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Rain Tickets

In the case of extreme inclement weather, Commencement will be moved inside to The Freeman Center. An announcement will be made the morning of May 15 through CNUalert and cnu.edu notifying the public of the change in location. Each student will be issued six rain tickets at Commencement rehearsal on Thursday, May 12. If unable to attend rehearsal, students may pick up their tickets in the Center for Honor Enrichment and Community Standards on the third floor of the David Student Union. Families must obtain their tickets from their student prior to 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 15. Entrance to The Freeman Center will not be allowed without a ticket.

Capture the Memories

HONOR YOUR GRADUATE!

Visit commencement.cnu.edu or call (757) 594-7179 to purchase your Commemorative Brick Paver or Special 2011 Commencement DVD!



President Paul Tribble and the faculty and staff of Christopher Newport University are pleased to invite the Class of 2011 and their families and friends to campus for a weekend of Commencement activities May 13-15, 2011. The events scheduled will acknowledge and honor the many accomplishments of the more than 900 students who will receive their degrees during the 85th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at 10 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful campus as we celebrate the notable achievements of our graduating class.

Please note:

Graduates **must** register online beginning April 1 for Commencement activities at: commencement.cnu.edu using the link that says, "Register Now!"

This site also provides additional details about the weekend, including information regarding on-campus and local accommodations.

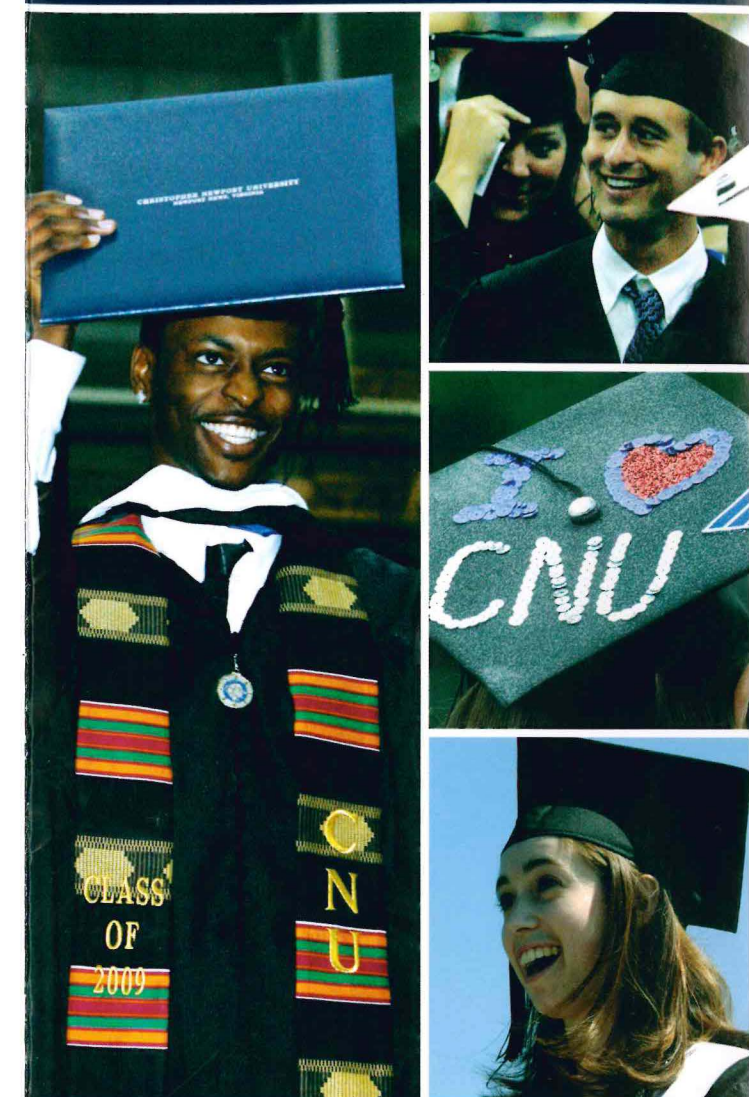
General questions should be directed to cnuevents@cnu.edu or (757) 594-8061.

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85th
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

SENIOR THESIS ART EXHIBIT (SCHEDULED THROUGH MAY 15)

ALL DAY · FALK GALLERY & FERGUSON HALL GALLERY
FERGUSON CENTER

Highlighting the talent of the ArtCNU senior class, the exhibition will include painting, sculpture, ceramics and photography by the department's most promising and gifted students.



ROTC COMMISSIONING

11 A.M. · BALLROOM, DAVID STUDENT UNION
~ BY INVITATION ONLY ~

In this private ceremony, family members will witness ROTC graduates take their oath to defend and serve our country as commissioned officers in the armed services. These graduates will also be sworn in before the University community during Sunday's graduation ceremony.

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SENIOR CELEBRATION AND RECEPTION

7 P.M. · MUSIC & THEATRE HALL, FERGUSON CENTER
ATTIRE: BUSINESS

PLP graduates and their families will be invited to take part in this ceremony celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2011. We will remember the past as we celebrate those who made a difference along the way!

PLP graduates will receive an invitation with further information.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011



CONVOCATION FOR THE CONFERRING OF HONORS & AWARDS

10 A.M. · CONCERT HALL, FERGUSON CENTER
ATTIRE: BUSINESS/ACADEMIC REGALIA

Graduates who have earned Latin honors, faculty promoted in academic rank or awarded tenure, and all faculty awarded emeritus status during the 2010-11 academic year will be honored in this special ceremony. Honors recipients, their families and friends are invited. Latin honors recipients will be notified through their CNU e-mail on Thursday, May 12.

DEPARTMENTAL RECEPTIONS

11-4 P.M.

Graduates are encouraged to check with their respective departments or the Commencement website for the location and time of their reception.

UMOJA RECEPTION AND CEREMONY

2 P.M. · BOARDROOM
DAVID STUDENT UNION

Please join us for this annual event for students of color. Umoja honors the tradition of unity, togetherness and harmony. In that spirit, parents of participating graduates will have the opportunity to bestow their student with a ceremonial stole during this program. To order a stole, please contact Jillian Martin in the Office of Student Activities at (757) 594-8805 or jillian.martin@cnu.edu.



CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

8:30 P.M. · COURTYARD BETWEEN TRIBLE LIBRARY AND
DAVID STUDENT UNION
ATTIRE: DRESSY CASUAL

In honor of the graduating Class of 2011, CNU will hold a candlelight ceremony at sunset on the eve of Commencement as we commemorate the transition of our graduates to University alumni. Graduates, their families and friends are invited.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

9 P.M. · GREAT LAWN
ATTIRE: DRESSY CASUAL
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Graduates and their families are invited to this reception hosted by Paul and Rosemary Tribble. There will be live entertainment, and food and beverages will be served as we celebrate "Sweet Home CNU."

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

8 A.M. · MUSIC & THEATRE HALL, FERGUSON CENTER

Baccalaureate provides an occasion to give thanks and celebrate the completion of the academic journey. Candidates for graduation and their families and friends are invited to attend.

DEGREE CANDIDATE ASSEMBLY

9 A.M. · FIELD HOUSE, THE FREEMAN CENTER

Degree candidates should assemble in The Freeman Center, in cap and gown. Candidates who have retained their Academic Convocation penny are reminded to bring it to The Freeman Center. As candidates process through Saunders Plaza, they will continue the CNU tradition of tossing their penny in the fountain.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

10 A.M. · POMOCO STADIUM

(GUESTS SHOULD BE SEATED BY 9:45 A.M., PLEASE)

Commencement will begin promptly at 10 a.m. The processional begins the formal ceremony, followed by the conferring of degrees upon undergraduate and graduate students. The ceremony lasts approximately two hours.



POST-COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT
COURTYARD BETWEEN TRIBLE LIBRARY AND
DAVID STUDENT UNION

A reception for graduates and their guests will take place at the ceremony's conclusion. Graduates will also pick up their diplomas at this location.

