master's degree in international affairs from American University in Washington. D.C.

Farooq has presented her findings to a host of government agencies, including the National Counterterrorism Center, the State Department and the Department of Defense. In 2011-12 Foreign Policy published an exclusive fivepart series of articles written by Farooq and her husband, Waleed Ziad.

She intends to return to Afghanistan this summer to continue her research.

after midnight, sprawled out on woven benches haphazardly placed in the middle of the river.

To carry out our research, we use a technique of respondent-driven sampling to gather data. This means establishing relationships with local civil society leaders in each region who facilitate meetings with their partners and others within their networks. This enables our team to identify groups such as rural community- or faith-based organizations that have been traditionally under studied.

In southern Puniab, we learned that in the 2010 floods that devastated Pakistan, organizations such as Jamaat-ud-Dawa, the charitable front for the banned militant organization Lashkar-e-Taiba, gained considerable public support by providing humanitarian assistance. To offset their efforts, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) used moderate madrassas — Islamic educational institutions — and secular universities to coordinate food and emergency health-kit distribution. To illustrate how community leaders distributed relief kits from the schools in their villages, we spent a day traveling with Imam Gilani, a community leader from southern Punjab.

After off-roading on dirt paths and visiting remote villages, we stopped in the city of Bahawalpur to attend a public lecture organized by anti-Taliban religious scholars a few blocks from a militant mosque. The topic of the evening was nonviolent conflict resolution. In regions like southern Punjab where robust civil society networks exist, these types of public debates and lectures are held on a weekly basis, and some featuring prominent speakers are televised or posted on YouTube.

In this socially conservative milieu, the audience was segregated by gender. Since I had no other female team member to accompany me on the women's side, I warned my husband that if I felt uncomfortable we would only stay a few minutes.

I should have known better. Moments after I settled into the ladies' assembly, I

looked up and noticed that I was slowly being surrounded by a number of girls. I initially hesitated, not knowing how they would react to a total stranger in a tense environment. As soon as I said hello, the girls' eyes widened, and they burst into laughter. They had never met someone who had grown up outside of southern Punjab, and by the end of the evening, they were all eager to invite me to their house for dinner.

This culture of openness was everywhere. In Swat we met a family who had several links to local civil society networks. They not only facilitated several of our meetings, but also took us on walks through the river valley and old parts of the town to see the famous Swati carved wooden arches, doorways and window frames. On one excursion I was taking so many pictures of a particular door that one of our friends insisted on introducing me to the owner (someone he did not know). We knocked on the door, and immediately, without question, the homeowner invited us to see all the Swati architecture in his house and to have lunch with his family! In spite of everything this region had gone through, the tradition of extending hospitality toward tourists was still intact.

One of the most surprising things I discovered in conducting our research was that as a woman I was able to ask more sensitive questions than my husband or the other male members of our team. I learned this early on in our fieldwork in one of our first interviews in the city of Bhera in northern Punjab.

A friend had strongly recommended we visit a school in Bhera that acts as an umbrella institution for more than 250 other schools, providing education to more than 250,000 boys and girls across Pakistan. These institutions are important to our study because they provide communities religious education that unconditionally rejects the Taliban's ideology, in particular notions of suicide bombing and terrorism. Their efficacy lies in the fact that their religious scholars are familiar with arguments employed by radical clerics and can counter them point-by-point within a

sound, theological framework. After a long four-hour road trip, we entered the historic town and snaked our way down tight alleyways, amid children and animals, to arrive at the school. After waiting some time, we were invited to meet with Pir Amin ul Hasanat, the religious leader who oversees the network of schools. My husband introduced us and discussed the scope of our research. Pir Hasanat sat in his chair, listened and said he would be happy to answer any questions we had by email. He then turned to ask his assistant to give us his card. I sensed that the meeting was abruptly coming to an end. Having traveled so far to meet this scholar, I spoke up and asked Pir Hasanat if he wouldn't mind discussing some of the questions we had while we were there. No sooner had I finished speaking, than he sat on the floor next to me and said, "Please ask me anything!" After engaging us for a whole hour, he then introduced us to several teachers at the school who could help facilitate our research. I always found that when we went into our interviews with a respectful attitude and an open mind, people were eager to share their stories with us.

Having traveled to nearly 50 cities and villages in Afghanistan and Pakistan, I can honestly say that sometimes we had no idea where our research was taking us, but we knew we would learn valuable lessons along the way.

Despite the best advice of our friends and family to not embark on adventures with total strangers in Afghanistan, one day my husband and I found ourselves traveling about two hours outside of Kabul with a bookseller and his two friends, whom we had only recently met.

With the familiar landscape of Kabul's scenic mountains and traffic behind us, the bookseller explained we were going to Parwan to visit a *shaykh* — a spiritual guide — of a Sufi order. Leaders like the shaykh operate at the

grassroots level and are intimately aware of dynamics within their communities. Given their prominent position, they can rapidly identify causes of conflict and violence — and they can offer solutions within a cultural or religious paradigm that is palatable to the community.

When we arrived, some of the shaykh's students answered the door and welcomed us. Assuming my husband and the other male members of our research team were going to conduct the interview, they offered me an opportunity to freshen up and relax with some ladies in another part of the house. We explained that I was



part of the team and would like to meet the shaykh as well. Although this came as a bit of a surprise to them, they allowed us in. I thanked them profusely. In the back of my mind, however, I knew I was pushing some gender-social boundaries with this request. The bookseller reassured me and explained that in Afghan culture, one must afford guests the utmost respect and ensure they are comfortable and happy, even if it means going beyond one's social or cultural norms.

In our interview we learned that the shaykh operates a *khaniqa*, a residential center for spiritual study. Given

that there are nearly 50 such centers in the province of Kabul alone, they serve a critical function in Afghan society. They not only provide religious education and social services (e.g., free food and other social welfare), but they are also central venues for bringing disparate communities together to address issues such as developing moral excellence, the importance of social harmony, principles of human dignity and human rights within Islam.

On our way back from meeting the shaykh, we stopped in Istalif, a village an hour north of Kabul known for producing beautiful painted pottery. We drove up on a mountainside that overlooked the Shomali plains and found a nice overlook to spread out a carpet and enjoy some cherries and watermelon. Once considered the breadbasket of Afghanistan, the valley had been torn apart by decades of conflict. But trees were slowly growing back and providing us a nice breeze. Birds were chirping, and nearby you could hear the sounds of children's laughter echoing across the valley. As we sat there, I reflected on how fortunate I was to experience the beauty of this region rarely depicted in the media.

Unfortunately, the reality is that 30 years of conflict have slowed the development and progress of Afghanistan and Pakistan's moderate civil society networks. Still, we came across scores of innovative initiatives to push back against extremism that can be supported by the international community and replicated across the region. My hope is that the findings from our project will serve as an instrumental resource for U.S. government officials and international NGOs interested in identifying Afghan and Pakistani civil society organizations and activists with whom they can partner to prevent radicalization, reduce terrorism and stabilize the region. •





four-year veteran on CNU's highly successful women's lacrosse team and the 2013 USA South Woman of the Year, Stephanie Green ('13) accomplished much as a standout student-athlete. Over the years Christopher Newport helped her balance academic and athletic pursuits, and she also gives credit to her fellow players and Head Coach Carolyn Raveia, a valued mentor, role model and friend. Green notes, "We were one collective unit, and when one person had an ambition, the team was there, backing her up."

That strong camaraderie and support were evident on the field of play, as the Captains captured their eighth consecutive league championship this spring toward a school-best season. "I realized how my commitment to lacrosse has really helped shape my personality, qualities and characteristics," Green notes. "I have become disciplined, fine-tuned and committed."

She also has worked tirelessly to develop AdaptLax, a lacrosse program for children with physical and cognitive disabilities. Green applied for and received a \$2,000 Ferguson Fellowship to fund the project and recently submitted paperwork to officially designate AdaptLax as a nonprofit organization. She hopes the program will soon hold its first clinic.

"AdaptLax was originally designed from an assignment on my Oxford study-abroad trip back in the summer of 2010," Green wrote in her CNU Athletics blog, "Off the Field." "Witnessing how much children can grow when placed within a functioning athletic team, I believed that all children should be given this opportunity. I noticed, however, that there were limited opportunities for those with physical or intellectual disabilities to participate in lacrosse, and it was my dream to change this."

A neuroscience major from Pasadena, Maryland, Green will enroll in Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine this fall, where she will train to become a physician. She will have the opportunity to travel abroad on medical mission trips, as well as learn osteopathic therapy techniques with an eye toward a career in pediatrics or sports medicine.

Green's experiences at CNU provided her with a blueprint for how she will approach life as a physician. If there's one thing she knows, it's that being great at something can bring recognition, but the support of a team, coach, friends and family can help turn dreams into realities. \leftarrow Eliza Eaton

Inspiring Students to Greatness

After 44 years of distinguished service, Dr. Mario Mazzarella retires from CNU.

t's difficult to quantify the impact Dr. Mario Mazzarella has had on students and the campus community since the fall of 1969: professor of history, Professor of the Year, department chair, German History Program founder, faculty adviser, executive assistant to the president, chair of numerous university and faculty committees. The list goes on.

Affectionately known as "Dr. Mazz," he is the longest-serving faculty member in Christopher Newport's history. A respected instructor, he enriched the lives of thousands of students, instilling in them an appreciation of history and culture as an aid to understanding themselves and the world in which they live, inspiring them to approach that world with compassion and a sense of responsibility.

Among his numerous accomplishments, Mazzarella was instrumental in organizing and serving in large-scale student-faculty exchange programs between Christopher Newport and universities in the Federal Republic of Germany and Poland, and was a pioneer in formulating and teaching study-abroad courses for his department. He helped craft the Code for Academic Work, the University's first honor code, and as hearing examiner chaired that process for many years. He also served three years as executive assistant to Christopher Newport President Anthony Santoro, contributing to policymaking in the areas of academics, student affairs and administration. Few aspects of shaping Christopher Newport have gone untouched by Mazzarella.

Sharing his fondest Christopher Newport memories, he notes there are too many to recount: "The wonderful colleagues, in all departments and areas, whose dedication was an inspiration. The many students who earnestly sought to make the most of their time here and made teaching not a task, but a joy. The privilege of being able to enlighten so many students for so many years and to help them craft who and what they wanted to be. Being the first in my department to lead a study-abroad trip for credit, and the scholarship established in my name to help students pursue study abroad who might not otherwise be able to afford it. Finally, the many extra things I was able to do — programs, presentations, speaking engagements that were outside of my required duties but added so much to the life and spirit of the school. I never thought I should do only that which I must; I did many things that I thought I ought. I hope the faculty of CNU carries on that spirit."

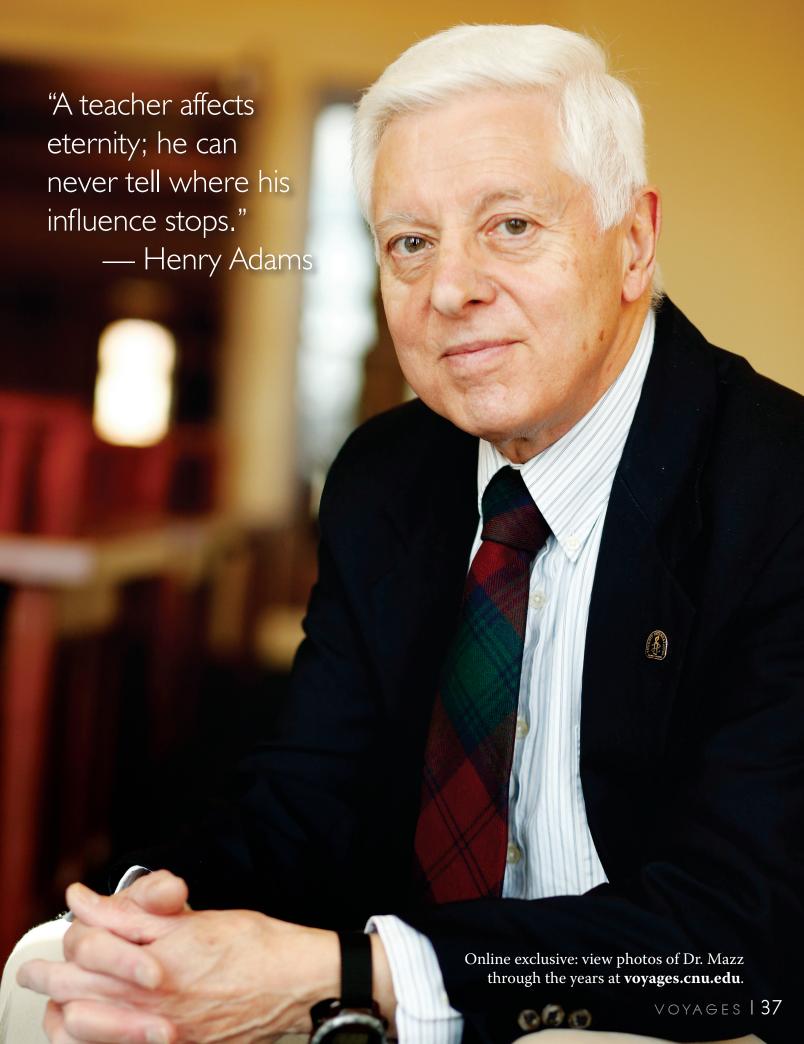
Mazzarella also hopes graduates realize the end of college is only the beginning of a life of learning — and doing. "That's why graduation is called 'commencement' and not 'completion," he says. "It's a start, not an end. If one stops learning, one stops growing. But knowledge should lead one along the way to wisdom, which is the real goal, the knowledge that it's not what you make but what you make of yourself and the world that's really important. And they should always be grateful to CNU and the professors and coaches for the foundation they provided them for life."

In addition to his students, colleagues will equally miss having Mazzarella in their midst. "Dr. Mazzarella's contributions to the University are numerous, but mostly they center around his great passion for teaching and nurturing students, introducing them to the love of history that is a hallmark of his whole professional career, and teaching them to be good citizens as well as good students," says Santoro. "He has devoted his career of more than 40 years to discovering the truth and to speaking up for those who are voiceless in our society."

Upcoming retirement plans for Mazzarella include accompanying CNU Philosophy Professor Dr. Kip Redick on his summer 2013 class trip along the Camino de Santiago de Compostella in northern Spain, or as he puts it, "tapering off with a 500-mile walk." In the fall Mazzarella will teach a course on church history to a local congregation, and in summer 2014 hopes to travel abroad, perhaps to a part of Europe he hasn't seen before. In the meantime, he looks forward to catching up on reading and dedicating himself to volunteer work.

Mazzarella guided, mentored and counseled generations of Christopher Newport students across five decades. And in honor of his dedication to the institution he has served so well, he was accorded the rank of professor of history emeritus, thus ensuring his continued professional association with the University, the Department of History, his colleagues and students. - Lori Jacobs

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Zac Grigg ('13) tells the awardwinning story of 'Willie'.

ilmmakers are storytellers, just as novelists and songwriters are, broadly reporting on the human condition and how our lives are connected, how we often have more in common with one another than differences. Their challenge lies in finding a good story and telling it in their own way, with their own voice, and in a way that resonates with others.

For Zac Grigg, one such story was there all along. Grigg, an English major, directed "Willie," a documentary that chronicles one summer in the life of Willie Greenough, an autistic man who lives in Charlottesville. For years Greenough has worked for Grigg's father, Jim, an architect, building scale models of the firm's projects using nothing more than mat board, a razor knife, pencil and glue. The models are so exacting, and Greenough so conversant in building concepts, that the viewer might believe Greenough himself is the architect. As for why Grigg never thought to capture Greenough's life on film before now: "I always thought documentaries had to be about bigger subjects, about large groups or events in history." He continues, "But then I saw so many great films about one person that are really touching and moving."

Grigg cites "Gates of Heaven" by legendary documentarian Errol Morris as a major influence in directing "Willie," and for imparting a minimalist aesthetic of framing simple shots of people talking to tell the story. Grigg also knew Greenough typically spends three to four months on each model, and the summer break from CNU offered just enough time for him to film Greenough building one to completion. "I had no idea if I was ever going to finish it, or if it was going to work out, but I just went with it," Grigg says.

It more than worked out, as "Willie" was an official selection at the 2012 Virginia Film Festival (VFF) in November, and went on to win the audience award for best documentary short. The VFF, which last year marked its 25th anniversary, featured more than 100 films, including major studio releases as well as films produced locally. More than 27,000 people attended screenings in theaters

around Charlottesville.

Grigg's film opens quietly, with Greenough at work in his home studio, cutting gables and other structural elements for the model. He works from the architect's plans. and simply aligns pieces of mat board on the drawings, makes a few pencil lines, then cuts the pieces to size. Using mat board, he first cuts out all the pieces — which can number in the hundreds — and then assembles them. "I like how there's almost an air of mystery around Willie," says Grigg. "You get to see him, and hear him talk and people talk about him, but you still don't know that much about him at the beginning. I'm glad I edited it that way."

In a signature moment, the viewer then sees a sequence of shots of a large model Greenough built, from multiple angles, that ends by dissolving into exterior shots of the actual house. The size of the model and the work required to build it become apparent as the huge home looms on the screen. "It was a great moment in the theater; it got a lot of oohs and aahs, which I didn't expect," Grigg recalls.

As with anything made, the whole is equal to the parts. But the simplicity of the tools and materials Greenough uses belies a complexity of planning, design, project management (how to begin?) and effort involved in creating his models. A house is not made of a single material, but a host of different things: wood, brick, glass, sheetrock; yet Greenough is able to duplicate such a complex whole using a single,

fragile material. And Grigg's film is much the same. While his subject, Greenough, is complex, Grigg used a single camera, a laptop to edit, had no music or sound design, other than what was captured by a small outboard microphone, relied on natural light, and employed no crew save himself. Yet, despite the relative crudity of his tools, he was able to create a lyrical portrait of Greenough that reveals the man's talent and humanity. "I do think the film benefits from being shot like that," Grigg says of his method. "The people I filmed tell the story rather than me. It looks like my fingerprints aren't really on it. I'm just pointing my camera, and they're telling the story — that complements the film's theme and lets the subject speak for itself."

Grigg credits his adviser, English Professor Dr. John Nichols, with supporting his filmmaking efforts from early on, and for introducing him to new films and techniques. Nichols, who directs CNU's film studies program, helped Grigg gain a broader understanding of filmmaking and its history, and has even helped him create some of his other films. "Besides being helpful on such a personal level he's been a wonderful teacher," Grigg says. "He's where a lot of my film knowl-

edge stems from. He's been a great teacher and a very helpful and supportive friend."

"Willie" moves at a stately pace for a short film, clocking in at just over 30 minutes, which enables the viewer to form more of a bond with Greenough, and to appreciate the time and craft required to build the models, an effect the filmmaker intended. "Personally, I like longer rather than shorter," Grigg says. "Even in narrative films, I like long shots a lot. It has an effect on the viewer." He cites the frenetic pace and jarring editing technique of many current films as antithetical to his own style.

At about the midway point, the film's location changes to Innisfree Village, in the hills west of Charlottesville, where adults with intellectual disabilities live and work farming, weaving, woodworking and doing a host of other artisanal work. Greenough splits his time between his home in Charlottesville and Innisfree.

Carolyn Ohle, Executive Director, discusses the Innisfree ethos, what the community offers residents, and how it seeks to blur the distinction between them and "normal" people.

As Ohle

speaks, Grigg engages the viewer by overlaying her commentary with shots of everyday life at the facility, where we see Greenough and the other residents going about their routines and chores. "In a documentary, it all comes down to how you edit it. I try to use as much intuition and feeling as I can," says Grigg. "That's how you create a movie." Indeed the technical editing side of filmmaking is Grigg's favorite aspect. "I love editing my work; it's beautiful to see it come together."

The verdant Innisfree sequences also serve to punctuate the sometimes cramped interior shots, and add a reflective tone to the film while suffusing it with life. Coming after several indoor sequences that can become repetitive, "Innisfree really opens it up," Grigg says. "I really felt like I was in my element doing those shots, with natural sounds. It's an easy way to introduce a new environment."

The film draws its emotional core from Ohle, as she discusses the philosophical side of the Innisfree residents and their disabilities. "We're all peculiar, we're all a little different," she says, "but we are more alike than we are different." The moment is pivotal in the film, as the viewer then returns to Greenough working on the model with a different perspective on him. "It's kind of the emotional center of the film," says Grigg. He captures in Ohle not only the hopefulness and optimism one would expect

from someone who

has spent

a life among the intellectually disabled, but also a weariness that comes from such a life. "It's a hard life," Grigg says. "It's real."

Indeed such reality often intruded on the filmmaker, as Grigg encountered the unexpected during the filming of "Willie," from faulty light fixtures, to an impromptu birthday celebration during lunch at Innisfree, to some of the Innisfree residents approaching him for conversation during filming. But all these events serve to reinforce the organic nature of the place, and the film, and to orient the viewer more closely in the lives of Greenough and the other residents. "It kind of breaks that wall between the filmmaker and the audience," Grigg says.

The film concludes with some parting shots of Innisfree, ending with a winding road, which reinforces yet another of the film's universal themes: life goes on, as Greenough quietly completes the final assembly of the model he started at the beginning of the film.

Grigg has yet to make definite plans for his own next scene, but of one thing he is certain: He plans to continue in film. "Everything else is in the air, but that's what I'm certain about," he says. "No matter what I do as a career, I will always be making movies." • — Brian McGuire

Online exclusive:

Read about Grigg's favorite

five films and watch "Willie" at

voyages.cnu.edu.

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FOREVER A CAPTAIN

CNU honors the legacy of C.J. Woollum, establishes Victory Fund in his name.

his past winter the Christopher Newport community said goodbye to C.J. Woollum (pictured below center), who died in February. Woollum won more than 500 games during 26 seasons as head men's basketball coach and transformed the Department of Athletics as director for more than 25 years.

A native of Alexandria, Woollum guided the men's basketball program from 1984 through 2010, coaching the Captains to multiple conference titles and 17 NCAA tournaments. Under his leadership, the Captains reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament in 2000-01 and the Sweet 16 on four other occasions.

Woollum became director of athletics in 1987, overseeing the growth of one of the nation's top Division III athletic programs. For the last 15 years CNU has won the USA South President's Cup for the top overall department performance, in addition to capturing the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame Award for the best overall won-lost record among Virginia Division II and III schools seven of the last 12 years. CNU athletes have been named All-Americans more than 500 times.

In 2012 Woollum became CNU's director of athletics emeritus. Among his honors, he was inducted into the Christopher Newport Athletic Hall of Fame, the USA South Athletic Conference Hall of Fame and the Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame. His tireless efforts had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of student-athletes, coaches and colleagues as he led the Captains to unparalleled heights of success. He will truly be missed. •



C.J. Woollum Victory Fund

In honor of Woollum's dedication to building championship programs, CNU has created the C.J. Woollum Victory Fund.

This initiative will forever support the mission of providing a world-class experience for our student-athletes and will ensure CNU's athletic programs always compete among the nation's best. Funds raised will support operational activities, including but not limited to:

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Captains amassed an impressive 29-3 overall record, reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA tournament and finished the season No. 6 in the nation. The Captains hosted the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament at The Freeman Center and beat previously undefeated Montclair State in the Sweet 16 before falling to eventual national champion DePauw University.

Senior Kelly Halverson (pictured left) graduates with 111 career victories and a 88.8 percent winning record. Junior Tia Perry was named a second-team all-region player and averaged a team-high 14 points per game.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

For the first time since 2000-01, the

Christopher Newport men's team picked up an NCAA tournament victory, doing so at home against Rutgers-Newark after capturing a second-straight USA South championship.

USA South tournament MVP Nik Biberaj finished the season in remarkable fashion, leading the team in scoring in the final six games of the season. The sophomore averaged 15.9 points and 9.5 rebounds per game while adding 73 assists, second most on the team.

Junior Tra Benefield (pictured right) was named all-region after helping lead CNU to a 22-6 overall record. Benefield eclipsed the 1,000-point mark, becoming the 28th CNU player to reach that plateau. He is now 12th on the CNU all-time scoring list.





BASEBALL

CNU ended the season with a 29-12-1 overall record. The team was led by a dominant pitching staff, posting the lowest team ERA in school history, at 3.05. Junior Austin Chrismon was in the top 10 nationally in strikeouts with 86. Senior Ryan Fleischmann (pictured left) set the USA South career saves record with 29 and ranks fourth all-time in NCAA Division III. This year he was 11-for-11 in save opportunities, setting a new single season mark at CNU.

Junior Justin Weaver batted over .400 and ranked among national leaders in runs batted in and walks. He headlined a record 11 All-Conference selections for CNU this year and was named the USA South Player of the Year. Chrismon earned Pitcher of the Year, and Brandon Taylor was named Rookie Pitcher of the Year.



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

This year's women's lacrosse team ranked 15th in the nation with an impressive 17-2 record and, after capturing an eighth-straight USA South championship, won the first NCAA tournament game in program history. Led by USA South Player of the Year, junior Ashton Marshall (pictured left), the Captains set record marks with 361 goals and 197 assists. Marshall led the attack with 76 goals and 21 assists, tying the CNU single-season goals record, while Elena Obregon set a new freshman record with 54 goals scored and 27 assists. CNU ranked among the national leaders across the board offensively and defensively. The Captains had 11 players named to the All-Conference team.

MEN'S LACROSSE

For the first time in program history, the Christopher Newport men's lacrosse team appeared in the NCAA tournament. This season CNU set program records for points scored (232), assists (87) and save percentage (.579). Sophomore John Thompson (pictured right) had one of the finest seasons in program history, setting single-game, season and — already — career records for assists. He was the Captains' leading scorer with 19 goals and 35 assists for 54 total points, also a school record.



SOFTBALL

This year the Captains once again returned to the NCAA Division III softball tournament after dominating the USA South Athletic Conference Championship in four straight games and outscoring opponents 31-3. CNU closed the regular season with a seventh-straight 30-win season, going 15-1 down the stretch and finishing 34-13 overall.

Pitcher Krista Townsend was named USA South tournament MVP. CNU had 11 All-Conference selections this year, and Sabrina Hill (pictured left) was named USA South Player of the Year for the second season in a row. Hill and Junior Kelley Foate were also named to the NCAA All-Regional Tournament Team.



TRACK AND FIELD

In their final meet as members of the Mason-Dixon Conference, the Christopher Newport outdoor track and field teams made a resounding statement as the Captains captured both the men's and women's league championships. Sophomore Enuma Ezenwa (pictured right) led the way, earning Co-Track Athlete of the Meet honors. Sophomore Daulton Teaford also secured titles in both the men's 100 and 200, and freshman Dominique Torres (pictured left) earned South/Southeast Field Athlete of the Year honors.



GOLF

Led by first-team All-Conference selection Brian Jaeger (pictured right), the Captains finished second at the USA South Athletic Conference Golf Championship. Sophomore Scott Davidson also earned All-Conference honors and finished the year with a 75-stroke average in his first year with the Captains. Jaeger, a senior, led the squad with a 73.5 average, tying the program record for low season average, while also setting a new low single round record (65) at the Camp LeJeune Intercollegiate Invitational in March. He was one of just five individuals to qualify for the NCAA Division III Men's Golf National Championship, the fifth CNU player in program history to do so.



TENNIS.



Both the men's and women's teams reached the USA South Tournament Championship match. Senior Kim Morrissett (pictured left) broke the school record

with 65 career victories in singles play and earned 50 wins in doubles. Five of the six women's tennis starters earned USA South honors.

On the men's side, four players earned All-Conference honors, led by freshman Chiraag Shetty (pictured right) and senior Kyle Tobin as first-team selections.



SAILING

CNU sailing set new marks for success in 2012-13, competing against some of the best teams in the nation in the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA). Led by freshman skippers Ben Buhl and Oliver Ross, the Captains sailing team advanced to the MAISA America Trophy, while the women's team picked up a top-10 effort at the MAISA Spring Women's Championship. This year CNU hosted the first CJ's Regatta, a memorial event for C.J. Woollum. The Captains won the eight-team event, beating the likes of George Washington University, Princeton and the University of Virginia. Dan Winters, longtime head coach and sailing master for the Captains, has been named the 2012-13 recipient of the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association



Lifetime Service Award. Currently assistant coach with the Captains, Winters has provided tutelage to the CNU sailing team for 23 years.



CHEERLEADING

The Christopher Newport University cheerleading team won the 2013 Capital Athletic Conference Cheerleading Championship, and also finished second at the Cheer Ltd. College Open Nationals.

CNU STORM

Competing with 300 cheer and dance teams, the Storm advanced to the finals of the 2013 NCA/NDA College Cheer and Dance Nationals and finished fifth in the nation.



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lthough your career as a student may have ended after four years, you will always be a Captain for Life! Perhaps you live around the corner from Christopher Newport, work in the nation's capital or reside on the other side of the water. Wherever you call home, the alumni chapters of the Christopher Newport Alumni Society help bring your alma mater to you!

Chapter We encourage you to stay active with Christopher Newport through one of the four regional chapters. This past year the Alumni Society chartered the CNU Football Alumni Chapter and is currently reviewing requests for more chapters, specifically outside Virginia. Preliminary discussions have already been held regarding a possible chapter in Atlanta. If you live in an area where there is currently no chapter, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@cnu.edu to discuss the possibility of chartering a group where you live.

The following represent the many events hosted this year, and we hope to see you at an upcoming gathering. Visit alumni.cnu.edu/chapters for more details.

METRO D.C. **ALUMNI CHAPTER**

Over the past year the Metro D.C. Alumni Chapter held a festive evening at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., cheering the Nationals on to victory.

Chapter members also met at the home of Terri ('86) and Matt McKnight for an annual holiday party. Deans Bob Colvin and David Doughty joined the group, reconnecting with former students while sharing campus updates.

The chapter welcomed President Paul Trible and the Alumni Society at Springfield Golf and Country Club in April for the CNU on the Move presentation where the president discussed life on campus, 2012-13 academicyear updates and progress on current building projects.

This summer be sure to join the Metro D.C. Alumni Chapter at a Nationals baseball game. Details on this annual outing can be found on the chapter's Facebook page.



Christopher Newport Northern Virginia/Metro D.C Alumni Society



GREATER PENINSULA **ALUMNI CHAPTER**

Fortunate to have their alma mater right in their backyard, Greater Peninsula Alumni Chapter members took part in the Alumni 5K (pictured below), Homecoming and tailgating at home football games.



During Homecoming 2012 the chapter also hosted the Second Annual Captains Choice Golf Classic at Kingsmill Resort. With more than 50 alumni and friends playing in the tournament, the group raised more than \$5,000 to support student scholarships, alumni programs and the future alumni house. In addition, the Golf Classic also supported Fear2Freedom, raising more than \$1,000 to offer hope and healing to victims of sexual abuse. The 2013 tournament will again be held during Homecoming on November 8, on the Rivers Course at Kingsmill.

In addition to a successful tournament, the chapter celebrated the holidays at the home of Jane Cooper ('76). Members later enjoyed a night of bowling in Newport News as several alumni demonstrated their exceptional skills through friendly competition. They also distributed more than 70 exam survival kits to CNU students preparing for finals.

The group continues to plan events and currently seeks leadership to promote the great services offered to alumni.



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METRO RICHMOND ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Richmond Alumni Chapter and families came out for a fun day at King's Dominion. It was a great opportunity to engage alumni children who could someday become Captains for Life themselves.

In December the chapter gathered at the Jefferson Hotel for an annual holiday party. Joined by President Trible and Dean Doughty, alumni heard updates on campus life, enjoyed delicious food and beverages, and visited with fellow Richmond-area alumni.

In April the chapter welcomed President Trible for a CNU on the Move event.



Christopher Newport Metro Richmond Alumni Society



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SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS ALUMNI CHAPTER

Taking in the scenic view from Harbor Park stadium, the South Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter met for a Norfolk Tides baseball game. A great time was had by all, including several future Captains!

In November the chapter gave back to the community by distributing Thanksgiving meals from the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. More than 500 pounds of turkeys, sweet potatoes and "fixin's" were loaded into cars by South Hampton Roads alumni so others could enjoy a holiday

meal. Members also joined the Rotary Club of Chesapeake for "Paint Your Heart Out," painting the homes of area elderly citizens.

As the chapter continues to develop ways to connect with South Hampton Roads alumni, members are currently seeking leadership and new ideas.



Christopher Newport South Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter



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CNU FOOTBALL ALUMNI CHAPTER

The CNU Football Alumni Chapter received its charter during halftime of the 2012 Homecoming football game (pictured above). Chapter leaders are busy creating a calendar of events and reaching out to former football players. In the meantime, head over to alumni.cnu.edu/ **chapters** for the latest news. �



Got photos from alumni events? We'd love to use them in our publications! Please send them via our online form at alumni.cnu.edu.

class notes

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1970s

Dr. Kenneth Singley ('71) is a retired colonel and served in the first Gulf War. He is also a chaplain and currently resides in Mebane, N.C.

1980s

Jon Buriak ('80) is the lead chiropractic physician at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Alan Pew ('80) earned his doctor of arts in 2013 from Harrison Middleton University. He retired in 2008 with 25 years as a human resources manager with the Department of Human Services and the New Jersey Department of Corrections. He volunteers with the American Red Cross of New Jersey as a client casework supervisor.

David Burris ('83) is senior vice president at SunTrust Bank in Norfolk.

Warren R. Power ('84) was recently named to the board of visitors of Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law. Additionally, Power has been included in *Best Lawyers in America*, and his firm, Power, Jaugstetter and Futch, is listed in the 2012-13 edition of *U. S. News* – Best Law Firms, Atlanta, Tier-1 Rankings.

Bryan Price ('85) was named the assistant provost for institutional effectiveness at Washington and Lee University in September 2012.

Victor Brown ('86) was promoted to chief financial officer of Advex Corporation, a Hampton Roads precision machining and metal fabrication firm, in October 2012. Brown is a past chairman of the Victory Family YMCA and a past member of the Oyster Point Rotary Club.

Beth Aldrich ('87) published a book titled *Real*

Moms Love to Eat: How to Conduct a Love Affair With Food, Lose Weight and Feel Fabulous.

Col. Robert J. Lehman ('87) currently serves as the inspector general of the United States Forces Korea. The inspector general acts as a fair and objective fact finder/problem solver and also as a confidential adviser to commanders of the United States Forces Korea and the Eighth United States Army.

1990s

Elizabeth Creamer ('90) was appointed director of education and workforce development by Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell in 2012.

Wanda Wyatt ('92) is the president-elect for the West Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors. Wyatt is currently one of the regional substance-abuse counselors for her agency, a behavioral health center. She

also returned to school and will earn a master's degree in psychology from the University of Phoenix in May 2014.

James Baughman ('93) received a Silver Snoopy award from NASA's Langley Research Center recognizing his "contributions toward the generation and characterization of cracked liquid hydrogen flow control valve specimens." The Silver Snoopy award honors an employee's contribution to flight safety or mission success and is given personally by NASA astronauts.

Scott J. Golightly ('93) formed the law firm Golightly, Mulligan and Booth. The practice includes wills and trusts, civil litigation, professional liability defense, corporate law, community association law, and insurance coverage. The company is located in Richmond, and more information can be found at golightlylaw.com.

Cathy Newcomb ('93) and fellow alumna Galen Snowden ('93) published their first novel, *Vision*, in November 2011. Visit visionthenovel.com for more details.

Laura (Contakes) Rieg ('93), a Portsmouth Children First Lions Club member and early development special education teacher at Olive Branch Elementary School, was honored at the White House as one of 11 Lions Club International "Champions of Change."

Marcia (Royster) Sutherland ('93) published her book Whatever We Once Were: Essays on the Impact of the Progressive Agenda, which was nominated for a Virginia Literary Award.

Wendy (Cobb) Wickens ('93) was promoted to director of the Department of Information Technology for Loudoun County in Virginia in December 2012.

Agnes Elizabeth (Woody) McGrath ('95) is a social science teacher with Newport News Public Schools and a freelance writer. McGrath is currently a candidate for a master of education degree with emphasis on special education and reading recovery at Regent University.

Kristina Reed ('95) has been named to the Northern California Rising Stars list as one of the top up-and-coming attorneys in Northern California for 2012. Rising Stars are under 40 years old or have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Hank Moseley ('97) directed maritime operations for OpSail 2012 Virginia from June 6-12. Op-Sail is a national maritime celebration commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Kerry (O'Brien) Smith ('97) graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., with a master's degree in strategic public relations in August 2012. Smith is currently a PhD candidate in business management and leadership at Capella University.

Elizabeth Fletcher ('98) participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness overnight walk June 1-2, to raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention. She walked for her father. George "Skip" Fletcher, also a native of Newport News, who died when she was 12, and for her late husband, Glenn Alan Duffin, a Newport News native as well, who passed away when she was 24. Fletcher raised money for research and a variety of prevention, education and advocacy programs across the country.

Jenna (Metts) Mackay ('98) was promoted to client adviser for the SunTrust Wealth and Management team in Newport News in December 2012.

Barbara (Temple) Lombardi ('99), a photographer with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, has published two books, Vegetable Gardening the Colonial Williamsburg Way: 18th-Century Methods for Today's Organic Gardeners and Flowers and Herbs of Early America. She lives in Williamsburg.

Frank Novak ('99) received a Silver Snoopy award from NASA's Langlev Research Center for his exceptional programmatic achievements as project manager for the Sensor Test for Orion Relative-Navigation Risk Mitigation Development Test Objective project. Given personally by NASA astronauts, the Silver Snoopy honors an employee's contribution to flight safety or mission success.

2001

Trevor Gates-Crandall ('01) completed his PhD in social work (emphasis in gender and women's studies) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is an assistant professor at State University of New York, Brockport.

Andrea Trotter ('01) was appointed regional director for eastern Virginia on Senator Tim Kaine's staff. Trotter previously served as a constituent service representative for Senator Jim Webb's Hampton Roads office from 2007-13 and for the Senate of Virginia as legislative aide to Senator Yvonne B. Miller. Prior to her legislative-branch service, Trotter served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 14 years.

2003

Dayton Wiese ('03) is a health and employee benefits consultant for Experient Health in Norfolk

2004

Steve Bowman ('04) retired as commissioner of marine resources for the commonwealth of Virginia and was appointed chief of police for the town of Smithfield in March 2012.

Allen Brooks ('04) welcomed his second son, Elliot Carrington, on Jan. 31, 2012. Elliot joins his older brother, Liam.

Shannon (DuChemin) Edwards ('04) and her husband, Shawn Edwards ('03), welcomed their daughter, Macie, to the family on Jan. 31, 2013. Macie joins big sister, Harper.

Brad Hunter ('04) was honored with the Outstanding Lefcoe Leadership Award by TowneBank in 2012. He was recognized for exceptional civic and charitable work within the city of Portsmouth. Chris Rice ('04) has expanded his business, Music Makes You Happy Entertainment.



He recently opened an office in downtown Smithfield and is offering uplighting, photo booths and even tux rentals. Visit Rice's business at musicmakesyou

happydj.com.

Jessica Ruder ('04) is a social worker with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. She works at the Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond, a long-term care facility that serves approximately 160 veterans.

2005

Michelle (Hubert)
Matusiak ('05) and









husband Jason ('04) welcomed a baby girl, Noel Lee Matusiak, on July 7, 2012.

Ella (Olsen) Rigoulot ('05) and Jamie Rigoulot were married on Sept. 10, 2011, in Charleston, S.C. 2

2006

Scott Bumbaugh ('06) has served as choir director at Poquoson High School since 2007. In addition to teaching classes, he is a member of the Cantori Choral Ensemble in Williamsburg along with fellow alumnus Steven Martinez ('09).

Erin Greene ('06) married Gus Diggs ('07) in Nags Head, N.C., on Nov. 17, 2012. The couple met while working together as class senators in the Student Government Association. She is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, and he is a member of Kappa Delta Rho. 3

Ashley Hinkle ('06) married Christopher Jones in May 2013 at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City. Ashley is a kindergarten teacher with Henrico County Public Schools. 4

Danielle Jack ('06) and Ryan Sutphin ('07) were married on June 23, 2012, at Gurney's Inn in Montauk, N.Y. Monica Nolan ('06) married Jason Hill in August 2012 in a beachside ceremony at Jennette's Pier in Nags Head, N.C. Nolan currently works in the Center for Career Planning at CNU and is an active member of the Greater Peninsula Alumni Chapter.

Justin Throupe ('06) completed his EdS in educational leadership and policy studies from Virginia Tech in 2013. He looks forward to transitioning into an administrative position in a local Hampton Roads public school.

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Elizabeth (Thuma) Tobe ('06) received her master's in education from Regent University in May 2008. She married Christian Tobe in October 2010 and currently works in the Office of Information Technology in the Transportation Security Administration Headquarters in Arlington.

2007

Callie (Hardman) De-Keuster ('07) married Matthew DeKeuster on Nov. 3, 2012, in Colonial Williamsburg. She is currently a counselor for the County of York's Juvenile Services and still proudly resides in Hampton Roads. 6

Jon Hoffman ('07) was promoted to the position of manager of advocacy and volunteer engagement at the Office of Public Policy for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey Mason ('07) married Tatyana Popandopulo on July 2, 2012. The couple met in Kazakhstan.

Gemma (Smith) Shumaker ('07) is thrilled to be a New York City-based actor. Currently she can be seen on the Investigation Discovery Channel in an episode of "Who the (Bleep) Did I Marry?" In addition to television programs, Shumaker has performed off-Broadway and in commercials and film. Shumaker resides in Astoria, Queens, N.Y. Check out her work at gemmasmith.net.

Lori (Bickham) Throupe ('07) earned her MA in communication and leadership studies from Gonzaga University in 2011. She recently completed her first year as an instructor of leadership studies at CNU. • 5

Katie (Holland) White ('07) has joined the staff of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America as manager of external relations in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Justin, welcomed their first daughter, Avery Holland, on July 21, 2012. The couple resides in Chantilly.

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Shaun Whiteside ('07) won numerous awards for his painting "Rise," including first place in





the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art's New Waves 2013 exhibition in January. Whiteside's works and upcoming exhibits can be seen on his Facebook page: facebook. com/shaun.whiteside.

Alan S. Witt Jr. ('07) is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors in Newport News. He assists with individual investments and retirement plans.

Megan Wood ('07) will receive her master of arts degree in communication studies in May 2013 from the University of South Florida.

2008

Lana Borgie ('08) attends evening classes in the University of Maryland's master's in applied economics program while continuing her full-time job at the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Clare Brown ('08) married Matt Meneely on June 2, 2012, in Richmond.

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Matthew Clark ('08) visited President Barack Obama at the White House on Aug. 17, 2012, representing AmeriCorps alumni.

Natalie (Robinson) Dean ('08), a first-grade teacher in Fayetteville, N.C., and Capt. Kevin Andrew Dean ('07), a company commander at Fort Bragg, N.C., welcomed their first child, Logan Thomas Dean, on July 4, 2012.

Ryan Doupe ('08) was promoted to market research manager at Ferguson Enterprises in Newport News.

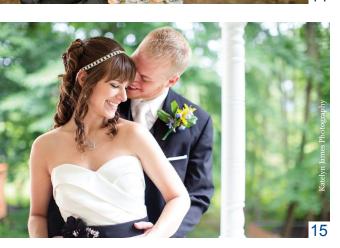




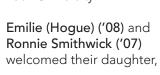
Elisabeth Henifin ('08) works as development coordinator for the St. Francis Center in Denver. Colo. This nonprofit provides holistic restorative services to women escaping sex trafficking and the commercial sex industry. In 2013 she assumed an additional role as a street outreach worker building relationships with men and women living on the street, helping transition them out of homelessness.















Peyton Riley, on Nov. 16, 2012. The family lives in Ruther Glen. 12

Alan H. Witt ('08) majored in communication studies at CNU and is enjoying his new role as operations and procurement manager at Region Ten - Community Services Board in Charlottesville.

Nikki (Black) Ziegelhofer ('08, '09) and husband Mark welcomed their son, Cade, on Oct. 17, 2012. **1**3

2009

Jeff Carr ('09) served as the lighting director for the Rutgers Theater Company production of "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" in October 2012.

Ben Heath ('09) serves as the northwest regional field director for the Republican Party of Wisconsin, covering 23 counties and helping them build their local organizations. He focuses on membership recruitment, fundraising, online engagement and messaging to prepare for Gov. Scott Walker's re-election campaign and the House races in 2014.

Kristin LaRiviere ('09) published her first scholarly article in About Campus titled "Protest: Critical Lessons of Using Digital Media for Social Change" in September 2012.

Garrett Maroon ('09) and Rachel Fralick ('12) were married in Charlottesville. on Oct. 7, 2012. He currently works in the Office of Admission at CNU as admission coordinator for the President's Leadership and Honor Programs; she is a retail customer service representative at Smithfield Packing in Smithfield. 14

Maggie Marshall ('09) married Andy Hoge on June 23, 2012, in Charlottesville. Caroline Morris ('08), Melanie Poole ('09), Jessica (Koeing) Davis ('09), Bradley Norwood ('09) and Megan Cox ('10) were in the bridal party.

Kristen Osius ('09) received her master of arts degree in positive organizational psychology and program evaluation from Claremont Graduate University in 2012.

Sara Scichilone ('09) and Matt Winant ('10) were married on July 20, 2012. They both work as teachers in Newport News.

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Amy Smith ('09) and Derek Harris were married on Oct. 20, 2012, in Leesburg. 🗖 16

Erin Steuber ('09) works as a reporter for KATC, an ABC affiliate, in Lafayette, La.

2010

Anita Bailey ('10) is a property manager with Weinstein Properties in Hampton. She resides in Portsmouth.

Jessica Bunting ('10) received her master of public administration degree from the University of Delaware and started a new position as performance excellence manager for Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County in May 2013.

Laura Downing ('10) and Michael Archer were married in Maidens on Oct. 27, 2012. 🗖 17

Sarah Kugler ('10) began working for WellPoint, a Fortune 500 health-insurance provider in Arlington, as a market strategy specialist in January 2012.

Melissa Milligan ('10) and Joe Wilbur were married at Liberty Baptist Church in Hampton on Dec. 29, 2012. She works in human resources at Huntington Ingalls Industries. 18

Julianna Wait ('10) graduated from the College of William & Mary with a master's in educational leadership, with an emphasis in higher education, in August 2012. She is married to **Drew** Koernert ('11) and is an assistant registrar at CNU. Koernert currently works



in the Office of the President. The couple resides in Newport News.

Ryan Shaughnessy ('10) married Shannon Hopper ('10) on July 14, 2012, at Stephenson Ridge in Fredericksburg. She is a marketing assistant at Cherry Bekaert, a CPA firm in Tyson's Corner. The

couple resides in Vienna.

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2011

Breanne Catharine ('11) married Andrew McMillan Harris on Oct. 5, 2012, at the New Kent winery. She is marketing director of Body and Sol, and he works for M.K. Taylor Contractors in Hampton. The couple resides in Newport News. 20

Bryan Field ('11) began working for the national fraternity Kappa Delta Rho in November 2012. Traveling around the U.S., Field visits KDR chapters and assists with chapter operations and recruitment. He also helps the fraternities with their social media and leadership training efforts.

Brittany (Glembot) Henley ('11) and her husband, Chris, welcomed their son Braeden Webb on July 27, 2012. Cory Glembot ('15) is the proud uncle, and Jen (Watkins) Sinclair ('05) is the proud great-aunt.

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Katie Kramer ('11) is employed in the public relations department for Feld Entertainment in Ellenton, Fla. Kramer works directly with "Disney on Ice" and "Disney Live!" shows, traveling during the tour season to promote and oversee events.

Melissa Miller ('11) and Corey Austin were married on Nov. 10, 2012, in Luray.

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Josh Poe ('11) and Mandy Rocamontes ('11) were married on May 5, 2012, in Hampton. The couple resides in Virginia Beach.

Yesha Shrestha ('11) volunteers at the Center for Conservation and Evolutionary Genetics at the Smithsonian National Zoo and is currently pursuing her master's degree in molecular biochemistry and bioinformatics at George Washington University.









Kendall Thomas ('11) started nursing school at VCU Medical School immediately following graduation from CNU. After completing her training, she graduated with honors in December 2012 and currently volunteers with the rescue squad in Ashland as a certified FMT.

Emary Vasquez ('11) was promoted to search strategy manager within her marketing team at Dominion Enterprises in Norfolk in September 2012.

2012

Leslie Boisseau ('12) married Coleman Clark in Suffolk on Sept. 2, 2012. The couple resides in Hampton Roads. 🗖 24

Courtnie Bowie ('12) married Ryan Ellis on Oct. 13, 2012, at Salem Baptist Church in Sparta. Samantha Carter ('12) was matron of honor. The couple currently lives in

Champlain. Bowie works at NSWC Federal Credit Union, and Ryan is employed by Ellis Farms Inc. **2**5

Samantha Carter ('12) married Jeremy Stone on July 7, 2012, at Colosse Baptist Church in West Point. The couple currently lives in King William County. She is employed by King William County Public Schools, while he works in the Hanover County Public Schools.

Cody Flesher ('12) released his first album, "The Protected Shall Never Know," in 2012. Visit codyflesher.com for more information.

Andy Stevens ('12) was promoted to agent technology solutions analyst with Berkley Mid-Atlantic Groups, a property and casualty insurance company headquartered in Richmond.

2013

Peter Amos ('13) will pursue a master of music in jazz studies at Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey.

Samantha Anderson ('13) has joined Kearney and Company in Alexandria as a staff accountant.

Jennifer Asselin ('13) received a full ride to Ohio State University, where she will pursue a PhD studying philosophy of mind.

Michael Bliley ('13) has been admitted to the George Mason University School of Law.

Laura Collier ('13) will attend George Mason University, pursuing a master of music in composition.

CNU Fellows

Each year the University offers outstanding graduating seniors the opportunity to give back to their alma mater and work for one year as a CNU Fellow. These coveted positions are awarded to students who have contributed mightily to CNU's success over their four years on campus.

Fellows for the 2013-14 academic year include the following:

Admission

Kim Butler Baricia Dumas Ashley Figg Ian Sonia Zach Stevens Todd Smith

President's Leadership Program Arrenvy Bilinski Kim Purdy Mary Ragan

Student Engagement Wilson Bever Alex Reiner

Student Success Laura Little

Austin McKim





Andrew Garmon ('13) will pursue a PhD in physics at Clemson University. He received the 2013 Klich Academic Achievement Award at CNU for the graduate with the highest cumulative grade-point average. Recipients must begin and end their academic career at CNU.

Paul Keene ('13) will pursue a master of music in vocal performance at Bard College.

Emily Lafountain ('13) was accepted into the master of social work program at Virginia Commonwealth

University. This year she was named Bachelors in Social Work Student of the Year by the Virginia chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Ana Petillo ('13) has been recording a collection of original songs, which is set to release later this year.

Elena Robertson ('13) plans to continue her studies at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London.

Congratulations to our 2013 Retirees

Thank you for your many years of service

Dr. Mario D. Mazzarella - 44 years

Dr. Martin W. Bartelt - 37 years

Mr. Milton M. Brooks Jr. - 32 years

Mr. John A. Myers - 23 years

Dr. Bobbye H. Bartels - 18 years

Mr. Patrick A. Castonguay - 16 years

Mrs. Bobbie J. Zepp - 14 years

Mrs. Judy C. Gentry - 12 years

Mr. Kenneth F. Kirk - 12 years

Mrs. Virginia L. Kirk - 11 years

Mrs. Marilyn M. Buckaloo-Harris - 7 years

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Ms. Delores Wells - 6 years

Ms. Dorothy M. Coleman - 5 years

Mr. Keith W. Outten - 5 years

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