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# VOYAGES

SUMMER 2014

Christopher Newport celebrates the Class of 1964

Class of '64 President, Chuck Burcher, passes the flame at this year's candlelight ceremony.

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# DEFINING SIGNIFICANCE

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT LAUNCHES THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN.

ew schools in America have come so far so quickly as Christopher Newport. Yet we still have much to accomplish as we define significance, both for today and for generations to come.

We recently embarked on the University's first comprehensive campaign that will help us equip tomorrow's leaders to make a positive difference in the world. This substantial undertaking, with a \$42 million goal to be reached by June 30, 2017, represents the most ambitious fundraising initiative in CNU's history.

The University got off to an impressive start, raising \$32 million during the campaign's silent phase. This included two of the largest gifts ever received by Christopher Newport: \$5 million from Smithfield Foods and a \$12 million, 30-year commitment from Ferguson Enterprises, \$7 million of which will count toward the campaign goal.

"This campaign is not about raising money for just one program, project or building. It's about elevating support for the entire University," says Adelia Thompson, Vice President for University Advancement. "All gifts received from all sources and for all purposes will count toward our campaign goal. That makes every gift and every donor significant."

The proof of CNU's unlimited potential can be seen in countless ways, making now the perfect time for a campaign of this magnitude:

- Exceptional, high-achieving students
- Superb teacher-scholars on the cutting edge of their fields
- A strong curriculum grounded in the liberal arts and sciences
- A beautiful, state-of-the-art campus
- High ratings among and by our peers
- More than a half-century of successful alumni









# CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

To expand our number of merit- and need-based awards, allowing us to compete with the world's best institutions and create a community of students who will continue to define significance

# FACULTY EXCELLENCE & GREAT TEACHING

To raise support for our esteemed teacher-scholars as we establish endowed chairs, fund research, provide faculty stipends, reward achievement and attract the best faculty mentors to CNU

# PROGRAMS OF DISTINCTION

To create a well-rounded collegiate experience by funding student opportunities in the performing arts, athletics, undergraduate research, clubs and organizations, and CNU's academic centers, among others

#### **ALUMNI HOUSE**

To build a permanent campus home for Christopher Newport's growing alumni base, engage these 25,000plus Captains for Life and preserve our rich history (see page 14)

# ANNUAL GIVING & UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT

To increase our ability to meet CNU's most pressing needs, both now and in the future, including emergency aid to assist current students To learn how you can play a part, and for campaign updates, please visit giving.cnu.edu.







The campaign theme, Defining Significance, represents the heart of Christopher Newport, a place where students not only learn to succeed and prosper but to value far more a life focused on something greater. By leading lives of significance, they come to respect and value others, make a lasting impact, and strive for excellence and honor. Through the CNU experience, students learn to reach out and help, rather than turn and walk away. In turn, they become effective leaders and citizens contributing to the greater good.

"Our purpose at Christopher New-

port University is to produce good citizens and leaders young women and determined to transform the world for the better," says President Paul Trible. "CNU students are guided by the desire to pursue excellence in all things, a passion for engagement, and a moral compass to direct and define their lives. They learn that leader-

ship is vision trans-

lated into action.

and while some people dream of success, others wake up and work hard to achieve it. If you have a clear sense of who you are, what

have a clear sense of who you are, what you believe and who you want to become, you'll accomplish extraordinary things. That's what a life of significance is all about."

As the University defines significance on campus and beyond, the campaign will engage the entire CNU family. Support raised will benefit five key priorities (see page 5).

Success in each priority area will leave a lasting impact on campus, in the community and around the world.

"Giving back to the community where I live and work is one of the reasons I agreed to chair CNU's first comprehensive campaign," says John Lawson, President and CEO of W.M. Jordan Company, whose family pledged \$1 million toward the campaign. "CNU is not my alma mater, but in so many ways it is my school. This university has become a game changer for Newport News and our region, and its influence now stretches across the globe. Christopher Newport educates and celebrates those who believe it is their privilege and honor to leave the world in better shape than they found it. That is significance. That is community. It is worth our investment, and that is

why I'm here."

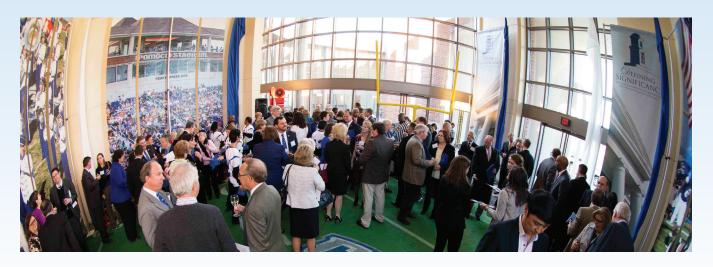
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CAMPAIGN CHAIR
JOHN LAWSON

The Defining Significance paign will usher in the next chapter of dramatic transformation that has defined CNU for nearly 20 years. "As we launch our first comprehensive campaign, the rules are different — the bar is higher, the possibilities are greater Christopher and Newport will be forever changed,"

Trible notes. "The school people come to a hundred years from now will be the one we are privileged to create today. I cannot think of a more powerful reason to get up in the morning and go to school."

This issue of *Voyages* celebrates those alumni, students, faculty and staff who daily define significance through their service, work and accomplishments. As you read their stories, we hope you, too, will be inspired to lead a life of significance and to support us toward our campaign goals. �



## Campaign Kicks off in Winning Fashion

n February 28 CNU launched the public phase of the University's comprehensive campaign.

This spirited event — decked out in a sea of silver and blue — was attended by members of the campus community, including students, faculty, alumni, parents and

friends. Among the good news shared: \$32 million raised in cash and multiyear commitments during the campaign's quiet phase. "That's a truly remarkable sum for a school so young," says President Paul Trible, who spoke at the kickoff.

Additional speakers (pictured left to right) included Campaign Chair John Lawson, Head Football Coach Matt Kelchner, and CNU students Linda Oh and Colin Moog. \*









### CAMPAIGN GOALS

By midnight June 30, 2017, with your help we hope to:

- Raise \$42 million
- Establish new merit- and need-based scholarships
- Support and inspire faculty innovation
- Secure the success of our programs
- Expand Christopher Newport's reach and reputation
- Increase annual alumni participation to 18 percent

# The Lighthouse Fund: Keeping Captains on Course

parent loses a job. An illness requires unexpected out-of-pocket medical expenses. Students shouldn't be forced to leave Christopher Newport due to these or countless other one-time emergency needs.

Underscoring our spirit of family, the newly created Lighthouse Fund will provide one-time grants that help a Captain stay a Captain — supporting students facing unplanned financial needs that threaten their ability to remain at CNU.



# How the Fund Works

The Lighthouse Fund's "angel" assistance will make an impact where "last dollar" support truly is the difference for a student hoping to continue at Christopher Newport. Students do not apply to the Fund. Instead, the administration is made aware of their financial need from either the Office of Financial Aid or a faculty or staff member. Students are then notified by their advocate about the funding and will never know the source of support. Lighthouse Fund grants are not renewable or permanent, and are unavailable to prospective students.

With your help, the University will address the pressing needs many students face, and we hope you will help us keep them on course. When life sends a Captain adrift, your contributions to the Lighthouse Fund will bring a Captain safely home.



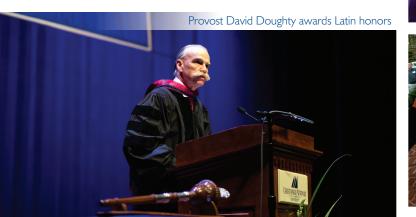
SUPPORT THE LIGHTHOUSE FUND CALL (757) 594-7179 OR VISIT **GIVING.CNU.EDU** 

# 2014 COMMENCEMENT



More than 1,150 Captains received diplomas at this year's commencement, which capped off three days of celebrations. U.S. Congressman Frank Wolf, a great friend and champion of CNU, gave the commencement address. The top five majors for the Class of 2014 were biology, communication, history, political science and psychology. Congratulations to our newest Captains for Life! •









#### CAMPUS NEWS





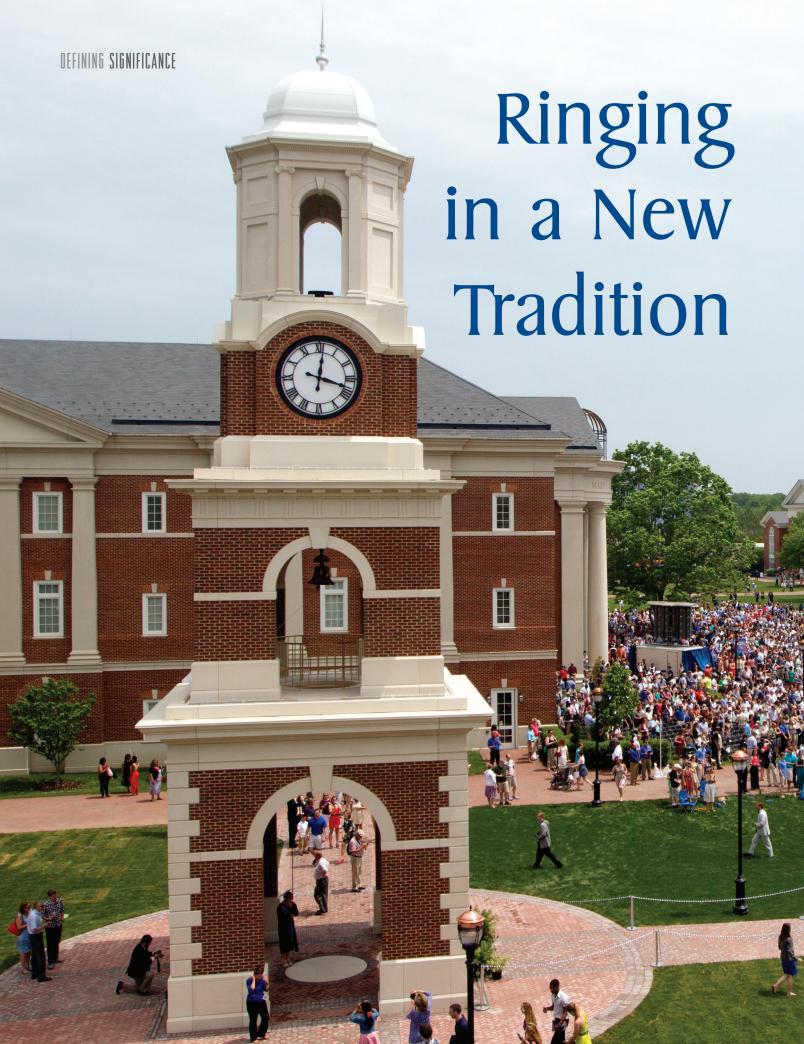












NU's Bell Tower, completed this year, clears the way to build rich traditions around special events, including athletic victories and commencement. Each spring our newest graduates will have the opportunity to ring the bell in celebration — a practice begun in May by the Class of 2014.

Standing between McMurran Hall and Forbes Hall, the new Bell Tower features the bell from the SS *United States*. The bell was a gift from the late Dr. Sarah Forbes, CNU friend and benefactor, and the first female physician to start a private

OB/GYN practice in the local area. Built in Newport News in the early 1950s, the SS *United States* is the largest passenger ocean liner built entirely in the U.S.

The Bell Tower features a clock and a carillon that chimes the hour and plays the "Fight Song" at noon and the "Alma Mater" at 5 p.m. The Bell Tower Plaza includes an exedra, Greek for a semi-circular seating area, which provides an outdoor venue for classes while serving as a place to honor faculty and staff who have served CNU through the years.

The plaza for the Bell Tower and exedra is named in honor of longtime CNU friends H. Dieter and Mary Elizabeth Hoinkes, recognizing their most recent generous support of the Defining Significance campaign. The couple has also presented Christopher Newport with several giftsin-kind and established the Howard E. and Elizabeth L. Wahrenbrock Endowed Scholarship for President's Leadership Program students. Mary Elizabeth previously served on the Board of Visitors. •



# Alumni House on the Horizon

Christopher Newport's future begins with our past. Today, more than ever, our alumni are actively engaged with their alma mater in countless ways. And with 25,000 graduates, now is the perfect time to build a permanent home honoring these "Captains for Life."

"I am pleased to announce that the Alumni House project has reached the initial funding goal of \$500,000," says President Paul Trible. "Fundraising for the house will continue in order to raise the several million dollars required to complete this project. However, we are now able to proceed with final architectural planning and have scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony during Homecoming Weekend, October 24-26, 2014."

A priority of the Defining Significance comprehensive campaign, the future Alumni House will be a place for all Christopher Newport alumni to call home as they reunite with friends, former classmates and professors to reminisce about their cherished college days.

"As the centerpiece of alumni engagement activities, the Christopher Newport Alumni House will host reunions and special events that foster pride in CNU's past, celebrate the accomplishments of our outstanding graduates and unite our

alumni community as we strive toward an even brighter future for our alma mater," notes Scott Millar ('85), a leader in the Alumni House campaign. Located off Shoe Lane and next to Mc-Murran Hall, the Alumni House will offer

extraordinary views of campus and close proximity to Captains athletic facilities, the Pope Chapel and the Ferguson Center for the Arts. It will provide an ideal setting for large gatherings for up to 300 people, intimate family events, receptions,

meetings and much more.

Here the University will also

As we honor the past and embrace the future, we look forward to opening the doors to the Christopher Newport Alumni House. Thanks to the generous support of the commonwealth, graduates and

heritage and dramatic transformation,

celebrating those alumni who continue

to change the world by leading lives of

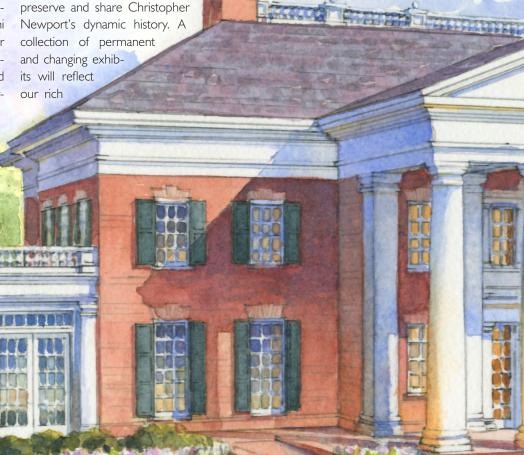
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friends, we are poised to make this campus addition a reality.

Adds Millar, "Our new Alumni House warmly embraces the rich heritage of Christopher Newport University and enthusiastically says 'welcome home' to

— our Captains for Life." ♦

past, present and future generations





The Class of 2014 raised more than \$74,000 for their senior class gift, the majority of which benefited the Alumni House campaign.

Major gift support is still needed and welcomed, and naming opportunities will be available for leadership donors.

To learn more, call (757) 594-8268 or visit giving.cnu.edu.

## ALUMNI HOUSE LEADERSHIP DONORS

The Brusnahan Family Roger, Mari, Casey ('15) and Megan ('18)

Randy ('91) and Susan Bryant

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Brian ('91) and Denise ('91) Eakes

Jim ('75) and Sarah Eyre

Jason ('97) and Keri Houser

Henry ('75) and Donna Jones

Gregory P. Klich ('84)

The Martin Family
Michael, Patty,
Matthew ('05) and Julie ('06)

Matt and Terri ('86) McKnight

Scott ('85) and Muriel ('88) Millar

Warren ('84) and Carol Power



The transformation of Christopher Newport's beautiful, 260-acre campus continues with several projects either under way or scheduled to begin in the near future.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Scheduled for a May 2015 completion, the Student Success Center (pictured above) is quickly taking shape. Here students will have access to all of the resources that impact the quality and success of their undergraduate experience as they move from admission to graduation. Offices will include Registrar, Financial Aid, Housing, Academic Success, Admission, Study Abroad, Student Success, Student Accounts/Cashier, Payroll, Business Office, Alumni Relations and University Events, Institutional Research, Internal Audit, Planning and Budget, and the executive offices.

#### TRIBLE LIBRARY PHASE II

With construction set to begin in summer 2015, the Trible Library's Phase II will provide additional resources for instruction, reading, group and individual study, technology, and lectures. It will increase the number of seats from 250 to 1,100, add a technology center and information commons to support learning excellence, provide a special collections center, add two classrooms, and create a 100-seat lecture hall for library programming and lectures. Completion is scheduled for May 2017.

#### REGATTA'S EXPANSION

The expansion of the Regatta's Dining Hall in the David Student Union will include 300 additional seats organized into a two-story dining room and mezzanine. This will allow the University to serve more students more promptly, with the attention and great food they have come to expect from CNU. Construction will begin in January 2015 with completion scheduled for summer 2016.

#### New Residence Hall

The New Residence Hall will support a five-story building next to James River Hall. It will add 160 beds in sophomore-style suites that include two bedrooms organized around a shared common area and bathroom, with hall kitchens and study rooms also included. Construction begins in January 2015 with completion scheduled for July 2016.

#### GREEK VILLAGE PHASE I

Greek Village Phase I will provide four houses with 100 beds located near Santoro Hall between the tennis courts and Warwick River Hall. Each house will feature single and double bedrooms, a full kitchen, study rooms, elevators, a chapter room and outdoor social spaces. Construction will start in January 2015, to be completed in July 2016. Greek Village Phase II will follow, adding the remaining six houses in four buildings, two of which will be duplexes, with 190 beds.

# FINE ARTS CENTER AND BAND REHEARSAL HALL

Construction will begin in July 2015 for this addition to the Ferguson Center for the Arts and the relocation of the fine arts galleries and expansion of exhibition spaces and public venues (see PFAC story on page 18). New instructional studio spaces and offices for the fine arts programs will meet the growing academic and artistic needs of CNU students, while addressing the technical demands of the rapidly evolving area of digital arts. This addition will also provide faculty offices; a larger, acoustically balanced rehearsal hall; and new equipment and instrument storage spaces. Completion is scheduled for May 2017. •



# TRADING ROOM DEDICATED

CNU dedicated the University's state-of-the-art trading room in May. Prominently located on the first floor of Joseph W. Luter, III Hall, the room features a stock ticker, Bloomberg software and trading computers.

The room is named in honor of the late C. Marcus "Marc" Cooper, Jr. (1950-2010), who made a positive difference in the local community through his life and 37 years in financial advising. Driven by his tremendous sense of generosity, he believed his success obligated him to be a pillar of support for others.

Cooper's impressive career included tenures with Paine Webber, Legg Mason and Smith Barney. A commemorative plaque inside the trading room recounts his life and accomplishments. Fundraising to name the room in honor of Cooper was led by his friends Alan ('76) and Debbie ('78) Witt.

Luter Hall, the largest academic building on campus, was dedicated last fall. It houses the Luter School of Business, as well as the Departments of Economics; Leadership and American Studies; Physics, Computer Science and Engineering; Mathematics; Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology; and Communication.



Left to right: Jack, Nathalie, Jane ('76) and Marcus Cooper

# CNU & PFAC

## Form Partnership

#### New state-of-the-art museum set to open in 2018.

n 2013 the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (PFAC) and Christopher Newport University announced a new partnership and are currently in the process of designing a fine arts center to be completed in 2018.

Located adjacent to the Ferguson Center for the Arts, the new \$49 million, 88,000-square-foot facility will face the Avenue of the Arts and include stunning museum and gallery spaces; state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces; a large, acoustically superb rehearsal hall; and the latest technology to support the rapidly evolving area of digital arts.

"As we create a new art museum for the 21st century, we will be able to take advantage of the Center's resources as well as the vast array of performing and fine-arts programs at CNU," notes Courtney Gardner, Executive Director of PFAC. "The new Center will allow for enhanced and expanded presentations and create opportunities to develop new audiences from Hampton Roads and beyond."

Future plans for the Peninsula Fine Arts Center at Christopher Newport include the presentation of nationally significant exhibitions, exhibitions by emerging and regional artists, research, and cross-disciplinary and experiential learning opportunities.

Founded in 1962 and accredited by the American Association of Museums, PFAC is an affiliate of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. It remains the premier arts advocate in the Hampton Roads region, working to create a stronger community through art.

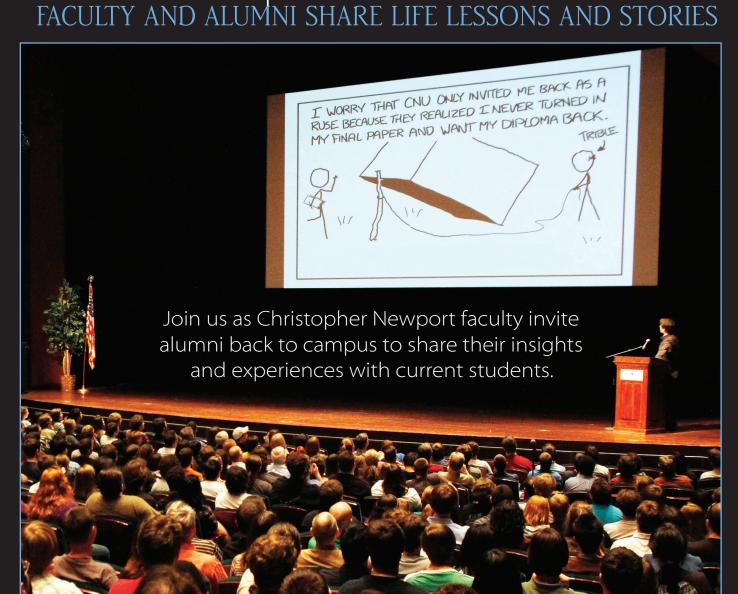
The Center provides a balanced and stimulating exhibition program, acting as an important resource for local artists and fostering art education. To that end, PFAC hosts four major exhibitions a year, presents classes for students of all ages at the Center's Studio Art School, offers online distance-learning programs, and hosts special events including curator talks, poetry readings and art-movie screenings. PFAC will continue to operate, as an independent nonprofit, at the Center's current location until construction is completed. ♦ — Lori Jacobs

You can support the fine arts at CNU and PFAC by calling Kim Hinson at (757) 594-8097.



Aerial rendering

# A Captain's Life



Don't miss these up-close and personal conversations with Captains for Life.

September 18, 2014 October 16, 2014 November 20, 2014

February 19, 2015 March 19, 2015 April 16, 2015

12:15 p.m. in Gaines Theatre

#### DEFINING SIGNIFICANCE







# Beyond Business

Ferguson Enterprises makes a lasting impact.







longtime friend of Christopher Newport, Ferguson Enterprises has remained an active member of the Virginia Peninsula since 1953. "We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve our community, which has also given us so much," says CEO Frank Roach (pictured below). "We believe success comes full circle. Our success is the community's success, and their success is ours."

The company supports programs nationwide in communities where it conducts business, including many Hampton Roads nonprofits such as CNU. Roach notes, "Christopher

Newport is a tremendous institution, and we are proud of the relationship we've sustained for more than 40 years. Ferguson and CNU share the same values and common goals of improving our community, and the partnership has been successful for this reason. Together, we have enhanced our region with civic, cultural and educational opportunities for local residents and students."

Through CNU's Ferguson Center for the Arts, both Ferguson and Christopher Newport stand committed to providing

the best performances and arts programming in the area. And beginning this year, CNU students will benefit from new Ferguson Enterprises performing arts scholarships. Six exceptional students, three each from the University's theater and music departments, will receive an annual scholarship to support their dreams of becoming directors, designers and performing artists.

"Ferguson has supported the Center for the Arts since its establishment, and through our most recent agreement, we will support arts-related programs and community service at CNU," Roach says. "We were elated to provide a gift that will help sustain the Ferguson Center for the Arts, provide scholarships to performing arts students and support the mission of the University's Center for Community Engagement." Ferguson has partnered with the Center for Community Engagement for several years, particularly through internships. Through these, Ferguson supports both experiential learning and local nonprofits.

"Preparing students to lead lives of significance ensures the future success and vitality of our communities. As we prepare young people to enter the workforce and put roots down in our communities, increasingly we will depend upon them to make an impact — to contribute their time and resources," Roach says. "More and more we are seeing a growing social consciousness among the younger generations and the push for community engagement from institutions of higher learning like CNU. It makes you realize the futures of our communities are in good hands."

Committed to education, Ferguson also invests in An Achievable Dream Academy and the Peninsula's public school systems — from providing college scholarships and teaching business classes to sending all local fourth graders to Colonial Williamsburg. And over the past year, Ferguson

has invested resources into developing a new approach to the company's Corporate Social Responsibility program, seeking ways to better understand community needs and develop more meaningful relationships.

"Our recent partnership with the Greater Virginia Peninsula Homeless Consortium and the Peninsula Community Foundation demonstrates the success of collaboration and relationship building," Roach says. "Together we are tackling homelessness in the region, a very important social issue, by facilitating collaboration and bringing together the many entities that work to help secure housing and care."



# Feiguson and CNU share the same values and common goals of improving our community.

During the holidays Ferguson proudly supports the Armed Forces via national and local toy drives. In the summer,

a season when many children lack food, Ferguson branches nationwide hold food drives to help stock area food banks. The company also actively supports the American Red Cross and provides fundraising and support during natural disasters. Active in their employer's outreach vision, Ferguson associates serve on countless boards and participate in the company's philanthropic efforts.

"Ferguson has made strides in creating meaningful partnerships, but the future is full of opportunities," Roach notes. "We are excited about the difference we are making and the opportunities that are ahead. I am proud to be part of a company that is so passionate about helping others." \(\Display\) — Matt Schnepf

# Ferguson Center Gears Up for 10<sup>th</sup> Season

#### Another star-studded lineup offers something for everyone.

s Christopher Newport's Ferguson Center for the Arts gears up for a memorable 10th season, the facility is well poised to expand CNU's education and outreach initiatives for years to come, thanks to the generosity of Ferguson Enterprises and a loyal family of donors. Such support solidifies the Center's reputation as a nationally distinguished performing arts venue, accessible to all.

The Ferguson Center's 2014-15 season lineup will include the National Symphony Orchestra, Broadway's "Jersey Boys," rocker Pat Benatar, the legendary Johnny Mathis, Indigo Girls, the Martha Graham Dance Company and a speaker series featuring former U.S. Secretary of State Gen. Colin Powell.

"We must not only continue to present world-class attractions; we must commit to creating exceptional education outreach opportunities for students of all ages as well as the greater community," says Ferguson Center Executive Director Bill Biddle. "With the support of Ferguson, it is all possible."

To that end, and beginning with the 2014-15 season, the Center will substantially increase educational opportunities with visiting mainstage artists. Leading performers will be contracted for both short- and long-term residencies, to include extended workshops, master classes and lecture demonstrations open to the public, as well as live performance activities. For the first time, the Center will host one mainstage artist residency program each semester, offering students and community members direct interaction with today's leading artists and performers.

And the news keeps getting better. The Center also will commission new artistic works in a variety of genres, including a major commission and smaller co-commissions during alternating years. These world-premiere performances will be held on the Center's Concert and Music & Theatre Hall stages.

"Audiences of all ages and interests will discover a wealth of exciting experiences available to them through performances, lectures, workshops and enhanced programming," says Biddle. "We are committed to presenting a diverse season in support of our 'something for everyone' philosophy, and will continue to attract new artists with a majority appearing on our stages for the first time."

As participation in the arts enriches, enhances and broadens one's life experiences, the Center promises the best performances and arts programming. To learn how you can directly support the Center's mission, visit fergusoncenter.org. • — Lori Jacobs



Support the performing arts at Christopher Newport by contacting Kim Hinson at (757) 594-8097 regarding giving opportunities and society memberships.





### 2014-15 Ferguson Center Schedule

**Chris Botti** Fri. 8/8 at 8 p.m.

Michael McDonald + TOTO Sun. 9/7 at 7 p.m.

Chris Isaak Sat. 9/20 at 8 p.m.

Under The Streetlamp with Special Guest Gentleman's Rule Sun. 9/28 at 7 p.m.

**Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir**Thurs. 10/2 at 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Brady Sun. 10/5 at 7 p.m.

Distinguished Speaker Series: Senator Olympia Snowe and Senator Joe Lieberman Tues. 10/7 at 7:30 p.m.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo Sun. 10/12 at 7 p.m.

**Ziggy Marley** Thurs. 10/16 at 7:30 p.m.

Jerry Lewis Sat. 10/18 at 8 p.m.

National Symphony Orchestra Sun. 11/2 at 7 p.m. National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China Performing "Cirque Peking" Mon. 11/3 at 7:30 p.m.

Preservation Hall & Allen Toussaint Wed. 11/5 at 7:30 p.m.

Martha Graham Dance Company Sun. 11/9 at 7 p.m.

Natalie Cole Tues. 11/11 at 7:30 p.m.

An Evening of Storytelling with Garrison Keillor Thurs. 11/13 at 7:30 p.m.

**Jekyll & Hyde**Fri. 11/14 at 8 p.m.
Sat. 11/15 at 2 p.m.
Sat. 11/15 at 8 p.m.

**Beyond Glory starring Stephen Lang**Sun. 11/16 at 3 p.m.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis Tues. 11/25 at 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Carol Sun. 11/30 at 2 p.m.

Mark O'Connor's Appalachian Christmas Wed. 12/3 at 7:30 p.m. Dave Koz & Friends Christmas 2014 Thurs, 12/4 at 7:30 p.m.

The Tallis Scholars
Tues. 12/9 at 7:30 p.m.

**Smokey Joe's Café**Thurs. 1/15 at 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 1/16 at 8 p.m.
Sat. 1/17 at 2 p.m.
Sat. 1/17 at 8 p.m.

Johnny Mathis Fri. 1/23 at 8 p.m. Sat. 1/24 at 8 p.m.

**Zap Mama & Antibalas (M&T Hall)** Thurs. 1/29 at 7:30 p.m.

Orquestra Sinfónica del Estado de México Thurs. 2/5 at 7:30 p.m.

Motown Live: Martha Reeves Sat. 2/7 at 8 p.m.

In the Mood Sun. 2/8 at 3 p.m.

River North Dance Chicago Wed. 2/11 at 7:30 p.m.

**Distinguished Speaker Series: Coach Bob Knight** Thurs. 2/12 at 7:30 p.m. New York Polyphony (Pope Chapel) Fri. 2/13 at 8 p.m.

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Sun. 2/22 at 6:30 p.m.

Tango Buenos Aires Thurs. 2/26 at 7:30 p.m.

**Creedence Clearwater Revisited** Sun. 3/1 at 7 p.m.

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**Russian National Ballet: Giselle** Sun. 3/8 at 7 p.m.

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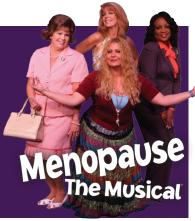
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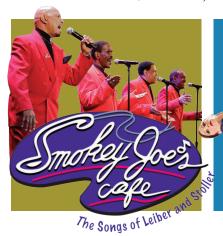
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# Arts for All:

# Access to Cultural Enrichment

"What art offers is space — a certain breathing room for the spirit." — John Updike

stablished in 2006, Arts for All is a community outreach program created to fulfill the Ferguson Center's mission of providing Hampton Roads with access to the world's finest cultural performances. The Center accomplishes this goal each season by providing thousands of complimentary and significantly discounted

tickets to schools and nonprofits serving children, families and at-risk communities, introducing both young and old to the wonder of the performing arts — many for the very first time.

"Arts for All has proved to be an extremely rewarding program for the entire community," says Bill Biddle, Executive Director of the Ferguson Center. "Through the support of Ferguson Enterprises, the Newport News Arts Commission and private donors, the program's reach continues to expand. New resources create opportunities to engage children throughout our region in providing access to

the arts and special educational programs, including master classes taught by world-class artists we bring to our stages."

This concept of linking performance attendance with teaching provides a comprehensive cultural education for participants, including the area's young citizens. "The Ferguson Center has provided our students with enlightening and enriching experiences," says Pete Mercier, an activities director and guitar instructor at Menchville High School

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in Newport News. "Many of them would never have had the opportunity to attend these events without the Arts for All program, and we are indebted to the Ferguson Center for the opportunity to further develop our students' understanding of and appreciation for the arts, while developing their own artistry."

The Ferguson Center plans to provide roughly 15,000 subsidized tickets to local schools and community organizations during the upcoming 2014-15 season, as it continues to engage, inspire and educate through the performing arts.

To learn how you can help provide access to the arts to students and those in at-risk communities, contact University Advancement at (757) 594-7179 or visit fergusoncenter.org/support/arts-for-all. • — Lori Jacobs



he largest and most highly visible music ensemble on campus, the CNU Marching Captains perform at all home football games as well as at events

throughout Hampton Roads and beyond. As they celebrate 10 years and look toward the future under the new leadership of Director John Lopez (pictured right), the sky's the limit.

An accomplished trombone player and conductor, Lopez earned a master of music degree in wind conducting from Ohio University, and is currently working on his doctor of musical arts from the University of Georgia. In addition to serving as director of athletic bands, he serves as director of the Pep Band, conductor of the

University Band, as well as an instructor in marching band techniques and brass pedagogy.

After joining CNU in fall 2013, his goals for the band are as impressive as his credentials. "In looking to the future," he says, "I'd like to see the band continue to grow in size, increase the group's reach and reputation on both the national and international stages, create a larger network of Marching Captains alumni, and become known as one of the best Division III marching bands in the country."

Impressed with his students' commitment to their art, he adds, "All of the Marching Captains are great student-musicians who are dedicated and passionate about what they

do. They are simply a joy to be around, and it's a pleasure to work with them as they develop their musical talent."



The dedication and drive of this group of 150-strong is paying off in big ways, as the members recently learned of their acceptance to perform in the prestigious St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland, in March 2016 — a celebration viewed by millions worldwide. The parade features marching bands, theatrical presentations and ceremonial elements performed along the route of historic Dublin City. More than 500,000 spectators will be in attendance, including the president of Ireland and lord mayor of Dublin.

With his first year at CNU under his belt, Lopez remains grateful for the opportunity to work each day with this talented group of young musicians. "I wanted to come to CNU because the Marching Captains and the University are relatively young. I knew there would be opportunities to help shape the identity and traditions of the band. It has been gratifying to see the incredible support of the Marching Captains at this year's myriad events, celebrations and football games. The band feeds off of the energy they get from the crowd, taking their performances to even greater heights. And with a little 'luck,' we will represent Christopher Newport in Dublin on March 17, 2016!" \[ \infty \]

— Lori Jacobs

**DEFINING** SIGNIFICANCE



Millennium Stage

# FROM THE FERGUSON CENTER TO THE KENNEDY CENTER

Multitalented alumnus finds success as a composer, arranger and performer.

ii Akwei Adoteye ('08) calls music one of the most important aspects of any person's life. "Music is everywhere," he says, noting that wherever we go, people are enjoying songs and melodies, from listening to car radios to accessing Pandora online. Currently living in Springfield, Virginia, near Washington, D.C., he is the founder and managing director of 11th

Hour Music, an entertainment and publishing company, and directs the jazz band at West Springfield High School, his alma mater.

A musical virtuoso, Adoteye developed vast skills that enable him to take an idea and bring it to life — from composing and performing to arranging, rehearsing bands, mixing the final product and even shooting video. "I am in the fortunate position that whatever the job is, at any point in any audio or visual work — whatever it is you need to do — I can do it," he says.

Adoteye's composition skills led to his receiving the ASCAP Foundation Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award in both 2013 and 2014. Thanks to that

honor, he was invited to perform this year at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Each year ASCAP (the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) holds a showcase for young composers and songwriters, and this year Adoteye took part. He played three pieces, fronting a nine-person band.

However, this wasn't Adoteye's first Kennedy Center performance; he had played there once before as a member of the CNU Wind Ensemble. And while the Kennedy Center may be the most prestigious place he has performed, he holds CNU in highest esteem. "The Ferguson Center is the best-sounding venue I've ever had the pleasure of playing in," he notes.

Christopher Newport was a springboard for much of Adoteye's success. "All the professors treated us like professionals," he recalls, noting such individuals as Dr. Mark Reimer, Director of CNU's Department of Music.

"Nii Akwei is simply a great person and the embodiment of the music major we strive to attract and nurture," Reimer says. "He's an outstanding performer, arranger, composer and director who not only excelled as drum major of the Marching Captains and as principal saxophonist in the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble but also as a graduate student. Already an active performer and teacher,

Nii Akwei is a fresh new talent in the jazz scene, and I know CNU and the world will witness great accomplishments by this outstanding musician."

Adoteye earned a bachelor of music degree pursuing jazz studies and classical saxophone performance, and he enjoyed sharing his talents in a range of locations and groups. "With the Wind Ensemble we did a tour of Germany that was just outstanding," he says. "We were so well received, per-

formed well and learned a lot." Campus events were equally memorable. "The Ella Fitzgerald Music Festival never disappointed. It was always an incredible experience," he recalls.

After CNU, Adoteye attended the prestigious Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, earning a master's degree in jazz pedagogy in 2011. "It was very rigorous. They held us to international touring-musician standards," he says. "It was do or die the whole time. It took a little bit for me to get used to that." In 2013 he earned a second graduate degree there in studio jazz writing, another challenging program that enhanced his creativity.

The future only looks bright for Adoteye. As his girlfriend completes her PhD at the University of Montana, the location of his next musical chapter has yet to be determined. Still, he notes, "I'm going to do what I need to do this year to keep my skills sharp, and then next year I'm really going to launch into it." \$\infty\$ Matt Schnepf





uring a study abroad trip filled with painting and the intensive study of all things French, junior Julia Willinger received the Leo Marchutz Purchase Award. She won the honor in fall 2013 from the Marchutz School of Art in Aix-en-Provence and the IAU Institute for American Universities College in France.

The award goes to a student whose work reflects an understanding of the relationship between content and form, artistry imbued with intelligence, sensitivity and an understanding of universal art principles revealed through a budding, original vision. Willinger's oil painting "Bridget et ses Couleurs" (Bridget and Her Colors) now hangs in the IAU College's permanent Student Art Collection.

Willinger completed her painting in just one hour. She notes, "Each student was painting the model from different angles around the room. We did not want to simply paint the portrait to look like her, but instead paint pieces that would show who Bridget is. Artists shouldn't only concentrate on exact proportions. We should focus on the individual and how she interacts with the air and space around her. It gives one more freedom. Thinking is overrated when it comes to painting; one should simply feel."

In selecting Willinger for the award, Marchutz School Director Alan Roberts comments, "Julia's work embodies her intelligence, sensitivity, courage to explore and take risks while never abandoning her true sensations in the face of the mystery of existence."



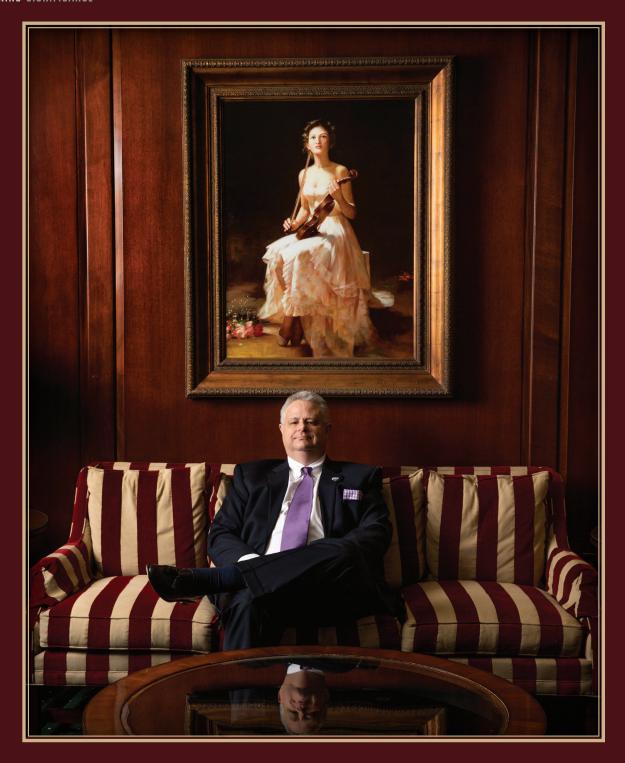
award-winning oil painting

At CNU Willinger studies psychology with minors in studio art and leadership studies, and she credits her education and experiences here for her personal and artistic development. Her campus involvements include being a member of the President's Leadership Program, co-president of Colleges Against Cancer and a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

"I absolutely love Christopher Newport and how it has become my home for the past few years," she says. "I like the small, friendly campus feel as well as how easy it has been to get involved. My classes have been interesting, and they will be a great foundation for my future schooling and career. CNU has helped me grow into a better leader and student, while helping me build friendships and make memories. The study abroad program and my time in France showed

me what I should be looking for in the world and how to apply it to my art in order for it to be 'me."

After graduating, Willinger will pursue a master's degree in art therapy and counseling, preparing for a career as an art therapist. "I have always been passionate about being creative and helping others," she notes. "I would love the opportunity to use art to help children. Becoming an art therapist will give me a chance to help individuals discover the true freedom found in art."  $\clubsuit$ —Lori Jacobs



# On the People's Behalf

Judge Warren Power ('84) shares his passion for law and the importance of serving humanity.

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fter recently visiting Christopher Newport for the first time in 30 years, Judge Warren Power ('84) found himself captivated by his alma mater's physical transformation. "It has completely changed," he notes. "President Trible has revitalized the University."

A history and political science major, Power continued his studies at Mercer University's School of Law in Georgia, earning his JD in 1988. A member of the Georgia Bar, he is a partner in the law firm of Power-Jaugstetter, located in the metro Atlanta area. He has been recognized as both a Super Lawyer by *Atlanta* magazine (an honor earned by the top 5 percent of attorneys in his state) and was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*. A special assistant to Georgia's attorney general for land-use matters, Power has served as a part-time judge for the Magistrate Court of Henry County and is an adjunct faculty member at Mercer.

The undergraduate education Power received at Christopher Newport helped prepare him for a demanding yet rewarding career as a lawyer — a vocation he chose at a young age. As he recalls, "Ever since I can remember, from 7 years on, that's all I ever wanted to be. I never wanted to be anything else or do anything else, and I don't know why."

The close relationships

he built with his professors, as well as their accessibility, were instrumental to his success. "I never had to make an appointment to see them. I'd just barge in, and if they weren't there, I'd come back," he says, citing Bob Saunders (history), Tim Morgan (history) and Harvey Williams (government) for their substantial influence. "All three took a personal interest in me, and vice versa," he says.

Much like he did, Power encourages pre-law students to establish strong working relationships with professors who spark one's ability to think critically and become better scholars, not merely memorize facts and make good grades. Becoming that type of student requires a keen ability to absorb and understand information, ultimately determining what *is and is not* important, all vital to success in law. This requires an ability to ask questions, read and communicate ideas, and conduct research — essential elements of the liberal arts and sciences.

"If you can get that in your undergraduate education, you're going to be successful not only in law but in anything you do," he says. "The importance of your pre-law education is really to learn how to think, how to analyze information, how to ascertain relevant facts and assemble them in such a way that they make sense — that you can communicate them to whoever the interested person is, whether it's a judge, or jury or just the other party you're addressing."

Power also believes the liberal arts and sciences help students develop a capacity to improve society as they develop values that will make them successful human beings. "Everybody's going to get a job, but not everyone is going to get satisfaction with what they do. If you are able to figure out how to serve you're going to get so much satisfaction out of your career, regardless of what it is," he says. "You're going to be happy, no matter what it is you're doing or how much money you're able to earn as a result of your career path."



His own desire to serve humanity fueled his parttime work as a judge. "I've reached a point in my career when it's time to give back," he notes. However, he prefers his role as lawyer most.

"Being a lawyer and being an advocate is sometimes easier than being a judge — if you can turn it on and off. If once you're done you're done, then wanting to say your peace is much easier than saying, 'OK, I've heard you, and now I need to

make a decision," he says. "When a judge makes a decision, somebody wins and somebody loses. Somebody's going to be happy, and somebody's not going to be happy."

Still, he notes, every dispute needs to be resolved. Often people simply want to be heard, which requires assembling the interested parties to settle the matter through effective facilitation.

Power and his wife, Carol, have two children: son Robert, 22, and daughter Elizabeth, 20. And while his career can make life hectic, he is proud to say he has only missed one family event during 20-plus years in law. In fact, he doesn't pressure himself to balance the competing demands on his time. "[Whenever] I have tried to manage that, it just blows up," he says. "But when I just roll with it, it works out. I never missed any of my children's games or competitions because of work." \(\infty\) Matt Schnepf

In honor of a favorite professor, Warren Power recently established the Dr. Robert Miller Saunders Endowed Leadership Scholarship benefiting pre-law students.

To honor a cherished faculty member in similar fashion, contact Lucy Latchum at (757) 594-7702.

# STURIES FROM THE STRUGGLE

## History students capture the memories of residents who lived through the tumultuous civil rights era.

his year marks the 50th anniversary of the sweeping civil rights legislation passed by Congress in 1964 and signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson. It is also a 60-year milestone for the historic Brown v. Board of Education case, passed by the U.S. Supreme Court, which held that separate but equal schools were unconstitutional. Like most Southern cities of that era, Newport News, Virginia, was segregated, a legacy that lives on in the memories of many who still live in the area, and who want to tell their stories. A CNU history professor and her students

are listening.

Dr. Laura Puaca directs the Hampton Roads Oral History Project (HROHP), an initiative that seeks to preserve, in their own words, the lives of local residents, and to gain a perspective often missing from historical or official accounts: that of ordinary people. Puaca first became interested in oral history during college at Rutgers University, where she worked with the Rut-

gers Oral History Archives, an experience that would later serve as a model of sorts for the HROHP. "It was a really meaningful experience for me, because I got to learn firsthand how the things we learned about in history books affected people on a day-to-day basis," Puaca recalls. "It made history come alive in ways that few other things did, and it also helps other people, students, historians and the general public understand the subject better."

Puaca pursued her PhD at the University of North Carolina and continued to study oral history there, both through graduate coursework and by working as a research assistant for the Southern Oral History Program, a well-known initiative that began in the 1970s. "Its slogan, 'you don't have to be famous for your life to be history, was something that stayed with me and informed my approach to the Hampton

Roads Oral History Project," Puaca says. After she arrived at CNU, she developed a course called The Long Civil Rights Movement in consultation with English Professor Dr. Roberta Rosenberg, as well as with staff at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center and the Newsome House Museum and Cultural Center, two organizations that preserve local African-American history in Newport News.

The class includes a service component requiring students to complete interviews and other archival tasks for the HROHP. Students work in pairs to prepare questions

> and interview members of the Hampton Roads community who lived through the civil rights era. The interviewees include ministers, teachers, housewives. soldiers, nurses, people from all backgrounds and professions. Ebony Tyler ('13) took the class and became heavily involved in the HROHP and the goal of preserving the memories of these aging community members. For her, oral history is a means of documenting the human experi-



Left to right: Emily Caldwell ('13), Flora Davis Crittenden, Ebony Tyler ('13)

ence directly through peoples' thoughts, and its significance lies in the differing perspectives offered. "Although a group of people can experience an event together, no two accounts will be the same," she says. "Each person will recall it differently. As a result, we gain a better understanding." She and her partner in the class, Emily Caldwell ('13), interviewed Flora Davis Crittenden, a longtime resident and icon in the Newport News community. "Having the opportunity to interview a woman who has lived such an influential life was absolutely inspirational," says Tyler.

Crittenden, 89, had a long and significant career as a teacher and guidance counselor in Newport News. She was elected to the Newport News City Council and, in 1993, to the Virginia House of Delegates, where she served 10 years. She was also a member of CNU's Board of Visitors from 200911, and is the recipient of numerous local and national humanitarian and social justice awards. "After the interview, it was not only her accomplishments that amazed me but how humble she was regarding her achievements," Tyler says. "After all she has accomplished, she still maintains that there is much work to be done in obtaining equality for all people and making the world we live in a better place."

As the tape unwinds, Crittenden begins to tell her story as Tyler and Caldwell question and converse with her. Crittenden recounts her early upbringing in New York before she moved to Newport News after elementary school. She attended Huntington High School, an all-black school where her life would be transformed. "The teachers were really engaged with young people because they also felt that education was what would put us ahead," she recounts. "It was just a marvelous experience for me because they were so interested in what we did, and they were so dedicated to us. I learned so much in high school, not just about academics, but about life." She attended college at Virginia State University, then began her teaching career in 1949 at Carver High School (which later became a middle school and was renamed in her honor) where she taught for 15 years. Crittenden attended Indiana University in the 1950s, where she earned her master's degree. She then became a guidance counselor, a position she held for the remaining 17 years of her career.

Crittenden's tale is a sprawling one, spanning seven decades and many places. She experienced outright segregation in Newport News, both in school and in the neighborhoods where she lived, as well as the more subtle forms of racism she experienced in the North and Midwest. Many of the HROHP participants spoke about what it was like to live under segregation, while others discussed how the process of integration in schools, the military, other sectors of employment and public facilities affected their lives. "While many interviewees addressed the prevalence of discrimination and the hurtfulness of racism, a significant number also highlighted the strength of black communities, the resiliency of black families, the dedication of black educators, pride in black schools and a desire to succeed no matter what," Puaca says. Another common thread is the struggle for civil rights, both the movement's successes, as well as what still remains undone.

Some of the interviewees took part in the struggle, either directly through marching or other protests, or more from a distance, as Crittenden did. She joined the NAACP and became a champion for better schools, which she viewed — and still views — as the best means of gaining equality. As she tells Tyler and Caldwell, "I did participate in the movement, but I always thought that education was a way to improve race relations and to advance the cause of civil rights. I worked with my students all the time to try to prepare

them for good citizenship and for contributing to the community, improving themselves and trying to establish good relations with others. I did that when we were all black, and I did that when we integrated, because citizens have to fight for their own rights." It's a message not lost on Tyler and the other students involved in the project. "The passion with which Mrs. Crittenden discusses social activism makes you feel not only compelled but obligated to get involved," says Tyler.

Charles Dailey, a graduate student in CNU's Master of Arts in Teaching Program, has also been involved with the HROHP, conducting and transcribing interviews. For him, the project's value lies in the rare opportunity it offers to listen to others tell their stories in their own words, a unique and particularly moving way to study history. "It's one thing to read the text, but listening to the recordings themselves is another experience — they are powerful," he says. "Having lived here I knew most of the places they spoke of, but was unfamiliar with the segregated world most of the interviewees lived through in the 1950s and 1960s. Knowing the importance and relevance of the project makes me extremely proud to have been involved with it."

Puaca notes that many told their stories in the hope of teaching younger generations the lessons of the past, and in so doing to shape and inform their future activism. It's a role Puaca is particularly eager for the HROHP to fill. "It is my hope that people of all ages will consult these interviews to get a better sense of both past and present conditions in Hampton Roads and the ongoing nature of the civil rights movement," she says.

To help Captains excel through innovative academic programs like the Oral History Project, contact Keith Roots at **(757) 594-0581.** ❖ — Brian McGuire

The Hampton Roads Oral History Project documents the impact of the civil rights movement on area residents.

This service-learning project was established in 2012 by CNU History Professor Dr. Laura Puaca, in conjunction with her class, The Long Civil Rights Movement.

The interviews are housed in an online archive in the Trible Library. They are accompanied by photographs.

To learn more, visit i.cnu.edu/hrohp.

#### 2013 ALUMNI SOCIETY AWARD FOR

# Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring



Dr. Graham Schweig employs classroom dialogue to promote an appreciation for diverse ideas and viewpoints.

aily interaction with CNU students inspires the scholarly work of Dr. Graham Schweig. "My whole week is energized by what happens in the classroom," he says. A professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies — and the director of CNU's Asian Studies Program — he began teaching at Christopher Newport in 2000.

"Teaching for me is not a job; it's a privilege," says Schweig, who in 2013 received the annual Alumni Society Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. The \$2,500 honor celebrates his commitment to teaching, learning excellence

and university fellowship. As part of the alumni award, he also gave the keynote address at CNU's 2014 honors convocation. "I've been treated extremely well here," Schweig says of Christopher Newport, calling the award a wonderful way to recognize the exceptional teaching that occurs across the University.

Noted equally for his teaching, research and published works, Schweig credits his students with inspiring his professional pursuits. "I'm someone who loves to teach, in fact even needs to teach, but also needs to produce," he

says. "My classroom is like my laboratory; my students are incredibly valuable for trying on new ideas I'm going to be publishing. And I think they like it because they feel they're a part of something that's happening beyond the University's borders."

Passionate about promoting dialogue to encourage the sharing of diverse thoughts, Schweig avoids a standard lecture format when teaching. "One of the things I tell my students is that beProfessionally, CNU has allowed him to successfully merge his loves of research and teaching. "The most productive years of my academic career have been here," he notes. This in turn has allowed him to carve a unique place in the academic world, one that has resulted in guest lectures at such prestigious institutions as the Smithsonian and the University of Oxford.

Yet even in those hallowed venues, Schweig still encourages group par-

ticipation. "I never stand behind a podium, not even at the Smithsonian," he says. Instead, he roams the room, looking directly at people. "They're not afraid to participate," he adds.

# TEACHING FOR ME IS NOT A JOB; IT'S A PRIVILEGE.

ing an educated person means learning how to genuinely appreciate what another person ultimately values," he says. "The classroom is the place where we share both my ideas and *their* ideas."

This encompasses far more than acceptance and tolerance. In Schweig's classes students learn to appreciate what others hold as their "greatest treasure" by developing a heightened capacity for hearing what others have to say. In fact, Schweig describes the classroom as a rare arena where knowledge from different views can be shared.

Just as students expand their horizons through active dialogue, Schweig finds himself equally rewarded through the process. "I need a classroom to share my ideas," he notes. "Without my students it's like a chemist without a beaker — or without a Bunsen burner."

And as he learned firsthand, absence truly does make the heart grow fonder. While on sabbatical, Schweig felt lost not being in the classroom, interacting with CNU students. "How crazy is that? That was very unexpected," he notes. \$

— Matt Schnepf

## FACULTY CAPTURE TOP AWARDS



#### Stephanie Bardwell

Dr. Stephanie Bardwell, Associate Professor of Law and Management in the Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business, was named a fellow by the National Small Business Institute (SBI). This award represents the highest honor SBI bestows upon a member and recognizes Bardwell's commitment to service for the small businesses of America.

Previous honors garnered by Bardwell from the National SBI include the Homer L. Saunders Mentor Award for outstanding contribution as an SBI director in 2010 and a Showcase Award in 2005 for her contributions to a true small business client success story. In addition, Bardwell is a Sam Walton Fellow and was president of the national SBI organization in 2011-12.

Bardwell joined the Luter School in 1995 and teaches business law, nonprofits, ethics and a course titled Legal Voice in CNU's Honors Program. She served as director of CNU's SBI from 1998 to 2009.



#### **Denise Gillman**

Associate Professor Denise Gillman received the 2014 Prize for Teaching Innovation for Region IV, given by the Association for Theatre in Higher Education and the Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival (KCACTF).

A prize is awarded to one faculty member in each of the eight KCACTF regions in recognition of innovation in teaching theater. Region IV includes Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and southern Virginia.

Gillman joined Christopher Newport's Department of Theater and Dance in 2002 and has built interdisciplinary bridges between the sciences, arts and humanities through teaching a Science on the Stage course. She has also directed numerous science plays at Christopher Newport and other professional venues.



#### **Quentin Kidd**

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has named Dr. Quentin Kidd as a 2014 Outstanding Faculty Award winner. Given for superior accomplishments in teaching, research and public service, the award represents the commonwealth's highest honor for faculty at Virginia's public and private colleges and universities. A vice provost and director of CNU's Wason Center for Public Policy, he previously chaired the Department of Government.

Having joined Christopher Newport's faculty in 1997, Kidd is an eminent scholar of politics and sought-after commentator, appearing frequently in newspapers and on regional and national radio and television programs. He has authored five books, including The Rational Southerner: Black Mobilization, Republican Growth, and Partisan Transformation of the American South.

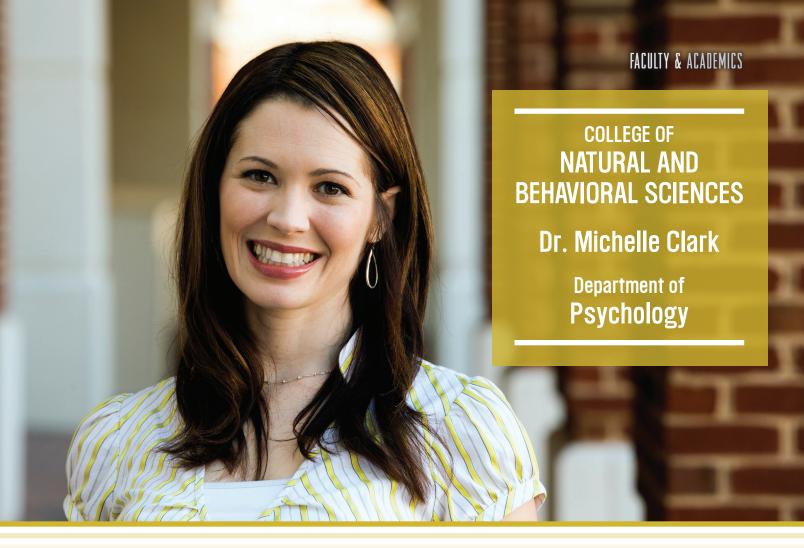
Kidd was one of 12 Outstanding Faculty Award recipients this year who each received a \$5,000 cash award funded by a grant from the Dominion Foundation, a philanthropic unit of the Richmond-based energy company. •



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linical psychologists practice in many ways — from first-line work with people with serious illnesses, such as intake of mental health patients at hospitals, or crisis work in the community with police or government agencies, to one-onone therapy with patients with less severe mental health issues. Those who earn advanced degrees become doctors who treat patients and conduct psychological testing.

Dr. Michelle Clark's goal is to improve the admission rate for CNU students in graduate programs in clinical psychology and related fields.

This fall Clark will form an advisory council of students to assess the resources and experiences desired by top programs, with an eye toward establishing a separate student task force that will implement the advisory council's recommendations by hosting career fairs, speakers and graduate admission representatives, among other activities. She looks forward to mentoring and guiding the students as they lead the initiative. "We have students here who are genuinely invested in being a part of something bigger. They're so enthusiastic and reliable that it's easy to partner with them on projects," she says.

Not so far removed from her own experience applying to graduate school, Clark remembers the challenges she faced in making the transition. She's uniquely equipped to assist students in taking the next step, crucial since advanced study and licensure is often required to work in clinical psychology. "The biggest barrier for students is not knowing what will look good on a résumé for clinical psychology programs, and not having those experiences because they can be hard to get as an undergraduate," Clark says. "With some innovation we can make them happen."

Although Clark is in her first year on CNU's psychology faculty, she's no stranger to campus, having worked for four years at University Health and Wellness Services as a clinical psychologist, one of only two at the University. During her time as a counselor she helped found a CNU chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in partnership with the Hampton Roads chapter, and still serves as the group's adviser. NAMI raises awareness of mental health issues and advocates for access to services, treatment, support and research. � — Brian McGuire

he Center for American Studies (CAS) at Christopher Newport was formed to respond to the growing lack of civic literacy among college students and citizens, with a goal to educate the next generation toward becoming enlightened leaders and responsible citizens. Co-directed by Dr. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch, the Center promotes teaching and scholarship on America's founding principles and history, economic foundations, and national security. With her 2013 Faculty Development award, Kaufer Busch received the necessary funding to support a CAS Junior Fellow position.

The Junior Fellows program benefits exceptional students interested in careers within academia, government and the private sector. "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," says Kaufer Busch.

Junior Courtney Leistensnider is the CAS Junior Fellow for the 2014-15 academic year.

Serving as tutors and mentors to American studies students, fellows also participate in the planning and coordinating of Center activities and conduct research projects to be presented at student conferences. In partnership with Kaufer Busch and Dr. Quentin Kidd, Vice Provost and Director of CNU's Wason Center for Public Policy, Leistensnider will conduct original research focusing on the relationship between civic literacy, volunteerism and civic engagement.

"This gift will enable me to help shape Leistensnider's intellectual promise, which was evident from the day I met her in an introductory American studies course," says Kaufer Busch. "I am thrilled to be able to introduce her to the collection and analysis of original data on one of our country's most important topics." \(\Delta\) — Lori Jacobs





bstract by design, philosophy is generally something one informally debates rather than formally practices. But for Dr. Elizabeth Jelinek, it is her bread and butter — something she lives and breathes: "My main area of specialization is Plato's cosmology; I also have research interests in contemporary philosophy of science," she says.

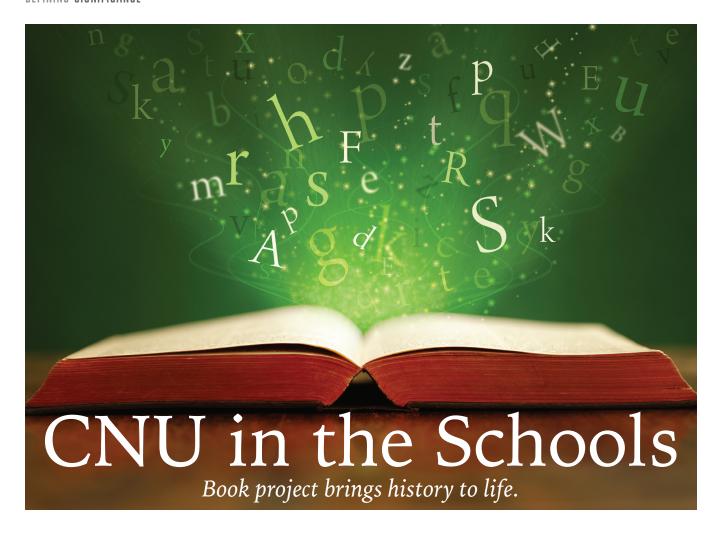
Most recently, Jelinek has published articles in such highly regarded peer-reviewed journals as *Apeiron* and *Southwest Philosophical Review*, plus given talks on her research at the American Philosophical Association Meeting, the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Colloquium, and at several colleges and universities. These accomplishments, along with a Faculty Development Fund award, are symbolic of a deep investment in her field and students.

Jelinek embraces Christopher Newport's mission of inspiring young men and women to lead lives of significance. She notes, "Recognizing that many students thrive from intellectual challenges that extend beyond the regular classroom curriculum, I — with encouragement and support from the faculty and administration — have created and continue to create opportunities for students that enrich them both academically and personally."

Devoted to her work, Jelinek has teamed with undergraduate co-authors on a \$155,000 National Science Foundation grant proposal. She has also tapped students to both assist with published research and co-author papers, guided students through submitting their own work to undergraduate journals and conferences, and mentored them regarding their post-CNU plans.

Thanks to the Faculty Development Fund, she and a group of students will conduct research over the summer on Plato's metaphysics, her area of expertise. "The research environment will be collaborative; we will meet regularly to exchange ideas about our latest findings. However, each student will have the freedom to develop his or her own argument on the topic based on the research he or she is conducting," she says. They hope to present their work at the International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy.

"Participation in this grant project will expose students to the research process in professional philosophy and offer them the opportunity to contribute to such research," Jelinek says. "Moreover, while many of these students have presented their work at undergraduate conferences, this grant offers them the opportunity to rise to the challenge of presenting at an international philosophy conference."  $\diamond$  — Lauren Austill ('14)



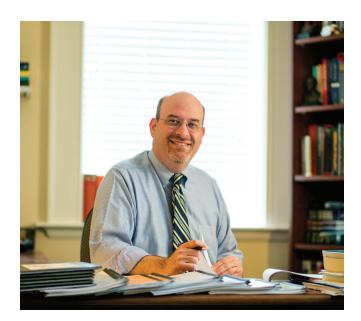
NU students made connections with local schoolchildren through The American Worldview, an Honors seminar taught by Dr. Andrew Falk (pictured above right), Associate Professor of History. His course introduces the contemporary world from an American historical perspective, encouraging students to use history to develop personal worldviews and make sense of the world around them as citizens of the United States and global community.

The seminar helps them make a lasting impact during their time at CNU. They do so by applying what they learn in class to an "Americans Meet the World" book project. This initiative began when Falk and his wife, Kristen, librarian at Yorktown Elementary School (YES), realized they share similar goals. The book project supports two initiatives of the York County School Division: the new cultural geography curriculum for fifth-graders and the transformative learning pedagogy.

Part of the YES social studies curriculum, cultural geography encourages elementary-age children to connect with the global community, understanding interdependence, migration, multiculturalism and other concepts. "I wanted CNU Honors students to do much the same," Falk says. Then through transformative learning, students commit fully to their work by producing something valued outside the classroom.

Falk's class completed individual research papers and conducted significant background work to translate their topics into stories for fifth-graders to show the ways Americans engage the world. According to Falk, "In a sense, we used history as a 'laboratory' to understand concepts such as globalization, Americanization and multiculturalism."

Working in pairs, students met with Falk to plot their books and create the accompanying images. They also developed teaching aids, including historical background notes, discussion questions, suggestions for further reading and in the case of one book, a music CD. Finished works included



such titles as *Dizzy Makes a Difference* (on jazz diplomacy during the Cold War), *Henry's Adventure to the White City* (on the 1893 Chicago world's fair), *The Coldest War* (on the 1980 "miracle on ice" hockey game) and *The Handshake My Father Gave Me* (on the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz mission).

The project challenged the student-authors intellectually and creatively as they transformed their research into books appropriate and entertaining enough for fifth-graders. "I discovered that Honors students, who often express confidence about their work, were pushed out of their comfort zones when asked to produce artwork," Falk notes.

After reading the books in class, YES teachers worked with their students to summarize and evaluate the stories through letters written to the authors. As Kristen describes it: "In each case — the CNU books and the YES letters — students understood that this wasn't a typical assignment that was going to stop at a teacher's desk. It was meaningful because they knew it was going to make an impact on other people in their community."

One YES student wrote the following note: "I have read your book *Nathan's Journey* (about the Lewis and Clark exploration and interaction with Indians). It was wonderful. I have learned that you don't have to be an adult to explore the world, and that learning things in school helps you on important adventures."

Falk's students had no idea they would receive this feedback. "On the last day of the semester, I surprised my students by bringing in the letters the fifth-graders had written to the CNU authors," he says. "It was amazing to see my students react as the assignment went full circle." § — Matt Schnepf

# STUDENTS SHINE AT ILA CONFERENCE

Christopher Newport was well represented at the I 5th Annual International Leadership Association (ILA) Global Conference in Montreal, Canada. The world's top professional leadership association, the ILA has more than 2,000 members in nearly I 00 countries, including top scholars, educators and practitioners. More than 1,000 participated in the fall 2013 conference, including I 5 CNU students and seven leadership studies professors.

Seven of the University's students submitted proposals to the conference, with five qualifying for competitive presentations: Courtney Duran, Chelsea Henderson, Jefferson Schleiffer, Amanda Swindle and Oliver Thomas. They were selected from among more than 500 submissions — competing mainly against leadership professors and graduate students — and were able to conduct their research outside the classroom with CNU faculty.

Additionally, 11 students competed as teams in a case competition. This required research, a paper submission, a poster presentation and a live presentation for finalists. For the first time, a team from CNU — Christina Martin, Cate Graney and Brent Frost — advanced to the final round.

Notes Graney, "Attending ILA not only gave me remarkable educational experiences, but it truly opened my eyes to how expansive the field of leadership is and its many occupational opportunities."

Participant Kelsey Stiles adds, "The ILA conference challenged me to think above and beyond the 'bubble' of college. By hearing other perspectives, learning about other leadership programs and sharing ideas about leadership practice, I discovered the infinite nature of learning. In realizing I should never limit my learning, I have been inspired from ILA never to limit my experiences either. Scholars from around the world have challenged me to pursue leadership in anything I do—but to also inspire others to lead." §

## A Passion for Service



## **Bonner Service Scholars**

The Bonner Service Scholars Program was founded in 1989 in Princeton, New Jersey, with the belief that community-engaged college students have unique gifts and talents that bring energy, creativity and hope to individuals and cities — and that colleges and universities can and *must* be a telling presence in their local regions and beyond. Through a partnership with the prestigious Bonner Foundation, now the premier national network of its kind, CNU joins more than 75 colleges and universities who support four-year, service-based college scholarships.

As a vital part of CNU's Center for Community Engagement (CCE), Bonner Service Scholars are placed on small, site-based teams, serving at least 10 hours weekly during the school year and averaging more than 300 hours annually. In addition to direct service, Bonners participate in national conferences, training and enrichment, as well as

other developmental activities

Thanks to the depth and volume of their work, CNU's Bonner Scholars also serve as leading ambassadors for the CCE's service tracks, helping to coordinate these areas of volunteer specialization open to all students. Tracks include aging, arts and culture, environment and animals, health, Newport News Public Schools, hunger and housing, international interest, women's interest, and youth development.

Current Bonner community partners directly benefiting from the program include the Peninsula Agency on Aging, South Morrison Family Education Center, Refugee Resettlement Services, Newport News Public Schools, Newport News Green Foundation and the Youth Volunteer Corps, among others. ♦ — Lori Jacobs



Standing, left to right: Jona Qorri, Hillary Braden, Keante' Eppes, Charlotte Proctor, Brady Garrison, Claire Stringfellow, Kendall Thompson, Siomara Michelle Flores, Asa Townsend, Alexandria Schweiger, Mariah James, Brooke Malloy, Denisse Aquino, Eva Melendez, Annie Halterman, Linda Oh

Seated, left to right: John Johnson, Valerie Washington, Ben Miller, Zee Truitt, De'Vante Allen, Maya Ollie, Jim Leist, Niani Byrd

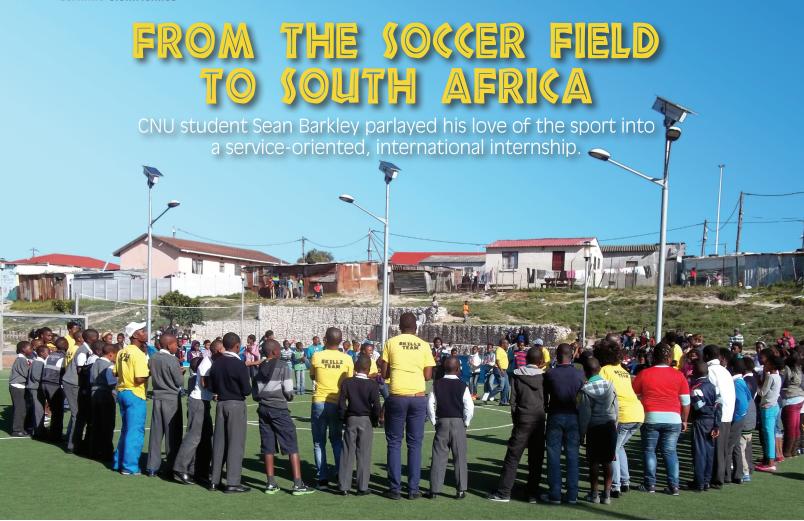
### MORE HIGH MARKS FOR CNU

Christopher Newport University continues to gain top rankings from both *U.S.* News & World Report and The Princeton Review.

The 2014 rankings of colleges and universities by *U.S. News* were published last September, and CNU continues to climb as the University's reach and reputation increase.

CNU is now listed 18th among all regional universities in the South and seventh among public regional universities in the South. And once again the University was named one of America's schools to watch for making "the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities."

In addition, The Princeton Review included CNU in the group's publication *The 367 Best Colleges* for the third year running. Selections are based on academics, attendance costs, facilities, campus culture and financial aid provided to students. Colleges and universities featured represent the top 15 percent of schools in the nation. •



ean Barkley makes service an essential component of his CNU experience. Hailing from Charlottesville, Virginia, he graduates this December with a major in management, a minor in leadership, and an additional minor in civic engagement and social entrepreneurship.

At Christopher Newport he has been a resident assistant, served as national philanthropy chair of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and organized a charity soccer tournament for three years. He also volunteered at the Hampton Teen Center for two years, including a stint as volunteer coordinator. Much further from Hampton Roads, he interned with the outreach organization Grassroot Soccer (GRS) in South Africa, which he calls "a life-changing experience."

"I first heard about Grassroot Soccer through my older brother, Chris, when he started working with the organization in the late 2000s," he says. "Being such an avid soccer player and fan I immediately resonated with the organization's mission of 'using the power of soccer to educate, inspire and mobilize communities to stop the spread of HIV:"

Grassroot Soccer works in more than 22 countries, contributing directly to the worldwide goal of reaching no new HIV infections by 2015 through HIV prevention and youth awareness. Recognizing the worldwide popularity of soccer and the sport's knack for building human connections, GRS reaches and educates young people using players as role models. And through the GRS "Skillz" curriculum, youth participants learn to build basic life skills that help them live risk-free

as they adopt healthy behaviors. Additional GRS efforts include women's health and empowerment and youth employment.

During his freshman year, after hearing personal accounts of the organization's work, Barkley started the 3v3 (three-on-three) barefoot soccer tournament "Lose the Shoes" at CNU benefiting GRS. This began his formal involvement with the organization, and by his junior year he had applied for a GRS internship. "That spring I was elated to accept the opportunity to intern in Cape Town, South Africa, for the summer as their technology and entrepreneurship intern," he says.

Once there he started learning about the Open Data Kit mobile application, an open-source set of survey tools allowing users to collect almost any type of data — such as text, integer, image, video, audio and GPS — through a smart phone. "My job was to learn everything I could about the app, its functions, features and practical applications to the organization," he says. "I soon found out how incredibly useful this survey-collecting app was and quickly learned just how data-starved the areas Grassroot Soccer works in were."

In Khayelitsha, Cape Town, for example, one of South Africa's largest townships, the government census indicates a population of between 500,000 and 2 million people. "This staggering level of inaccurate data is commonplace in the impoverished communities Grassroot Soccer and many other nonprofits and governments work in," Barkley says. "That's where the value of Open Data Kit comes in." A single mobile phone can collect thousands of surveys electronically without Internet access and later upload them to a cloud server viewable from anywhere in the world. Users can then export the data directly into Excel.

"It drastically changes the cost and efficiency compared to conventional paper surveys," Barkley explains. Therefore, he created a business model within GRS that employed local South Africans to offer support services for the Open Data Kit to organizations working in data-starved communities. "By the end of my three months, the business — GRS Research Data

Services — was able to hire three fulltime employees and landed a contract with the University of Cape Town," he notes.

According to Barkley, 70.9 percent of South African residents ages 15-34 are unemployed. The national response to this crisis has focused on "fixing the difficulties, limitations and dysfunctional attributes of youth." In contrast, GRS launched the Research Data Services unit based on assets young people already possess — a natural comfort with mobile phones and knowledge of their communities. Using innovative, open-source tools, Research Data Services offers mobile phone-based data collection, data entry and field research training services to clients.

Thanks to his successful work, Barkley was offered an opportunity to con-

tinue developing this business in Cape Town. However, he opted to return to CNU to finish his education.

"In my South African internship at Grassroot Soccer, I had the opportunity to experience another culture, make lifelong friends with people from all over the world, see the natural wonders of South Africa and gain valuable business experience," he says. "I would strongly encourage CNU students to set up an internship abroad to seek international opportunities, expand their cultural horizons and bring back their breadth of experience to share with the CNU community." \(\Displies\) — Matt Schnepf

Help CNU students experience the world through study abroad scholarships by contacting Lucy Latchum at (757) 594-7702.

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Senior Sean Barkley (in red) with fellow members of Grassroot Soccer



# A Life of Purpose

Terri McKnight ('86) defines significance by supporting causes dear to her heart.

#### ALUMNI PROFILE

eing a leader is about giving back to the community you live in," says Terri McKnight ('86). "It's not always just about yourself - it's about what you can do for others around you." A partner at Geldman, Rosenberg & Freedman certified public accountants, she has served several years on the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance board, including tenures as both treasurer and president.

McKnight got involved following her late mother's diagnosis with the disease. "When I first found out my mother had ovarian cancer, I didn't even know what ovarian cancer was," she recalls. "I wanted to [learn more] and try and help other women find out about ovarian cancer because it is the deadliest gynecological cancer for women, and a lot of people don't know about it." Unlike other cancers, there is no early detection test for the disease, making late-stage diagnosis common.

The Alliance builds awareness about ovarian cancer and related symptoms, shares updates on the latest research, and connects patients for mutual support. The group also sends members to Capitol Hill to seek funding for additional research.

"This organization is near and dear to my heart. My mother did pass away from this disease, and I still continue to work with them," McKnight says. She currently serves on the executive committee, and her family also volunteers and supports the Alliance's work.

"IT'S NOT **ALWAYS JUST** ABOUT YOURSELF IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR OTHERS AROUND YOU.



Members of the McKnight Family: Zachary, Terri ('86), Matt and Alexandra ('14)

McKnight earned her bachelor's degree in accounting at Christopher Newport, which laid the groundwork for professional success. "The curriculum was fantastic. I came out with the base knowledge I needed in order to take the CPA exam," she says. "It was always about the relationships I had with my professors."

Today McKnight directs the audit department at her firm, which is located in the metro D.C. area. "We work with over 500 nonprofits, performing audits and internal controltype reviews," she notes. "I've been working with the nonprofit community for more than 20 years."

A proud Captain, McKnight maintains close ties with Christopher Newport — from serving on the Education Foundation board, staying active in her alumni chapter and meeting with potential donors. She and her husband, Matt, established a CNU scholarship in honor of McKnight's mother, and she is a regional leader for the University's comprehensive campaign.

"I think it's important to stay involved with CNU," McKnight says. "We should always give back to the foundation that helped shape and move us into our professional lives. What we do is what makes us leaders."

Two of the McKnights' children also have CNU connections: Alexandra ('14)sophomore Zachary. "I'm a proud parent," she states enthusiastically. •

- Matt Schnepf

# Captains Cooperative

## Students attract scores of volunteers from across campus to launch food delivery program.

he idea of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts has become central to the way we think about many things, from design to teambuilding; new products are even developed this way, through input and funding from future users. It's synergy and collaboration that lead to efficiency, simplicity and shared reward.

The CNU Food Cooperative is working to adopt this notion by leading a big-tent effort that blurs lines on campus and draws seemingly disparate groups together to accomplish a single goal: feeding the hungry. They collect unserved food from CNU's dining halls each night and deliver it to Peninsula Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter in downtown Newport News. The group involves as many students, faculty and staff members from across campus as possible, all without establishing itself as an official organization. "The idea is for this to be an inclusive club," says junior American studies major Brad Turner, one of the group's leaders. "We're not different from any of the other students who wondered what happened to our dining hall food. We're just the ones who put together a framework."

Since deliveries began last fall the co-op's efforts have been coordinated by three students: Molly McMillen ('14), sophomore Chelsea Rubis and Turner, but the group has expanded to include more than 50 volunteers who pick up and deliver the food. McMillen, a math major from Virginia Beach, got the ball rolling after sharing her concerns about uneaten food with CNU's administration. Executive Vice President Bill Brauer ('77) responded favorably, and McMillen worked with him to hammer out the logistics and required approvals. Turner led the effort to find a recipient for

the donated food, while Rubis, who majors in biochemistry as part of CNU's Pre-Med Scholars Program, joined the leadership team after serving as one of the most dedicated delivery volunteers.

According to Turner, the co-op's biggest challenge was actually finding someone to take the food they wanted to donate. "There's a lot of regulation for state or federal agencies as far as receiving donated food," he says. The limiting factor for the co-op is that they are dealing with prepared food, which lacks any real shelf life, as opposed to canned or frozen food, which many more agencies would gladly accept. Turner, who previously worked with CNU's Center for Community Engagement, had some knowledge of local human service agencies and called the Rescue Mission. "As a private agency, they don't have as much paperwork to do," says Turner. "They've been a great partner — a great starting place."

Once the group had an agreement with CNU's Dining Services and an eager client in the Rescue Mission, they set up an initial rotation of around a dozen students to cover deliveries. "We asked everyone to tell their friends and all the organizations they were part of," says Turner. The cohort of volunteers grew so quickly that the group struggled to make arrangements and accommodate everyone. "It was shaky at first," Turner says. "But we reached a point where there was a three-week stretch that I didn't even do a delivery because we had other people, and that's the way it should be," he adds. "As word spreads, the responsibility is shared more and more by caring individuals and organizations on campus."



#### DEFINING SIGNIFICANCE

With the notion of a shared endeavor toward a single objective as the driving force, the co-op quickly expanded and honed the group's operation. "We're set up to be a collaboration among a lot of different stakeholders," Turner says. "We involve students, staff and an outside agency. We welcome anyone to work with us, and want this to become something that CNU students do — to be a part of our culture." He adds that several student organizations have already pledged to deliver for a week at a time once operations resume this fall. Groups like Kappa Kappa Psi, a student service and leadership recognition society for music majors; the President's Leadership Program; and Delta Upsilon fraternity, among others, have all made commitments. The co-op has

also been in contact with the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils to facilitate more future involvement for CNU students in Greek life.

The volunteers meet each night at the dining halls just after closing. Dining Services staff members pack up the food in containers the coop provides, and the volunteers load the food and drive to the Rescue Mission for delivery. According to the group's statistics, an average nightly run during 2013-14 involved 15 disposable chafing pans, each capable of holding approximately four quarts

of food — chicken, meatballs, vegetables, seafood, bread — whatever was served that night, and they made more than 100 deliveries to the Rescue Mission. "I would say 20 pounds a night is a conservative estimate," Turner says. It's a streamlined operation; the only overhead is the dishes needed to transport the food, and gas for the 13-mile round trip, and Turner is hopeful the expense of the pans will soon be a thing of the past. Through a network of donors, the Rescue Mission has stockpiled hundreds — enough for several weeks of deliveries — and the co-op is seeking funding to purchase re-usable containers, a stride that will make the enterprise more sustainable.

According to Alan DeFriese, Executive Superintendent at Peninsula Rescue Mission, each delivery feeds up to 50 nightly residents at the shelter. It may seem like an embar-

rassment of riches, but all three of the co-op's leaders are quick to point out that they do not view CNU as wasting food or producing far more than students eat each night. "We would never fault CNU for being excessively wasteful," Turner says. "For a facility that feeds thousands at dinner, having leftovers that can feed 40-50, I think that's very good."

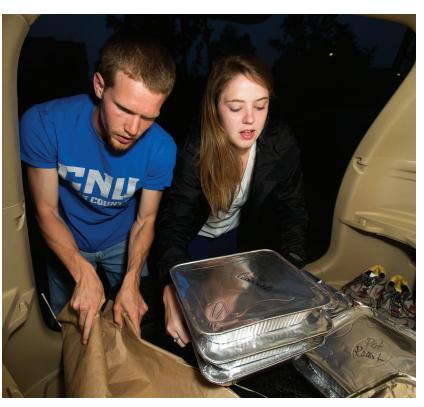
The donated food has provided meals for many, and is a definite asset to the Rescue Mission's bottom line. DeFriese says the program has saved his organization nearly \$3,000 in food costs in the first few months of operation — money that can be used for other needs at the shelter. DeFriese

credits McMillen. Rubis and Turner for their skill in planning the deliveries, which he sees as both seamless and selfless. "In the middle of all they could be doing, these students are making an effort, taking a lot of time, and no doubt some personal expense along the way, to reach out and help a group of men who will never know who they are and will never be able to repay them in any way," he says.

The three student leaders are upbeat about the future of the program as it continues to grow and include other agencies or shelters.

"We think the model we've set up with the Rescue Mission can be duplicated," Turner says. "It's very simple, and the savings are undeniable." The group sees more opportunities to grow the program, from weekend deliveries to recovering unserved food at catered events on campus. They also plan to purchase scales to weigh the food they collect, which will enable them to calculate cost savings, improve reporting, and refine their own business plan and needs.

All three students point to their upbringing for inspiring them to serve the greater good in this way. McMillen recounts how she mentioned her concern about food waste to her parents, and they encouraged her to bring it to the administration's attention. "I've always loved helping people," McMillen says. "It's what I want to be doing with my free time." Rubis largely credits growing up in a home where



nothing was wasted and CNU's culture of service for empowering her to be a force for change on this issue. "I wanted to stand up for something," she says.

For Turner, he joined to better accomplish CNU's call that students serve others. "I saw the potential on campus to build bridges and do something that builds goodwill among staff, students and the outside community," he says. "This has been an experiment in true cooperation." Rubis echoes the bridge idea. "You could be volunteering with a complete stranger, and then the next day you see them around campus. It brings people closer together, and I really like that," she says.

Senior CNU officials are fans, too. Brauer, who worked with McMillen at the outset to realize the program, has been impressed with the group's work. "That's the mark of a CNU student: putting into practice the qualities of leadership, service and civic engagement while carrying a rigorous class load and graduating on time," he says. "I applaud the efforts of Molly and that of her colleagues. They are Captains for Life."

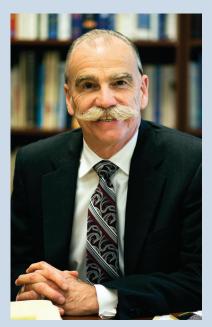
McMillen and Turner were even able to work the Food Cooperative into their academic life at CNU as well. The program was the subject of McMillen's senior seminar topic and the focus of a class Turner took for his minor in civic engagement and social entrepreneurship. He wrote a grant that doubles as the group's strategic plan for next year, incorporating much of the change and expansion they hope to implement. McMillen's project ran mathematical simulations of crowds at Regatta's dining hall with an eye toward reducing waste by decreasing the amount of food prepared.

Although McMillen, Rubis and Turner are largely responsible for the impact the co-op has had on campus and in the community, all three are reluctant to take credit. "We only facilitate this," says Turner. "Many hands make light work. It's rewarding that we spearheaded it and tried to find a solution to what many of us thought was a dead end. All we needed to do was create the momentum, and everyone's been on our side. It speaks to the power of community here." The three, who did not know each other prior to their involvement with the co-op, have become fast friends and learned much about the leadership and teamwork it takes to organize the efforts of many to fulfill a common purpose.  $\diamond$ 

- Brian McGuire

## NEW LEADERSHIP COMES TO ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

CNU President Paul Trible recently announced several new appointments in Academic Affairs.



**Dr. David Doughty** (pictured left) has been named provost after serving as interim provost for eight months. He previously was dean of the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences and chair of the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering.

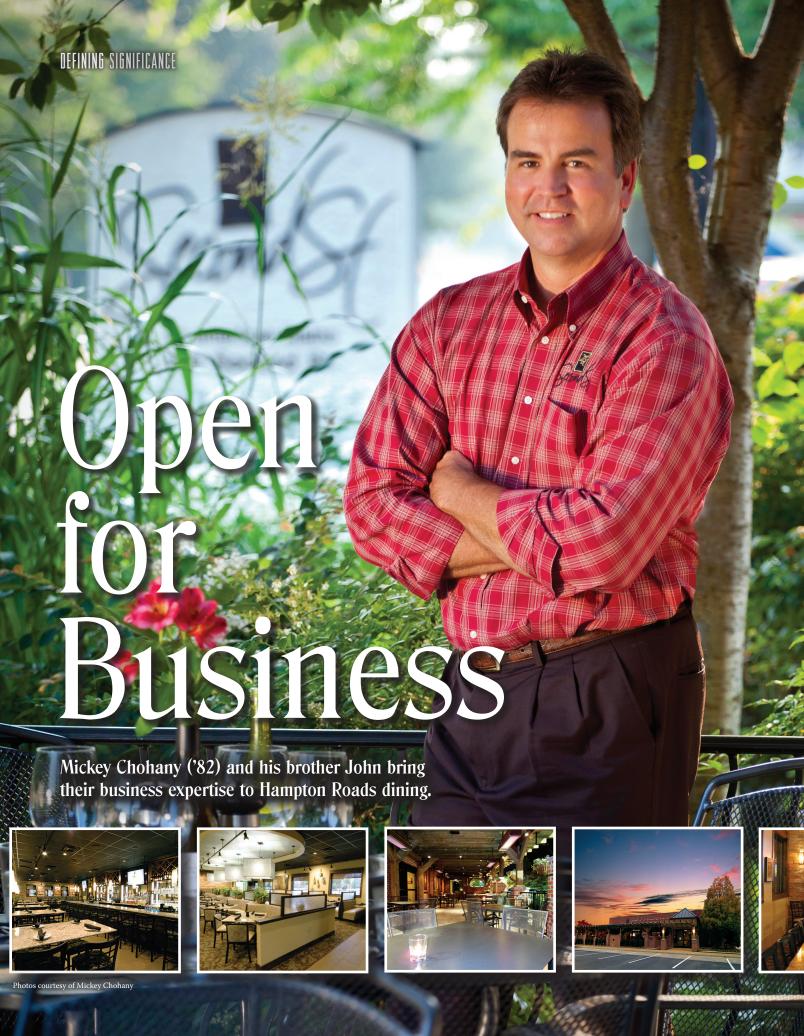
**Dr. Quentin Kidd** has been named vice provost for undergraduate education. He has served the University as both chair of the Department of Government and director of the Wason Center for Public Policy.

After serving as interim associate provost for nine months, **Dr. Geoffrey Klein** has accepted the position of vice provost for research, graduate studies and assessment. An associate professor of chemistry, he received

CNU's first Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching in 2012.

**Dr. Lisa Duncan Raines** is now vice provost for enrollment and student success. Originally serving as university registrar and then dean of enrollment services, she has had oversight for such areas as transfer admission, veterans affairs, financial aid and career planning.

In addition, **Dr. Lori Underwood** has been appointed permanent dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, and **Dr. Nicole Guajardo** is now permanent dean of the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences. **Dr. Robert Colvin** continues to serve as dean of the College of Social Sciences. �





isitors to the re-launched Second Street Restaurant, an American bistro in Newport News, may recognize a familiar face from time to time. That's because Christopher Newport alumnus Mickey Chohany ('82) owns the business with his brother John. The two took over the original Williamsburg location in 1985, bringing the best in dining to their hometown and eventually extended their magic touch further into Hampton Roads.

Dedicated to exemplary service, Chohany was a Republican candidate for the Virginia State Senate in 2012. A family man both in business and at home, he and his wife, Vicki, are the proud parents of Hailey, 22, and Olivia, 18.

Chohany whetted his appetite for entrepreneurship as a business major, though running a restaurant had yet to cross his mind. "I remember in the basic management class they talked about leading, staffing, controlling and those kinds of things. It's exactly what you do in the real world," he says.

During his first year in college Chohany commuted to Christopher Newport. He wound up enjoying the campus and student life so much that he moved to Newport News the following year, rooming with his brother Tommy ('83). "It was a small community back then; we knew everyone on campus," he says. "You stepped one foot out of one building, and you were in another. When I was there, we ended up colonizing one of the first fraternities, Sigma Pi, so I was one of the founding fathers of that."

After graduating he landed a job with a food service operator in Washington, D.C., and later partnered with John, then vice president of operations for a small "fresh" fast food company. "It didn't have a fryer on the property — a lot of soups, salads, sandwiches, but a fast-food concept, which was emerging for its day," Chohany says. "You have to understand, this was the early '80s."

Upon assuming leadership of Williamsburg's Second Street, the brothers hit their stride in the food industry. Additional ventures included the former Polo Club restaurant in Williamsburg, a Second Street in Hampton from 1995-2000 and the Virginia Living Museum's café, which they designed but no longer operate, although it still attracts enthusiastic museum visitors. Today, in addition to both Second Street locations, the brothers also oversee food operations at the Jamestown Settlement Café.

"Throughout the years there have been lots of different things we've touched," Chohany says. "We also had a catering division we operated for 20 years." That type of business left no room for mistakes as they supported large-scale events. "Everything's remote, so you've got to really be on your game," he says, relating the difference between catering and running a stationary restaurant.

The Second Street location in Newport News previously operated from 2000-06, at which time the brothers closed the restaurant with plans to remodel. After first renovating their Williamsburg store as an American bistro, the duo returned to Newport News six years later, turning attention toward creating yet another contemporary establishment.

Public reception following the November 2013 opening has been positive. The eatery's previous style was more along the lines of an Applebee's. Now visitors discover elegant surroundings with just the right blend of background music spanning various decades, flat-screen televisions, modern décor and seating, and superior service — not to mention great food just like the Williamsburg store offers. "We try to take the classics and give them a little culinary twist," Chohany says. For example, instead of creating a traditional meatloaf, they offer a buffalo recipe. In April they began serving lunch, and brunch is available on Sunday.

"What I've found is those people who liked our old concept love this concept," he notes. And as their own taste buds have evolved, the new Second Street has re-energized the brothers as they pursue excellence in all areas. "The expectations are higher, so you have to execute with a higher degree of attention for details," he says. "It's been working out really well."

Chohany attributes Second Street's success to his staff and an internal review process that puts customers first. "When we're on the property, we're in the dining room. I didn't come down to sit in the office," he explains "When I come down here it's during a meal period so I can actually *be* in the dining room." He often orders a dish from the menu to perform a quality check, and he also inspects the lighting, music, temperature and other fine details — all with an eye toward creating the perfect dining experience. As Chohany says, "You've got to get it right." Visit the bistro online at **secondst.com**. \(\Displies\) — Matt Schnepf

# Mentorship STEM to Stern

n today's global society schools are under tremendous pressure to keep up with the breakneck pace of technological advance. Ensuring students have the resources they need to develop expertise in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines can strain many school systems' already shrinking budgets. It was in response to this need, as well as her own desire to give back to the community, that led Melissa Hedlund ('07, pictured right) in 2012 to spearhead a mentorship program for local middle school students. "At CNU we're all about service," she says. "Getting out in the community and helping is always meaningful — we don't want to just be an island of our own here."

Hedlund met with leaders from Newport News Public Schools, and they chose Crittenden Middle School, just a few miles from the University, as the proving ground for the new program. Now in its third year, the program matches the math and science needs of middle schoolers with the skills of dozens of CNU students passionate about serving others. Hedlund, who earned a bachelor's degree in math and minored in leadership studies at CNU, joined the faculty in 2010 after completing her master's degree in applied mathematics at Old Dominion University. She was asked by CNU Provost Dr. David Doughty (who was dean of the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences at the time) to head up an effort to lead CNU students into local schools to tutor and mentor students there.

"Middle school is where some students begin to withdraw from the STEM disciplines, thinking they are hard, or that they can't do it," says Doughty. "Overall this program is a win-winwin situation, and it's been successful primarily because of the work Melissa has put into it," he adds. "Our students learn that their skills really can help motivate and open doors for others, the Crittenden students get the extra STEM assistance they need, and the relationship between CNU and our local community is strengthened."

CNU students board a Newport News school bus each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon when CNU is in session for the ride to Crittenden, where they meet with students in grades six through eight for one-on-one sessions designed to bolster the day's classroom lessons. Hedlund divides her time between attending the weekly sessions and working logistics and funding, buying supplies, planning events, and meeting with school administrators about the program's objectives. "I love it. It gives me a lot of flexibility," she says, "It's a nice break from teaching. I get out in the community, and I've enjoyed meeting the students."

Teachers at Crittenden design lessons for students to work on after school with their CNU mentors. The groups also complete exercises designed to help prepare the students for the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) testing, annual assessments that measure student achievement. The program reinforces current assignments and readies the students for more rigorous math coursework farther down the road. "In three to five years they need to start planning for the upperlevel math and science classes they need if they want to be a STEM major," says Hedlund. "They can't wait until junior year in high school. On [Crittenden's] end they would like to perform better on the SOLs so we're able to please both parties."

The program has produced tangible results. Last year Crittenden Middle School made the highest gains in math of any secondary school in Newport News on the SOL assessment, according to Principal Felicia Barnett. "The

math tutoring program has been instrumental in our math success," she says. "Without the help of the CNU tutors, we could not have met this success." She is quick to point out that the value of the program extends far beyond helping kids perform better in school. "Our students not only get extra support in math, they develop relationships and find out firsthand what it takes to go to college," Barnett says. "The positive impact of this program has been extraordinary."

Sophomore math major Alyssa Walzak participates in the program, as well as in Hedlund's Monster Math Club (see sidebar), and also sees value not only in the academic help provided but also for the camaraderie she and her CNU peers are able to offer. "I got involved in both because I thought they were great opportunities and fit well with my major and career path" she says. "These programs really help children improve their math abilities and build relationships with young adults they may feel more able to open up to, rather than a teacher, a parent or an elder." That personal touch is central for Hedlund as well, especially for kids who may not have the home support they need to succeed. "It's important for middle school students not just to receive help in the subject area, but also to have role models as students," she says. "Some of them may come from a background where they're not even thinking about college, and this program exposes them to thinking beyond the here and now."

Ultimately, for Hedlund, the goal is for CNU's mentors to develop more longterm, one-on-one relationships with the middle-schoolers to make even more of an impact on their performance and prospects, and to expand the program to include more schools. "We're still building up to that," she says. "One day we'll reach it." >

Brian McGuire

# MONSTER MATH

CNU Math Instructor Melissa Hedlund was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Mathematical Association of America to develop a program that encourages STEM involvement among young minority and female students. She recruited a group of CNU students to create Monster Math Club, a fun set of activities for middle-school girls at the Newport News YMCA. The weekly program uses monsters and aliens and other age-appropriate media to enhance the girls' understanding of math and science. CNU students give presentations and demonstrations to illustrate how math is involved in all aspects of daily life, and how success in math can lead to rewarding careers in a wide array of fields, from architecture to medicine.

Sara Brooks ('14) was student director of the club and relished the opportunity to pass on her own passion for math while serving her community. "Mathematics is more than just numbers," says Brooks, who graduated in May with a bachelor of science in mathematics. "It is used in so many different activities throughout day-to-day life. It was important to me to pass this along to students in hopes of changing their perspective and realize the beauty behind mathematics." •



# PLUGGING IN, BUGGING OUT

Three alumni entrepreneurs tap CNU and local connections to lead wireless technology company.

or the home-brewer, the difference between good and bad beer often comes down to data. The exact proportion of ingredients — barley, water, hops — is important, but so, too, is the duration of fermentation and the temperature at which it occurs. There are tools to measure both, but they can be laborintensive and inaccurate. Enter the BeerBug, a wireless device that automates the process and offers brewers real-time access to the data via the Web and smartphone apps.

BeerBug is the brainchild of longtime Yorktown entrepreneur James Vogeley and his business partner, Dave Wright. Their company, ParasitX, was founded in 2010, and is now run by three CNU alumni: Taylor McClenny ('12), Ross Merrick ('12) and Johnathon Rausch ('13). McClenny, who earned a bachelor of science in business administration, is general manager and leads day-to-day sales and operations; political science major Merrick handles supply chain and distribution as production manager; and Rausch, who double majored in computer science

and computer engineering, is lead software developer, responsible for the programming and technical side of the BeerBug and the company's website. As the only employees, the three out of necessity wear many different hats, and the work is interdisciplinary, a thread common to each of their involvement.

McClenny's began when he met William Donaldson, an instructor in CNU's Luter School of Business. He took several of Donaldson's classes, and the two got together regularly out-



side of class to discuss business ideas and entrepreneurship. Donaldson's 30-year career has included leading multiple startup companies, including nVIEW, which he and Vogeley took public on Nasdaq in the 1990s. Donaldson suggested that McClenny meet Vogeley and Wright, who then hired him to help market BeerBug. Donaldson, who also directs CNU's award-winning Small Business Institute, is committed to helping CNU students build their networks and realize their entrepreneurial dreams. "We really want to build these types of companies for CNU students," he says. "If you really want to do fun, leadingedge technology, there are very few of those kinds of companies in Hampton Roads. I've been on a mission to try to change that around here for a long time." Vogeley has, too, and is particularly excited for the three alumni to lead ParasitX to long-term success. "I want to see these young guys running the company," he says. "I want the reward of seeing them have the opportunity Willy and I had in running a hightech startup."

McClenny was active on campus in pursuit of his business interests. He met Merrick through a shared interest in investing, and together with Trey Brundige ('12) they started CNU's Captains Educational Enrichment (CEE) Fund, a student-run financial and investing literacy organization. Students manage a real-dollar portfolio, the profits from which provide development funds and scholarships. Through the group the two hoped to bring together people from disparate backgrounds and interests to share knowledge and ideas and support Christopher Newport. From there they honed their skills and understanding of business operations, and when McClenny began work at ParasitX, he hired Merrick. Rausch came aboard after they met through a mutual friend, and he impressed McClenny and Merrick with the technical and programming skills he had learned in CNU's Physics, Computer Science and Engineering Department. "He came in and sat in the chair, started coding and never left," laughs Merrick.

The BeerBug was born when Vogeley, himself a home-brewer, grew frustrated with standard hydrometers, which measure the density, or gravity, of beer. Brewers use the measurement to learn alcohol content and determine the end of fermentation. With a standard hydrometer one must draw samples over several days as the beer is fermenting. By floating the hydrometer in each sample and reading the measurements printed on the side, the specific gravity can be determined. It is difficult to take accurate readings, as the hydrometer bobs up and down in the sample, and temperature, important as different styles of beer ferment at different temperatures, must be measured separately.

BeerBug is a digital hydrometer and measures temperature, gravity and alcohol content in real time. The device works for beer, wine and cider, and is far more accurate than traditional instruments, according to McClenny. A small plastic box that fits over the brewing vessel, it includes a sensor that extends down into the liquid, and a transmitter that sends data through the user's Wi-Fi network. Information from every BeerBug is available to other users via the company's social network so brewers can monitor what others are making and share and compare recipes and results.

McClenny says their true innovation is combining sensing technology with social networking. "The measurement and the social aspect together make BeerBug revolutionary," he says. "The data is available on any computer, any smartphone, any connected device at all times from anywhere in the world, and you can see everyone else's." And, as the number of users grows, these connections grow deeper. Brewing is an inherently social enterprise, and brewers are generally a collegial bunch, trading tips and recipes, and socially connected products like the BeerBug are a perfect fit. "In a few years when there are thousands and thousands of BeerBugs out there we'll have all of this information in a library, so whenever someone decides to brew they can look up all the recipes and the data

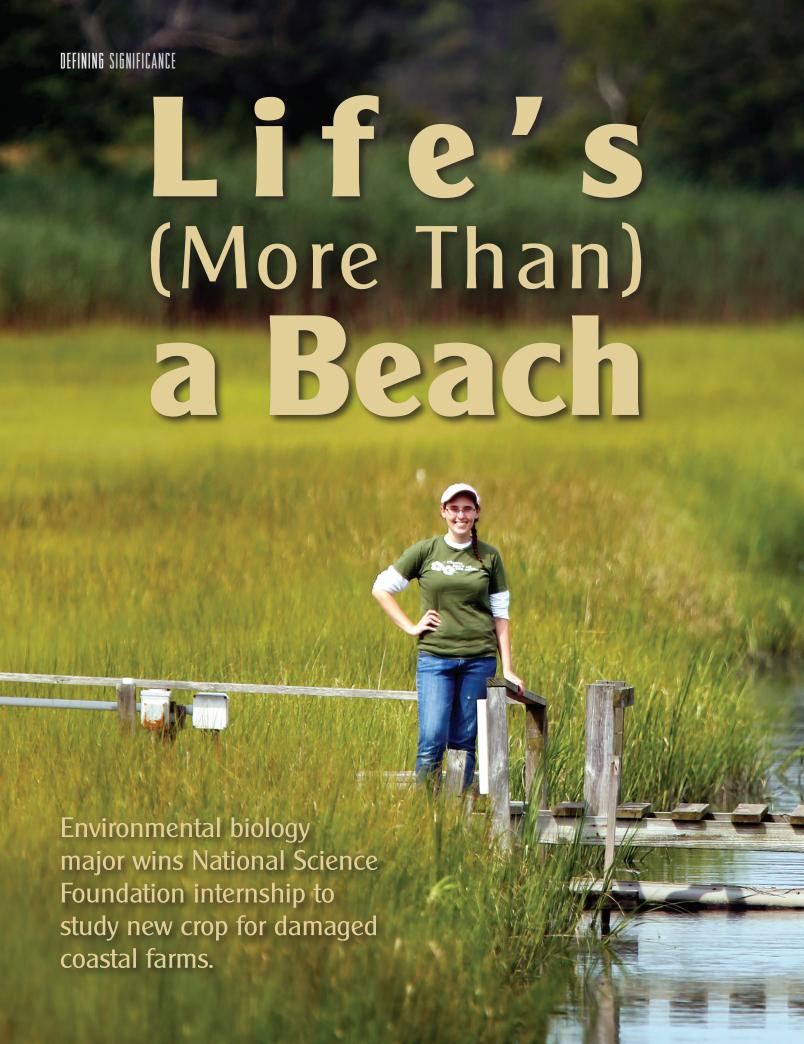
on our site so when you brew it you have something to compare it to," says McClenny.

Donaldson echoes the theme of connection as crucial to the company's success. "Technology is always moving in waves, and Taylor has the ability to connect dots," he says, adding that real innovation comes when companies are able to combine ideas into a new product and experience for users. "Building sensors is not that hard, and doing social media is not all that hard, but putting the two together is hard," Donaldson says. "Typically, hardware companies are good at building stuff, but they don't do social media; they don't get the connection with the customer." He continues, "You need a jack of all trades in startups. Taylor is able to dig into things, and Ross is the same way."

According to McClenny, ParasitX has sold hundreds of BeerBugs to customers throughout the U.S. and in more than 30 countries worldwide. They build, calibrate and test each device at their space in City Center in Newport News. It's the only product currently available, but they have grand designs for the future. Plans include partnering with home-brewing suppliers and other large distributors to increase sales, and developing new products that trade on their idea of sensors combined with social networking. "We don't want to be a brewing company, but we've found a niche," says Mc-Clenny, adding that the company plans to expand its reach into different markets. "We've got some really big stuff coming up that will decide what the future holds for us, and that's why we're glad to have people like Willy and his extended network," says McClenny.

The three are avid home-brewers themselves, with several batches going at a time, each monitored by its own BeerBug, not just to use and test the device, but to be part of the growing community of BeerBuggers. 

— Brian McGuire



t's true Charleen O'Brien ('14) spent her summer at the beach, but she wasn't just surfing or waiting tables for extra cash. She was busy building on her undergraduate marine biology research at CNU by studying the seashore mallow, a flowering plant that grows along the Atlantic coast.

An environmental biology major, O'Brien was part of a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) team based at the University of Delaware, a highly competitive summer internship program sponsored by the National Science Foundation and headed by Dr. John Gallagher from the School of Marine Science and Policy at Delaware. Gallagher and his team are developing the mallow (also known as fen rose or sweat weed) to be a salt-tolerant crop with many applications, from biodiesel and ethanol to cat litter, that can be grown in coastal areas where sea-level rise or storm damage has rendered traditional crops like corn or soybeans unsustainable. According to O'Brien, the mallow is also ideal because it is not in demand as food and fuel, as corn is.

> As an REU intern, O'Brien was responsible for devising and executing her own experiment. Her work dealt with the impact temperature and salinity have on the germination of seeds from seashore mallows collected in Delaware, North Carolina and Texas. The mallow, which reaches 3-5 feet tall. with pale pink flowers, grows naturally

in brackish water, and O'Brien's work subjected the plants to extremes of salinity and temperature and then measured their performance. "In a larger context, I wanted to examine how they would do under potential future conditions, especially in relation to climate change and rising sea levels," she says. It's work Gallagher credits with having a lasting impact on the ongoing project. "[O'Brien's] work established a screening protocol for examining our collection of mallow lines from all of the Atlantic and Gulf states," he says. "These data will be used in planning future breeding efforts to produce improved varieties."

O'Brien exemplifies CNU's

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The mallow has a lot to offer, and its future may brighten over time, if coastal farmers can't cultivate land exposed to salt water from storms and sea-level rise. "Traditional crops are unable to tolerate these saltier plots of land, making portions of the farms not usable," O'Brien says. "If the mallow can become commercially profitable, coastal farmers could grow these plants in the areas that now have saltier soil." The mallow may also be useful as a transitional plant — converting unusable coastal farmland into a marsh habitat — which then protects inland areas from future storms and flooding. And the entire plant is usable, stems,

roots, seeds and leaves. As a perennial, the yearly regrowth means it requires less labor than traditional crops, which must be replanted each season.

O'Brien attributes much of the success of her REU experience to her undergraduate courses and lab work at CNU. "My biology and chemistry courses at CNU played a large role in my ability to develop and execute a research project," she says. "I've gained practical experience and the skills to analyze and interpret recorded data and present the results in scientific format." O'Brien capitalized on skills she learned, most notably in the lab of Biology Professor Dr. Lauren Ruane. The two often discussed their scientific interests and future goals, and Ruane shared articles she knew O'Brien would find fascinating. "In my lab, Charleen spent hundreds of hours meticulously pollinating stigmas, dissecting fruits and counting seeds," says Ruane. "Her strong aptitude for research was fortified by her enthusiasm, positive attitude and diligent work ethic."

O'Brien knows she has benefited from time spent working so closely

with the faculty at CNU, something generally reserved for graduate students at other universities. "I have learned a great deal from the opportunities Dr. Ruane has provided," she says. "To do research as an undergraduate is incredible. Without it, I would have great difficulty getting into graduate schools, as research has become a requirement for entering some programs. There is no doubt in my mind that having research experience improved my chances of securing the REU internship."

She found another outlet for her passion for marine science much closer to campus, as a volunteer in the aquarium department at the Virginia Living Museum (VLM) in Newport News, where she was up to her elbows in daily feedings, water chemistry testing, food preparation, water changes and many other tasks, as an intern since her freshman year. The VLM's aquariums house more than 1,000 animals, including several threatened and endangered species, and the complexities of their care and feeding schedules demand a sustained level of effort, one for which O'Brien long felt

ready. "Ever since I was little, I have enjoyed visiting zoos and aquariums and learning more about the wide variety of unique creatures our world holds," she says. "As an aspiring marine biologist, volunteering with the aquarium department allowed me to work hands-on with animal care and maintenance as well as learn more about the species."

Chris Crippen is aquarium curator at the VLM and quick to point out the benefits O'Brien earned through such a diverse and demanding experience. "Most people go from college to graduate school without the hands-on experiences she has had," Crippen says. "Interaction with the animals is earned through hard work and attention to detail, which Charleen exhibited from day one. Her hard work and intelligence have already given her opportunities that few others can boast of at her age, and I'm sure that will continue wherever she goes next."

O'Brien also pursued CNU's Service Distinction program, which recognizes seniors at commencement who have completed at least 140 hours of civic engagement and entrepreneurship in the community during their time

at CNU. She plans to attend a graduate program in marine biology to explore the relationship between marine animals and their ecosystems, particularly coral reefs and mangrove forests. Her parting words to others: "Take full advantage of the opportunities CNU has to offer that can enhance your experience as a student," she suggests. "Take a class that you are enthusiastic about, study abroad or participate in an internship that matches your future aspirations. It will broaden your skill set and provide wonderful memories." \( \)

- Brian McGuire

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# Captains Named Top Educators

oastal Virginia Magazine has recognized two CNU alumni with the publication's third annual Top Teachers awards, which celebrate 10 outstanding educators throughout Hampton Roads. The honors were based on nominations from readers, parents, students and former students who shared their favorite memories and lessons from the teachers. A popular vote then determined the winners.



# Meredith Holt ('05, MA

eredith Holt channels an immense positivity into her work as an educator. "I love children and helping people," she says. "I really enjoy having the opportunity to make an impact on our future generations at an early and important stage in their lives."

Holt majored in psychology and went on to complete CNU's Master of Arts in Teaching Program. That combination of great academics and certification was instrumental in preparing her for the rigors of teaching. She notes that the field experiences she undertook at CNU were pivotal to her professional development.

"My time at CNU led me to think about how I could impact the world, not just hold a job. CNU has so much to offer through the focus on scholarship, leadership and service," says Holt, noting that she tries to bring these same principles to her school. "I want my students to leave my classroom as independent readers, writers and mathematicians, but I also feel it's extremely important for them to gain confidence at an early age and know they can do anything they put their minds to in life."

For Holt, being a teacher is all about balancing the challenges and gratification the teaching profession brings. "I love seeing the excitement in my students' eyes when they realize, 'I can do it!' It's also rewarding to see them come in the classroom each morning with a smile on their face ready to take on the world."

Tim Edwards, Principal at Saunders, sees the results of Holt's approach every day. "She is exceptionally gifted as a teacher in all areas," says Edwards. "Her lessons and delivery of concepts is unbelievable, and she molds her students to be independent problem solvers and solid citizens."

Indeed, the leadership and professional skills she learned at CNU have allowed Holt to thrive in her teaching, both in and out of the classroom. As Edwards observes, "She is a leader within her grade level and within the school. She's kind and caring and the consummate professional." He reserves perhaps the highest praise one can give a teacher: "She is that teacher that you want your own children to have." ♦ — Brian McGuire



#### GRETAINS SPOTHGHT

# SAMANTHA & JORDAN SNIDER



or many students, college is a time to venture out and explore life on their own for the first time. For Newport News sisters Jordan ('14) and Samantha Snider, however, college provided a perfect opportunity to experience college together. Both biology majors and field hockey players, the two stay connected in all aspects of life, both work and play.

Younger sister Samantha, who begins her junior year in the fall, based her decision to attend Christopher Newport partially on her strong bond with Jordan. "I principally chose CNU because of the growing community and welcoming field hockey program," she says. "However, another major part of my decision was my sister. She showed me what an amazing school CNU was and shared her experiences with me."

Samantha's decision only brought the two closer together. "I was so happy when my sister decided to attend CNU," says Jordan, who graduated this spring. "When I heard she was thinking about attending a rival school, I knew I had to convince her otherwise. We have *always* been teammates and shared the same field since middle school, so I can't even imagine what it would have been like to play against her in college. Our competitive attitudes always push us to work harder and become better players."

At CNU the Sniders have grown a lot through athletic, academic and service pursuits. "Being part of a team has made the transition from high school to college a lot easier because I had others to lead me down the right path and give me the right advice through their own experiences," says Samantha. The coaching staff has also made her experience here a positive one, pushing her to excel while stressing the importance of academics and helping others. "Through extensive volunteer opportunities, I see many ways in which I can take part," she adds.

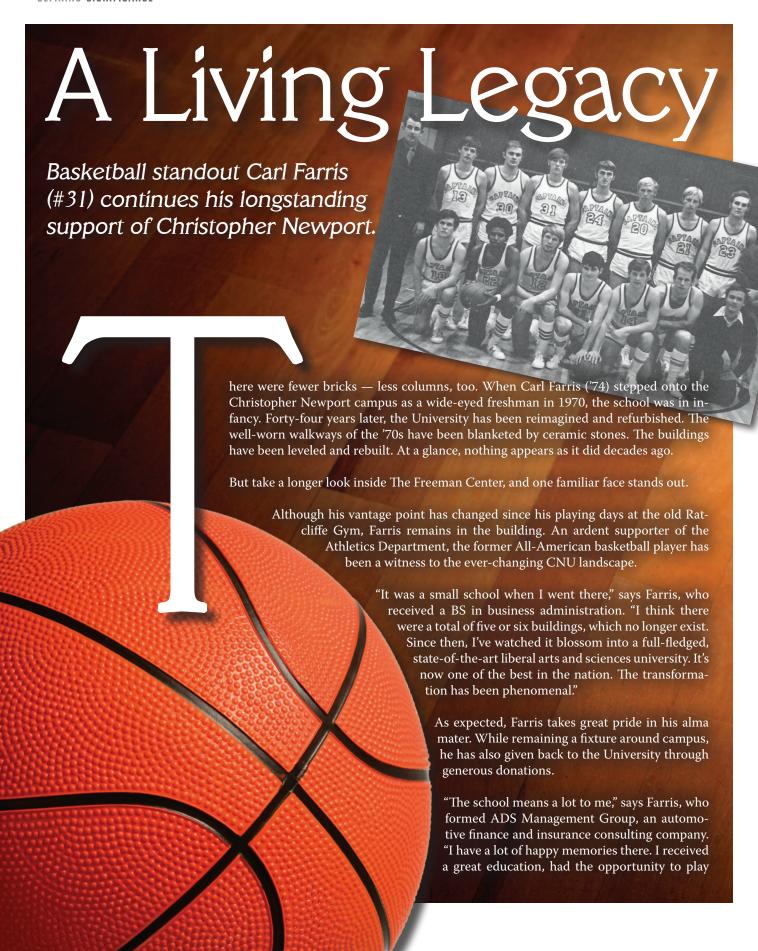
Jordan concurs: "Being a part of the CNU field hockey team has allowed both of us to participate in many CHKD [Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters] fundraisers as well as ovarian cancer play days." During play-day fundraisers, the team organizes a friendly tournament for younger kids who want to play field hockey. "It's a really fun way to get kids involved and introduce them to the sport," Jordan adds. "The best part is, at the end of the day it all goes toward a good cause."

Post-CNU, each sister plans to attend a physician assistant school. And as evidenced by their shared interests and goals, they will continue to build memories the way they prefer, together. Notes Jordan, "The relationship we have is unique in that no matter what we encounter throughout our lives, we always have each other." \*

— Lauren Austill ('14)



Left to right: Samantha and Jordan ('14) Snider



basketball and made lifelong friends. I walked off the campus 40 years ago, and it's still a large part of my life. I've gotten more than I've given back. That's the way I look at it."

Recently, he presented Christopher Newport with \$50,000 to help support his beloved CNU Athletics. Recognizing

the incredible commitment of non-scholarship student-athletes, he wanted to provide assistance to help sustain the Captains' tradition.

"I'd love to see my donation continue to further the athletics program," says Farris, an inaugural member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. "It's one thing to play sports at a school where you have a scholarship and you have to play in order to get your degree paid for. But to be a non-

scholarship program, these kids are just playing for the love of the game. It takes a lot of time. So, I want to help expand their opportunities and further the Athletics Department."

While his gift will go a long way toward achieving that goal, his contributions as a student-athlete helped lay the foundation on which the department has been built. A legendary member of the Christopher Newport men's basketball program, Farris became the first All-American in school history. Averaging 14-plus points and 12 boards per game during his last two seasons, he wrapped up his career as the program's all-time leading rebounder — a distinction he held for more than a decade.

Lifting the basketball team from a struggling startup to a perennial power, Farris helped guide the Captains to four straight winning records. During his senior year, he posted 369 points and 317 rebounds while securing national honors.

"My greatest achievement was being named the school's first All-American," says Farris, who picked up honorablemention NAIA accolades following the 1973-74 campaign. "That will always be there. No one can ever take that away."

Without a doubt, his achievements set an impressive standard for all future Captains, including both of his children. More than three decades after their father appeared in his final game, Loren ('12) and Maggie ('12) Farris kicked off their careers at CNU. Loren donned the same uniform as

his father, suiting up for four seasons as a member of the basketball team. Maggie found just as much success on the softball diamond, leading the Captains to four straight USA South titles and a pair of top-three finishes at the College World Series.



Left to right: Maggie ('12), Carl ('74), Denise and Loren ('12) Farris

Although he set the bar high during his athletic career, Farris wanted his children to make their own college decisions. The fact that their paths led them to CNU was just a bonus.

"I didn't force them to go to CNU," he says. "Obviously, though, it worked out great. Was I happy as a father who loves his children and wanted to see them get a great education? Absolutely. But I didn't want to influence them. They chose it when

they walked the campus. They made that decision themselves." Certainly, seeing the result of a Christopher Newport education helped make their decision easier.

After earning his degree, Farris found great success in the automotive industry. In addition to starting ADS Management Group, he also founded Advanced Dealer Services in 1980 and has served on the board of directors of AUL and Automotive Services Finance. Regardless of how far he travels, though, he still carries the Captains spirit with him.

"In my heart, I will always be part of Christopher Newport," Farris says. "It's given me so much. It's been a pleasure to watch it grow and become the great school it is. I'm proud to have been a part of it. I wouldn't have it any other way." \( \Display \) Kenny Kline

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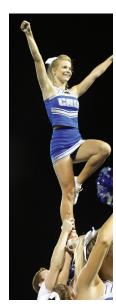
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#### **Baseball**

Led by a senior trio of Billy Steel\*, Bryan Bierlein and Nick Santalucia, the Captains posted a 23-win season and reached the CAC championship game. Steel was named the CAC Player of the Year after hitting a team-best .427 with 41 RBIs and 45 runs scored, while leading the league in home runs and total bases. Santalucia set a new program record for single season ERA (1.39), and Bierlein set a new standard for career ERA (2.15). Junior Tommy Vitaletti was also a first team All-Conference selection in the outfield, after smacking 27 extrabase hits in his first year with the Captains.

#### Men's Basketball

Led by All-Region senior Tra Benefield\*, the Captains posted a 19-9 overall record and reached the Capital Athletic Conference championship game. Benefield finished out his career ranked fifth all-time in scoring (1,749 points) and eighth all-time in rebounding (749 rebounds). Head coach John Krikorian improved to 82-29 overall after his fourth year with the Captains.

#### Women's Basketball

The Captains reached the NCAA tournament for the 16th time and wrapped up the year with a 24-6 overall record. CNU

won a pair of postseason games before falling to national semifinalist Whitman College. Coach Bill Broderick improved to 53-9 all-time as his squad was led by senior All-American honorable mention Tia Perry\* and first team All-State selection Nicole Mitchell ('14). Both eclipsed the 1,000-point plateau in their final season and averaged more than 15 points per game.

#### **Cheerleading**

The Captains won the Capital Athletic Cheer Challenge Championship in 2014 and went on to win their first NCAA national championship by capturing the College Open Nationals Small Co-Ed Division in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Gretchen Jewell\* ('14), a four-year member of the squad, won the Klich Academic Achievement Award for having the highest GPA in the graduating class.

#### **CNU Storm Dance Team**

Last summer the Storm dance team finished second at the College Dance Camp and featured a pair of All-Americans for the first time in program history. Jillian Terrill ('14) picked up her second career honor, and junior Mariah Williams\* was named an All-American for the first time.

#### **Golf**

Led by senior Jonathan Howard, the CNU golf team captured the program's first CAC championship in 2014. Howard won individual medalist honors, winning the event with a two-over 176. All five Captains finished in the top 10 in the conference championship, leading CNU to a 13-stroke team win. CNU finished with six top 10 team finishes in nine tournaments this season.

#### Men's Lacrosse

Featuring one of the most impressive wins ever for CNU Athletics, men's lacrosse enjoyed the finest year in the program's short history, posting a 10-win season for the first time. Head Coach Todd Boward and the Captains upset then nationally second-ranked Salisbury University for the marquee win, and finished tied for fifth place in their first year in a conference. Teddy Pekalski\* ('14) led the way as a second team All-Conference selection.

#### Women's Lacrosse

For the first time in program history, three Captains were selected to the All-Region squads, led by first team picks Ashton Marshall ('14) and Meaghan Galvin\*. Galvin is the first freshman to collect All-Region hon-















ors and was also the CAC Rookie of the Year. Marshall is one of only two players to earn first team All-Region honors twice and concluded her career as the all-time leader in goals scored. CNU finished the season with a 10-8 overall mark and an appearance in the CAC semifinals.

#### Sailing

Head coach Maxwell Plarr ('11) guided CNU to the program's first conference championship appearance since 2009, and the Captains rounded out another strong season on the water in 2014. Freshman Austin Powers and sophomore Ben Buhl highlighted the action as top skippers for CNU, while skipper/crew Annie Eckmann ('14) was named one of CNU's Student-Athlete Leaders of the Year.

#### **Softball**

The CNU softball team continued to prove itself as one of the toughest to beat in the region, compiling an impressive 38-8 overall record this season. CNU captured the CAC championship, dropping top-ranked Salisbury with a dramatic two-run walk-off home run by Taylor Dillow ('14) in the eighth inning of the title game, and reached the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament. Four Captains garnered All-Region honors: junior Sabrina Hill and sophomore Meagan Jones on

the first team, senior Kristina McLaughlin\* on the second team, and sophomore Krista Lewis earning third team honors.

#### **Men's Tennis**

The Captains were ranked in the South Atlantic Region all season, finishing the year with a 14-8 overall record and an appearance in the CAC semifinals. Four All-Conference selections led the way, including three underclassmen. Sophomore Chiraag Shetty was a second team All-League selection at singles and doubles, while freshmen Steven Boslet\* and Arttu Fiva collected All-Conference singles honors.

#### **Women's Tennis**

The CNU women's tennis team was led by a strong contingent of newcomers, including three freshman All-Conference selections. Logan Eldridge\* was named CAC Rookie of the Year and was joined on the All-Conference second team by classmates Katie Carlson and Brook Byrd, with Kelsey Clark ('14) also collecting All-League honors.

#### Men's Track and Field

Capping off one of the most decorated careers in Christopher Newport history, Richard Roethel\* ('14) captured the national

title in the decathlon at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. He became the first men's track and field athlete in CNU history to capture two national championships in his career (2012 heptathalon), and finished a seven-time All-American, good for fourth all-time at CNU. Sophomore Dominique Torres set a personal record and captured his second career All-American honor of the year at the national championship, finishing second in the triple jump. The pair gave the Captains their highest finish in the outdoor meet since 2008.

#### Women's Track and Field

Women's track and field won both the indoor and outdoor Capital Athletic Conference championships this season. Junior Enuma Ezenwa was named the South/Southeast Region Field Athlete of the Year in the indoor season and was a national qualifier in the pentathlon. Distance leaders senior Jess McClelland and freshman Logan Harrington\* helped power the Captains in the outdoor season, as Harrington was named the CAC Outdoor Rookie of the Year and McClelland toppled the oldest standing record in league history with a 4:33.40 time in the 1,500 meters. •

\*pictured above

#### FALL SCHEDULE

#### - CROSS COUNTRY -

8/29/14	CNU XC Opener	Lee Hall Mansion
9/6/14	Richmond Invitational	Richmond, VA
9/13/14	William & Mary Invitational	Williamsburg, VA
9/27/14	Salisbury Invitational	Salisbury, MD
10/4/14	Willamette Invitational	Salem, OR
10/18/14	CNU Invitational	Lee Hall Mansion

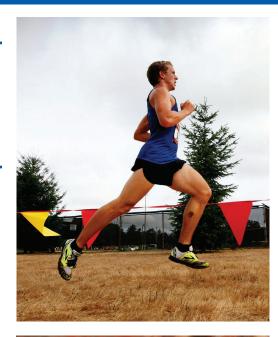
#### - FIELD HOCKEY -

8/30/14	Denison University	Lexington, VA	II a.m.
9/3/14	Lynchburg College	Captains Turf Field	6:30 p.m.
9/6/14	DePauw University	Greencastle, IN	12 p.m.
9/7/14	Wittenberg University	Greencastle, IN	12 p.m.
9/10/14	Randolph-Macon College	Captains Turf Field	6 p.m.
9/17/14	Eastern Mennonite University	Harrisonburg, VA	4:30 p.m.
9/20/14	Tufts University	Captains Turf Field	II a.m.
10/1/14	Catholic University of America	Washington, D.C.	6 p.m.
10/4/14	York College of Pennsylvania	York, PA	12:30 p.m
10/8/14	Bridgewater College	Captains Turf Field	7 p.m.
10/11/14	Wesley College	Captains Turf Field	12 p.m.
10/14/14	Salisbury University	Salisbury, MD	6 p.m.
10/17/14	Centre College	Captains Turf Field	6 p.m.
10/21/14	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Captains Turf Field	4 p.m.
10/25/14	Frostburg State University	Frostburg, MD	II a.m.
10/29/14	University of Mary Washington	Captains Turf Field	6 p.m.

9/6/14	Salisbury University	POMOCO Stadium	6 p.m.
9/13/14	Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden-Sydney, VA	l p.m.
9/18/14	North Carolina Wesleyan College	Rocky Mount, NC	6 p.m.
9/27/14	Methodist University	POMOCO Stadium	7 p.m.
10/4/14	Ferrum College	POMOCO Stadium	7 p.m.
10/11/14	Huntingdon College	Montgomery, AL	6 p.m.
10/18/14	Averett University	Danville, VA	6 p.m.
10/25/14	Greensboro College	POMOCO Stadium	7 p.m.
11/1/14	LaGrange College	POMOCO Stadium	7 p.m.
11/8/14	Maryville College	Maryville, TN	l p.m.

#### - MEN'S SOCCER -

8/29/14	Randolph-Macon College	Captains Field	7:30 p.m.
8/30/14	Whitman College	Captains Field	7:30 p.m.
9/5/14	North Carolina Wesleyan College	Captains Field	5 p.m.
9/7/14	Virginia Wesleyan College	Virginia Beach, VA	7 p.m.
9/10/14	Randolph College	Captains Field	6 p.m.
9/12/14	Trinity University (TX)	San Antonio, TX	7 p.m.
9/14/14	Southwestern University	Georgetown, TX	Гİ a.m.
9/17/14	Methodist University	Captains Field	7 p.m.
9/20/14	Rutgers-Camden	Captains Field	7 p.m.
9/24/14	Lynchburg College	Captains Field	7 p.m.
9/27/14	York College of Pennsylvania	Captains Field	3 p.m.
10/1/14	Greensboro College	Greensboro, NC	4 p.m.
10/4/14	Wesley College	Dover, DE	6 p.m.
10/7/14	Southern Virginia University	Captains Field	7:30 p.m.
10/11/14	Frostburg State University	Frostburg, MD	2 p.m.
10/15/14	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Captains Field	5:30 p.m.
10/18/14	University of Mary Washington	Captains Field	7 p.m.
10/22/14	Salisbury University	Salisbury, MD	3:30 p.m.
10/25/14	Penn State Harrisburg	Middletown, PA	2 p.m.
10/29/14	Marymount University	Captains Field	7 p.m.









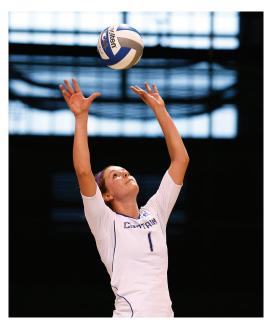
#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

8/29/14 8/30/14	Emory University DeSales University	Virginia Beach, VA Virginia Beach, VA	5 p.m. 4 p.m.
9/6/14	Averett University	Captains Field	3 p.m.
9/7/14	Kean University	Captains Field	3 p.m.
9/10/14	Virginia Wesleyan College	Captains Field	8 p.m.
9/13/14	Roanoke College	Captains Field	5 p.m.
9/17/14	Shenandoah University	Winchester, VA	5 p.m.
9/21/14	Lynchburg College	Lynchburg, VA	2 p.m.
9/27/14	Wesley College	Captains Field	l p.m.
10/4/14	York College of Pennsylvania	York, PA	12 p.m.
10/7/14	Southern Virginia University	Captains Field	5:30 p.m.
10/11/14	Penn State Harrisburg	Middletown, PA	12 p.m.
10/12/14	Elizabethtown College	Elizabethtown, PA	l p.m.
10/15/14	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Captains Field	7:30 p.m.
10/18/14	Marymount University	Captains Field	5 p.m.
10/22/14	University of Mary Washington	Captains Field	7 p.m.
10/25/14	Frostburg State University	Frostburg, MD	2 p.m.
10/29/14	Salisbury University	Salisbury, MD	3 p.m.



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8/29/14	Keene State	Freeman Center	4 p.m.	
8/29/14	Washington and Lee University	Freeman Center	8 p.m.	
8/30/14	Cabrini College	Freeman Center	12 p.m.	
8/30/14	Bridgewater College	Freeman Center	4 p.m.	
9/5/14	Eastern University	Fredericksburg, VA	2 p.m.	
9/5/14	Geneva College (PA)	Fredericksburg, VA	4 p.m.	
9/6/14	Randolph-Macon College	Fredericksburg, VA	4 p.m.	
9/6/14	Lynchburg College	Fredericksburg, VA	6 p.m.	
9/12/14	William Peace University	Freeman Center	6 p.m.	
9/12/14	Berry College (GA)	Freeman Center	8 p.m.	
9/13/14	Johns Hopkins University	Freeman Center	12 p.m.	
9/13/14	University of Mount Union	Freeman Center	4 p.m.	
9/19/14	SUNY Cortland	Huntingdon, PA	6 p.m.	
9/19/14	Juniata College	Huntingdon, PA	8 p.m.	
9/20/14	Franklin and Marshall College	Huntingdon, PA	3 p.m.	
9/23/14	Virginia Wesleyan College	Virginia Beach, VA	7 p.m.	
9/26/14	Averett University	Danville, VA	6 p.m.	
9/30/14	Salisbury University	Salisbury, MD	7 p.m.	
10/3/14	University of California, Santa Cruz	Colorado Springs, CO	5 p.m.	
10/3/14	Colorado College	Colorado Springs, CO	7 p.m.	
10/4/14	Nebraska Wesleyan University	Colorado Springs, CO	10 a.m.	
10/4/14	University of Wisconsin-Superior	Colorado Springs, CO	2 p.m.	
10/8/14	Southern Virginia University	Freeman Center	7 p.m.	
10/10/14	Frostburg State University	Frostburg, MD	7 p.m.	
10/16/14	Wesley College	Dover, DE	6 p.m.	
10/18/14	Penn State-Harrisburg	Freeman Center	12 p.m.	
10/22/14	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Freeman Center	7 p.m.	
10/24/14	Randolph-Macon College	Freeman Center	7 p.m.	
10/25/14	Marymount University (Senior Night)	Freeman Center	l p.m.	
10/25/14	Bethany College	Freeman Center	5 p.m.	
10/30/14	University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg, VA	7 p.m.	
11/1/14	York College of Pennsylvania	York, PA	12 p.m.	



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(Dates, times and locations subject to change)



## **Atlanta Chapter**

#### alumni.cnu.edu/atlanta

Christopher Newport celebrated two significant milestones in Atlanta on April 24 — the chartering of the first alumni chapter outside the commonwealth and the launching of CNU's first comprehensive fundraising campaign. With more than 250 Christopher Newport alumni in the Atlanta metro area, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter looks forward to keeping this large group of Captains connected. The festivities also served as the first comprehensive campaign gathering outside Virginia.

Held at the home of **David Lile** ('85), the event was attended by President and Mrs. Trible and 35 enthusiastic alumni. Stay tuned for more news about activities and events taking place in Georgia! Atlanta Chapter leadership includes the following:



Paul Cowley ('90) and Board Member Scott Millar ('85)



- Paul Cowley ('90)
  President
- Dave Lile ('85)
  Vice President
- Kyle Stutzman ('09)
  Secretary
- Robyn Wesley ('88)
  Treasurer
- Brian Santa Barbara ('89)
   Member at Large
- Amanda Kaeser ('10)
   Member at Large
- Warren Power ('84)
   Regional Comprehensive
   Campaign Leader

## **Catholic Campus Ministry Chapter**

#### alumni.cnu.edu/CCM

The Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) Alumni Chapter members received their charter at halftime of the Homecoming football game on November 9, 2013. Through various programs and volunteer opportunities, the group looks forward to connecting with Captains for Life who were involved with Catholic Campus Ministry during their college days. The following officers have been elected:

- Karl Hedlund ('06)
  President
- Christina Harrison ('07) Vice President

CCM alumni are invited to the Welcome Back Picnic on August 24, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at Pope Chapel. This annual event welcomes both new students from the Class of 2018 and returning CCM students for a new school year. Alumni are also invited to the Homecoming tailgate and alumni mass, which will take place Homecoming weekend, October 25-26.

# Ice Hockey Chapter alumni.cnu.edu/icehockey

The chartering of the new Ice Hockey Alumni Chapter took place June 5 during a dinner in Fairfax. Former players and coaches enjoyed a fun evening, and the following officers were elected:

- Kyle Stutzman ('09)
  President
- Brandon Schall ('11) Vice President
- Adam Shiring ('09)
  Treasurer
- Tate Dietrich ('11)
  Secretary

## Football Chapter

Marissa Welch ('13)

Michael Mullin ('04)

Secretary

Treasurer

#### alumni.cnu.edu/football

The 13th Annual CNU Football Golf Tournament took place May 23 at Cypress Creek Golf Club in Smithfield. More than 60 alumni and friends came together for a memorable day of golf supporting both the CNU Football Alumni Chapter and Captains football program. The event raised more than \$7,000.

"The annual golf tournament hosted by the Football Chapter is a great tradition and extremely important to us be-

cause it allows alumni to catch up with one another in a relaxed environment for a little friendly competition on the golf course," says **Ryan Rusbuldt** ('11). "Since the creation of our Football Chapter, more people have wanted to help out in any capacity they can and truly embrace the slogan 'Captain for Life.' It's a great feeling knowing more alumni are wanting to get involved and give back to the University."



## Metro D.C. Chapter

#### alumni.cnu.edu/dc





Over the past year Christopher Newport's Metro D.C. alumni have enjoyed connecting at several events. Last August, members met up for some baseball action at Nationals Park, supporting the Marching Captains' performance of the national anthem before a Nationals-Phillies game (pictured left). Chapter members also rang in the holidays at a festive party hosted by Terri ('86) and Matt McKnight. The group was well represented at the February 22 men's and women's basketball games vs. Marymount University, with more than 25 alumni cheering on the Captains.

## Peninsula Chapter

alumni.cnu.edu/peninsula



The Peninsula Alumni Chapter hosted the 3rd Annual CNU Captains Choice Golf Tournament at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg (pictured above) during Homecoming on November 9, 2013. More than 80 alumni and friends participated in this popular tradition that supports the Peninsula Alumni Chapter's endowed scholarship and Fear2Freedom.

The event raised more than \$5,000 for the group's scholar-ship and more than \$2,000 for Fear2Freedom. This year's tournament takes place October 24 at James River Country Club in Newport News, again benefiting the same worthy causes.

In April the Peninsula Alumni Chapter hosted a Mid-Week Happy Hour at Harpoon Larry's in Newport News (pictured right). More than 30 local alumni attended, as well as Alumni Society board and Peninsula Chapter board mem-

bers. More than 60 alumni and family members from the Peninsula and South Hampton Roads also attended April's Alumni and Family Night baseball game at War Memorial Stadium in Hampton featuring Christopher Newport versus the Apprentice School.



## **Richmond Chapter**

#### alumni.cnu.edu/richmond

Twenty-six Captains for Life attended a Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball game against the Altoona Curve on May 28. Despite the stormy weather, the attendees and their families had a memorable evening catching up and showing their CNU pride. The chapter may plan another game outing later in the season so check their website for more information if you would like to attend.



## **South Hampton Roads Chapter**

#### alumni.cnu.edu/SHR



South Hampton Roads alumni gathered for an Italian Festa (pictured above) on April 3 in Chesapeake with 18 alumni in attendance. They also met May 3 for the Chesapeake Rotary Club's annual Paint Your Heart Out service event. For this, Christopher Newport alumni from the South Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter joined the National Association of Women Business Owners as well as River Oak Church to assist with the exterior painting and repair of more than 15 Chesapeake homes.

"Paint Your Heart Out [pictured below] helps elderly and others in our community who are unable to maintain their homes," notes **Melissa Howell** ('98). "Our Christopher Newport alumni are blessed with tremendous talent and resources. This service project allows us as a CNU family to employ those blessings to serve others above ourselves [the motto of Rotary International, which oversees this event] and to really make an impact on people's lives."



Left to right: Chris Gregoire ('07), Kelsey Stone ('13), Kelsey Johnson ('13) and Melissa Howell ('98)

### CLASS OF 2014 SENIOR GIFT DONORS\*



This year, 608 members of the senior class participated and raised more than \$74,000.

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\*As of June 9, 2014.

Kyle Thomas

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Alumni giving represents one of the marks of a great university. In the publication's annual college rankings, U.S News & World Report reserves tier-one status for institutions that meet the highest levels of excellence. This includes the percentage of alumni donors.

The Christopher Newport Alumni Society Anchors include the University's most faithful alumni donors. These individuals have given financially to Christopher Newport for three or more consecutive years. Gifts of any amount, for any campus area, count toward membership in this newly created group.

Through their generosity, these graduates make a profound difference in the life of Christopher Newport, and their support paves the way for CNU's success.

The Anchors demonstrate what it means to lead a life of significance. The University will recognize these donors in special ways throughout the academic year. And during each fall's Homecoming festivities, we will celebrate our Anchors as a thank you for their commitment.

For information regarding the Alumni Society Anchors, contact Kristen Witt at (757) 594-7162. �



## 2013 Alumni Awards Winners

he Christopher Newport Alumni Society honors alumni who exemplify the Captains spirit and who have achieved success and significance in their lives. The award nomination process begins each year in the spring, and winners are announced during Homecoming in the fall.

#### Alumni Achievement Awards

This award honors graduates for significant professional accomplishments or for distinguished service to their community, state or nation.

**Paul Darden ('74)** has enjoyed success as the owner, publisher and executive editor for more than 20 years at Darden Publishing & Creative Communications, a Hampton Roads-based advertising and publishing company.

**Dr. Katherine (Outten) Koehl ('03)** earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the Medical College of Virginia and began her career as a clinical pharmacist and informatics specialist at Riverside Regional, quickly moving up the ranks to critical care pharmacist. An active volunteer at the Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic, Koehl provides shadowing opportunities for CNU students considering health-related careers.

#### Distinguished Alumni Service Award

This award recognizes specific and commendable service to a graduate's university, community, state or nation. Alumni who graduated between 1961 and 2012 are eligible.

**Vicki (Aston) Vawter ('93)**, started the Breast Ball Golf Tournament five years ago. She has dedicated countless volunteer hours and raised more than \$100,000 for Beyond Boobs and the Avon Foundation.

## Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

This honor goes to a graduate who exemplifies Christopher Newport's tradition of excellence, and who has brought credit to his or her alma mater through personal, professional and community service. Alumni who graduated between 1961 and 2012 are eligible.

Jon Waters ('91), honored for his dedication to CNU Athletics, is known for working quietly behind the scenes to support the success of the University's teams, always willing to help another colleague or fellow alum, and exhibiting the spirit and pride of CNU.

#### Distinguished Young Alumnus of the Year

This award honors a graduate from the past five years who exemplifies Christopher Newport's tradition of excellence, and who has brought credit to his or her alma mater through personal, professional and community service.

Nicholas Leonard ('10) spearheaded the founding of the Christopher Newport Football Alumni Society. In addition to this volunteer work, Leonard was recognized by his employer, Swisslog Corporation, for being one of the company's youngest-ever project managers. •



#### $\{1960s\}$

Gloria LaBoone ('61) received the Rhonda Ralph Hospitality Hero of the Year Award from the Smithfield and Isle of Wight Convention and Visitors Bureau. She works as a docent at St. Luke's Church where she shares the church's history and interesting stories with visitors. LaBoone and her husband, Gerald, reside in Smithfield.

Robert (Bob) Weatherman ('62) married Carolyn J. Mingee in May 2013 at the Hampton Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #26. He served 28 years in the Hampton Police Department and retired at the rank of sergeant in 1991. The couple resides in Hampton.

Following two years as president elect, Patrick (Pat) Henry Garrow ('63) became president of the Register of Professional Archaeologists in February and will serve a two-year term. He earned both the BA and MA in anthropology at the Uni-

versity of Georgia, and his career has been primarily in contract archaeology since 1976. Garrow has directed more than 650 archaeological projects in most states east of the Mississippi River and in the Caribbean. He has also published nine books and numerous scholarly articles. Garrow lives in Dandridge, Tennessee, with his wife, Barbara.

Tom Wessells ('65) earned bachelor's and master's degrees from RPI (which became VCU) and a doctorate in counseling from William & Mary. He enjoyed a successful career in mental health. As a graduate student in counseling he took furniture design classes, and since 1972 his work has been exhibited in more than 100 craft and furniture shows, galleries, and museums in 20 cities throughout the Mid-Atlantic states, Philadelphia and New York. He has pieces in private, commercial and institutional collections, and his work has been published in several design and architectural magazines and

books. Recently he was one of 120 artists nationally chosen to participate in the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington, D.C. Visit furniturebytom.com to see his work.

### $\{1970s\}$

William (Bill) Crute ('71) married Barbara Trippe Crute in August 2013 in Nags Head, North Carolina. He graduated from CNC with a bachelor's degree in English literature. More recently, Crute published his first novel, Morgan Make\$ Money, in 2013. He primarily works as an artist. To learn more about his book and view a gallery of his paintings, visit williamcruteart.com. Barbara Crute was a parttime CNC student in 1967 and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from William & Mary. The couple resides in Newport News.

James Edward (Jim) Gray ('71), who retired in 2012 after a long career as a lawyer in federal service in Greensboro, North Carolina, published his first historical novel, New Garden. The book is named for a Greensboroarea Quaker community near present-day Guilford College and centers around two 19th-century brothers born and reared as Quakers. Published in 2013, New Garden is available online in both paperback and e-book format. 

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C. Tucker Carwile Jr. ('72) recently published a collection of poems titled Lone Sentinel. For an autographed and discounted paperback copy, contact Carwile at amtuckcarwile@msn.com. He lives in Hampton.

Debra Tomchek ('73) was named vice president at ICF International in Fairfax. She has more than 35 years' experience, and her appointment expands ICF's expertise in human resource and capital management work for the U.S. federal government. Tomchek most recently was executive director at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Chief Human Capital Office. She has also served as director of human resources for two cabinet agencies and was recognized by the secretary of the treasury for her contributions in establishing the Office of Financial Stability. She and her husband, Robert J. Tomchek ('75), reside in Woodbridge.

DeRonda Short ('75) was appointed to the Board of Visitors for William & Mary in 2013. She completed her JD at William & Mary in 1978. Prior to opening her own law firm in 2006. Short was a partner in Short, Short, Telstad & Kerr in Newport News. She serves as commissioner in chancery for the Seventh Judicial Circuit as well as a guardian ad litem. She was the first woman to serve as president of the Newport News Bar Association. Active in many civic and business-related organizations, Short served on the CNC Board of Visitors from 1979-83 and holds the Mace Award from Christopher Newport College for outstanding service as a board member.

Mark Suiter ('77) is vice president of finance at Maida Development Company, a manufacturer of electrical components based in the United States with a significant portion of its manufacturing completed at Maida's wholly owned subsidiary in China. In 2010 Suiter was appointed to the York County Planning Commission and was selected by his fellow commissioners to serve as chairman for the 2013-14 term. He resides in Yorktown.

Joseph Moore ('79) served as the Newport News Police Department's interim police chief until this past past January. Moore has been with the city of Newport News for nearly 34 years, starting as a police officer and progressing through the ranks over his career. He has served as assistant chief since 2005, overseeing community operations.

#### $\{1980s\}$

Jon J. Buriak ('80) is now retired and was the lead civilian chiropractic physician on the medical staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and at the Scott Air Force Base medical and surgical hospital. Buriak is currently writing a book on the military health-care system, in addition to being an officer with the Newport News Board of Elections and a member of the finance committee of the Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Alumni Corps.

Anthony Burcher ('83) is an acclaimed storyteller and award-winning liar. He has performed at sto-

rytelling festivals around the country earning, among other honors, the titles of 2011 Virginia People's Choice Best Liar and the 2012 Champion Liar of the Southeast.

Burcher is also an outreach education instructor with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and summer assistant director at Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center. He resides in Lanexa.

Ron Garner ('83) was named head women's track and field coach at the University of Illinois. He spent two years as an assistant coach of the men's and women's teams at the University of South Carolina and has coached at Clemson University, University of Virginia and James Madison University. He and his wife, Disa, reside in Champaign, Illinois.

Regina Brayboy ('84) is

the principal and owner of Coastal Pies in Chesapeake. She offers a seasonal selection of pies, cakes and bread pudding. Visit coastal pies.com for information.

Linda Doland ('84) is the senior vice president and commercial lender of Southern Bank in Suffolk. She has been in the banking industry for 37 years and is active in the Chesapeake Rotary Club, United Way and Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. Doland and her husband, Michael, reside in Suffolk.

David L. DiPersio ('85) is the chief financial officer for Warwick Plumbing and Heating, a mechanical contractor located in Newport News. He is a graduate of the Mason School of Business at William & Mary, earning a master's of business administration degree. DiPersio serves as a trustee on the CNU Education Foundation, is an adjunct professor for







the Luter School and is an avid supporter of the CNU Athletic Department's Captains Crew. He established the Casey DiPersio Scholarship for Business and the Performing Arts at CNU in honor of his daughter, Casey ('13). The family resides in Newport News.

Allan C. Hanrahan ('85) retired from NASA after almost 37 years of service and is currently a freelance writer and pen-and-ink artist. He has compiled some of his earlier work, which includes more than 45 drawings and 15 essays, into a 108-page book titled Times and Places: A Glimpse of Life on the Virginia Peninsula. For a copy, contact Hanrahan at rah504@aol.com.

Milton Stern ('85) has authored seven books, including two biographies, two novels and a collection of humorous essays. Titles include America's Bachelor President and the First Lady, Harriet Lane, America's First Lady, On Tuesdays, They Played Mah Jongg; and Michael's Secrets. Stern also writes a monthly column for Hemmings Classic Car. Visit his website at miltonstern.com. He lives in Jessup, Maryland.

Lovona Nelson Brantley ('86) was recognized in the Marietta Daily Journal for her work as an artist. In 2009 she opened her own business, the Acworth Gallery, an event space, art gallery and community meeting spot in Acworth, Georgia.

Daniel L. Westmoreland ('87) was appointed to the Richard Bland College Foundation Board of Directors. He obtained his MBA from the Mason School of Business at William & Mary. Westmoreland is currently the senior brewmaster at the Anheuser-Busch Williamsburg Brewery and resides in Williamsburg.

Bill Dittmar ('88) officiated the Major League Soccer Cup final in 2013 between Real Salt Lake and host Sporting Kansas City. A Peninsula soccer staple for three decades, Dittmar called the MLS Cup, his first, the pinnacle of an officiating career that includes three NCAA College Cups, the 2013 MLS All-Star game and a 2003 Champions World Tour match between Manchester United and Juventus FC. A four-year starter at Christopher Newport during the 1980s, Dittmar is in his 18th season as Denbigh High's boys varsity coach in Newport News.

LTC Stephanie A. Lewis ('88) was promoted to colonel in 2013. She received her commission as a second lieutenant through CNC's ROTC program and lives in Hampton.

Deborah Morewitz ('88) was honored at the ninth annual Ones to Watch and Hall of Fame Gala Dinner in May 2013 in Boca Raton, Florida. Director of information systems technology at Newport News Shipbuilding, she received the

annual Ones to Watch Award that identifies rising stars in information technology.

Martha Wheelock ('88) was unanimously voted assistant city manager for Winston Salem, North Carolina, by the Morrisville Town Council. She began this role in September 2013 and previously worked as the Coliseum/Convention Center's finance director. Wheelock resides in Winston Salem.

Robert H. Fleet III ('89) was promoted to senior vice president at Bank of Lancaster where he is responsible for residential lending functions and has oversight of 10 lenders and operational support staff. He joined the bank in 2012 as vice president, residential lending administrator. Fleet has more than 16 years of mortgage lending and management experience, and he has been one of the area's top residential lenders. A native of the Northern Neck, Fleet earned a master's degree from Old Dominion University.

Scott Liebold ('89) retired from the Newport News Fire Deparment in January after 31 years of service including three and a half years leading the 380-person department. He and his wife, Kim Liebold ('89), live in Smithfield.

Tu Ritter ('89) was featured on the front page of the March 2014 *Oyster Pointer* for his work and

support of the local community. Ritter is a senior loan officer with Monarch Bank in Newport News and serves on the executive board of the Christopher Newport Alumni Society, as well as on the board of the local Greater Peninsula Alumni Chapter. His civic activities include being a member, chairman or president of other committees and boards, including Newport News Rotary Club, Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the York County Beautification Committee. He resides in Poquoson with his wife, Susan, and their two daughters.

 $\{1990s\}$ 

Virginia (Barkalow) Sizemore ('90) is the chief compliance officer for South Georgia Medical Center and its affiliates in Valdosta, Georgia. She is pursuing her doctoral degree in public administration with an expected graduation in May 2015. Virginia and her husband, Jon, have three children.

Anne (Hopkins) Conner ('91) was appointed president of public finance and community investment for TowneBank. She previously served as president of TowneBank Williamsburg. Conner resides in Seaford.

Brian Fleisman ('91) is teaching at Life Time Athletic and Tennis in Norcross, Georgia. He grew up in Newport News and has spent much of the last two decades coaching tennis, both pro tour players and top-notch college teams. He lives in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Brian Skinner ('92) is president of TowneBank Peninsula and leads TowneBank's Williamsburg region. Skinner resides in Yorktown with his wife, Candi ('95), and their two children.

Karen Barefoot ('95), along with all five national championship teams at the Apprentice School, was honored at a January celebration when the school opened a new gym in Newport News. Barefoot served as the school's first women's basketball coach following her graduation from Christopher Newport. Her career path eventually took her to Old Dominion University where she is in her second season as head coach.

After a nationwide search, the Urban League of Greater Columbus (Georgia) has named Brooke McKee Burgess ('96) president and CEO. She has more than 12 years' experience in the nonprofit sector. Most recently, Burgess held the position of director of marine corps family team building in Yuma, Arizona. She graduated with honors and obtained a master of arts degree in management from Webster University. She and her husband, Jonathan Burgess ('95), have two children.

**Brian Hampton** ('96) is a professional actor, writer and producer living in New York City. His play "The Jungle Fun Room," which was seen Off-Broadway. in the New York International Fringe Festival and regionally, was just published by Original Works Publishing: originalworks online.com. Additionally, his high school one-act play "Gossip," which premiered at William Byrd High School and Off-Off-Broadway last summer, will be published by Pioneer Drama and became available for purchase or production at pioneerdrama.com in May. Hampton earned his MFA in creative writing from Spalding University and is a member of both the Dramatist Guild of America and Actors Eq-

Mark Moody ('97) opened Coastal Virginia Driving Academy in Newport News in April. A quadriplegic since age 17, the lifelong Newport News resident found owning his own business to be the next logical step for him and his family. Moody has worked in driver training since graduating from Christopher Newport.

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Scott Woodlief ('97) has been named Edison High School's new head football coach. Edison is located in Alexandria. Previously, Woodlief



served as Forest Park's offensive coordinator in Woodbridge.

Melissa (Jackson) Howell ('98), founder and managing partner of Howell Law Group, was recognized as one of Inside Business' Top 40 Under 40 in 2013, a program recognizing outstanding young businesspeople in Hampton Roads. While honorees exemplify success in their profession, emphasis is placed on their community involvement and how they give back or use their talents to advance the region. Howell is a member of the Alumni Society Board of Directors and serves as president of the South Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter. She resides in Chesapeake.

William C. Johnson ('99) is a senior aerospace engineer at NASA Langley Research Center and a chief engineer for a large NASA aeronautics technology development project. This year he was selected by the direc-

tor of the NASA Langley Research Center to serve on the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Technical Committees. In this role. Johnson will lead technical sessions and discussions at the AIAA Complex Aerospace Systems Exchange to be held in San Diego in August. He earned a professional degree of engineer in engineering management from George Washington University in 2012. Johnson lives in Gloucester Point with his wife. Valerie Johnson ('99), and their three daughters. He currently serves on the Christopher Newport Alumni Society Board of Directors.

Jamie (Hawks) Mitchell ('99) is a sales manager with the Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau. She resides in Portsmouth.

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Andrew Gregory ('00) is a financial adviser at





Edward Jones in Carrollton. He has served as a member of the Smithfield Town Council since 2008 (recently re-elected) and as vice mayor since 2012. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Smithfield and Voices for Kids CASA Program of Southeast Virginia and is a board member of the local United Way. Gregory, his wife, Kim ('00), and their two children reside in Carrollton.

Rudy Heinatz ('00) was named vice president and director of operations for Consociate Media, a Virginia-based public relations firm founded

> by his wife, Stephanie ('02), who serves as president. He previously spent 10 years as a health-care executive. The couple resides in Gloucester.

Dawn Holihan ('00) has been named branch manager of the New Town Williamsburg office of Towne-Bank. She is a member of the Kiwanis Club and a United Way campaign representative. Holihan helps coordinate the Day of Caring event for TowneBank's Peninsula/Williamsburg re-

gion each year. She also serves on the board of the Coastal







Region-York/Poquoson/ Williamsburg Chapter of the American Red Cross and volunteers with local nonprofits including Edmarc and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula. She lives in Yorktown.

### {2001}

**Christy Tomlinson** Morton ('01) has been appointed executive director of the Center for Rural Virginia. A Gloucester County native, Morton most recently served as deputy director for external affairs and policy development under previous Virginia Gov. Bob Mc-Donnell. She is finishing a master's degree in political science from Virginia Tech. In addition, she is a graduate of the Sorensen Institute for Political Ledership (University of Virginia) and has received graduate certificates in the foundations of political analysis and environmental politics and policy. Morton lives in Glenns.

Emilio Pesante ('01) led his own choir, Jubilee Chorale from Woodside High School in Newport News, to the White House to perform for President Barack Obama last December. The Jubilee Chorale sang carols, spirituals and other songs at the party given for people who helped with Obama's campaign.

#### {2002}

Freddy Arsenault ('02) was featured in "Still on the Road," a documentary that aired on PBS in 2013. He has appeared on Broadway in "The Taming of the Shrew," "Henry V" and a number of other productions. Arsenault currently resides in New York.

James Cale ('02) has been named senior portfolio manager in recognition of his contribution to the Portfolio Mangement Group of Morgan Stanley. Cale is a first vice president and partner with the Medina Cale Group at Morgan Stanley in the City Center area of Newport News. He resides in Hampton Roads.

Zabrina Coleman-Webster ('02) joined the Chesapeake Academy faculty as an elementary school teacher in 2013. She also assumed responsibility for the extended day program. Coleman-Webster resides in Saluda.

Tara McCook ('02) married Jay Mehta in October 2013 in New Orleans. She is the senior tax learning specialist for CohnReznick LLP, a top-10 public accounting firm. Jay is the IT manager and web developer for InsideNGO, a membership organization for international nongovernmental aid organizations. The couple resides in Arlington.

### {2003}

Greg Andrew Dale ('03) married Amie Graham, who serves as Christopher Newport's director of alumni relations and university events, in a candlelight ceremony in August 2013. The wedding took place at Anderson Wright Garden in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Greg works for Newport News Shipbuilding, and they live in Port Norfolk with their dog, Heinz. The wedding was photographed by Jillian Michelle ('10) Photography. 🗖 4

Stephanie Andrews
Knight ('03) was recognized as the Hampton
City Schools Teacher of the Year for 2014-15. 

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Amy (Stuker-Stonebraker) Pearson ('03) graduated from Virginia Tech in 2013 with a master of public administration degree. She works as the assistant financial officer for the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission and resides in New Kent County with her husband, Ned.

Kourtney Watson ('03) was promoted to assistant principal and dean of women at Christ Chapel Academy in Woodbridge in 2013.

## {2004}

Jenna (Reese) Bratten ('04) is founder, president and CEO of AEi, a management consulting firm. Founded in 2007, AEi is a highly regarded organization with clients such as Freddie Mac, WellPoint and *The Washington Post.* 

Rachael Elizabeth Harrell ('04) married Maury Addison Denton in August 2013 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond. The reception was held at the historic Bolling Haxall House. Juellisa Gadd ('04) was maid of honor. Harrell earned a master of public administration degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a regulatory analyst for the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget. The couple resides in Richmond. 6

Bryan Herrin ('04) attends law school at Widener University in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with an anticipated graduation in 2016.

Akeembra (Grady) Lawrence ('04) married Jarret Lawrence in July 2012. Priscilla Spencer ('05) served as maid of honor. The wedding took place at Baker Park in Frederick, Maryland. Akeembra works as an assistant director of development and communications for a nonprofit organization, and Jarret is a staff sergeant in the United States Army. The couple resides in Maryland. 🗖 7

Tomorrow (Lofton) Pickens ('04) married Jeffrey Pickens ('04) in October 2011 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Glen Allen. They welcomed daughter Candis Denise Pickens on November 30, 2012. The family resides in Newport News. 

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Chelsea (Weeks) Tyron ('04) was promoted to assistant principal at A.G. Wright Middle School in Stafford. She has been with the school division since 2004 and resides in Fredericksburg.

### {2005}

Captain Jacob Allen ('05) was one of seven civil affairs soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg and honored in January during the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion Valorous Awards Ceremony. The men were serving with Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan. Allen, of Williamsburg, earned the Bronze Star Medal with Valor. The leader of Team 611, Allen doubled back to help save a critically wounded soldier and render aid in an open field during an ambush in 2012. 🗖 9

Emily Barnhill ('05) is director of annual giving for the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. She resides in Virginia Beach.

Kirstyn Barr ('05) is serving as town manager in Occoquan after being unanimously selected from a strong pool of candidates by the town council. Barr previously worked as the public information officer for the town of Vienna and the community relations and communications specialist for the city of Newport News. She earned a master of public administration degree from Old Dominion University and attended the Senior Executive Institute of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia. She lives in Burke.

Gregory J. Cutler ('05) is a federal investigator with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Previously he worked for the Virginia Beach Police Department as a patrol officer and undercover vice/narcotics detective. Cutler earned a master's degree in government from Regent University. He resides in Greensboro, North Carolina, with his wife and son.

Hannah (Dowell) Reed ('05) was a contestant during the 2013 season of "America's Got Talent" with the American Military Spouses Choir. She resides in Richland, North Carolina.

Rob Silsbee ('05) and Lauren Ryan Silsbee ('06) celebrated the birth of their first child, Nolan Patrick, on November 6, 2013. The Moose, as he is fondly nicknamed, weighed in at 9 pounds, three ounces and 21 inches long. They are raising their future Captain in Newport News. 

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Happy Darcus Witt ('05) and Alan Steven Witt Jr. ('07), son of Alan Witt ('76) and Deborah Quinn Witt ('78), were married in Norfolk in October 2013. The wedding was photographed by Jenelle Sewell Cheney ('08). The couple resides in Newport News. 11

{2006}

William (Billy) Boulden ('06) is serving as the assistant dean of students

and director of Greek affairs at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he resides.

Eric Creasman ('06) married Elizabeth Carrico in October 2013 in Hanover at the Historic Hanover Courthouse with a reception at the Hanover Tavern. He is president and CEO of VCE Technologies, LLC, and she works at a facility for troubled youth. CNU's staff photographer, Jesse Hutcheson ('10), and his intern Keller Gabriel served as photographers; Chris Rice ('04) was DJ; and dozens of the CNU family attended the wedding, including former Rector Mike Martin. The couple resides in Midlothian. 🗖 12

Robert Q. Johnson ('06) joined Kaufman & Canoles as an associate in the employee benefits, employee stock ownership plans and executive compensation practice group. His work includes advising clients regarding qualified retirement plans, health and welfare plans, and nonqualified deferred compensation plans. Johnson earned his juris doctor from the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law.

Jonathan Judkins ('06) was selected to participate in the University of Virginia Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership's Emerging Leaders Program held in Williamsburg and Richmond in 2013. The program included 18 young men and women ages 22-32 from across Virginia who believe in government officials working together regardless of political affiliation. Judkins resides in Surry.



Warwick High School's 2014 Teacher of the Year in Newport News. Mac-Donald teaches social studies. 

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Randall Munroe ('06), creator of the online comic "xkcd," has written a new book, What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions, which will be published in September by Houghton Mifflin. The book can be purchased through Amazon. Munroe lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.





Meaghan Null ('06) and Erik Olsen ('06) were married in October 2012. They welcomed daughter Kailyn Ann on October 10, 2013. The Olsens work as government contractors and live in Fairfax.

Lynanne (Hodges) Yndestad ('06) serves as director of new student programs at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She is responsible for the orientation, transition and retention of new students attending the university.





{2007}

Cary Thorn Bruner ('07) and Cary Bruner ('07) were married in May 2013 in Richmond. The reception was held at the Science Museum of Virginia. Kristy Thorn ('13) and April Grigg ('07) served as bridesmaids. Mrs. Cary Bruner is a senior scientist at PPD Inc., and Mr. Cary Bruner is an account manager at C.H. Robinson. The couple resides in Richmond.

Christina (Reid) Harrison ('07) married Brian Harrison II in May 2013 in Gates Mill, Ohio. 15









works in Arlington as an associate consultant at Dare Mighty Things, a veteran-owned business offering management consulting services and specializing in technolo-

offering management consulting services and specializing in technology-infused performance management solutions for large-scale programs affecting vulnerable populations.

Chris Smith ('07) is a lifelong musician and performer touring the world with one of the top Celtic rock bands, the American Rogues. Since 2006 he has been performing as a percussionist in the most popular shows at Busch Gardens Williamsburg. He has also helped create countless productions around the Richmond/ Newport News area, including "Rockin' Road to Dublin," "Souled Out" and the celebrated "Altar Boyz."

Gemma Smith ('07) has appeared in multiple

national commercials and television shows and starred in the first episode of "Southern Fried Homicide" that aired in 2013 on Investigation

Discovery. She resides in New York.

Lori Bickham Throupe ('07) and Justin Throupe ('06) welcomed their first child, Landon Michael, on March 2. She is a member of the Christopher Newport faculty working as an instructor in leadership studies. Justin works at Warhill High School as a school improvement specialist. The family resides in Newport News.

Shaun Whiteside ('07) won first place at the Jacksonville Center's 2013



Jax Juried Exhibit for his painting "Fulmination." His work was also featured in Tokyo in the National Art Center's 17th

Japan Media Arts Festival in February as a member of the New Artist Unit. He is an adjunct instructor at Radford University and resides in Radford. • 16



{2008}

Amber Marsh Boyer ('08) graduated from Leigh University in 2013 with a doctoral degree in physics. That year she began teaching at Kutztown University as assistant professor of physics and astronomy.

Patrick Horan ('08) was named Teacher of the Year at Hines Middle School for the 2012-13 school year. Horan teaches sixth-grade U.S. history and developed a mentorship group for sixth-grade boys. He is in his fourth year of teaching in Newport News.

Gregory W. Hudson ('08) married Rebecca M. Willging in December 2013 at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C. He is director of video at Qorvis in Washington, D.C., where the couple resides.

Jake Hull ('08) appeared on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" in January as a member of the group backing musical guest Jake Clemons. Hull, a CNU music major, was recruited to play in Clemons' band after the two muscians intersected at a local recording studio. Hull contributed guitar to Clemons' EP "Embracing Light" released in 2013. He calls Virginia Beach his home base.

Kylene Jennings ('08) received a master's degree in human resources management as well as a graduate certificate in organizational development from Marymount University in 2011. She works as a recruiting manager at Link Solutions Inc. in Reston. Jennings obtained her professional in human resources certification from the Human Resources Certification Institution.

Fairfax native **Lisa Helmi Johanson** ('08) portrayed Rue in the world premiere of "Rescue Rue," part of the New York Children's Theater Festival. She also can be seen in the New York production of "Avenue Q." Johanson's other credits include "Three Sisters" (Classical Theatre of Harlem), "Women Beware Women" (Red Bull Theater), "Ghost Girl" (Workshop Theater), "4,000 Miles" (St. Louis Repertory Theatre) and "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" (Merry-Go-Round Playhouse). She resides in Astoria, New York.

Joel Katz ('08) is a legislative assistant for Congressman Eric Cantor's congressional office. He handles a variety of issues related to agriculture, defense, financial services, immigration and international relations. He previously worked as a special assistant for Congressman Cantor and as a staff assistant and legislative correspondent for Congressman Todd Tiahrt. Katz and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Fairfax.

Jessica Bargar Kuperavage ('08) received her doctorate in communication arts and sciences in 2013 at Penn State University, University Park campus. She previously earned her master's degree in communication arts and sciences in 2010 from Penn State. She and her husband, Adam, reside in Dover, Deleware.

Ashley Moyer ('08) founded Harmony Inc. in 2013. Located in Northern Virginia, Harmony Inc. builds bridges between dreams and resources that inspire, empower and prepare individuals to pursue their passions and improve their communities. Jasmine Williams ('08), Chief Executive Officer; Danesha Langley ('09), Education Director; Robert Rodriguez ('08), Sports Consultant; and Roland Hilliard ('08), Sports Consultant also work for the organization.

Lindsey (Seipp) Seegers ('08) is celebrating her fifth year of marriage to her high school sweetheart, Andrew. She graduated from George Mason University's Nutrition and Food Studies Department in 2012 and became the nutritionist for Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland, in 2013. There she teaches cooking classes to food bank clients and educates families on eating healthy within a tight budget. Seegers also developed the successful cooking blog "A Pear to Remember." The couple resides in Burke. D 17

Katie Smith ('08) is a logistics management specialist at the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, Logistics Innovation Agency. She earned an MBA with a specialization in international business from Waiden University. Smith is a graduate of the Transportation Basic Officer Leader Course and resides in Springfield.

Jordan (Hughes) Strader ('08) and husband Kellen, married in 2010, welcomed son Lucian Patrick on October 5, 2012. They reside in Richmond. 

■ 18 {2009}

Marica Betoney ('09) graduated from the Stony Brook University physician assistant program in 2013. She is an emergency medicine physician assistant in the Emergency Department of Mary Immaculate Hospital located in Newport News. 19

Patrick Bryant ('09) is a Navy lieutenant assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he teaches the freshman leadership class. Bryant will become a company officer upon completing his master's degree through University of Maryland College Park in leadership education and development.

Anne Lindsay (Hurt)
Burke ('09) married Robert Burke ('09) in June
2013 in Richmond. She is a personal sales representative at Liberty Mutual Insurance, and he works as an accountant for Wall, Einhorn & Chernitzer, P.C. The couple resides in Newport News. 20

Betty Joan (BeeJay)
Chapman ('09) and Matthew Steven Alexander
('08) were married in
August 2013 on the shore
of Pamlico Sound in
Buxton, North Carolina.
She is employed by the
Virginia Aquarium and
the Cellars Restaurant,
both in Virginia Beach. He
is a teacher in the city of
Hampton school system.
The couple resides in Carrollton.

Jessica Harms ('09) received the Massachusetts Educational Theater state award for Best Director for directing and choreographing "Anything Goes" at Triton Regional High School in 2013. The production was nominated for 13 out of 19 awards, taking state-level honors for Best Ensemble, Best Supporting Actress and the highest award, Best Production. The competition was held at Emerson College in Boston with more than 50 schools competing. 21

Scott and Tara (Combs) Keeven ('09) welcomed son Carter on March 19, 2012, and were married in August 2012 at St. Michael Church in Glen Allen. The Keevens reside in Richmond.

Krista Sweet ('09) is an educator for Chesapeake Experience, an environmental education nonprofit located at Eco Discovery Park in Williamsburg. She educates students, teachers and the public about the beauty and importance of the Chesapeake Bay via kayak. Sweet attributes her success and career fulfillment to the late Dr. Edward Weiss and the CNU Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science. **2**2

Kendall Mallory (Dance)
Walker ('09) married
John Michael Walker
('10) in October 2013
at River Road United
Methodist Church in
Richmond. The couple
resides in Newport
News.

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Christine Allen ('10) earned a master of science degree in entomology from the University of Kentucky in Lexington. She recently moved to Charlottesville where she works as a laboratory and research specialist in the Biology Department at the University of Virginia. 23

Christopher Allen-Shinn ('10) earned a master of arts degree in global history in 2013 from St. John's University in Queens, New York, where he is pursuing a doctor of arts in modern world history. He serves as an adjunct lecturer at the New York City College of Technology (City Tech), located in Brooklyn and part of the City University of New York system.

Ashley (Gresch) Carter ('10) married Matthew Carter ('10) in May 2013 at his grandparents' home on the York River in Shacklefords. She works at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. in Richmond, and Matthew works at James River Grounds Management in Glen Allen. The couple resides in Mechanicsville. • 25

Brittany Michelle Dodson ('10) married Donald James Ortho Gawen in September 2013 at Bethany Baptist Church in Callao. A reception followed at the groom's family farm. She earned a master's degree in accounting from Liberty University and now works as a staff accountant at Manufacturing Techniques Inc. in Kilmarnock. The couple resides in Hague.

Christian Freymeyer ('10) is volunteering with the Peace Corps in Cameroon to refurbish a school computer lab and boost energy supply to allow more students to participate in computer lessons.

Benjamin Heath ('10) is the northwest regional field director for the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

James (JT) Hosack ('10) served as an adjunct professor at John Tyler Community College in Greensboro, North Carolina. He recently moved to Richmond where his girlfriend, Kari Roth ('10), and their dog, Mona, reside. Hosack is pursuing a career in teaching.

Shannon Leitch ('10) and Derek Wenger ('09) were married in September











2013 at Virginia Cliffe Inn in Richmond. She is a training specialist with Apex Systems, and he is a financial analyst with Dominion Power. The couple resides in Richmond. 26

Joshua Lewis ('10) married Courtney Brown ('11) in June 2013 at Historic Mankin Mansion in Richmond. She is a first-grade teacher in New Kent, and he is a chromatography scientist at Pharmaceutical Product Development Inc. The couple resides in New Kent. 27

Jessica (Jessy) Miller ('10) is the owner and operator of Bogey's Grille at the Woodlands in Hampton, which opened in March 2013. Miller resides in Hampton Roads.

Shannon Oliver ('10) was Miss New York 2012. Her platform was "Cultural Togetherness: Everyone Has a Story." Oliver is a contributing writer for the Huffington Post and resides in the Washington, D.C., area. 

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Ben Sciance ('10) has had the opportunity to rehabilitate sea turtles in North Carolina, teach marine science in the Florida Keys and work at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Annapolis, Maryland, since araduating from CNU. He resides in Wilmington, North Carolina, and is pursuing a master's degree in geoscience at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. **2**9

Kaitlyn Vincie ('10) is working in sports journalism, serving as Fox Sports 1 TV NASCAR feature and pit reporter. She lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

{2011}

Nathan Blake ('11) has released a book of short fiction, *Going Home* 















Nowhere and Fast. He maintains a list of his published work at incisorhands.com. Blake is enrolled in Virginia Tech's MFA program in creative writing, where he holds an assistantship and teaches first-year composition.

James H. Brennan IV ('11) received a master's degree from Villanova and works in the Applied Physics Lab at Johns Hopkins University while completing his PhD in computer science. He lives in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Alicia (Evans) Darouse ('11) married Christopher Darouse in June 2013 at Rockbridge Vineyard in Raphine. 2013

Katherine Ann Duval ('11) and Robert (Bobby) Adler Henderson ('11) were married in June 2013 at Bon Air United Methodist Church in Richmond. She is employed by Hospital Corporation of America, and he works at Hopewell High School. The couple resides in Midlothian.

Kelly Farrer ('11) has been promoted to a

team leadership role with State Farm Insurance and has moved to Tacoma, Washington, to work in the company's new hub.

Lindsay Hinz ('11) received the Zelma H.
Weisfeld Costume Design and Technology Award at the United States Institute for Theatre Technology's 2014 annual conference.
She is the first costume technologist to win the award since it was introduced in 1997. Hinz is a third-year master's student in costume design and technology at the University of Virginia.



Amanda Hupp ('11) serves as an events and wedding sales coordinator with Norfolk Botanical Garden

Nicole Jones ('11)
married David Gilmet
in September 2013 in
Virginia Beach. She is a
marketing specialist at
NEXT Financial Group in
Virginia Beach, and he
is the assistant general
manager at Onelife Fitness in Chesapeake. The
couple resides in Virginia
Beach. The wedding was
photographed by Lindsay
Fauver ('07) Photography.

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Cameron Langille ('11) earned a master's degree in urban and environmental planning from the University of Virginia in 2014. He lives in Charlottesville.

Kayleigh Llewellyn ('11) began her first year as a full-time math teacher at Tuckahoe Middle School in Henrico County in 2013. She resides in Richmond.

Lisa Pasch ('11) teaches general music and chorus at Bucknell Elementary School with Fairfax County Schools. She resides in Alexandria.

Mary Margaret Pike ('11) married Timothy Allan Powitz ('11) in December 2013 in Southport, North Carolina. The ceremony took place at Trinity United Methodist Church with a reception at Southport Community Building. The couple, who met during their freshman year at Christopher Newport, resides in Char-

lotte. The wedding was photographed by **Katelyn James** ('10) Photography.

Alexandra Procopi ('11) launched Owl Branch Bakery, a vegan and gluten-free business, in 2012. Through this venture she promotes eating locally and sustainably. Procopi resides in Hayes.

Chelsie Schweers ('11) was named girls basket-ball coach at Hickory High School in Chesapeake, her alma mater. She played one year professionally in Greece and most recently in Australia for the Toowoomba Mountaineers in the Queensland Basketball League.

Victoria Shirley ('11) is a multimedia journalist for KSLA News 12 in Louisiana. Her responsibilities include shooting, editing and reporting news on a daily basis. Shirley resides in Monroe, Louisiana.

Amber Styer ('11) married Justin Blinkhorn in October 2013 at the First Lady of Suffolk. She works as an export rates coordinator for CMA CGM (America) LLC. The couple resides in Virginia Beach. 33

Deanna Trail ('11) recently completed her master's degree at Clemson University where she serves as coordinator for residential community standards in the Department of University Housing and Dining and the Office of Community and Ethical Standards. She lives in Seneca, South Carolina.

### {2012}

Jewell Beatley ('12) is a sales consultant at BBG (Brazilian Best Granite) in Williamsburg.

Taylor (Cole) Breen ('12) and Conor Breen ('10) were married in May 2013 at St. Andrew's Episco-

pal Church in Newport News. The couple resides in Fredericksburg.

Chelsea
Huber ('12)
works with
AmeriCorps
at the Community Television station
of Knoxville,
Tennessee,
where she
resides. 34

Brannon Tison ('12) completed an internship as an entertainment technician at Walt Disney World in Florida during her senior year at CNU and was hired as a full-time entertainment tech making magic with Mickey Mouse. She lives in Orlando. 🗖 35

Johnny Vail ('12) works at George Washington University in the History and Classics Department as the department operations coordinator. He also attends grad school at the university, working toward a master's degree in organizational science with an emphasis in human resource management.

#### {2014 CNU Retirees}

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Ms. Doris Archer - 31 years

Ms. Sherry Baines - 29 years

Dr. Mary "Belle" Pendleton - 27 years

Mr. Sampson Dixon - 19 years

Ms. Christine Jones - 19 years

Mr. Jeffrey Brown - 15 years

Dr. Carolyn Ericson - 15 years

Mr. Richard Hall - 13 years

Ms. Loneta Elliott - 8 years

Ms. Deborah Keys - 7 years Dr. John Cowling - 5 years Mr. Michael Starnes - 5 years

Mr. Theodore Hoagland - 8 years







Ashley (Servick) Weakland ('12) married Michael Weakland in May 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg. She is employed at EnviroSolutions Inc., working with contaminated materials and monitoring landfills. He works for the Air Force and is stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The couple resides in Dayton. 36

{2013}

Sean Burns ('13) enjoys spending time with his daughter, Lorilei, working and continuing his service with the Army National Guard. He resides in Williamsburg. 2 37

Casey DiPersio ('13) is a member of the Giordano Dance Company in Chicago. For information, visit giordanodance.org/ dancers.html.

Caitlin Donahue ('13) is a recruiter at Insight Global, a staffing services company in Richmond. She lives in Mechanicsville.

David Fishman ('13) is an intern at the control tower at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. He observes air traffic control and is learning the various procedures required to maintain the expeditious flow of traffic. Fishman resides in Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Kevin Garcia ('13) has been serving as a fulltime missionary with the World Race organization, working in 11 countries during his 11-month assignment.

Ashley Loera ('13) is pursuing a master of science degree in occupational therapy at Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke.

Allison Stough ('13) has accepted a position at Lucy Corr Village as resident services director in assisted living in Chesterfield County.

## {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.

Fellows for the 2014-15 academic year include the following:

#### Admission

Julia Bartus-Dobson Sara Brooks Jeanette Corey Caitlin Gayles Marion Gloor Lynsie Hudson Joey Manilla

#### President's Leadership Program

Susan Patriquin Kelsey Stiles Zach Walseman

Student Engagement Anna Mitchell

Anna Mitchell Sarah Smith

Student Success

Eric Anderson Tessa Theis



Charles "Chuck" Arthur Haas Jr. ('77) died April 27, 2014, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was born March 23, 1952, in Oceanside, New York, was a business owner, and served in the U.S. Army.

Robert Wyatt ('77)

passed away August 3, 2013. He worked for the federal government for many years in Forestry and Internal Revenue Services and later with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. His wife, Marion, lives in Yakima, Washington.

Ruth Aline Laufer ('79) died January 9, 2014. Originally from Hinesville, Georgia, she was a long-time Hampton resident. A private music instructor, she was a member of First Baptist Church where she sang with the Sanctuary Choir and Swinging Singers.

Freida Hagan NeeSmith ('80) passed away February 4, 2014, at age 77 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was a teacher in the Newport News school system and lived with her husband, Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Delmus NeeSmith, in Newport News.

Charles Randolph "Randy" Tison ('82) died March 13, 2014. He was born in Hampton and lived on the Peninsula his entire life. After a short stint in Radiation Control at Newport News Shipbuilding, Tison began a long career in real estate, first in residential sales and then joining the family firm, Tison Commercial Properties Inc., in 1984. There he teamed with his father in the commercial real estate business. He lived in Newport News.

Inge Wilzoch ('82) passed away June 27, 2013. A dedicated educator for many years at B.C. Charles Elementary School in Newport News, she touched the lives of countless children with her energy and disciplined teaching approach.

Richard Marcus Lane ('87) died February 21, 2014, at age 61. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, Lane proudly served in the U.S. Navy on the *U.S.S. Independence* during the Vietnam War. He lived in Richmond.

Sharon Kline ('89) passed away June 2, 2013. She was retired from the city of Chesapeake's Parks and Recreation Department. Kline was an active member of the Zion United Methodist Church Counsel, served as membership chair of the Seaford Yacht Club, participated on the board of Denbigh United Christian Outreach and volunteered with York-Poquoson Social Services. She resided in Seaford.

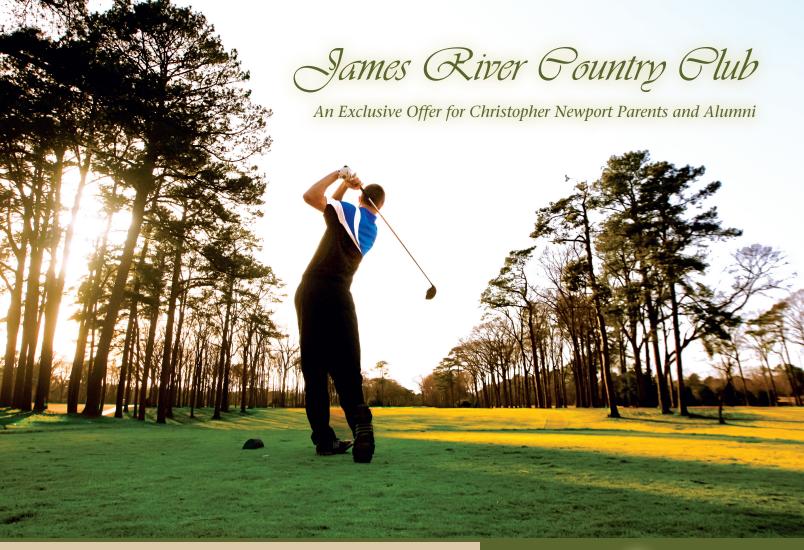
Bonnie Baker ('93) died January 3, 2014. She was born in New York City on January 28, 1964. She lived for many years in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and more recently in Hampton.

Walter E. Richie Jr. ('98) passed away November 30, 2013, at age 55. He was born in Newport News on December 22, 1957.

David William Alderfer ('00) passed away December 24, 2013. He was born on August 27, 1960, and was a lifelong resident of Denbigh. Alderfer retired in 2012 after a long career with NASA at Langley Field, where he was an engineer, working in the space shuttle program, among others.

Richard Alan Rigoulot ('07) died September 29, 2013. He is a graduate of Forest Park High School in Woodbridge and was an IT project manager with Bank of America. He resided in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife, Diane.

Benjamin Jacobs Kunkel ('10) passed away October 16, 2013. He was born December 8, 1987, and graduated from Heritage High School in Lynchburg. In addition to his CNU studies, he earned a graduate degree from Ithaca College. Kunkel served as the outreach and events manager for the Chesapeake Humane Society.



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