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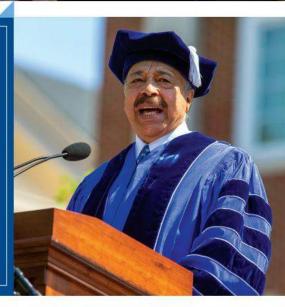
Senior class toast

Presentation of degrees

Candlelight ceremony

Dr. William Harvey, commencement speaker

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embarked on exciting adventures as Captains for Life.

Dr. William R. Harvey, President of Hampton University, delivered the commencement address and also received an honorary degree. One of the nation's longest-serving presidents of a college or university, Harvey has also

CNU presented an additional honorary degree to John R. Lawson, Executive Chairman of W.M. Jordan Company. Lawson recently served as campaign chairman for the University's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, Defining Significance, which came to a close in 2017.



### **CAMPUS NEWS**



### **Accolades for Christopher Newport**

Princeton Review, Kiplingers, Forbes, and U.S. News & World Report have all praised CNU. U.S. News & World Report has named CNU as one of America's "schools to watch" for making the "most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus and facilities."

In the 2019 U.S. News & World Report rankings, Christopher Newport ranks 4th among public universities in the South and has now risen to 10th among all Southern regional universities.

Princeton Review just ranked Christopher Newport as one of the "Top 20 Most Beautiful Campuses in America." If they had seen our library, we would be #1.

Previous national rankings by Princeton Review

include #15 for "Best Science Labs," #8 as students "Most Engaged in Community Service" and #2 for "Best College Dorms."

Christopher Newport has been cited by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni as having the most rigorous core curriculum of any public college or university in America requiring that every student take a lab science and courses in writing, literature, mathematics, foreign language, economics, and American history or politics.

In 2017-18, our athletic teams placed 15th in the nation in overall athletic excellence among the 442 Division III schools in the NCAA – joining Emory and Washington and Lee as the top-ranked schools in the South.



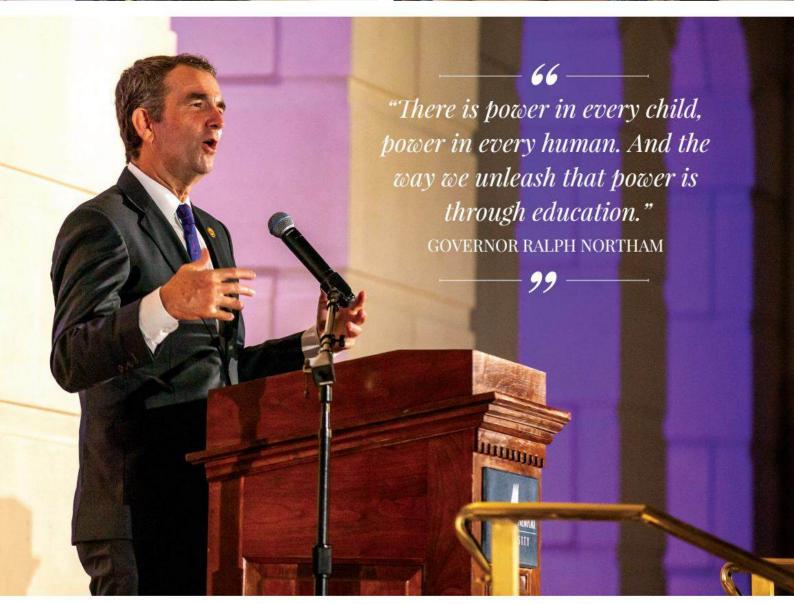
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#### ALUMNI PROFILE

### or Ali Nayyef '17, the road to Christopher Newport began in Iraq. Now a U.S. citizen, Virginia Army National Guard member and CNU alumnus, he proudly calls America "home."

"I EARNED MY CITIZENSHIP a week before I graduated from basic training. That was one of the proudest moments of my life – to be able to say I was an American," he says. "To actually wear the uniform itself, that was a great privilege."

Nayyef's father, Amer, served the coalition forces as an interpreter during the second Gulf War. He primarily supported U.S. troops stationed around Iraq, including Baghdad, but was ultimately killed by al-Qaeda in 2008. "My father was a reporter during the initial phases of the war, saw what was going on and basically got tired of just reporting about it; he wanted to be a part of the solution," Nayyef says.

Following Amer's death, Nayyef's sister, Ola, continued her father's work as an interpreter for two years. She then came to the U.S. as a refugee, applying for asylum for both her brother and mother, Ahlam. Upon earning her green card, Ola enlisted in the U.S. Army. She was honorably discharged in 2013 and currently works as an intelligence analyst with the Department of Homeland Security.

In the states, Nayyef initially lived in Houston, Texas, but moved to Newport News when Ola transferred to Fort Eustis with the Army. And while he adjusted to unfamiliar surroundings, Nayyef found his English-language proficiency served him well – skills he developed watching television in Iraq. Unable to attend school due to terrorism and the war, he regularly viewed "Dr. Phil" and "Oprah" – the only two American programs with Arabic subtitles to air in Iraq. His English is so good, in fact, that people often don't believe he's from Iraq. That's when he pulls out family photos from his homeland. "I say, 'I'm really from there.' It's a hard pill for people to swallow, considering I've only been in America about eight years."

After graduating from Woodside High School in Newport News and completing a year at Thomas Nelson Community College, Nayyef shipped off for basic training with the National Guard. He eventually earned his associate degree in social sciences and transferred to Christopher Newport, majoring in political science with a minor in national security studies.

"The great thing about CNU is not just the staff; it's the small class sizes and one-on-one interaction you get with your professors," Nayyef says. One of his faculty mentors, Dr. Nathan Busch, hired Nayyef as a junior fellow with the Center for American Studies (CAS). Nayyef worked with the CAS for over a year before graduating in December 2017; he then remained with the Center as a research fellow.

Nayyef also worked with the Wason Center for Public Policy, earned a National Defense Industrial Association Annual Scholarship and gained membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science national honor society. In addition, he continued his National Guard service, now currently in year four of a six-year commitment.

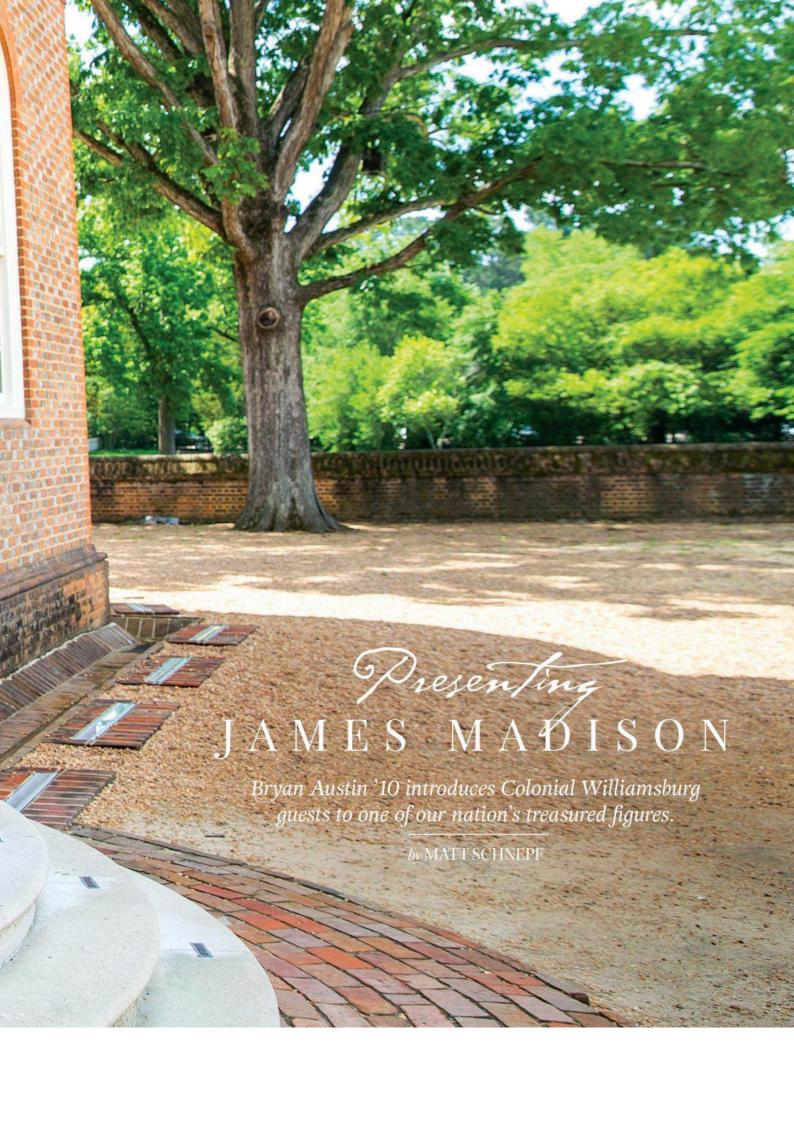
"Being in the National Guard means you're a 'weekend warrior,'" Nayyef says. "You only train one weekend a month, and two weeks a year. That two-week period is usually during summer. It might not sound like it's a huge commitment, but one weekend a month can still be demanding, especially if you're training on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and have to come back Sunday afternoon with homework and assignments due next week." Still, he found his instructors to be accommodating. "Once I talked to them and showed them my drill schedule, my professors completely understood my obligations and were flexible in terms of homework and assignments," he says.

Nayyef credits the American soldiers he encountered as a child for his decision to join the National Guard. "They saved my family's life and treated me like a brother, like a family member," he says. "I now have the chance to serve with Virginia's finest, and it's been a privilege."

He also feels honored to be a Captain – expressing special thanks to Dr. Busch, Dr. Rachel Bitecofer and Dr. Tatiana Rizova. "I appreciated sitting down in a room full of intellectual people who could have a mature, responsible and respectful dialogue about many of the issues we're facing today," he explains. "I feel that if people had a better understanding of the issues regarding refugees or immigrants coming here from other places, they would be able to see those individuals as being very much like them."

This fall Nayyef launched his studies at George Mason University, working toward a master's degree in political science. Eventually he hopes to earn his doctorate and either join the intelligence community or work in academia.





#### ALUMNI PROFILE

VISITORS TO COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG often cross paths with one of America's Founding Fathers, James Madison, vividly brought to life by Bryan Austin '10. Strolling through the picturesque, living-history museum, they find Madison giving a public address, riding horseback through the streets, farming the land or conversing with guests.

Through each activity, Austin seeks to create a lifeline between Madison and himself as he embodies the historical figure without the use of a script. By serving Colonial Williamsburg as a "nation builder," Austin spends at least half of his workweek conducting research. This entails poring over the fourth U.S. president's writings, as well as works by various authors Madison himself studied, including Montesquieu, Locke, Rousseau, Hume and Diderot.

With its foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, Christopher Newport provided Austin with the perfect training in theater. "Because I was engaged in other core classes – history, anthropology, mathematics – what I learned was constantly filtering back into the art I wanted to make," he says. "With not only the love of learning CNU gave me, but equally the curiosity it gave me, I've been able to turn this job into what's it's become."

After graduating from CNU, Austin performed in stage productions, earning his first out-of-state professional contract with Kentucky Shakespeare in

"Being able to express history as it's meant to be presented, through story, through narration, you realize just how exciting and alive it is."

2011. Through this professional association, he spent six months playing several roles in "The Taming of the Shrew" for both the production's summer run and tour. He then joined the Virginia Stage Company as part of the group's emerging artist ensemble.

"Around that time I began to realize I wanted something more than just taking a script, memorizing it, performing and then moving to another city," he says. "I wanted to put down roots, make art, write." That desire led him to Dell'Arte International in Blue

Lake, California. He spent a summer there undergoing intensive training, studying the art of clowning – plus other forms of creativity that helped him learn how to free his mind and move without inhibition while performing.

Shortly thereafter, Austin interviewed with Colonial Williamsburg and became an orientation interpreter guide, helping to direct visitors around the park. A month later, he earned the role of Madison. Describing his work as that of an interpreter – as opposed to an impersonator – Austin serves the public daily as a teacher while championing the life of Madison. "Being able to express history as it's meant to be presented, through story, through narration, you realize just how exciting and alive it is," he says. "Typically the nature of the job is simply to be an expert while simultaneously being able to present as an entertainer and a scholar."

Austin chose to become an actor at an early age – and partly credits his grandmother for inspiring him to pursue his passion. "She could say the same story a thousand times and immediately captivate you. She had not only a genuine love for humanity, but a love for life." Similarly, Austin's affection for humanity influences his work. "It's shaped my philosophy of who I am, how I approach life and ultimately how I enjoy it," he notes. And looking ahead, there's much more of Madison's story to share. Austin notes, "I've had far greater of an impact than I ever thought I would and think it comes from the core leadership values Christopher Newport instills in every student." \*

## Explore Colonial Williamsburg With the Collegiate Pass

Christopher Newport enjoys close proximity to Colonial Williamsburg, where early American history comes vividly to life. Now – thanks to a partnership between the University and Colonial Williamsburg Foundation – members of the CNU community, including students, staff, faculty, alumni and parents, are eligible for a new and free Collegiate Pass.\*

The pass provides unlimited admission to more than 40 historic trades and sites, plus the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art and DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museums. The pass also provides these benefits:\*\*

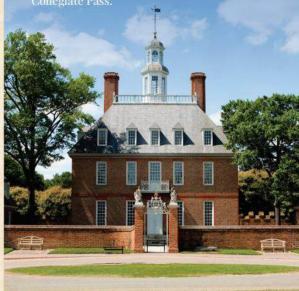
15% off on the best available rate at all Colonial Williamsburg hotels and properties

**15% off** on all additionally ticketed Historic Area and Museums programming

10% off on food and beverage purchases at all Colonial Williamsburg restaurants, taverns and cafés

10% off on individual rounds at the Gold, Green and Spotswood golf courses

Visit colonialwilliamsburg.com/cnu for specific details and to sign up for your



\*Collegiate Pass benefits are only valid for current Christopher Newport University students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni. Student passes are valid to graduation date. Faculty and staff passes must be renewed each school year. \*\*Benefits subject to availability. Some restrictions apply.

### **Power Position**

Keith Windle '02 addresses the growing demand for solar energy.

by FREDERICK MOULTON'17

S RENEWABLE ENERGY gains support, so too have the efforts of power companies to meet that demand. Keith Windle '02, Vice President of Business Development and Merchant Operations at Dominion Energy, finds himself at the helm of mass-producing solar energy for Dominion's customers.

His journey to Dominion Energy began in Newport News where Windle made a name for himself playing baseball up through high school and college – even helping the Captains secure Christopher Newport's first conference title in the sport. "What drew me to CNU was actually baseball," he explains. "I was fortunate to be a four-year starter on the team, and it turned out to be a very rewarding experience."

Equally dedicated off the field of play, Windle earned his accounting degree through the same energy and passion he brought to sports. Professor Ronnie Cohen of the Luter School of Business saw Windle's potential firsthand as one of his instructors. "Keith was an excellent student," she says. "Because of CNU's small classes and culture of student-faculty interaction, I had a chance to really get to know him, as well as my other students. I think most of them know that the faculty members who taught them really care about their future." Adds Windle, "CNU's blend of academic excellence and real-world business principles prepares students for success."

With exceptional accounting skills, Windle joined Dominion in 2001 as an intern and by 2011 had become director of finance. He assumed his role as vice president of business development and merchant operations in 2017, now spearheading Dominion's solar-energy efforts.

With its zero greenhouse gas emissions and improving economics, solar has become a highly sought-after source of energy. "Because of today's growing solar energy demands, my job is to work with customers like Facebook, Google, Amazon and many other companies to help them achieve their renewable energy goals," he explains. Legislation in Virginia calls for 5,000 megawatts of renewable energy to be in the public interest between now and 2024 – thus benefiting the climate and customers. "If you think of this in terms of one megawatt equaling power for about 250 homes, then the legislation would potentially enable renewable energy for over 1 million homes," Windle says.

Working with these companies will have a strong impact on Virginia's economy. "An example was last fall when Facebook announced the construction of a new data center in Virginia," Windle explains. "The data center requires 100 megawatts to run, and Facebook wanted it to be 100 percent supported by solar energy. That combined investment alone will exceed \$1 billion in Virginia."



Windle sees solar as the most cost-competitive renewable energy alternative to other technologies due to improving installation costs and more efficient panels. "However, solar is not an energy resource that's available 24 hours a day, so complementing technologies like turbines and battery storage are critical for energy resiliency and reliability," he says.

Now, with renewable energy on the rise and customer interest growing, Windle finds himself in the perfect position to address the public's demands. "I am fortunate to work for Dominion and to be at the forefront of change in the energy industry." •

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### **Shall We Dance?**

Kayla Clark '18 gains admission to New York's prestigious Martha Graham School.

by MADELEINE SCHULER '18

On track to pursue her master's degree in psychology, Kayla Clark saw her future change when dance professor Christie McCall opened her eyes to other possibilities.

**MCCALL ENCOURAGED CLARK** to audition for full-time dance programs, reigniting Clark's dream of becoming a professional dancer.

With McCall's help, Clark created an audition tape, submitted her application and gained acceptance to the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance in New York City. "I had never considered applying to a modern dance company because I didn't think it fit with my dance style, until I was encouraged to pursue it," she says.

During her two and a half years at the institute, Clark will dance daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. She will take rigorous conditioning classes, ballet, music and dance composition classes, as well as courses focused on the Graham technique, an influential modern dance style created by legendary dancer-choreographer Martha Graham. Clark's tenure there will culminate with a final, challenging dance exam. If she passes, she will become certified in the Graham technique, making her eligible to either teach it or enter the Martha Graham dance company when she turns 25.

"All of the professors in the dance department were so supportive of me during my entire time at CNU," Clark says. "I think some were more excited than me when I found out I would be dancing in New York City." Clark fell in love with the liberal arts and sciences education Christopher Newport offers and after her first campus visit applied early decision. She earned a degree in psychology with minors in dance and leadership studies.

While her love of dance deepened in college, Clark also discovered an affinity for research. She created an independent study combining her two passions, dance and psychology, that focused on the benefits of dance and movement therapy for autistic children. Clark herself has firsthand experience teaching dance to students with disabilities.

"Dance provides everyone, whether someone is a dancer or not, the opportunity to process through emotions without needing words and allows everyone a chance to discover what their body is capable of," Clark notes. "I've seen dance break down barriers between my students with developmental disabilities and their buddies who are fully abled dancers."

Through teaching, Clark learned that not only does she enjoy dancing herself, but she also likes to instill a love for dance in others. She aspires to become a licensed dance therapist for children with special needs and takes her first step toward that goal by continuing her education in the Big Apple. �









### Promoting the Health of Young Talent

A conversation with voice pathologist Ann Cyptar of Riverside Performing Arts Medicine

Through a partnership formed in 2013, Riverside Performing Arts Medicine helps Christopher Newport students enrolled in music, theater and dance programs nurture their individual talents. Voice pathologist Ann Cyptar – just one Riverside practitioner working with CNU undergraduates – recently shared insights into this ongoing relationship.



ann cyptar, MS, CCC-SLP, and trained singer, has over 20 years of experience and presents regionally on vocal health issues and various types of voice problems. She specializes in the diagnosis and rehabilitation of the injured voice in singers, actors, teachers, lawyers and others who use their voice for their occupation, as well as in neurogenic voice patients who have spasmodic dysphonia or vocal fold paralysis or immobility.

### Voyages: Is performing arts medicine a growing field? If so, why is it gaining momentum?

AC: Over the past 35 to 40 years, performing arts medicine as a specialized field has been evolving. There are now many such performing arts programs across the country that serve performing artists and their specialized needs. Whether the artist is a singer, dancer, actor or musician, the demands on the body are significant. Think of the long hours of practice, repetitive postures and movements, and the complexity of their artistry.

Performing artists are at risk for injury in much the same way that sports athletes are at risk. It may be a musician who holds his or her instrument in an awkward position for many hours, or a singer who strains to sing in an excessively high range for several measures with poor breath energy, or a dancer who has lost ankle stability and strength, or an actor who struggles with performance anxiety. Programs in performing arts have a special understanding of these artists' needs and challenges. Such programs not only treat injuries but also provide the necessary instruction and training on how to prevent injury, maintain wellness, and gain muscular strength and endurance.

### Voyages: Why is it vital to teach young performers how to adopt healthy behaviors?

AC: Adopting healthy habits is essential in preventing injuries that might delay one's artistic development. If the student learns early on what he or she can do to prevent injury and how to form good vocal habits, there is more concentrated time in developing one's talent and much less emotional and physical stress. As a voice pathologist, I find that vocal injuries – even minor ones – can often delay progress in building vocal stamina and endurance, learning new repertoire, participating in auditions, and performing. Rehabilitation of injured vocal folds can take weeks or months for recovery to

occur when in fact such injuries could have been prevented. If young performers have learned healthy habits – both physically and mentally – and have gained knowledge of how to protect themselves from injury, the chances of a long and enriching artistic career are that much greater.

### Voyages: What are some wellness issues related to performing that are often ignored?

AC: I will address this question from a vocal perspective. One issue that comes to mind is tech week for a performance or perhaps the weeks leading up to a recital. When a physical athlete trains for long runs or even a marathon, training protocols require a physical regimen that occurs over several months with a gradual increase in speed and duration of exercise. But this is often not the case for performers. They often wait until the last minute to learn new repertoire, rehearse for several hours at maximum effort, acquire very little sleep, speak with excessive volume and eat junk food. And the most intensive week vocally is often tech week right before the performance. Performers are often vocally, physically and mentally exhausted for opening night!

Vocal athletes are expected to consistently rehearse or perform at their physiologic vocal extremes with apparent ease and artistry. Similar to physical athletes, the vocal athlete must be careful of the demands of singing and/or speaking. Vocal fatigue is a complaint we hear often among students and/or vocal performers. Knowing one's limitations and working toward gradually building vocal strength and endurance is very important in preventing injury and promoting overall good vocal health.

#### Voyages: How does Riverside work one-on-one with Christopher Newport students?

AC: Riverside's multidisciplinary Performing Arts Medicine team consists of specialty-trained physicians in otolaryngology, orthopedics and physical medicine as well as voice, occupational and physical therapists. While many colleges and universities cannot offer a full continuum of performing arts medicine professionals in-house, Riverside's partnership with CNU offers students in voice, dance, theater and instrumental music access to screenings, lectures and medical treatment. This opportunity is vital given that at the college level, students are in the beginning stages of developing their skill. CNU and other universities and colleges with music and dance programs are now seeing the benefit of bringing in specialized health-care professionals of performing arts to teach students the importance of developing healthy practices and behaviors to protect themselves from injury.

As an example, we regularly provide voice treatment to CNU singers and actors who have developed vocal problems or concerns. The student is often first evaluated in Voice Clinic by our laryngologist, Dr. Catherine Lintzenich and myself. We perform state-of-the-art instrumentation in viewing vocal folds using videostroboscopy. Collaboratively, we diagnose the problem and decide on the most effective and efficient course of treatment for the student. Treatment may include medications, behavioral modifications, further testing, referrals and/or therapy. Voice therapy may include eliminating harmful vocal behaviors, prescribing exercises for strengthening and rebalancing the larvngeal musculature, decreasing laryngeal muscle tension, improving posture and adequate breath energy for voice, and instructing vocal hygiene practices. Our approach is individualized to the student's needs, level of skill and specific vocal demands. Our goal is to increase students' awareness of how they are using their voices, restore function so that they can return to performing, and keep students vocally and physically healthy.

### Voyages: What kind of response have you received?

**AC**: CNU students and professors have been extremely supportive of Riverside's Performing Arts Medicine program. Students have repeatedly expressed appreciation for helping them eliminate hoarseness related to injury,



providing medical management for problems such as reflux or allergies, and eliminating muscular strain and harmful vocal behaviors to regain the strength and endurance needed to continue in their programs.

Professors consider us as team members and value our input. We, as medical providers, are often invited into the classroom to give lectures on wellness, healthy rehearsal/performance habits, and injury prevention strategies. Working as a team in getting students to think more healthily and function better in their programs has been a worthwhile endeavor.

### Voyages: What has Riverside gained from partnering with CNU?

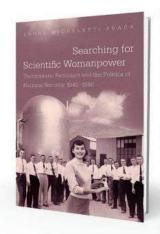
AC: Certainly CNU has helped us "spread the word" about the availability of Performing Arts Medicine at Riverside. Hampton Roads is rich with music programs, theater groups, bands, choral groups, orchestras, and symphony and opera companies. For CNU students, the partnership has increased our efficiency in getting those vocalists, dancers or musicians who are seeking injury prevention and/or recovery treatment due to the physical and emotional demands of their artistry the help they need. When we are invited to speak in classrooms or for special events such as the Torggler Vocal Institute, the focus is on wellness and prevention. And we can all recognize the benefit of that!

### A Productive Partnership

Over the past five years Riverside's clinicians in the performing arts have provided an array of services at Christopher Newport, including the following:

- Vocal health lectures during the annual Torggler Vocal Institute
- Classroom lectures on the anatomy and physiology of the voice, plus general vocal health instruction to acting and voice students
- · Dancer screenings
- Back-stage physical therapy during performances
- Physical and occupational therapy for injured dancers and musicians
- Biofeedback to assist performers in decreasing stage fright and stress

### **FACULTY NEWS**



#### PUACA WINS HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETY PRIZE

DR. LAURA M. PUACA, Associate Professor of History, has won the History of Science Society's Margaret W. Rossiter History of Women in Science Prize for her book Searching for Scientific Womanpower: Technocratic Feminism and the Politics of National Security, 1940-1980.

Recognized by the prize committee for its "analytic wit," "expository skill" and use of "excellent primary sources," Puaca's book uncovers efforts to encourage women in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math) in the two decades before the women's movements of the 1960s. Focusing on the World War II and early Cold War years, Puaca demonstrates how reformers routinely used national security rhetoric and scientific "manpower" concerns to justify the education and employment of women in these areas.



### SHUHY AWARDED GRANT FOR THEATER

DR. DAVID SHUHY, Lecturer in the Department of Theater and Dance, received a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts to establish the Immersive Design Experience (IDX) program at CNU. The studio-based program will enable high school students to learn processes that connect the sciences, humanities, and visual and performing arts.

**DESIGN PROGRAM** 

#### **KELLY AWARDED MATHEMATICAL GRANT**

The Mathematical Association of America has awarded Assistant Professor of Mathematics **DR. JESSICA KELLY** a grant through its Preparation for Industrial Careers in the Mathematical Sciences program. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the program prepares students for industrial careers by engaging them in research problems derived directly from industry.

For the project, Kelly will teach a course where students use creative problem-solving and critical-thinking skills in a cooperative environment to solve a specific problem. It will also enable Kelly to learn more about opportunities available to mathematicians in business, industry and government and the ways students can be better prepared to enter the workforce.





#### SKEES OPENS ART EXHIBITION IN DALLAS

Studio Art Lecturer **KRISTIN SKEES** has opened a solo exhibition at Galleri Urbane in Dallas, Texas. Titled "Close-Knit," the show features work from her ongoing Cozy Portrait series. In the tableaux-style photography series, the subjects' facial features and expressions are obscured by knitted cozies that Skees makes.

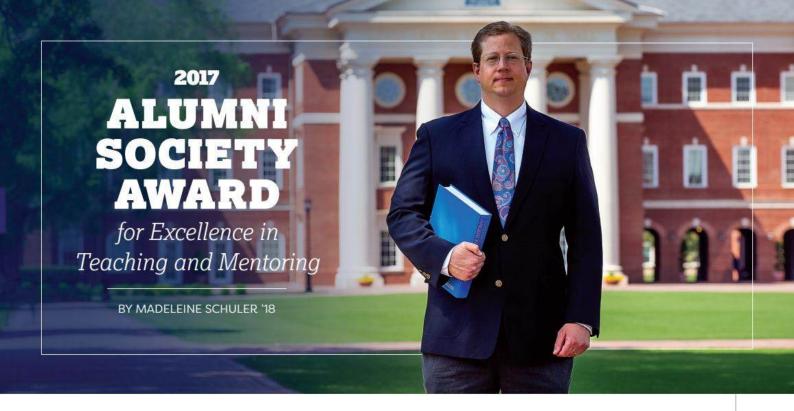


#### CUSHER CO-EDITS LEADERSHIP VOLUME

DR. BRENT CUSHER, Associate Professor in the Department of Leadership and American Studies, is the co-editor of Leadership and the Unmasking Authenticity: The Philosophy of Self-Knowledge and Deception, along with Dr. Mark Menaldo of Texas A&M University.

The book explores the definition and significance of authenticity and related themes in the history of philosophy, from Rousseau, Nietzsche and

Heidegger and back to Plato, Machiavelli, Bacon and Locke. The International Leadership Association identifies the work as one of "today's most intriguing leadership books."



LEADING TEACHER AND SCHOLAR on U.S. national security and political philosophy, Dr. Nathan Busch takes a Socratic approach in the classroom, encouraging thought-provoking discussion and never shying away from contentious topics.

"I think it is absolutely essential for a liberal arts education, in other words a true education, to engage seriously with controversial issues, even if you don't agree with them," says Busch, Professor of Political Science. "A lot of what I do in the classroom is try to get students to recognize that people can disagree without hating each other."

Since arriving at the University in 2004, Busch has dedicated himself to mentoring students both inside and outside the classroom. Last year he received the Alumni Society Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. This honor recognizes a faculty member who goes above and beyond to make a difference in students' lives. In addition to the \$2,500 prize, Busch was invited to give the keynote address at the spring 2018 honors convocation.

"I was humbled and surprised," he says. "It really is an extraordinarily impressive group of professors at the University who have won this award. It was a real honor to be included in that group."

Christopher Newport's small class sizes and the ability to mentor students closely inspired Busch to teach here. A prolific author, he has published numerous books and scholarly articles on U.S. national security, homeland security and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction — writings that inspire classroom discussions.

"I think it is extremely important to continue with an active research agenda because it keeps your teaching current, and so very often I draw material for classroom lectures

directly from the projects I am working on," Busch says. "I see a direct connection, then, between ongoing scholarship and ensuring the lectures stay engaging and cutting edge for students."

Busch also co-founded and co-directs the Center for American Studies (CAS) with his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch, Associate Professor of American Studies.

The Center promotes scholarship on America's founding principles and history, economic foundations, and national security to promote sensible notions of political liberty, economic liberty and civic responsibility. In the last 10 years the Center has hosted leading policymakers and scholars, allowing students to hear from and meet distinguished leaders from across the globe. The Center also sponsors a junior fellows program, giving students the opportunity to fulfill a paid internship and conduct original research under the supervision of a faculty mentor. All funding for these positions has been raised by grants written by the Busches. Over the past decade they have raised nearly \$3 million to support various CAS programs.

The co-directors also host a weekly reading group for the junior fellows to closely study the works of political philosophy, which provides the opportunity to mentor top students in a way not possible in a regular classroom setting. In fact, Busch's students often write back years later to relate the meaningful role the group played in their undergraduate experience.

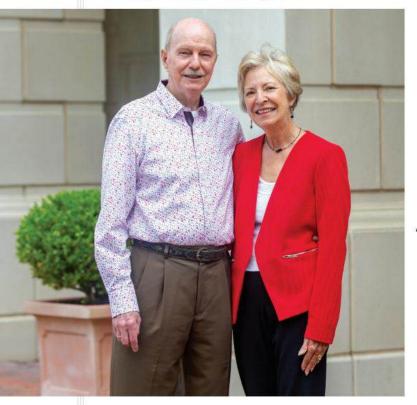
"In general I view teaching and mentoring as not stopping when students leave the classroom," Busch says. "Much of the programming for the Center is precisely to enhance or build on what they learn in the classroom, and then to apply it in a real-world setting." \( \Displays \)

### **Giving Hearts**

Jim and Virginia Taylor help make higher education attainable for students in multiple disciplines.

by MATT SCHNEPF

an enduring belief in the power of education, Colonel Jim and Virginia Taylor first financially supported Christopher Newport students in 2006. "We started attending various music performances at CNU after we retired and joined Friends of Music. Eventually, after a couple of years, we established a music scholarship," Jim says. "Education is so important."



Notes Virginia, "Higher education is the stepping stone for young people to secure a good job and brighter future – a chance to fulfill their dreams."

The Newport News couple's connection to CNU dates back years earlier when two of the Taylors' children attended school here. Daughter Lora Tabor '84 earned a degree in business administration while son Robert completed his first two years of higher learning at what was then Christopher Newport College.

"I told my daughter that if she lived at home for one year and attended Christopher Newport, I'd buy her a car," Jim fondly recalls. "But if she went to another college right away, I wouldn't buy her one. So she said, 'I'll take the car.' She got the car, liked the school and stayed four years."

The Taylors have established scholarships in four areas at the University. In addition to music, they have funded awards in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math), the Master of Arts in Teaching Program and the President's Leadership Program (PLP).

The PLP scholarship honors the memory of Virginia's cherished mother and father – and when the couple recently traveled to Virginia's home state of Tennessee, they visited her parents' grave. "While we were there, Jim asked if I had told them about the scholarship. I said, 'No, why don't you tell them?' So Jim proceeded to tell my parents that we set up the scholarship in their memory. They were just good people," Virginia says.

A West Virginia native, Jim earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from West Virginia University, a master's in systems management and also attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government to complete an executive program. "All these things boosted my career," he says.

With over 40 years' military and civilian service in the Army, Jim retired in 2000 – followed by Virginia one month later. Having completed medical training at a local hospital, she had consistently found jobs in the field of medicine – from assisting a group of orthopedic surgeons to working at the Norfolk naval base with the military sealift command, among other roles.

Beyond these endeavors, Virginia has also made medical missions a priority, serving in such areas as Honduras, Cambodia and Kenya. "I'm not a doctor, and I'm not a nurse. In the mission trips I've been on, my position has been to either fit eyeglasses or work in the dental clinic as a dental assistant," she says. "Missions and serving are an important part of my life – plus giving back."

And as the Taylors support young women and men enrolled at CNU, they enjoy hearing from the students who benefit from their generosity. Jim says, 'We get letters from the recipients of our scholarships and keep all of their notes. They're wonderful young people." •



HE 1989 DIVISION III Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships set the stage for one of Christopher Newport's greatest athletic accomplishments. Sheila Trice-Myers '91 won all four of her events, scoring 5.82 meters on the long jump, 11.92 meters on the triple jump, 8.00 seconds on the 55-meter high hurdles and 7.09 seconds on the 55-meter dash.

Upon completing her final event, Trice-Myers had racked up 40 points individually, outscoring the next best team, University of Rochester, by nine. Unaware of it in that moment, she had won the competition all by herself. "At first I didn't realize my scores," she says. "It wasn't until a coach told me I had outscored all the other teams individually that it finally sunk in. I was shocked, excited, and proud of myself and my teammates."

With this remarkable finish, Trice-Myers entered elite – and impressive – company. As a quadruple-titlist in a single championship event, she became the second athlete in national NCAA meets to win four individual events. The first was none another than Ohio State's Jesse Owens, who accomplished the feat in both 1935 and 1936 before winning four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics.

Trice-Myers overcame numerous personal challenges on the road to setting records. "As I transitioned from high school to college athletics, I was still nursing a hamstring injury and recovering from a knee injury," she explains. "The practices were more intense, easily becoming the hardest workouts I had ever done, but they also became an invaluable learning experience."

Through the help of Christopher Newport's athletic

trainer, Chris Jones, Trice-Myers regained her full potential. "Jones was instrumental in getting me healthier and stronger. After my freshman year, she spent the entire summer rehabilitating me and helped me become stronger and faster," Trice-Myers says. And with the help of Head Coach Vince Brown, she found herself in the best possible environment to thrive as a student-athlete.

"Coach Brown was smart and knew how to build a winning team. He was fair, patient, and encouraged us to focus on training and practice," she says. Brown also pushed his athletes to invest fully in academics. "He not only cared for us as athletes, but equally as students," she notes. "He believed in our potential and constantly encouraged us on our path to graduation. Through his mentoring, we were able to believe in ourselves."

Honored as the Division III Female Athlete of the Decade for the 1980s, Trice-Myers has spent the years since graduation building a family and giving back to others. "I spent much of my time working with the youth community and volunteering at my church," she says. "After marrying my college sweetheart, Kevin '90, and having our son, Malek, my biggest goal after leaving Christopher Newport was to work in human services so I could reach out to undeserved youth and families."

Since relocating to Hampton in 2017, Trice-Myers has served Optima Health as a community outreach coordinator. "I strive to be the best I can be for my family and my community," she says. "Ultimately, I want to end my day knowing that I'm fulfilling what I was put on this earth to do." \( \Display \)







65 RBI and 57 runs scored. Four Captains earned All-Region accolades as Woodard was joined by seniors Joe Burris and Brandon Ginch and sophomore Thomas Packert.

### Women's Basketball

Following a Final Four appearance in 2017, the Captains returned nearly the entire roster in 2017-18, and expectations were greater than ever before. Ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation in the preseason, the CNU women's basketball team featured eight seniors and a wealth of veteran experience. After winning 12 of their first 13 games, the Captains lost senior leader Sam Porter to a broken hand but still managed to win 11 of the next 12 games. Porter returned to the lineup just before the postseason and helped guide the Captains to the CAC championship game, which CNU lost in a dramatic buzzer-beater to Marymount University. Still, the Captains earned an at-large berth into the NCAA tournament and continued to show why they are one of the best programs in the nation, dancing all the way to the Sweet 16 for the fifth time in the last six seasons before suffering a season-ending loss to fourth-ranked Hope College. Christopher Newport finished the season with a 25-5 overall record and 16-2 mark in conference play; the Captains were ranked No. 15 in the nation in the final poll.

### Sam Porter

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### Men's Basketball

Despite graduating four senior starters, including a first team All-American, the Christopher Newport men's basketball team showed no signs of slowing down in 2017-18. In addition to the four seniors, the Captains also lost another All-American to injury for the duration of the season and were forced to restructure the entire rotation. Thrust to the forefront, senior Aaron McFarland put together one of the finest individual seasons in program history to lead the way for Christopher Newport as they reached the NCAA tournament for the third straight season. McFarland scored over 500 points and averaged 17.3 points per game en route to first team All-American plaudits along with region and conference Player of the Year honors. As a team, the Captains finished with a 22-7 overall record and reached the CAC championship game for the fifth straight season. The season concluded at home in the NCAA tournament second round, after McFarland and the rest of the senior class collected their 99th career win.





# Men's Golf

Junior David Rabil earned PING Division III All-Region honors for the second straight year to headline another successful season for the Christopher Newport men's golf program. This year Rabil fired an average of 75.4 over the course of 18 rounds of play, earning second team All-Conference honors as he helped the Captains post a second-place finish in the CAC championship. A team devoid of seniors, the Captains picked up four All-Conference certificates including first team All-CAC honoree Chris Brugge, who shot 77.3 over 12 rounds of action this year. As a team, the Captains finished with five top 10 performances in nine total events.

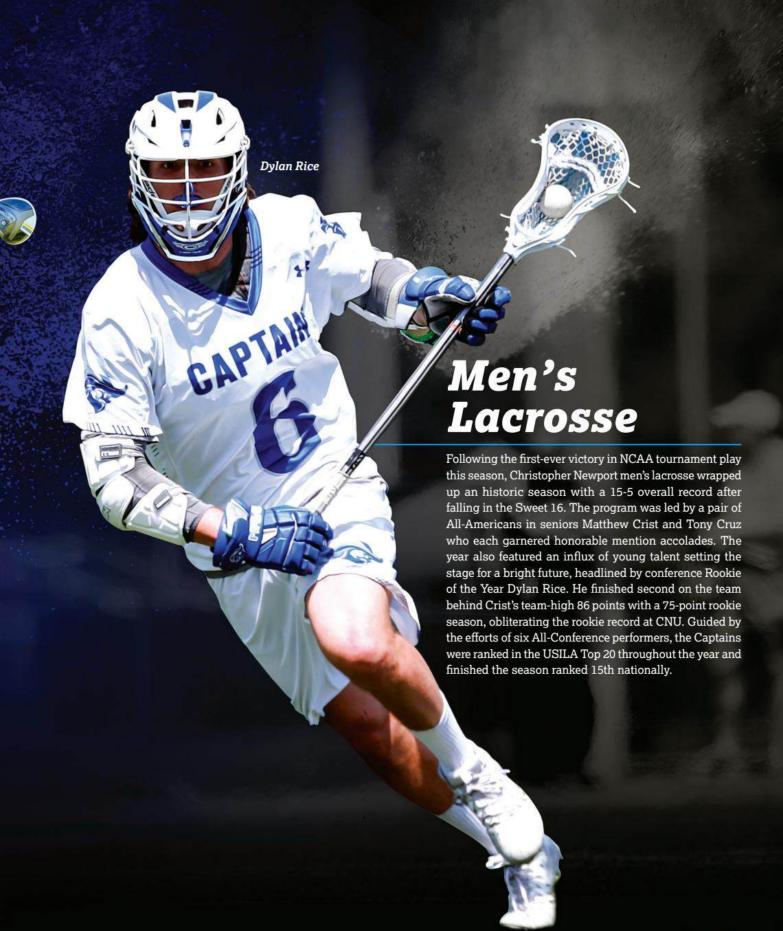


Erica Whitehouse

David Rabil

# Women's Golf

The first year of Christopher Newport women's golf ended in a flourish as the Captains captured a dominating victory at the first-ever Capital Athletic Conference Women's Golf Championship. Freshman Erica Whitehouse posted a 26-stroke victory in the tournament to run away with the inaugural CAC Women's Golf Player and Rookie of the Year awards. She led the team with a 77.8 stroke average in her first year, ranking 11th among freshmen nationally and 52nd overall. Her tremendous first season culminated in the conference championship, but also included three more top five finishes including a win of the Max & Susan Stith Invitational in Richmond. The team set an impressive bar in the first year as a program, and the future is bright as the rookie class started all five events in the spring.



# Sailing Under the direction of Head Coach Maxwell Plarr, the Captains fielded a roster of almost entirely underclassmen. Setting the stage for a bright future, the CNU sailing team featured just two seniors and no juniors as the Captains continued to compete in some of the nation's toughest regattas. The young talent assuaged any doubts with a strong fall season that included a second-place finish at the Luce Trophy. In the spring CNU posted a season-best second-place finish at the Woollum Team Race. Senior Kaitlyn Reilly was named to the ICSA All-Academic Team, headlining the individual accomplishments for CNU this season. Vir Menon and Mackenzie Conner Sarah Culver

# Women's Lacrosse

Tying a program record with three IWLCA All-Region selections, the Christopher Newport women's lacrosse team wrapped up another strong season on the turf in 2018. Junior Sarah Culver highlighted the action as a first team All-Region pick, leading the team with 69 goals and 76 points, marking the third-highest single-season total in program history. Senior Carly Wilson and junior Julia Golden also hauled in All-Region plaudits for the Captains, who featured four All-Conference picks this season. The team finished over .500 for the 13th consecutive season and earned a win in the CAC tournament before falling to national semifinalist Salisbury to finish the year with a 10-9 overall record.

# Softball Firmly entrenched as one of the nation's best softball programs, the Captains posted yet another sensational season on the diamond in 2018. For the 12th consecutive year, the Christopher Newport softball team carried its season into the NCAA tournament as it won the 2018 conference championship and hosted the NCAA regional at Captains Park. Along the way, Head Coach Keith Parr secured his 500th career coaching victory as CNU concluded the season with an impressive 37-10 overall record. Individually, Patty Maye Ohanian posted the finest freshman campaign in program history and became the first CNU player in any sport to earn first team All-American plaudits during her rookie year. Ohanian was the CAC Rookie of the Year and a finalist for the Schutt Sports/NFCA National Player of the Year award. She was joined on the All-America first team by senior outfielder Leah Andrews, and the duo were among six All-Region selections for the Captains in 2018. Patty Maye Ohanian

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# Men's Tennis

David Reed

For the second straight year, the top doubles duo of Justin Cerny and David Reed qualified for the NCAA Division III Doubles Championship, highlighting another strong season for CNU men's tennis. The Captains were ranked nationally throughout the season and advanced to their fourth-straight Capital Athletic Conference championship match. Cerny and Reed finished their illustrious careers ranked 14th in the nation after becoming just the second tandem to qualify for nationals more than once. Cerny also was named the Most Improved Senior in the Atlantic South Region while the Captains were tabbed winners of the Community Service Award. As a team, CNU finished the year ranked No. 34 nationally after a 14-9 season.

# Women's Tennis

Featuring a senior class of eight players, Christopher Newport women's tennis continued to set the bar higher with another banner year in 2017-18. The Captains finished the year ranked in the Top 25 for the first time in program history. Led by sophomore sensation Johanna Ranta-aho from Finland, the Captains reached the Capital Athletic Conference championship match for the fourth straight season. Ranta-aho became the first conference Player of the Year in program history and was just the third player, first since 1992, to qualify for the NCAA Division III Singles Championship. Her 18-5 overall record in singles play was good enough to be ranked 31st in the country in singles at the end of her sophomore season.

Johanna Ranta-aho



#### Dover Celebrates Banner Season

After reaching the national championship event in cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field, Jeff Dover was named the Capital Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Year, capping off one of the most memorable years in CNU athletics. Dover is the first Captain to earn the award and the first distance runner to earn the distinction in conference history. His efforts throughout the year helped the Captains win both the CAC indoor and outdoor track and field championships, while he led the men's contingent at both NCAA national championship meets.

Representing the U.S. this July, Dover secured two medals – a gold in the 5000 and a bronze in the 1500 – at the inaugural FISU America Games at the Brazilian Paralympic Center in Sao Paulo. The America Games are an international competition featuring athletes from 12 North and South American countries.

# Legend Hayes in the state of th

## Track & Field

Men's: In addition to Jeff Dover's stellar season, Legend Hayes extended the Captains' success in men's track and field with a a national runner-up finish in the discus, posting a school record toss of 54.45 meters. The Captains also boasted the region's top coaching staff, as Tyler Wingard and Sarah Lagasse were honored as the Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year, guiding a team that finished the year ranked seventh in the nation.

Women's: The CNU women's track and field team once again reigned supreme in the Capital Athletic Conference, winning both the indoor and outdoor conference championships for the fifth straight season. The Captains were led by three All-Region selections as Monica Lannen earned recognition in the 800 and 1500 while Sarah Johnson was selected in the shot put and discus. Rounding out the honorees was senior All-American Hannah Shoemaker, who shined in the shot put with the furthest heave in the South/Southeast Region this year. Shoemaker also set program records in the indoor weight throw and outdoor hammer throw and ranks in the top five in the shot, discus and hammer.





A face-off extraordinaire, this lacrosse team member excelled both on and off the field of play.

HE LIFE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE requires diligence to juggle both academic and athletic demands. Tony Cruz '18 not only embraced this challenge as a member of the CNU men's lacrosse team, he established a rich legacy in the process.

Cruz gained a reputation as a formidable face-off specialist during his time playing for the Captains. Face-offs in lacrosse require two players from each team to battle for possession of the ball before the beginning of the game, after halftime and following every goal; thus, winning these often proves crucial to the game's final outcome.

"I love being the face-off specialist," Cruz says. "I enjoy being that guy who can help my team win big games. There can be a lot of pressure when it comes to this role on the team, but it is one I thrive on and love."

A sociology major with a criminology concentration, Cruz also excelled in his studies. "Playing a sport in college actually made me a much better student than before," he explains. "I never wanted to be the one who was only good on the field but couldn't keep up in the classroom. My goal was always to push myself to achieve the greatest success possible in my classes and maintain that balance."

Hailing from Littleton, Colorado, Cruz had to adapt to a new environment at Christopher Newport and teach himself crucial elements of lacrosse as he transitioned into college life. "I never really had a face-off coach in high school and had to figure these things out on my own," he says. "I'm speechless about how well this turned out and owe so much of my success to Head Coach Mikey Thompson at CNU for further developing the skills I had."

Now a Captain for Life, Cruz is heading back to Colorado to apply to the Police Academy. "I hope to be a detective for a while with the Littleton, Colorado, police and transfer to the Denver Police Department in the future," he says. "My ultimate goal would be to either work for the FBI or Secret Service."

Whether in competition or in the classroom, Cruz can take pride in all he accomplished at Christopher Newport. He notes, "I couldn't imagine going to another school and playing for another team other than CNU. Hopefully I've left a legacy to remember." •

2015

Set a single-game program record of winning 24 out of 25 face-offs as a freshman

Named Capital Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week

2016

Ranked among the top 25 nationally with 208 face-off victories out of 366 attempts

2017

Earned first-team All-Conference and All-Region accolades

Ranked 17th nationally for face-off victories

2018

Earned first-team All-State honors



## REGIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWS

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#### **ATLANTA**

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To mark the completion of Christopher Newport's first comprehensive campaign, Defining Significance, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter celebrated atop the gorgeous rooftop of 9 Mile Station in Atlanta's Ponce City Market. As the first location outside Virginia to have a chartered chapter of the Alumni Society, the group was chosen by President Paul Trible to host a campaign celebration.

A key objective of Defining Significance was to reach and engage Captains across the globe to help CNU attract more out-of-state students. Over the last few years, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter has supported that goal by sponsoring an annual trip for guidance counselors from some of Atlanta's top high schools, allowing them to visit campus for conversations with President Trible, alumni and current students.



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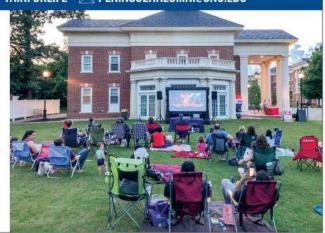
The D.C. Metro Alumni Chapter stepped up to the plate this year with more than 125 alumni, family and guest tickets sold for the inaugural D.C. Day at the Diamond. Captains from our nation's capital and beyond gathered at Washington's Nationals Park sporting silver and blue to cheer on the home team. The Chapter then rooted for the Washington Capitals in February, in addition to hosting several service, career and social events throughout the year to connect and support alumni of the Northern Virginia, D.C. and Maryland metro regions.

#### PENINSULA

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To engage Captains of all ages, the Peninsula Alumni Chapter has started a new tradition on campus with Family Movie Night. As members and their families fill the Alumni House lawn with blankets, lawn chairs and snacks, Family Movie Night provides a fun evening under the stars for Captains of all ages. The gatherings feature family hits like "Moana" and "Coco" — plus visits with Captain Chris and treats for all to enjoy, thanks to the support of Peninsula board members Shannon Edwards '04 and Dayton Wiese '03.

Additional funding and support for Family Movie Night and other events were possible thanks to this year's holiday party host, Lindsey Carney '01 and Skip Smith, plus sponsors, golfers and supporters of the Peninsula's Captains Choice Classic, presented by Follett.





#### RICHMOND

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This past June the Richmond Alumni Chapter hosted its first Captains, Cocktails & Careers event at Casa del Barco at Canal Walk. Alumni met in this picturesque downtown location over specialty drink and food selections, networking with Captains across the city, enjoying opportunities for professional LinkedIn headshots and more! Similar to the other regional chapters, the Richmond Chapter Alumni Board invited members of the Class of 2018 to attend the "Welcome Home Event" that introduced them to post-CNU life in Richmond. Engaging our newest alumni with those who are hiring, seeking or simply networking provided the perfect avenue to connect Captains with opportunity.

The Chapter has an exciting year ahead, including a fall charity event supporting the local food bank, a holiday party, a Regional CNU Day event on March 14, 2019, and more!

#### **SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS**

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The South Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter had an eventful year. In addition to securing 15 members for the Alumni Chapter Board to hosting five social, family friendly and fundraising events, alumni on the Southside were excited to have their first holiday party hosted by a family of Captains. Chapter members and alumni from across the region gathered in the beautiful waterfront home of hosts Karen and Bryan Bagwell, parents of Andrew'18.

Here Captains for Life, along with President Paul and Rosemary Trible, celebrated the season while enjoying picturesque views.

All four Virginia regional chapter holiday parties this year were hosted by alumni and their families. Overall, more than 470 alumni attended these events, raising nearly \$6,000 in support of chapters and their philanthropic initiatives.



#### **TRIANGLE**

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On June 9, 2018, Christopher Newport celebrated the charter of the Triangle Alumni Chapter. Captains from the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area of North Carolina traveled to campus that day to represent their region at the Alumni Society Board's annual meeting. They presented a proposal detailing their work as regional leaders, highlighting numerous out-of-state events that laid the groundwork for their chartered chapter's success.

Just two weeks later, Triangle Captains celebrated their unanimous chartering approval with Captains, Crafts & Careers at Clouds Brewing, followed by a family outing in August at a Durham Bulls game. This fall members will invite President Trible and Captains from across the state to attend an official chartering celebration in Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill.

#### **AFFINITY CHAPTER NEWS**



# CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY (CCM)

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In addition to celebrating the beginning of Holy Week, Palm Sunday 2018 brought together our Catholic Captains at Christopher Newport. Alumni, students, faculty and staff of the CNU Catholic community convened in the Gregory P. Klich Alumni House for a Palm Sunday student-alumni luncheon. Captains enjoyed food and fellowship to celebrate the end of Lent and shared stories of their experiences as Captains for Life in a group discussion led by John Hopke, Catholic Campus Ministry Director. Following lunch, CCM alumni and students attended mass in the Pope Chapel. The day concluded with a social event at Schooners Grill.

#### **CNU FOOTBALL**

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The CNU Football Chapter switched things up this year, hosting the annual Football Alumni Golf Tournament in Newport News at Kiln Creek Golf Club. The event welcomed alumni, current coaches and students spanning the sport's 16-year history on campus, raising money for the CNU football program and chapter initiatives.

Proceeds will specifically support new athletic playing gear for the football team, plus an end-of-the year football banquet celebrating senior players and their families. CNU football alumni and coaches generated dozens of sponsorships, raffle prizes and a full tournament of players, raising thousands of dollars for the Captains.



#### **ICE HOCKEY**

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Chartered in 2014, the Ice Hockey Alumni Chapter serves as an avenue to celebrate and support the current CNU ice hockey team, reconnect with teammates, meet fellow Captains, and host ice hockey tournaments and alumni games. Last November the Chapter held its fourth annual Ice Hockey Alumni Game at Hampton Roads Iceplex, held the Friday evening of Homecoming weekend. Nearly 20 alumni spanning all class years of CNU ice hockey participated. Following the game, alumni and their families gathered in Alumni Alley for the Homecoming tailgate.



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The President's Leadership Program Alumni Chapter kicked off its fourth year as a chartered group with a strong show of support on CNU Day. Thanks to an engaging social media campaign, PLP alumni contributed more than \$800 to chapter operations and initiatives, as well as providing support for needs within the CNU community. For the second consecutive year, members led all 13 regional and affinity groups in alumni giving back to a chapter, both in dollars raised and number of individual donors.

The Chapter also started a new tradition with a PLP studentalumni mixer at Smoke restaurant where chapter leaders and PLP alumni celebrated with the newest class of PLP graduates.

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# THEATERCNU

The Multicultural Alumni Chapter brought an exciting new tradition to Christopher Newport, hosting its first Multicultural Alumni Weekend March 23-25. Festivities kicked off Friday evening at Smoke restaurant with a Multicultural Mix and Mingle. Saturday was an action-filled day complete with the chapter board meeting, campus and Alumni House tours, and several other events: the Pride and Pancakes Brunch (attended by LGBTQ+ students, alumni and friends), a Diversity Careers panel discussion, and participation in the Yard Show of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, comprised of historically black sororities and fraternities. Afterward, guests learned the basics of Latin culture and dance through a 90-minute performance and crash course with professional Latin dance instructors from Libre Dance USA. The weekend concluded with the feature event, CNUnity.

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Special thanks to Student Activities, Alumni Relations, University Advancement and the Alumni Society for event sponsorships, as well as chapter leaders Jeanice Stewart '04 and Monique "Moe" Bates '05 for months of work supporting this weekend.

The TheaterCNU Alumni Chapter boasts hundreds of creative and talented alumni nationwide. Through networking, professional development and fundraising, the Chapter worked to strengthen its expanding alumni network and support and encourage current theater students.

In April TheaterCNU alumni hosted the second annual Shoebox Follies Theater Alumni Weekend on campus. Festivities began with a Friday-evening student performance of "Antigone" in the Ferguson Center for Arts. Students and alumni then gathered at Schooners Grill to celebrate their shared connections and passion for the arts. The next day featured alumni-led theater workshops for current students with sessions ranging from Corporate Résumé and Theater Tax Assistance to Living out of a Suitcase: Life on Tour.

# ALUMNI AWARDS

Congratulations to these standout Captains for Life who bring pride to their alma mater.



#### **Alumni Achievement Award**

**LEE LOCKWOOD '07** has spent a large portion of his professional time on campus through his work with Lockwood's Carpets. He has donated time and services to various spaces around Christopher Newport, including recent contributions to the Gregory P. Klich Alumni House.

**SUSAN MOFFAT-THOMAS '80** served 30 years as executive director of the Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corporation in New Bern, North Carolina. Swiss Bear was established to lead, stimulate and coordinate the revitalization of downtown New Bern and redevelopment of its waterfront.

MICHAEL MULLIN '04 serves as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly. In this role he seeks to reform student discipline and keep federal funds in place to further clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

**COLIN WHITTINGTON '13** has performed numerous life-saving acts as a deputy for the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. He has received the Meritorious Action Award from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, two Lifesaving Awards from the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and a Certificate of Congressional Recognition.

This honor — bestowed upon four alumni in 2017 — is granted to graduates for significant accomplishments in their professional life or for distinguished service to their community, state or nation.

#### ALUMNI NEWS

#### A. Jane Chambers Volunteer Award

**DR. SEAN HEUVEL** serves as an assistant professor in CNU's Department of Leadership and American Studies. He is a founding member of the 1961 Club and author of *Christopher Newport University* for the Campus History Series. Heuvel has spent countless hours collecting and sharing Christopher Newport's rich history.

This award recognizes a non-graduate volunteer who, in the opinion of the Alumni Society, has brought honor to the University and/or its alumni community through acts of service.

#### Distinguished Alumni Service Award

KAREN JACKSON '87 served Gov. Terry McAuliffe's administration as Virginia secretary of technology. She has won numerous honors for her efforts to provide rural Virginia with safe, reliable Internet access; develop state-of-the-art programs to protect the Virginia cyber infrastructure; and ensure Virginia colleges and universities are at the forefront in drone and cyber development through educational initiatives and the securing of federal grants, permits and licenses.

This award honors a graduate for specific and commendable service to their university, community, state or nation; alumni who graduated between 1961 and 2016 are eligible. (This award cannot be given posthumously, to a current member of any board associated with Christopher Newport University, or to a current officer, faculty member or employee of Christopher Newport.)

# Distinguished Young Alumnus Award

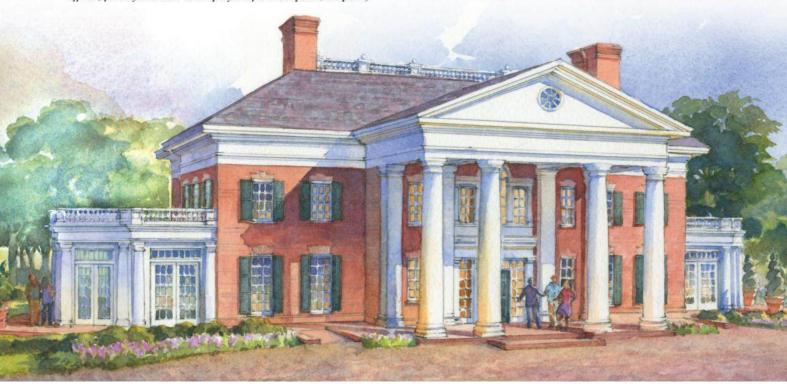
**CAROLINA HURLEY '14** began working at the White House as director of regional media at age 24. Her additional accomplishments have included a tenure as director of television for the Republican National Committee during the 2016 election.

This award goes to one graduate from the Classes of 2007-16 who exemplifies the Christopher Newport tradition of excellence and has brought credit to his or her alma mater through personal, professional and community service as a recent graduate.

# Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award

**GREGORY P. KLICH '84** has built a thriving career as a realestate developer and investor in Hampton Roads. His company works with new construction and home renovations, and both owns and manages affordable housing apartments, as well as homes and commercial real estate on the Virginia Peninsula. Additionally, one of his companies makes the housing needs of the region's homeless and veterans a priority. Klich has given both his time and treasure to the Alumni House and endowed the Klich Award, a cash prize given at each commencement to the graduate with the highest grade-point average.

This honor goes to a graduate who exemplifies the Christopher Newport 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 2016 are eligible.





# The Class of 2018 raised over \$110,000, gifting one year of a full-ride scholarship while providing support for both the Create a Captain fund and campus sustainability efforts — in addition to renewing support for the Faculty Development Fund and Alumni House.

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#### **Career Announcements**

#### **1970s**

Pamela Vaughan '72 received the James P. Kirsch Lifetime Achievement Award from Virginia Credit Union League for 40 years of service and significant contributions to Virginia's credit unions.

**Dick Roberts '73** became director of the Central Virginia Training Center in 2017. He previously worked at the Southeastern Virginia Training Center.

#### 1980s

Kevin Lyles '85 is vice president of community impact and operations for the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula. He serves on the Christopher Newport Alumni Society Board of Directors and is an assistant governor of Rotary International. He and his wife, Lisa '85, reside in Newport News.

William Bowen '88, Chief Financial Officer for York County School Division, received the Business Officials Cardinal Award from the Virginia Association of Schools, which honors professionalism, leadership and innovation in school business management.

#### **1990**s

Larry Kirk '91 and Margaret (Riggins) Kirk '91 are both CPAs. Their daughter, Faith Kirk '17, has been accepted to Regent University School of Law. The Kirks reside in Yorktown.

William B. Littreal '92 was promoted to senior executive vice president and chief financial officer of TowneBank. He resides in Toano with his wife, Maria, and three daughters. **Kevin Fly '94** was named senior executive vice president, chief accounting officer at TowneBank.

**Nicole (Shaye) Horn '96** is a realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services Towne Realty helping Captains for Life find their dream homes.

Shannon (Brown) Jones '98 is celebrating 20 years with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. She recently was promoted to senior information security analyst, in charge of cybersecurity awareness and training for all 12 Federal Reserve banks.

**Jamie Mitchell '99** is the new director of events for Hub 757 in Suffolk.

**Danna Plewe '99** was appointed program manager for the new Air Force Employee Assistance Program. Plewe and her family reside in Dayton, Ohio.

#### 2004

Allen Brooks '04 has joined Building Momentum, a service-disabled veteranowned small business that provides science and engineering consulting and technology development and training to defense, education, corporate and entrepreneurial organizations. He serves as vice president, education and outreach. President of the TheaterCNU Alumni Chapter, Brooks also sits on the Alumni Society Board of Directors. Kathleen Veer '15 and Cheyanne Dwyer '16 recently joined the Building Momentum team.

#### 2005

**Tabetha Holt '05** is the human resources director at Riverside Doctors' Hospital Williamsburg.

Hattie (Barber) Smart '05 became a national board certified teacher in January. She has worked for Henrico County Public Schools as the school librarian at Deep Run High School since 2007. Smart resides in Louisa County with her husband, Brad '06, and their daughter, Eleanor.

#### 2006

#### Addison (Jeana Willis) Patrick

**'06** has relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, and was elected vice chair of the Libertarian Party of Duval County, an affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Florida.

#### 2007

**Kevin Dean '07** was promoted to major in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, **Natalie '08**, live in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with their future Captain, Logan.

Nate Fontaine '07 was elected mayor of Lovettsville in May. He and his wife, Lizzy '05, have two children.

Cara (Moser) Knight '07 received her license for professional counseling in 2017 and lives in Roanoke.

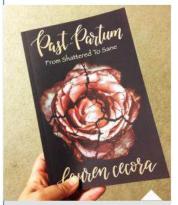
**Illysa Schrager '07** graduated from an executive master's program at American University's School of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., earning her MS in organization development.

**Alan Witt '07** started a new job as a financial consultant at Old Point Financial Corporation and serves on the Alumni Society Board of Directors.

#### 2008

**Erin Roll '08** received an MA in English from Montclair State University in New Jersey.

#### 2009



Lauren Cecora '09 published her first book in 2017: Past-Partum: From Shattered to Sane. It chronicles her diagnosis of postpartum depression and how she implemented a self-care plan to heal. The book is available on Kindle and Amazon in paperback.



Frank Garmon Jr. '09 graduated from the University of Virginia with a PhD in American history in 2017. After teaching in CNU's History Department for the past year he recently began a new position in the Leadership and American Studies Department as a postdoctoral teaching fellow.

Kenneth Harkins '09 earned a master's degree in educational leadership from George Mason University in 2017. He resides in Dale City with his wife, Mary '10, and their son, Henry.

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notes

Erin Plisco '09 has been appointed associate director of choral studies as Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.

#### 2010



Ashley (Adams) Landon '10 and her big sister in Alpha Phi, Erica (Hacker) Dean '09, were each honored as the 2018 Teacher of the Year for their respective middle schools in Virginia Beach.

Tunde Ogun '10, a firefighter for Henrico County, recently saved the life of a resident who collapsed while working out at a local gym. He used a wall-mounted defibrillator to aid the individual. Ogun played football for the Captains as an undergraduate.

Michelle Slosser '10 is part of York County's mosquito control team, serving as a mosquito biologist. Last year she received the Virginia Mosquito Control Association's award for outstanding service.

#### 2011

Rachel Southard '11 graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University's executive MBA program in 2017. Overseeing all donor relations, she is part of the inaugural staff that recently unveiled the Institute for Contemporary Art, a non-collecting institution in Richmond dedicated to exploring the art and issues of our time.

#### 2012

Dr. Jacob Capin '12 received a Promotion of Doctoral Studies (PODS) award from the Foundation for Physical Therapy to promote post-professional doctoral education. He is completing his third year of a PhD in biomechanics and movement science at the University of Delaware where he graduated at the top of his doctor of physical therapy (DPT) class in 2014 and teaches in the DPT program.

Jessica (Baraba) Link '12 was promoted to technical lead in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Norfolk.

James Swindell '12 graduated from the H. John Heinz III College School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University with a master of arts management degree. He serves as the group sales coordinator at Imagination Stage in Bethesda, Maryland. He also was appointed to the Arlington Commission for the Arts.

#### 2013

Dr. Jinda Chaijinda '13 earned her doctor of naturopathic medicine degree from Bastyr University in 2017. She will complete a two-year residency at the Yellowstone Naturopathic Clinic in Billings, Montana.

#### Dr. Heather Charwinsky '13 received her doctor of pharmacy degree from VCU School of Pharmacy in 2017. She lives in Pratt, Kansas, where she is a clinical pharmacist at Pratt Regional

Danielle DaCrema '13 is attending the University of Virginia for her PhD in cell biology.

Medical Center.

Gordon M. Phillips '13 has joined the Richmond law firm of Christian & Barton, LLP as an associate in the litigation practice group.

Ross Snare '13 became director of government relations for the Prince William Chamber of Commerce in April. He previously served as a legislative aide to the chairman of Prince William County's board of supervisors.

#### 2014

Kaitlyn Borysiewicz '14 is the new communication specialist at Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families (CCF) in Washington, D.C. In this role she serves as the point person for crafting CCF's digital presence on cutting-edge health-care policy.

Grace Currier '14 completed her second year as a high school theater director and teacher in Ocala, Forida. She recently celebrated the successful run of her first full-length musical as a director, "Godspell."





Kellie Johnson '14 completed her first year of graduate school at the University of South Carolina, part of the master's of international business dual-degree program. She will be moving to Milan, Italy, to finish her second year at Bocconi University.

**Lucas Mallory '14** has joined Triumph Services as a technical recruiter.

#### 2015

**Barb Ballve '15** has joined the legendary Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, as an events coordinator.

**Allie Hackbarth Kerr '15** serves Warwick High School in Newport News as the new head field hockey coach. She played four years with the Captains as a student.

#### 2016

**Carol Dougherty '16** works in development at the Seminar Network, a group of organizations and business, political and community leaders led by Charles and David Koch.

Kambria Lannetti '16 is a law student at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach and will graduate in 2019. She was chosen as the first-place recipient of the 2018 Hon. Leroy R. Hassell Sr. Writing Competition, earning an offer to publish in the Regent University Law Review.

**Shannon Minnich '16** graduated from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University with a master's of international affairs. She has accepted a position with Plante Moran in Chicago, Illinois, as a transfer pricing analyst.

**Derick Stephenson '16** has taught with Teach for America in Tarboro, North Carolina, since graduating from CNU. In the upcoming school year, **Dante Perry '15** will be a music teacher at the same school: Martin Millennium Academy.

Jonathan Toms '16 was promoted to associate manager of charitable initiatives for Smithfield Foods Inc. He was also named to the board of directors for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank.



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#### 2017

**Sarah Belou '17** has accepted a position with Samsung Semiconductor in Austin, Texas.

#### 2018

**Galen Creekmore '18** has joined Central Virginia Electric Cooperative as the co-op's key accounts and member engagement representative. He previously worked as an intern in 2016.

**Adelaide Kier '18** has gained acceptance into Yale University's School of Medicine to become a physician assistant.

Martha Karnes '16 starts

her PhD studies in English

this fall at the University of

Texas at Austin.

#### **Wedding Announcements**



Emily (Anderson) Teter '05 married Erik Teter on July 29, 2017, at St. James Church in Falls Church with Linda (Lawson) Rohlfs '03 serving as a bridesmaid. The happy couple enjoyed a worldwide honeymoon where they attended an audience with Pope Francis and had their marriage blessed. They reside in Fairfax and work at an all-girls Catholic school in Maryland.



Addison Patrick '06 and her spouse held a formal ceremony for their wedding on March 4, 2017, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They plan to relocate to the Jacksonville, Florida, area in the near future.

Elizabeth Coppage '08 married Christopher August on November 5, 2016, in San Pedro, Belize, where they currently live.



Elisabeth Henifin '08 married Christopher Francis on October 8, 2017, at the Denver Botanic Gardens in Colorado. She was attended by her sister, Catherine Henderson '10. Several Captains for Life attended the wedding: Class of 2008 members Nikki and Mark Ziegelhofer, Jamie Keithley, Janelle Esposito, and Sam Hurst, as well as Caleb Henderson '11. Photographed with Elisabeth and Christopher are Catherine Henderson '10 and Ian Francis.

Wolf on June 17, 2017, at Eden Try Estate and Winery in Fredericksburg. Those pictured are all CNU alumni: Audrey Trussell, Derek Morse, Amy Soderstrum, Caitlin-Boyd Hartwig, Eric Hartwig, Laura (Strube) Pittman, Lynanne (Hodges) Yndestad, Danielle (Carroll) Allan, Maggie McDermott and Sasha Simmons.

leff Whitten Garmon '10 and Xue "Lala" Zhang were married August 12, 2017, at Lioncrest-Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. He works at Centerpoint Energy in Houston, Texas, as a regulatory accounting supervisor. The wedding party included Kevin Lewis '10 and Jason Frasca '10.

on June 10, 2017, at Kiln Creek Golf Club and Resort in Newport News. Sabina Furbee '11, Kate Doyle '12 and Ken McMinn '13 were members of the bridal party. Burke is pursuing her master's of education at William & Mary, and the couple resides in Hampton.





#### class notes



#### Lindsay (Christensen)

Zappala '12 married David Zappala at Excellence El Carmen in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, on May 5, 2017. She is a business development officer for Stewart Title, and he is the senior analyst of contract manufacturing for Bel Brands USA. They live in Chicago, Illinois.

#### Kayleigh (Poulin) Hunt '15

married Scott Hunt on April 21, 2017, at Kiln Creek Golf Club and Resort in Newport News. They currently reside in Harrisonburg as she completes her master's in physician assistant studies at James Madison University.



#### Chelsea (Shumaker) Bernier '16

married Tyler Bernier on December 31, 2017, in Dillwyn. The couple lived in Chesapeake while she completed her studies at Sentara College of Health Sciences.



#### Scarlett (Combs) Bowles '16

and Cory Bowles were married September 30, 2017, at Kiln Creek Golf Club and Resort in Newport News. To celebrate their one-year anniversary, they will move into their newly built home in New Kent County this fall.

#### Alexandra (Lyth) Hobbs '16

and Justin Hobbs were married November 4, 2017, at Belle Grove plantation in King George. They currently live in the northern neck of Virginia in Richmond County. Justin is a teacher, and Alexandra works at the Tides Inn in Irvington as the catering and conference services manager.



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#### Savannah Cheryl Hager '17

and Brian Dean Collins were married June 4, 2017, at Irvine Estate in Lexingtona. Jennifer Hager Keen '12 served as matron-of-honor, Amanda Morrow '17 served as a bridesmaid, and Logan Hager '19 was a groomsman. The couple resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he works at a private equity firm and she is employed by a counseling center.





#### **Captains Marrying Captains**

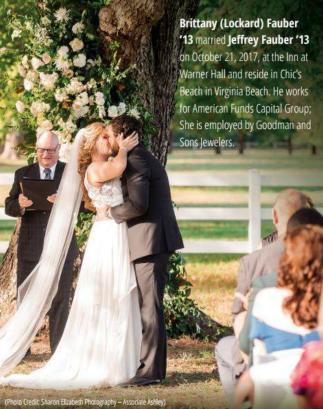


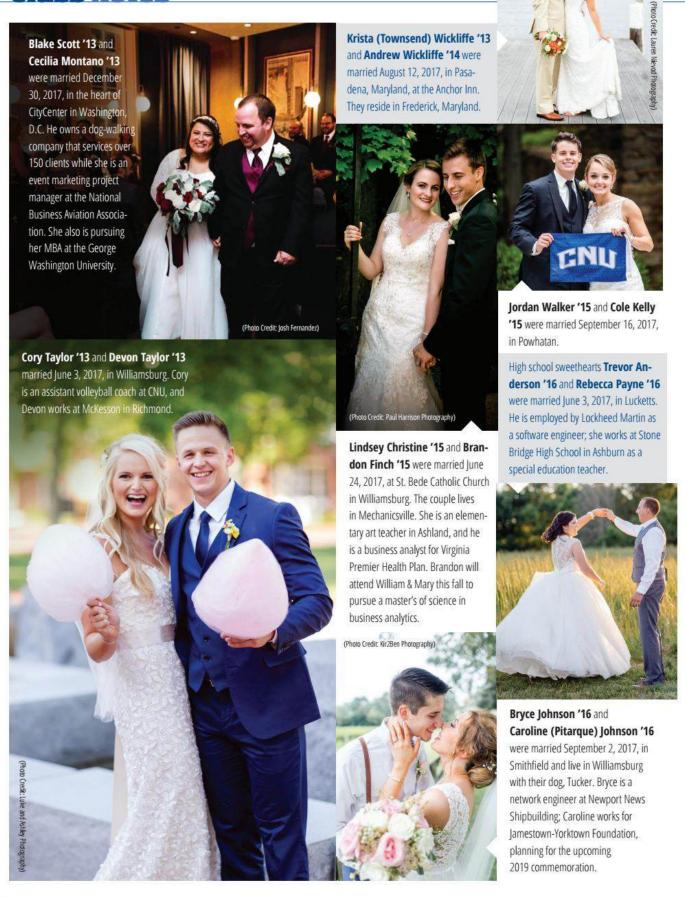
**Ashley Adams '10, MAT '11** and **Robert Landon '11** were married October 7, 2017, in Virginia Beach at the Founders Inn and Spa.





**Ashley Levings '11** and **Emma Levings '11**, who were sorority sweethearts, were married at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn on November 11, 2017. Emma is a laboratory scientist for the Fairfax County Health Department, and Ashley is a systems engineer for Dell Technologies.





#### **Future Captains**



George Bowman '01 and Sarah Bowman '01 welcomed their first child, daughter Julia Grace, on March 6, 2017. She was named after her late grandmother, Julie Sager '72, a former Alumni Society president. Sarah is director of marketing and development for VersAbility Resources, a nonprofit that helps over 1,600 people with disabilities throughout Hampton Roads.



Shane Prillaman '01 and Susan Prillaman '03 announce the birth of Liam John Andre, born April 14, 2017, at Riverside Hospital in Newport News. The family currently lives near Christopher Newport.



**Greg Dale '03** and his wife, Amie, welcomed their second child, Harper Grace, on May 4, 2018. Charlotte, age 3, is thrilled about her promotion to big sister.



Emmet Bruner '07 and Cary (Thorn) Bruner '07 welcomed baby Nolan David on August 15, 2017. The family resides in Richmond.



Happy (Darcus) Witt '05 and Alan Witt '07 welcomed baby boy Asher Quinn on February 6, 2018. The Witt family resides in Newport News.

Justin Yates '06 and his wife, Stacey, welcomed Asher Jefferson on July 28, 2017, in Winter Park, Florida. Yates is an outreach coordinator at a local church, as well as a missionary to high school students in the greater Orlando area.



Jenna (Barbee) Hartzell '08 and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of daughter Ella Rose, born July 19, 2017. She joins big brother Jace, 4.

Anne Lindsay "Al" Burke '08

and husband Robert welcomed Robert "Owen" Burke Jr. on April 10, 2017, in Virginia Beach. Al is an insurance agent at Liberty Mutual in Norfolk, and Robert is a CPA at Wall, Einhorn and Chernitzer in Norfolk.



Tim Wacek '07 and Katie Wacek '08 welcomed daughter Chloe Lynn on February 20, 2017, in Athens, Greece, where they work for the Department of State. She joined big brothers Ben, 4 and Jake, 2.



Erica (Hacker) Dean '09 and Chris Dean celebrated the arrival of Caroline Lyn on November 14, 2017. She joined big sister Isabella and big brother Carter. The family resides in Virginia Beach where Erica is an English teacher at Virginia Beach Middle School.



Bobby Henderson '11 and Katie (Duval) Henderson '10 welcomed a little Captain, baby Robbie, in April 2017.



Anna (Irre) Harrison '14

married Alex Harrison and moved to

arrival of Nicholas, born in Bitburg,

Germany, on September 20, 2016.



Austin Lester '14 and Hannah (Yoder) Lester '14 welcomed their first baby, Eloise Mae, on July 2, 2017. Austin is employed by Ferguson Enterprises while Hannah works as a Child Protective Services investigator for Henrico County. The Lesters live in Richmond.



Nicole (Hruska) Hoadley '15 and CJ Hoadley welcomed Graham Michael on September 7, 2017. Graham joined siblings Addison Grace, 7, and Garrett Christopher, 3. The family resides in Williamsburg where Nicole works at Snow Companies.



Sara (Scichilone) Winant '09 and Matt Winant '10 welcomed their first child, Joshua Luke, on January 16, 2018.

Melissa (Daymont) Shaughnessey '10 and her family announce the arrival of baby Katie Rose in May. She was welcomed by sister Caroline Madison, 4 (pictured).



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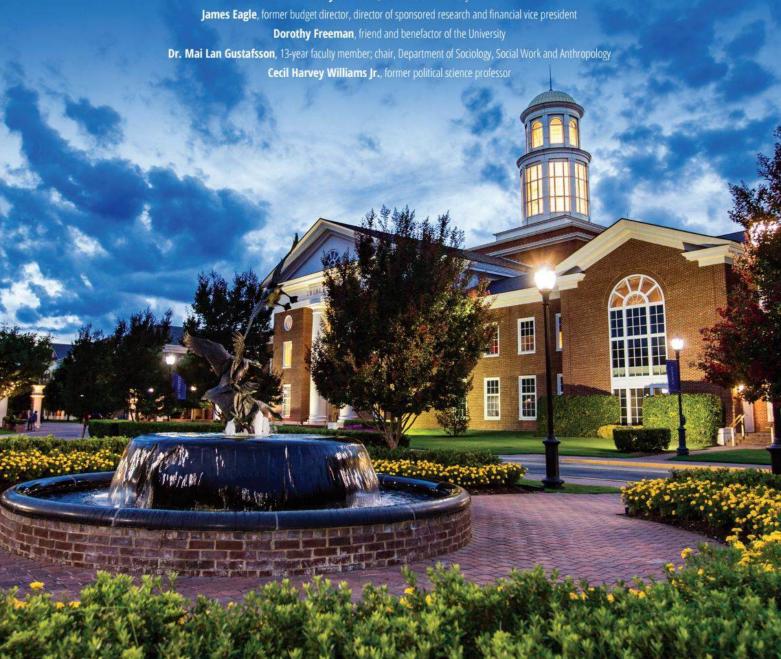
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