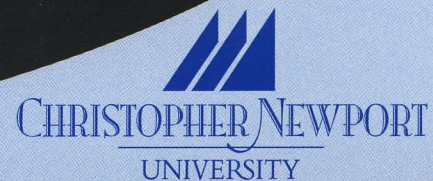


81st Commencement Exercises



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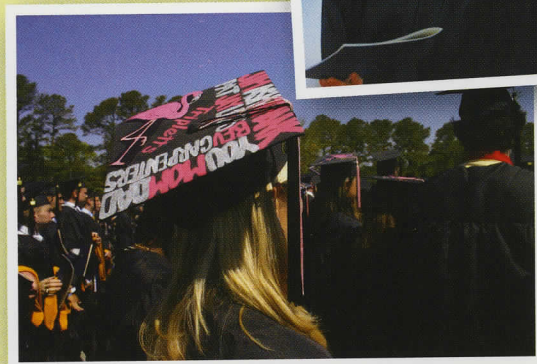
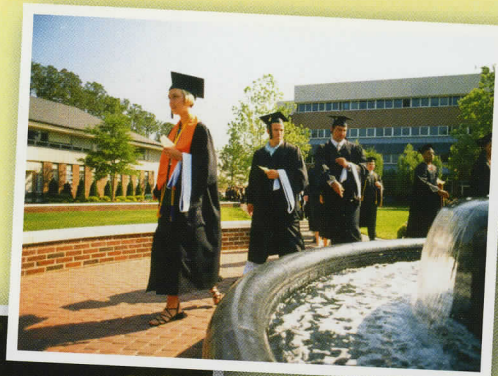


President Paul Tribble and the faculty and staff of Christopher Newport University are pleased to invite the Class of 2007, family and friends to campus May 11 – May 13, 2007 for a weekend of commencement events. The programs scheduled are designed to acknowledge and celebrate the many accomplishments of the more than 800 students who will have degrees conferred during the 81st Commencement Exercises scheduled for noon on Sunday, May 13, 2007.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus and to celebrating the many accomplishments of the class of 2007 with you!

Additional information about the weekend, including information about on campus and local accommodations is available online at <http://commencement.cnu.edu/>

General questions should be directed to the Office of Student Affairs at (757) 594-7160.



FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007

Senior Art Exhibit

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. • Bookstore Vestibule
David Student Union

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

President's Leadership Program Recognition Ceremony

5 p.m. • Music and Theater Hall
Ferguson Center for the Arts

PLP graduates and their families will be invited to take part in this celebration of the accomplishments of the class 2007. Remembering the past and looking to the future will be complemented by the recognition of those who made a difference along the way.

PLP graduates will receive a formal invitation with more information.

President's Reception

7 p.m. • Music and Theater Hall Lobby
Ferguson Center for the Arts
Attire: Business

Graduates and their families are invited to attend this evening reception hosted by Paul and Rosemary Tribble. The CNU Jazz Band will provide entertainment, and heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Bits and Pieces Puppet Theatre's Rip Van Winkle \$\$

8 p.m. • Concert Hall
Ferguson Center for the Arts
Tickets: \$12, \$15
Tickets at Ticketmaster.com;
(757) 671-8100

A unique combination of talented puppeteers and actors bring a fresh perspective to this original musical adaptation of the classic tale of Rip Van Winkle. Nine foot-tall puppets sing, dance and yes, even bowl! The oh-so sleepy Rip Van Winkle is joined by his daughter Sarah, his huntin' dog Wolfie, Dame Van Winkle, the Pirate and his Peg-leg Parrot, plus a host of others.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2007

Departmental Receptions

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Various Locations

Graduates are encouraged to check with their respective departments for location and time of their reception. After March 1, please check the web at <http://commencement.cnu.edu> for more details.

Umoja Reception for Students of Color

1:30 p.m. • Board Room
David Student Union

The Office of Multicultural Affairs invites all graduating students of color and their families to a reception honoring their achievements. Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of these graduates and bestow their kente stole (if ordered).

To order a kente stole please contact Jocelyn Greene-McHugh at (757)594-7527.

12th Convocation for the Conferring of Honors & Awards

3 p.m. • The Great Lawn
Rain: Music and Theater Hall
Ferguson Center for the Arts
Attire: Business/Academic Regalia

This event will serve to reaffirm the University's mission of "excellence in teaching, inspired by sound scholarship" by acknowledging the academic achievements of the class of 2007 and its associated faculty. Graduates who have earned Latin honors, faculty promoted in academic rank or awarded tenure and all faculty awarded emeritus status during the 06-07 academic year will be honored.

Honors recipients and their families are invited to attend. Latin honors recipients will receive invitations to this event at Commencement rehearsal on Thursday, May 10.

The Beach Boys \$\$

4 p.m./8 p.m. • Concert Hall
Ferguson Center for the Arts
Tickets: \$42, \$47, \$52
Tickets at Ticketmaster.com;
(757) 671-8100

The Beach Boys have become an American icon to a worldwide audience. Their unique blend of harmonies, musical arrangements and timeless lyrics remain among the all-time favorites of pop culture.

Candlelight Ceremony

8 p.m. • Patio
David Student Union
Attire: Business Casual/Academic Regalia

In honor of the class of 2007, Christopher Newport University will hold a Candlelight Ceremony at sunset on the eve of Commencement Services. The ceremony will commemorate the transition of the graduates to alumni of the University. Graduates and their families are invited to attend.

Celebrating Success!

Immediately following the
Candlelight Ceremony • Ballroom
David Student Union
Attire: Business Casual

Immediately following the Candlelight Ceremony the music and dancing will begin! Graduates are invited, along with their families, to enjoy an evening of music, dancing and desserts. A cash bar will be available.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2007

Alumni Society

Commencement Breakfast \$\$

8 a.m. • Regatta's

David Student Union

\$7 /Adults • \$3.50 /12 and under

Free /Under 3

Degree candidates and their guests are invited to enjoy this hearty breakfast buffet. For reservations, please call the Alumni Relations Office at (757) 594-7712 or email ashley.boyd@cnu.edu.

Baccalaureate Service

9 a.m. • Concert Hall

Ferguson Center for the Arts

The Baccalaureate service serves as an occasion to give thanks and to celebrate the completion of the academic journey. Candidates for graduation and their families are invited to attend.

Degree Candidates Assemble

11:15 a.m. • Field House

The Freeman Center

Degree candidates should assemble in The Freeman Center arena, 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 be encouraged to throw their penny in the fountain.

Commencement Exercises

12 noon

(Guests should be seated by

11:45 a.m., please)

POMOCO Stadium

The 81st Commencement exercise will begin promptly at noon. The processional begins the formal ceremony which will include remarks by the President of the University, the Rector of the Board of Visitors, a keynote speaker and the conferring of degrees to undergraduate and graduate students. The ceremony lasts about two hours.

*More detailed instructions are available at
<http://commencement.cnu.edu>.

Post Commencement Reception

Immediately following Commencement
James River Hall Field

A reception for graduates and their guests will take place at the west end of the football field at the conclusion of the ceremony. Graduates will also pick up diplomas at this location.

