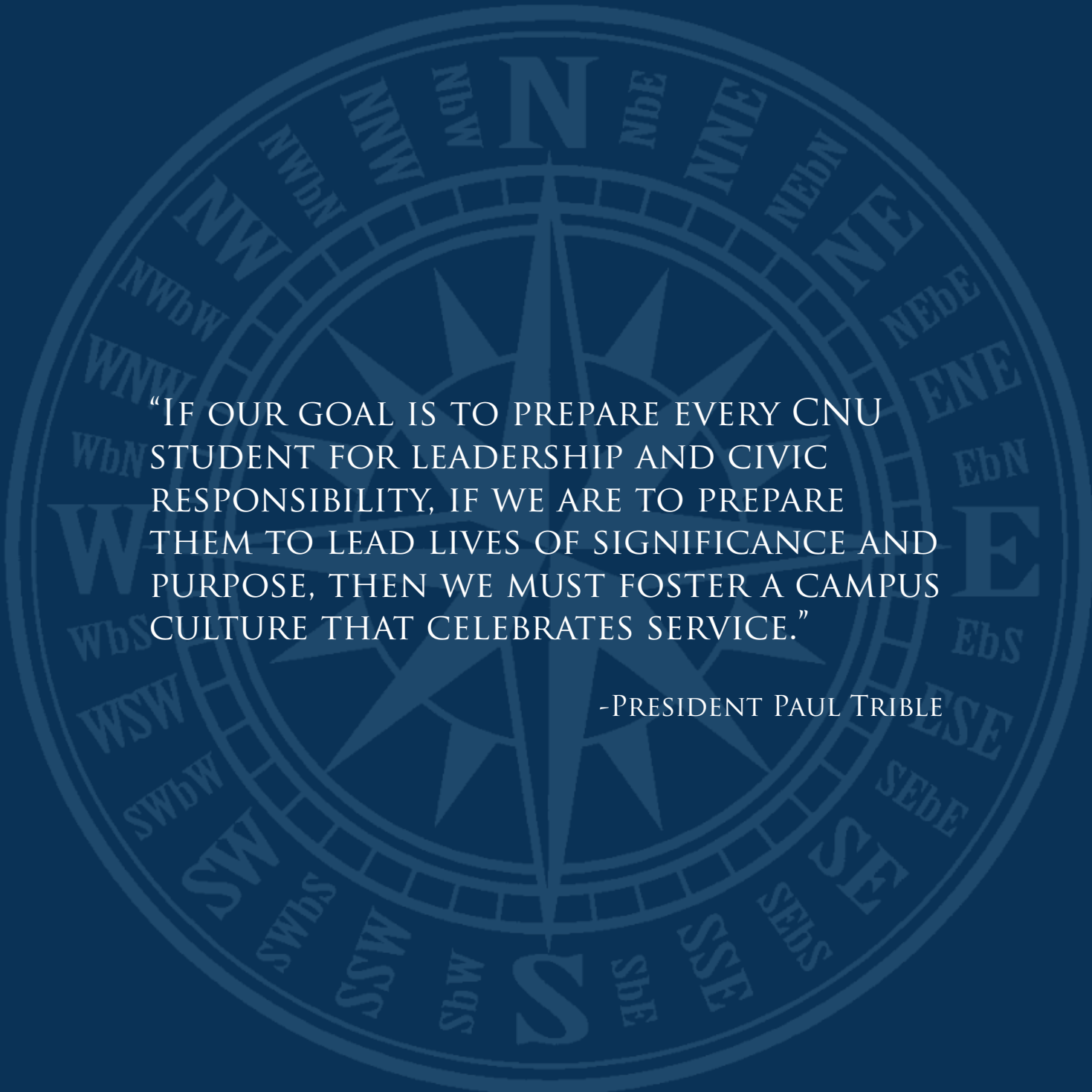


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CNU
on the Move!



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CULTURE THAT CELEBRATES SERVICE.”

-PRESIDENT PAUL TRIBLE

Forbes Ranks CNU as One of the Best

Christopher Newport University continues to garner national attention as an exemplary institution of higher learning. In a report released this year, Forbes.com ranked CNU among the top 15 percent of the nation's four-year undergraduate institutions. Forbes.com is the online home for national business magazine *Forbes*.

The announcement came via an annual review of the 600 best colleges and universities. Several factors influenced the rankings, including graduation rate, faculty and student awards, student satisfaction with professors, and postgraduate success. ■■



Photo by Adam Baker



Three-College Structure Launched

A new three-college structure established this year will enhance the work of CNU's growing faculty while inspiring students to increasing academic achievement. The three colleges are as follows:

- College of Arts and Humanities (**Dean Steven Breese**)
- College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences (**Dean David Doughty**)
- College of Social Sciences, including the Luter School of Business (**Dean David Cleeton**)

According to **Provost Mark Padilla**, this new framework helps the University to “best organize the administration of our academic programs. This is an important investment in the core activity of CNU.”

In related news, CNU has bid farewell to a longtime friend, **Dean Douglas Gordon**, who retired in May after 29 years of service. He joined the faculty in 1980 and began serving as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2003. Dean Gordon gave his final lecture at CNU when he made the commencement address on May 17. ■■

'09 Freshman Snapshot

This year's freshmen represent the strongest class academically to ever enter CNU. The average SAT score (critical reading and math) is 1200 – 17 points higher than last year's freshman class and 240 points higher than the average in 1996. The average high school GPA is 3.7, up from 2.8 just 12 years ago.

Twenty percent of the class represent students of color, underscoring CNU's commitment to building a campus environment reflecting the world's diversity. Geographically, 9 percent of freshmen (the most ever) hail from out of state. ■■





Student *on the Move* Kathryn Fitzgerald ('12)

- **Hometown:**
Richmond, VA
- **Major:**
Business with a concentration in economics and a double minor in leadership and Spanish
- **Campus activities:**
Direct Marketing Association, President's Leadership Program (including Community Service Initiative), Habitat for Humanity (chapter co-founder), intramurals, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- **What attracted her to CNU:**
"I loved the campus and the students I met when visiting. Everyone was so friendly, so I felt at home on campus. Combining this atmosphere with an opportunity to study as a Canon Scholar, I instantly chose CNU."
- **Words of wisdom for future students:**
"My freshman year flew by, so I would just advise all future students to make the most of their time here. Get involved, meet the faculty and have fun!" ■■■

Students Enhance Their Leadership Skills

United States Naval Academy

Four CNU leadership studies students attended last winter's prestigious United States Naval Academy (USNA) Leadership Conference in Annapolis, Maryland. The theme was "Generational Leadership" as the event focused on the inevitable transfer of power from Baby Boomers to "millennials" (Gen Y).

This USNA initiative brings together the best minds in the practice and study of leadership to exchange ideas, experiences and methodologies. The conference involved nearly 200 military and civilian college students and faculty from such colleges and universities as CNU, Auburn, Bucknell, Duke, Harvard, U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy.

CNU attendees included **Patrick Bryant, Katie Dolan, Laura Harrison** and **William Murray**. They were accompanied by **Dr. Bob Colvin**, chair of the Department of Leadership and American Studies.

Omicron Delta Kappa

The National Leadership Honor Society — Omicron Delta

Kappa (OΔK) — recognizes students who demonstrate exemplary leadership and service in extracurricular activities. Each year 40 bright college leaders who are OΔK members participate in the annual "Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow" program in Phoenix, Arizona. Among those attending the June event were CNU students **Joanna Andrusko** and **Brookelynn Constant**.

The program prepares participants for a lifetime of leadership in the nonprofit sector. Students learn about the role of nonprofits in healthy societies, visit organizations, meet with board members and learn about "behind-the-scenes" operations.

Reflecting on the experience, Andrusko says, "I found the conference to be a unique opportunity that provided valuable insight into the areas of both profit and nonprofit business." Constant adds, "The program has not only inspired me but given me the tools I need to be an active participant in my community." ■



Students Reap Benefits of Scholarship Awards

CNU held its 18th Annual Donor and Recipient Scholarship Ceremony and Reception on Nov. 5. During the event, students had the opportunity to connect with the scholarship donors who make such an important difference in their lives.

Academic scholarships impact students as well as donors. For

students, they help make a CNU education attainable. Donors enjoy forming relationships with their scholarship recipients, seeing firsthand how students benefit from their generosity.

For the 2009-10 academic year, CNU awarded 151 different scholarships to more than 630 students. These ranged from \$200 to \$6,000 for a total of nearly \$1.25 million.

Students also received \$764,100 in scholarships from outside sources. Several businesses support the University through scholarships. Some of these awards include: Canon Leadership Scholars Program, BB&T Annual Business Scholarship, Sysco Hampton Roads Inc. Annual Merit Scholarship, Northrop Grumman Newport News Annual Scholarship, and Riverside Medical Group Leadership Annual Scholarship, among others. ■■

Canon Scholar Michael Zimmerman '13, and Takayoshi Hanagata (Canon Virginia)



Canon Scholar Volunteers at Envirothon

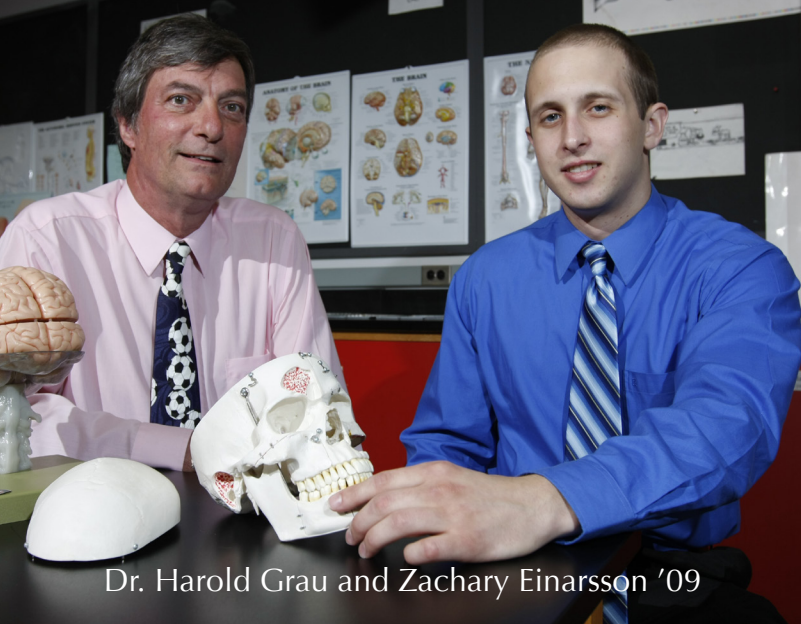
Sophomore **Leanna Cooper**, CNU Canon Scholar, spent a week volunteering at the 2009 Canon Envirothon. More than 260 teenagers from 45 U.S. states and seven Canadian provinces met in

August at the University of North Carolina – Asheville, participating in one of North America's largest high school environmental education competitions. The event tested students' knowledge of soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. Cooper served as a bus guide/

escort for 10 of the 52 teams, accompanying them to their training and testing sites.

In addition to her participation in the Envirothon, Cooper does volunteer restoration at The Mariners' Museum and is a docent at the Virginia Living Museum. ▀





Dr. Harold Grau and Zachary Einarsson '09



Chalana Williams '09 and William Thro, Esq.

Signature Programs Promote Career Success

Springboards for academic and professional success, some of CNU's newer signature programs are preparing students for graduate studies in law, medicine and health.

Pre-Law

CNU's Pre-Law Program and Pre-Law Council help students gain admission to the nation's top 25 law schools. Students interested in law can participate in the program the moment they arrive on campus, taking advantage of diverse resources: academic and career advising, mentoring, internships, workshops/seminars, guest lectures, networking opportunities and the Phi Delta Alpha professional pre-

law fraternity. The program is led by **William Thro**, university counsel and a former solicitor general of Virginia who has successfully argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The academic rigor at CNU and the open-door policy of the professors provided me with the skills needed to be accepted and succeed at University of Virginia Law," says 2009 graduate **Britney Maddux**.

Pre-Med and Pre-Health

The Pre-Med and Pre-Health Program, overseen by **Dr. Harold Grau**, prepares students for post-graduate study at the best medical schools as well as other health career programs (from dentistry to physical therapy and beyond).

Qualified students participating in the Pre-Med Scholars Program can apply for early acceptance to Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS). Successful applicants are guaranteed, before the end of their sophomore year, admission to EVMS after they graduate, without having to take the MCAT. **Zachary Einarsson**, a 2009 CNU graduate, has benefited from such an opportunity. "I will be enrolled at Eastern Virginia Medical School taking M.D classes for the first two years and interning in a hospital for the last two years," he says.

CNU also offers students meeting certain criteria guaranteed admission to the Doctor in Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) program at Old Dominion University's School of Physical Therapy. ■

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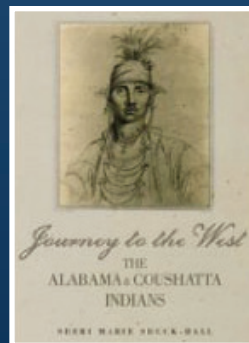
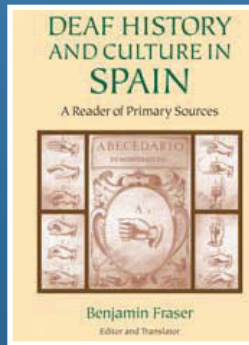
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Faculty in Print

Active scholars and experts in their academic fields, CNU faculty continue to publish notable works. Some recent books include:

- Dr. Andrew J. Falk, Upstaging the Cold War: American Dissent and Cultural Diplomacy, 1940-1960
- Dr. Benjamin Fraser, Deaf History and Culture in Spain
- Dr. Mai Lan Gustafsson, War and Shadows: The Haunting of Vietnam
- Instructor Sean Heuvel, Christopher Newport University
- Dr. Brian Puaca, Learning Democracy: Education Reform in West Germany, 1945-1965
- Dr. Sheri Shuck-Hall, Journey to the West: The Alabama and Coushatta Indians ■



Business Teams Take Top Honors

MAXI Award

Four CNU students have once again captured the coveted first-place Gold award in the Collegiate MAXI (Marketing Award for Excellence and Innovation) competition. For this regional event, students turn theory into practice, developing a direct-marketing campaign for an actual corporate sponsor. CNU's team, advised by **Dr. Lisa Spiller**, also won the Guy Yolton Award for developing the most creative direct-mail campaign. The team consisted of **Abigail Lillis, Megan Miles, Maygon Sowder** and **Laura Thompson**.

Small Business Institute

Students representing CNU's Small Business Institute (SBI) took top honors at the SBI's annual international conference. The group won Best Undergraduate Case of the Year in the "Best Comprehensive Case" award category. For the competition, teams produced a professionally executed written project designed to assist small business owners in accounting, finance, legal, management, marketing and web design. CNU's team, supervised by **Dr. Stephanie Bardwell**, included **Dana Decker, Christy Brewer, Katie Smith, Kristine Taylor** and **Pamela Ferris**. ■



Faculty *on the Move*

Dr. Jay Paul

- **First came to CNU:**
1978, after teaching seven years in Illinois
- **What he likes about teaching here:**
“I’ve always felt that CNC/CNU provided a niche for me to grow as a teacher, a writer and an administrator. More recently, I’ve had the twin gratifications of teaching creative writing to talented, interested students and of coordinating the effort of creating an ambitious Honors Program that fits the needs of the University as well as those of diverse students across campus.”
- **His thoughts on CNU’s redesigned Honors Program:**
“The new program invites students to customize their curricula to help them achieve long-term goals. The program substitutes stimulating interdisciplinary seminars for much of the liberal learning curriculum — an option ideally suited to students with high-quality high school experiences. We also have a network of dedicated faculty advisors who meet with Honors students as they discuss and define their visions for their own success.” ■





Honors Program Highlights

- All incoming Honors students now receive scholarships renewable for four years.
- With most liberal learning curriculum requirements waived, students can move into advanced classes more quickly and be more ambitious about fashioning their curricula.
- Students can choose/design Honors Inquiries (independent initiatives) in their third and fourth years.
- An Honors Portfolio, compiled over the span of four years, records each student's progress in clarifying his/her purposes and achieving excellence in the curriculum.





Alumni Attend Prestigious Grad Schools

A testament to CNU's outstanding students and rigorous academic programs, the University's alumni continually gain admission to the finest graduate programs. Recent destinations for graduates have included:

- Clemson University
 - Duquesne University School of Leadership
 - Eastern Virginia Medical School
 - Emory University
 - London School of Economics
 - Syracuse University MBA
 - University of Chicago
 - University of Edinburgh Royal School of Veterinary Studies
 - University of Maryland
 - University of Michigan
 - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 - University of South Carolina
 - University of Virginia School of Law
 - Wake Forest
 - William and Mary Law School
- among others ///

CNU Service Center Makes Tremendous Impact

Since its creation in January 2009, the Center for Service Learning and Social Entrepreneurship has pursued its central mission: to create a campus culture of meaningful service, service learning and scholarship through vital community partnerships. To do so, **Dr. Roberta Rosenberg**, the center's director, and her staff focus on developing true collaborations among three partners: students, faculty and community organizations.

"We see the potential for CNU students and faculty across all academic disciplines to engage in long- and short-term service partnerships that meet community-defined needs," explains Dr. Rosenberg.

"The opportunities are a 'win-win' for everyone concerned, and in our first year we were pleased to see many partnerships established."

While academic partnerships are the main focus, the center also offers highly visible public events both on and off campus. These initiatives increase awareness of some of the most pressing local and global challenges. Some recent events have included:

- August: Day of Service (320 students, 50 faculty, 33 local service projects completed)
- September: Volunteer Fair

(52 nonprofits on campus to recruit student/faculty partners)

- October: AmeriCorps Launch (12 students selected as members to work at the Hampton Teen Center)
- November: Food for Thought (including a screening of the documentary *Silent Killer* with faculty panel, creation of "The No Dinner Party," and participation in a successful food drive with the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula)
- Ongoing 2009-10 documentary film series "People Who Change the World"

For more information about the center, its programs and community service partners, please go to service.cnu.edu. ■





Senior Class Makes ‘Timely’ Gift

The class of 2009 has left a lasting impression on campus. During commencement week, this year’s graduates presented the senior class gift — a clock on permanent display in the David Student Union. In all, 167 members from the class of 2009 contributed to the gift, adding to funds raised by the classes of 2002 and 2006.

“Being a part of the senior gift committee was truly outstanding. It was great to work with a group representing a diverse range of clubs, committees, majors and general interests while working toward a common goal,” says **Kristin LaRiviere** (’09). “There is something so rewarding about giving back to a place that gave so much to me.” ■■



Mariners’ Museum Library

The Mariners’ Museum Library now officially calls the Tribble Library “home.” It comprises the largest maritime collection in the Western Hemisphere and spans six centuries. International in scope, it includes 78,000 volumes, 1 million manuscript items, 600,000 photographs and several thousand maps, charts and ships plans. ■■



Photo by Chris Grisman

Alumni *on the Move*

Chris Inzirillo ('09)

- **Hometown:**
Mahopac, NY
- **Major:**
Communication studies
- **Campus activities:**
President's Leadership Program, resident assistant, Admissions Office tour guide, CNU Athletics intern, *Captain's Log* sports writer, Little League coach
- **Current pursuits:**
Studying toward a master's degree in leadership at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, where he is a graduate assistant in the Office of Residence Life
- **What attracted him to CNU:**
"The fact that the president actually interacts with students and makes himself available."
- **Words of wisdom for future students:**
"Don't wait around for your life to happen to you. Find what you love and do it because everything else is just background noise." ■



Tribble Library Boasts New Services, Programs

Nearly two years after opening, the Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library continues to offer new and innovative features for students, faculty and the community at large.

Media Center

The library's Media Center offers a vast number of resources, including a video collection exceeding 2,000 titles and an audio collection of more than 1,400 music items. The center circulates more than 800 resources each month, from camcorders, editing stations and collaborative suites to portable DVD players, laptops and handheld voice recorders.

Four editing stations feature high-end Power Mac G5, which runs specialized software such as the Final Cut Pro Suite, Adobe CS3, Finale and iLife. Editing suites are available to any current member of the CNU community (including alumni), and the library offers consultations and workshops for those unfamiliar with the software.

Friends of the Tribble Library

A not-for-profit organization, Friends of the Tribble Library, enriches the library and promotes students' academic success through various initiatives. Funds raised by the organization support and reward undergraduate research, enhance the library's collections and resources, and support the library's overall development.

The organization also brings diverse and noteworthy speakers to campus. Such guests have included former Governor Linwood Holton Jr., award-winning journalist Roger Mudd and best-selling author David Baldacci.

For more details on upcoming events and how to support the Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library, go online at library.cnu.edu/friends.html. ■■

CNU Initiatives Garner Millions in Support

GK-12 Program

CNU will receive \$2.6 million over the next five years from the National Science Foundation through the GK-12 Program. CNU's GK-12 project will link urban water quality with scientific research and education in the Chesapeake Watershed.

Faculty and students will team with Newport News teachers to guide ninth-grade earth science students in ecological field studies to determine the environmental health of local urban watersheds. Participants will build a database for their neighborhoods to help monitor and manage pollution levels entering the James River and Chesapeake Bay. With assistance from HR STORM (the storm water education program of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission), students will provide information to their communities to help improve water quality in surrounding lakes and ponds.

Dr. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch
and Dr. Nathan Busch

Dr. Gary Whiting and students take water samples in the James River



“We hope this project will be just the beginning of a future where the collaborative integration of science, education, government, private organizations and community will become the means of solving the complex problems we face as a society,” says **Dr. Gary Whiting**, CNU's project leader.

Center for American Studies

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded a \$500,000 “We the People” Challenge Grant to CNU's Center for American Studies — the University's single largest gift to the humanities. The grant must be matched 3:1 and encourages alumni and friends to make a gift knowing their donation will be increased by more than 30 percent.

NEH's “We the People” program supports activities that explore significant themes and events in American history and advance knowledge of how the nation's



professor of economics and the BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism. This is the second BB&T gift supporting these initiatives.

The program includes the BB&T Colloquium Series on Capitalism, CNU Center for American Studies conferences, major research and dissemination activities of Dr. Vachris, outreach lectures and workshops for area schools, and the development of new academic courses. CNU's BB&T initiatives encourage a thoughtful and thorough examination of topics associated with individual rights, the moral foundations of capitalism and the virtues of a free and laissez-faire capitalist society.

This additional funding will allow Dr. Vachris to extend her research and further enhance courses and conferences. It also allows the University to increase research resources for students and faculty through the purchase of capitalism-related books and journals for CNU's Trible Library. ■

founding principles have shaped its history and culture. Under the direction of professors **Dr. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch** and **Dr. Nathan Busch**, the Center for American Studies will educate the next generation on America's founding principles, history and place in the world to better secure the nation's future.

NEH Chairman Bruce Cole expressed enthusiasm regarding the center's direction: "We are delighted to be a funding partner for this exciting endeavor, and I hope others will join with us in supporting the enrichment of the humanities in America."

BB&T Professorship

A \$250,000 gift from Branch Banking & Trust Co. (BB&T) will continue the BB&T Professorship for the Study of Capitalism and BB&T Moral Foundations of Capitalism Program through 2016. The program is led by **Dr. Michelle A. Vachris**,



Star-Studded Season in Full Swing

With another exciting season under way, CNU's Ferguson Center for the Arts is once again captivating audiences with headline entertainment. Already this season, audiences from Virginia and beyond have enjoyed such notable favorites as award-winning comedian Jeff Foxworthy, music legends Herb Alpert and Lani Hall, and former teen idols Frankie Avalon, Bobby Rydell and Fabian.

The 2009-10 season's upcoming highlights include:

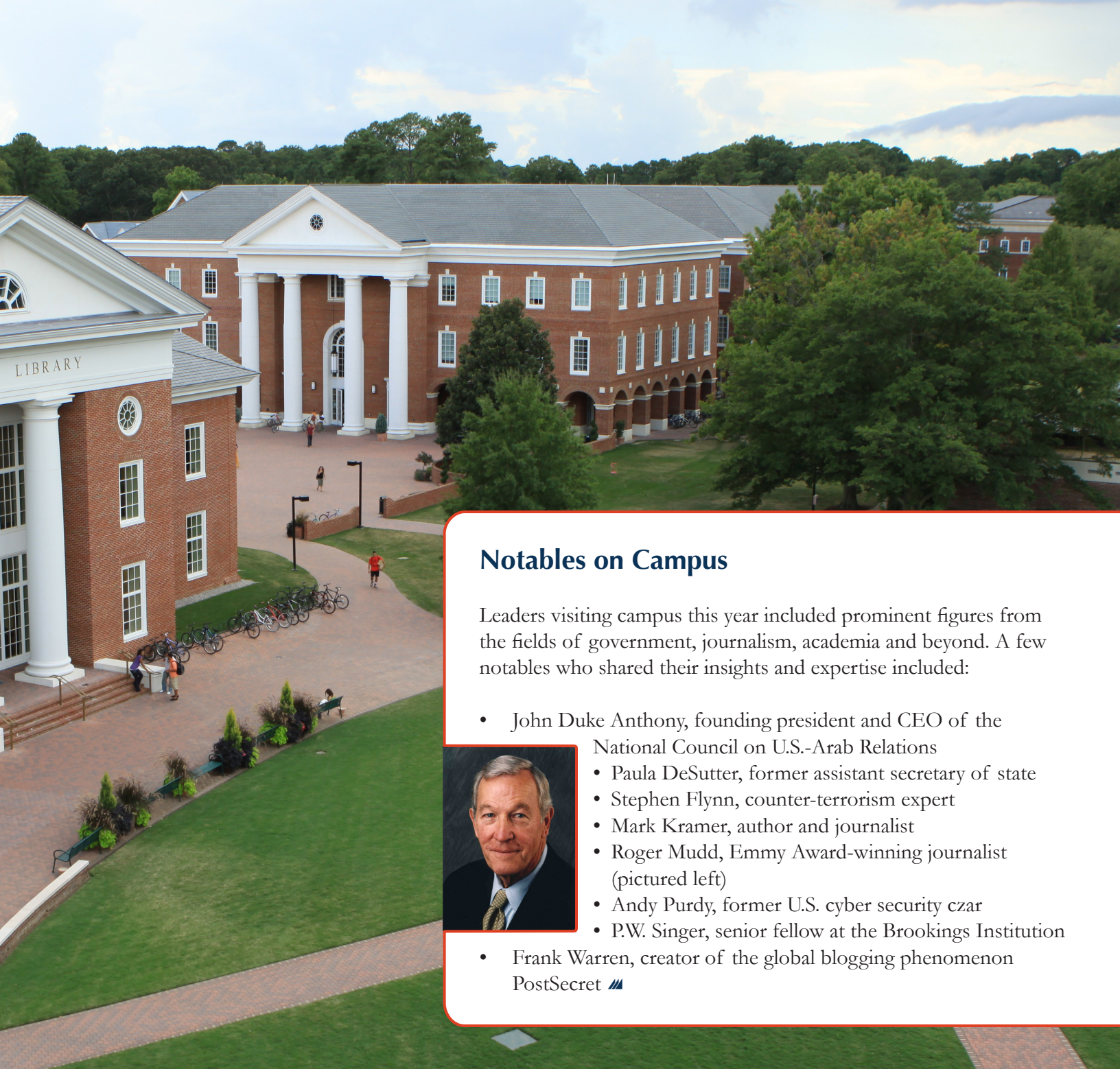
- Spencers: Theater of Illusion
- Israel Ballet's *Don Quixote*
- London Philharmonic Orchestra
- Moscow Festival Ballet's *Swan Lake* and *Coppélia*
- Canadian Brass and John McDermott
- *In the Mood*: A 1940s Musical Revue
- Michael Flatley's *Lord of the Dance*
- Chita Rivera – *My Broadway*

And much, much more!

Special discounts are available for students and alumni. For information, please call (757) 594-8752 or visit the Ferguson Center online at www.fergusoncenter.org. ■■



Photo by Robert Benson



Notables on Campus

Leaders visiting campus this year included prominent figures from the fields of government, journalism, academia and beyond. A few notables who shared their insights and expertise included:

- John Duke Anthony, founding president and CEO of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
 - Paula DeSutter, former assistant secretary of state
 - Stephen Flynn, counter-terrorism expert
 - Mark Kramer, author and journalist
 - Roger Mudd, Emmy Award-winning journalist (pictured left)
 - Andy Purdy, former U.S. cyber security czar
 - P.W. Singer, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution
- Frank Warren, creator of the global blogging phenomenon PostSecret ■■



Building a 21st-Century Campus

The physical transformation of CNU's stunning 260-acre campus continues. Over the past decade, the University has completed more than \$500 million in new facilities. By 2020, an additional \$500 million in new construction will create an even more spectacular home for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Lewis Archer McMurrin, Jr. Hall

- Completion scheduled for January 2010
- Academic home for English, history, communication studies, modern and classical languages and literatures, philosophy and religious studies, and government, in addition to the Master of Arts in Teaching program
- 82,000 square feet of academic space with 30 state-of-the-art classrooms and seminar rooms and 120 faculty offices

Integrated Science Center

- Two-phase construction, the first to be completed in 2011 and the second in 2012
- Academic home to biology, chemistry and environmental science, as well as psychology
- 60 faculty offices, 14 classrooms, 70 teaching labs and student research spaces

Freeman Sports and Convocation Center Expansion

- Completion of the gymnasium, fitness area and offices for counseling and health services scheduled for winter 2010; completion of the auditorium and meeting rooms scheduled for spring 2011
- 70,000-square-foot addition to double the size of the Trieshmann Health and Fitness Pavilion
- Notable features: auxiliary gymnasium, a new 400-seat Gaines Auditorium, an array of meeting rooms for student activities

New Residence Hall for Sophomores

- 500 beds
- Located west of campus

Additional capital projects on the horizon for the University include:

- A new home for the **Luter School of Business** that will also house mathematics; physics, computer science and engineering; leadership and American studies; sociology (including social work); and anthropology
- The **CNU chapel**, which will nurture hearts and minds by hosting student groups, religious activities and weddings, as well as musical performances and lectures
- The **Alumni House**, a place to connect with former classmates and professors through reunions, seminars, pre- and post-game activities, and other alumni events
- A new 500-bed upperclass residence hall west of campus ■■



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A four-year public university in Newport News, Virginia, Christopher Newport University enrolls 5,000 students in rigorous academic programs through the College of Arts and Humanities, the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, and the College of Social Sciences, including the Luter School of Business.

CNU offers great teaching and small classes as well as an emphasis on leadership, civic engagement and honor. The University's efforts to create an incomparable environment for academic and student life have been recognized by *U.S News & World Report*. In the magazine's 2008 annual review of the nation's top schools of higher learning, it ranked CNU seventh among the nation's "Up-And-Coming" liberal arts institutions.

Led by former U.S. Senator Paul Trible, CNU has more than doubled the size of its freshman class, increased the SAT average by 240 points, dramatically enhanced the number of faculty and seen applications increase by more than 700 percent.

The University has also completed half-a-billion dollars in capital construction, creating a campus with dazzling residential facilities, including the Freeman Sports and Convocation Center, the \$60 million Ferguson Center for the Arts and the impressive 116,000 square-foot David Student Union. The Paul and Rosemary Trible Library features state-of-the-art media, writing and technology centers, and its 14-story windowed tower and gleaming dome mark the heart of campus.

For more information about CNU and its programs, please visit www.cnu.edu.

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