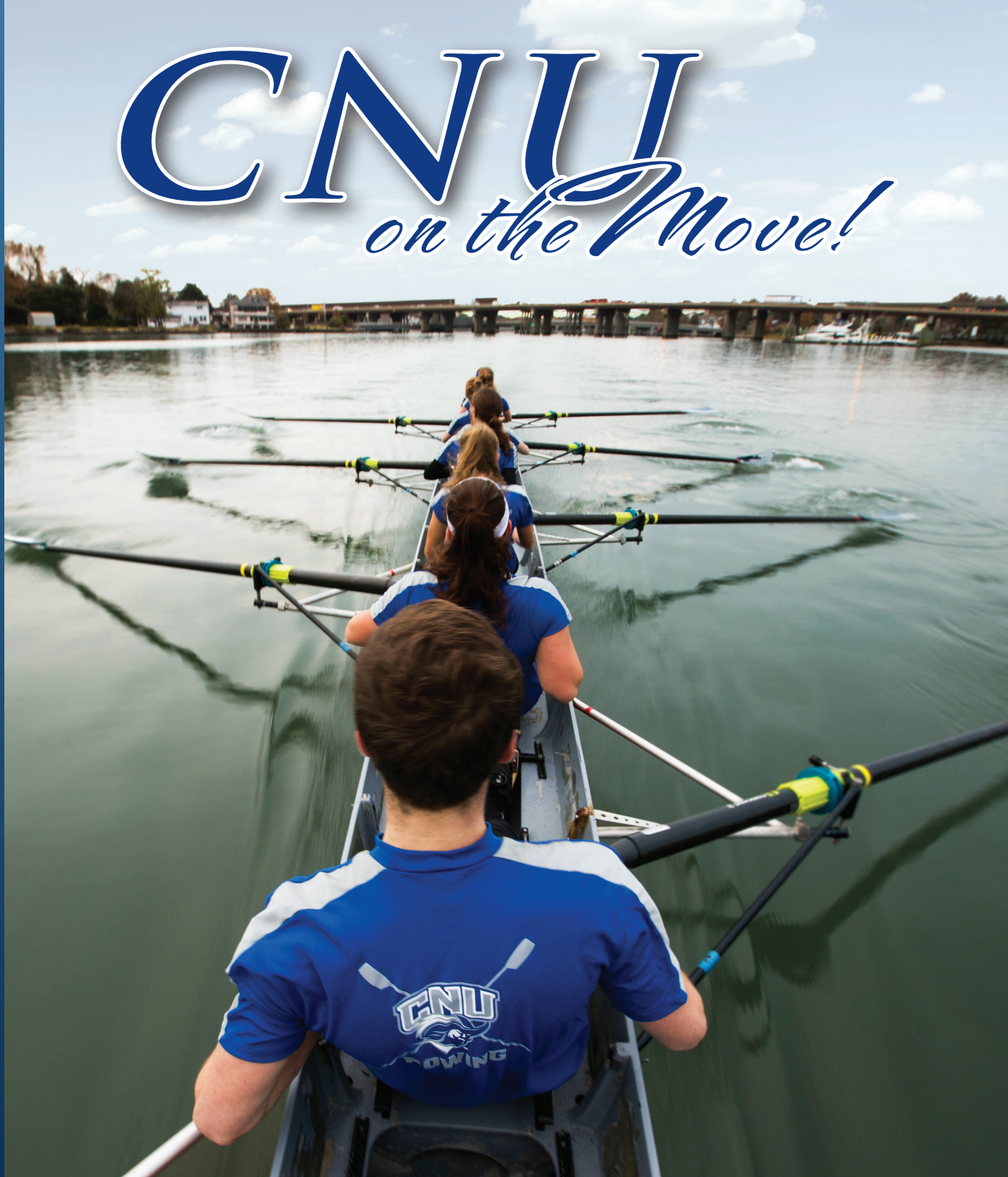


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2014-2015

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on the Move!





AT CNU WE CARE ABOUT MINDS AND
HEARTS. OUR PURPOSE IS TO CREATE GOOD
CITIZENS AND LEADERS.

WE BELIEVE REAL SUCCESS IS A LIFE WELL
LIVED, A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE, A LIFE OF
MEANING, CONSEQUENCE AND PURPOSE.

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE, LEAD,
SERVE AND SET THE WORLD ON FIRE.

- PAUL TRIBLE

ON THE COVER:
CNU'S ROWING TEAM, FOUNDED IN 2012, TAKES TO THE WATER IN A
ROWING SHELL USED BY THE NATIONAL WORLD CHAMPION TEAM IN 1991.

Christopher Newport University has so much to celebrate. Few schools in America, if any, have come so far so quickly. We are grateful to our remarkable students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends for our dramatic success.

- CNU's first ever comprehensive campaign is marching toward our goal of **\$42 million**, and record numbers of alumni, parents and friends are making contributions.
- CNU has the **highest giving rate among faculty and staff in America** — 87 percent, a remarkable testimony to our colleagues' dedication and commitment.
- This fall the American Council of Trustees and Alumni honored CNU for having the **most rigorous academic core curriculum** of any public college or university in America.
- Over the past four years our business students have performed in the **top 10 percent** on major field tests, in competition against more than 400,000 students at 600 universities, demonstrating the rigor of our academic programs, the quality of our instruction and the intellectual firepower of our students.
- This fall, because of the remarkable success of our student athletes and coaches, CNU is ranked **No. 3** in the nation out of 450 Division III schools in athletic supremacy.
- Our freshman-to-sophomore retention rate is now approaching **90 percent**, which places us in the ranks of the finest schools in America.

These achievements provide a snapshot of the University's recent accomplishments. Through the pages that follow, you will read even more about our successes and the important work that lies ahead.

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Class of

'14 Freshman Snapshot

In August we welcomed 1,228 freshmen to campus – an academically strong group with an impressive record of success. Their middle 50 percent range of achievement is a 3.5-4.0 high school grade-point average and an SAT of 1070-1230 (Critical Reading and Math).

This year 395 freshmen – 32 percent of first-year students – participate in the President's Leadership Program (PLP) and/or Honors Program. Not only have they thrived academically, but they have also excelled as citizens and leaders. More and more we want the profile of our PLP and Honors students to define our entire freshman class as we educate hearts and minds for a lifetime of service.

Ninety-one percent of our first-year students hail from Virginia while students of color comprise 20 percent of the class.

We look forward to watching these young men and women engage in CNU's intellectual and extracurricular life. ■



High Marks From Top Publications and Groups

U.S. News & World Report ranked CNU No. 7 among public regional universities in the South. The University is also ranked No. 2 in the South among the publication's list of "up-and-coming schools" – those that have made "the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus and facilities."

Kiplinger's Personal Finance named CNU among the top 100 public institutions in its list of "Best Values in Public Colleges." Kiplinger's based the ratings on a combination of academics and affordability. Schools chosen are recognized for their ability to "deliver a great education at prices that put private schools to shame."

The Princeton Review selected CNU as one of the best institutions for undergraduate education as featured in the group's publication *The 379 Best Colleges: 2015 Edition*. Only 15 percent of colleges in the nation are accorded this distinction. ■

CNU Earns Perfect 'A' Rating

CNU is the only public institution in the nation to earn a perfect "A" rating from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) in the 2014-15 edition of *What Will They Learn?* This distinction recognizes the strength of the University's curriculum.

ACTA's study of 1,098 colleges and universities reveals what value students truly receive from their college curriculum. A perfect score indicates that an institution requires all seven subjects deemed essential to a quality education: literature, composition, economics, mathematics, foreign language, science and American history/government. ■

Learn more: goacta.org



Electrical Engineering Degree Added

This fall CNU launched a bachelor of science degree program in electrical engineering, the latest addition to the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering (PCSE). Electrical engineering majors will pursue a rigorous technical education with a strong liberal arts and sciences background, preparing for graduate studies and careers in industry, government and the nonprofit sector.

The demand for electrical engineers continues to grow on national and global scales. “Over the years we heard from many students and parents – as well as from companies – who wanted us to offer more engineering degrees here at CNU,” says Dr. Anton Riedl, PCSE Chair, who calls electrical engineering a perfect fit for his department. “It nicely complements our existing programs, most notably physics and computer engineering.”

The electrical engineering curriculum includes courses from a wide range of disciplines, including mathematics, basic and applied sciences, engineering, as well as the humanities and social sciences. In addition, students specialize in one of three areas: digital systems, control and instrumentation, or communication and signal processing.

“CNU is in a unique position to attract students into engineering fields,” says Riedl. “As we know from our graduates, CNU’s student-centric environment is an important factor in their success. Our students greatly appreciate the small classes, individualized attention, and the many opportunities to work on interesting research and development projects at the undergraduate level.”

The University expects to award CNU’s first electrical engineering degrees in 2018. ■



MAT Program Celebrates 10 Years

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Christopher Newport's five-year Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program. The MAT offers teacher candidates the opportunity to both engage in a rich undergraduate liberal arts and sciences education and specialize in education graduate work during an intensive fifth year – at the end of which they earn a master's degree and license to teach in Virginia.

Through a partnership with Newport News Public Schools, MAT candidates conduct required field work, including a 14-week internship, in more than 25 local schools. In addition, candidates must complete a minimum of 50 hours tutoring, volunteering or working as substitute teachers. Last year's MAT candidates spent 3,900 hours teaching and mentoring local elementary and middle school students.

Upon graduation, many MAT students are placed directly in critical-shortage teaching areas such as elementary education, English and social studies. One-third of MAT graduates choose to remain within the Newport News system, providing a steady stream of highly qualified teachers familiar with the school district and students.

Principals continue to give CNU's graduates high marks, agreeing that their newly minted MAT hire was "well-prepared for his or her first year of teaching." ■

Learn more: teacherprep.cnu.edu



Public History Center Seeks Innovative Ways to Share the Past

CNU's new Public History Center (PHC) will foster a broader understanding of the importance of history and forge closer relationships between Christopher Newport University and the world-class museums, archives, parks and battlefields, archaeological sites, oral history projects, and other public history agencies located near campus and throughout Virginia. Under the leadership of Dr. Sheri Shuck-Hall, Associate Professor of History, and Dr. Thomas Hall, Associate Professor of Finance and Economics, the PHC will promote innovation and entrepreneurial approaches for communicating history to the public in myriad ways:

- Match CNU students with world-class public history internships
- Generate student interest and professional opportunities in public history and museum management
- Foster cooperation among public historians and the academic community
- Identify and document museum best practices and assist with dissemination to other organizations
- Explore social media opportunities to attract and engage history enthusiasts and the broader public
- Conduct research on current challenges faced by public history agencies

Shuck-Hall has directed CNU's public history program for almost a decade, while Hall's research on museum and public history attendance has been funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. The new Center will provide a wide array of opportunities for academic and professional enrichment for students, faculty and researchers.



Jessica Eichlin ('14, pictured right) is one of many students who had a rich and rewarding experience in public history at CNU. She was an intern at the Mariners' Museum Library, the largest maritime collection in the Western Hemisphere, and at the Museum's USS *Monitor*

Center conservation lab, where scientists are attempting to preserve the remains of the great ironclad warship. Eichlin did extraordinary work, discovering valuable artifacts essential to the project. "The experience gave me a wide range of historical background," she says. "The *Monitor* not only tells us what happened in the past, but also speaks great volumes about human ingenuity."

Shuck-Hall says, "History majors like Jessica learn outside the classroom by not only understanding how history can be practically applied, but also by making an impact on how the public understands our nation's history." ■

For more information, visit the PHC online:
publichistorycenter.cnu.edu



The Road to Top Medical Careers

As they participate in the Pre-Med Scholars Program (PSP), CNU students (pictured below) are admitted to outstanding medical schools, and many gain early admission to both Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) and the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) – without having to take the Medical College Admission Test.

The Pre-Med Program offers scholarships, intensive advising and mentoring, informative seminars and workshops, and rich clinical and service-learning opportunities.

Rocovich Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen from rural areas of Virginia and the surrounding Appalachian region, underrepresented populations, or low-income families. They participate in the President's Leadership Program and PSP.

Riverside Medical Group Scholars (RMGs) are selected from incoming freshmen and upperclassmen and receive \$2,500 or \$5,000 scholarships. Recipients participate in monthly shadowing

opportunities at Riverside Regional Medical Center and are offered paid internships at the hospital during the summer following their sophomore year. Riverside currently supports 11 RMGs at CNU – two incoming freshmen and three RMGs for each class above that.

The Riverside scholarship benefited Kelly Willett ('14), who now attends EVMS. "It was a huge blessing that allowed me to pursue my education without as much strain on my parents, and further confirmed my dream of becoming a doctor," she says. "I can never express my thanks enough to the individuals who allowed me this amazing college experience."

Willett recently received a National Health Service Corps Scholarship to pay for medical school. CNU graduate Alex Schloe ('14) received a four-year award through the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program. Schloe is a first-year medical student at Virginia Commonwealth University. ■

Learn more: premed.cnu.edu





Preparing for Law School Success

The Pre-Law Program at Christopher Newport University prepares students across all majors for law school success. Courses in constitutional law, logic and legal reasoning immerse participants in jurisprudence, while a constitutional studies concentration and philosophy of law minor enhance students' legal acumen.

Under the direction of Dr. Jonathan White (pictured center), Assistant Professor of American Studies and Pre-Law Adviser, CNU helps students gain admission to the nation's top law schools. With more than 100 students enrolled, the program offers a wide array of essential services and resources: academic and career advising; workshops, seminars and guest lectures; networking opportunities; the Phi Delta Alpha professional pre-law fraternity; Law School Admission Test preparation; and much more.

"Dr. White spends countless hours working with students on their personal statements and talking them through the application process, and his door is always open," says Ben Coffman ('14, pictured left), who now attends the University of Virginia School of Law. "The program also hosts meetings with current

law students and deans of admission, which helped me get a feel for law school and provided feedback on my applications." At CNU, Coffman, an American studies major and leadership studies minor, developed the research, critical-analysis and communication skills crucial for law school.

Government and philosophy double major Gretchen Jewell ('14, pictured right) had an equally positive experience, which helped her gain admission to law school at the University of Virginia. "I've been interested in law since an early age, but my passion for the legal field was further reinforced after doing a legal internship, doing research in juvenile justice and taking several law-related classes at CNU," she says.

Students can get involved in pre-law preparation the moment they arrive on campus, including their participation in a pre-law Learning Community (LC). All CNU freshmen enroll in an LC where they take at least three courses with the same 15-30 students. Based on areas of academic interest, LCs connect like-minded students early in their college careers. ■

Learn more: prelaw.cnu.edu

Investing in CNU's Future

Comprehensive Campaign Defines Significance for Generations to Come

Adelia Thompson, *Vice President for University Advancement*



// You will learn wonderful things about CNU – and yourself – that you never imagined. Amazing surprises will unfold in the years ahead – things none of us will see coming!” With those words, John



Lawson, President and CEO of W.M. Jordan (pictured left), opened the first meeting of the Campaign Executive Council as leadership council chair for CNU’s first comprehensive fundraising campaign. Now, with about two and a half years remaining in this important initiative, his predictions have proven true in moving ways.

Examples of extraordinarily generous people are lifted up throughout this issue of *CNU on the Move!* Their stories of hope, gratitude, creativity and emotion offer each of us the chance to consider what difference *we* can make, in our own way. Their giving and passion invite us to find ours – and to look at CNU as the place that can make our dreams come true. We are learning wonderful things about CNU, and ourselves. Thank you to those alumni, parents and friends whose stories we have celebrated through various publications and correspondence since the campaign’s launch.

Several surprises have already unfolded:

Parents love CNU. From record numbers attending Family Weekend to nearly \$4 million in gifts so far from parents, we are proud to be “home” to those students entrusted to us – and



appreciate their families’ belief that CNU is worth the investment of time and treasure.

The Alumni House represents the sole building project among our campaign priorities. Who knew that in less than six months’ time alumni, parents and families would step forward with the initial \$500,000 necessary to commence construction? And who knew we would hold the ceremonial groundbreaking at Homecoming 2014, just eight months after publically announcing this campaign? Now, through a special initiative scheduled for spring, we will offer every CNU graduate and family a chance to own a piece of Alumni House history.

The Lighthouse Fund came online last spring. Intended as an “angel fund” of sorts, the Fund offers emergency resources when a CNU student faces a crisis. Neither scholarships nor financial aid, the Lighthouse Fund isn’t something to which students apply. Instead, it addresses student issues confidentially referred through faculty or staff – those who connect with students daily and are most likely to learn about such pressing needs. So far the Fund has helped assist five Captains in distress. The beauty rests not only in the support it provides but also in the way it has empowered faculty and staff to be mindful of student needs as a source of light in dark times.



Debbie Witt ('78), Jane Cooper ('76) and Alan Witt ('76)



C. Marcus Cooper, Jr. Trading Room

A new state-of-the-art trading room where students learn the art of finance is up and running in Luter Hall and includes 25 Bloomberg terminals. It bears the name of Marc Cooper, a cherished friend from the Newport News community and beloved husband of Jane Cooper ('76). Alumni Alan ('76) and Debbie ('78) Witt led the charge to raise the \$500,000 needed to name the room in Marc's memory; in less than a year support was secured, and a celebration was hosted to honor a life of significance.

Each year CNU's senior class breaks records for giving, setting the pace for all alumni in dollars raised and participation. Four years ago our seniors raised more than \$35,000 with 50 percent giving participation; last year the senior class raised more than \$76,000, becoming one of the top five donors to the Alumni House and exceeding 70 percent in class participation. ■



2014 senior class gift donors

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Make *an* Impact

As Christopher Newport equips students to lead lives of meaning and purpose, you can support CNU's comprehensive campaign in several ways:

- Multi-year pledges
- Securities
- Real estate or personal property
- Insurance policies
- Bequests
- Life income gifts
- Trusts
- Corporate matching gifts
- Cash



We encourage you to choose the individual giving method – or combination of methods – that best fits your goals and financial needs.



Thank you for making a lasting impact in the life of CNU, both now and for generations to come. For more information on Defining Significance and our campaign priorities, please visit **giving.cnu.edu** or call (757) 594-7179.



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New Scholarship Endowment Reaches Full Funding

Academic scholarships help attract the best and brightest to Christopher Newport University. Established by the Alumni Society, the new Alumni Achievement Endowment will support academically distinguished students who have overcome unusual adversity, as well as those from under-represented groups that enrich CNU's campus diversity.

Brad Hunter ('04, pictured right) played a key role in establishing the endowment. "I volunteered to be the front-runner, but there were a lot of us involved," he says. Hunter majored in accounting at CNU with a minor in leadership studies. An assistant vice president for commercial lending with TowneBank, he earned his MBA with a finance concentration from Syracuse University.

Many graduates from Hunter's college days attend Homecoming regularly but were seeking ways to become more involved with their alma mater. "Once I got on the Alumni Society Board and started talking with other graduates, one of the things that resonated with us was the experience we had being a part of the Multicultural Student Association," Hunter says. "It had a big impression on us and our college careers. Many of us are still friends and connected even though we're spread out across the country." They in turn want to help other students have that same positive experience.

The endowment's launch took place two years ago. Then, after Hunter was appointed to CNU's Board of Visitors (BOV) this fall, he shared with fellow members about the scholarship initiative and the University's progress toward reaching full endowment, or \$50,000. This caught the attention of BOV Rector Preston White (pictured left).



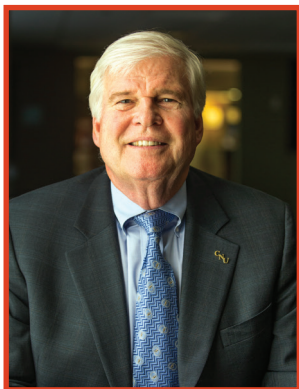
Hunter notes, "Preston issued a challenge on the spot that if we could raise \$25,000 in cash by Homecoming 2014, he would match us dollar for dollar. This would make the endowment fully funded, allowing us to begin awarding the scholarship."

By Homecoming just two months later the University had reached the \$25,000 goal, making the cash match possible. Hunter fondly remembers sharing the news with White: "It was a phone call I was excited to make, and one he was excited to receive. I'm glad we have people like Preston and Catharine White who believe in the University, this initiative and what it can bring to CNU."

The University will award the endowment's first scholarship in spring semester 2015. ■

In Their Honor

Bruce Jennings Establishes Christopher Newport's First Endowed Professorship



Growing up, Bruce Jennings always knew the value of hard work and persistence. His parents, both raised on farms in rural Virginia, lived through the Depression, and the success they eventually found was hard-fought. Through their example, and that of a mentor he met later in life, Jennings learned the importance of giving. This year he established Christopher Newport's first fully endowed

professorship, named in honor of his parents: the Silas O. and Myrtle S. Jennings Professorship.

Jennings' association with CNU began in 2004 when his daughter, Kylene ('08), enrolled as a freshman. "When we visited we were very impressed," Jennings says. "The caring and family environment was a great fit for Kylene. She had four fantastic years here." The importance CNU places on honor and character development was also a crucial factor. "It's the kind of person you are that gets you where you need to be in life," he says. Jennings has maintained a close relationship with the University over the years and currently serves on the Board of Visitors.

His parents started a construction company in the 1950s after an austere upbringing, and fostered in him a strong work ethic and no-nonsense outlook. "They both had an amazing business knowledge," Jennings says. "They built a company and were very successful. I learned so much from them, and there was no doubt what I was going to do when I got out of school." In light of their influence on his own success, Jennings felt it only

fitting that the new professorship be named for his parents. "Their names are on it, not mine, as it should be. They're the ones who struggled in life. My family will always be connected to CNU because of this."

Jennings' second impetus for the gift was his relationship with the late Fred Courtney, a retired businessman and professor at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. The two first met as business associates but became fast friends. "He was an amazing person, and I learned things from him that you don't learn in an academic setting. Whoever has this professorship will touch lives, like mine was touched by Fred Courtney."

An alumnus of Virginia Commonwealth University, Jennings says he treasured his time and learned much there, but feels a special affinity for CNU. "I've kind of adopted this place in my mind," he says. "I just see so many exciting things going on here. The synergy and unity of purpose among people, that's what I enjoy. Everyone is on the same page; everyone is pulling together, and that's inspiring to me." When the University launched the Defining Significance campaign (see page 10), Jennings knew he wanted to make a contribution, something that would benefit CNU but that would also enable him to honor those who had made his own achievements possible.

He hopes the recipient of the professorship will not only pass on the type of knowledge and incentive he received from his parents and Courtney's mentorship, but also inspire students to lead lives of meaning and purpose. For Jennings, that's the most distinguishing trait of Christopher Newport. "I believe graduates will go out in the world and do the best they can every day, and do something to impact people's lives," he says. "It's altogether different here. There's something intangible at CNU. When you're involved you just feel it." ■



So Others May Serve

Scholarship Honors Fallen Brother

On October 25, 1983, Marine Corps Captain John P. (Pat) Giguere ('72) was in the cockpit of his Cobra attack helicopter, flying armed reconnaissance over Grenada, an island nation northeast of Venezuela. During the mission, part of Operation Urgent Fury, Giguere's wingman was hit by fire and forced to land behind enemy lines. Giguere summoned medics and en-

gaged the ground forces to protect their downed comrades. After the rescue, their helicopter was hit and crashed into the sea. Giguere and his co-pilot were lost, and awarded the Silver Star for valor.

"Pat was an amazing person," says Janet Clarke ('68, pictured right), Giguere's sister. "Everybody loved him and wanted to do something." She recounts the effort

to honor his memory through a scholarship, begun years ago by some friends and classmates. This year the two sisters made a gift toward the initiative, a step they hope will honor both their brother and the place that set him on the path to success.

"We want his memory to remain here," says Clarke. "He found his way through

this school. Even though his life was very short, Christopher Newport pulled it all together for him and helped him do what he wanted to do in the Marine Corps.” The two hope to see the scholarship given to students who will pursue leadership positions in the military. “We live a life of ‘pay it forward,’” sister Mary Giguere (’89, pictured left) says. “The military has been huge in our family, and we want to see good, intelligent people continue to go into the service.”

The Giguere’s history with Christopher Newport traces back to the school’s founding. “Our family’s been very much involved since the college moved from downtown Newport News,” Clarke says. Three of the family’s five children attended, and it was an especially formative experience for Giguere. “Pat was a little bit of a lost soul,” says Clarke. “Trying to find himself, didn’t know what he wanted to do.” He finished his bachelor’s degree, then completed officer candidate school and received his commission in the Marine Corps. It was in the service that Giguere found his calling.

“This is a concrete way for us to honor Pat and hopefully help others achieve their dreams as well.”



“You could see it in his face, in how he wore his uniform. It was an extraordinary coming of age,” Clarke says. The Marines memorialized her brother in the John P. Giguere Award, an annual honor given to the most outstanding marine light attack helicopter squadron.

Clarke and her sister credit Christopher Newport with inspiring them to give back. “I think this school more than others inspires an attitude of gratitude. It’s different now, but it’s also better,” says Clarke – and she would know. She still enrolls in French classes at CNU. “The students are an amazing bunch of young people who are very smart and motivated. There are so many clubs that are all about taking care of people in need. It ties me even tighter to the students because it’s how I feel, too.”

“We’ll never forget Pat, but when we’re gone other people might not think about him so much,” Mary says. Her sister adds, “This is a concrete way for us to honor him and hopefully help others achieve their dreams as well.” ■



Celebrate Charter Day March 3

Did you know March 3 marks an important date in the life of CNU? On that day in 1960 Christopher Newport was chartered as an extension of the College of William & Mary. As they say, the rest is history.

What a journey it has been – from gaining independence in 1977 and transitioning to university status in 1992, to creating a world-class campus for the ages and becoming the school of choice for top students from Virginia and beyond.

We have much to be proud of and look forward to building rich traditions around our charter anniversary.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Greg Parkinson '92



While visiting his alma mater for the first time in 20 years, Greg Parkinson ('92) could only identify one facility from his college days, Gosnold Hall. "My biggest impression is all the new buildings – wonderfully architected. The campus feels really homey," he says of the University's physical transformation.

An information technology leader, Parkinson attended Christopher Newport while stationed at Langley Air Force Base. It was here he earned a BS in computer science and mathematics, graduating magna cum laude and setting the stage for his professional pursuits.

"Some of my fondest memories are just the one-on-one time with the professors who were here," he recalls, adding that he found it fairly easy to balance classwork and Air Force duties. "I was really lucky that the group I was in allowed and actually encouraged us to attend school to further our education," he notes.

Parkinson originally hoped to become a fighter pilot but had to change career paths due to his eyesight. "I wear contacts, so my vision isn't compatible with being a pilot," he says. After taking a programming class at Christopher Newport, he got hooked on computer science and realized, "This is what I want to do for the rest of my life."

In addition to holding three patents, his vast accomplishments include working nearly 12 years at Ancestry.com, helping build and grow the company. Most recently, from 2010-13, he was a chief software architect with Mediconnect Global Inc.

Today he is a chief software architect with Converus in Lehi, Utah. In this role he has partnered with five University of Utah professors to develop EyeDetect, which employs an eye detec-

tor to perform a test similar to a polygraph. EyeDetect measures bio-cognitive responses, including changes in pupil diameter, eye movements, eye blinks and eye fixations. This testing method offers key benefits. For one, it doesn't require people to wear heart monitors. It also allows for shorter tests and tends to cost less than a polygraph. Plus, the results have proven to be as good – if not better than – those of standard lie-detector tests.

Parkinson credits his professional success in part to the personal attention Christopher Newport provided, coupled with his military experience. "Serving in the Air Force brought out a lot of leadership skills," he says. It also allowed him to pursue sophisticated programming work that has served him well.

As college students consider similar careers, Parkinson encourages them to pursue internships, something Converus offers. "Internships are incredibly important," he says. "Students get to work in a commercial environment and see what the day-to-day tasks of jobs are." He also stresses the importance of building a team environment. "Creating teamwork and friendships will make the company more successful and solve problems quicker," he says.

"You have to be willing to commit your time and talents to changing things for the better."

Yet, living a life of significance requires more than academic success. "Attending school is just one aspect of what each person is ultimately able to achieve," Parkinson notes. "It makes a difference when citizens get involved, when they know the current state of issues a community or state or even a country is tackling – to want to be part of that solution instead of just sitting on the sidelines and complaining. That won't solve anything. You have to be willing to commit your time and talents to changing things for the better."

Parkinson lives in Highland, Utah. He and his wife, Lori, have five grown children and eight grandchildren. ■

Old Point and CNU

A Longstanding Partnership

Much of what CNU has accomplished can be attributed to strong community ties. One of the most enduring partnerships the University has enjoyed is with Old Point National Bank, a relationship spanning four decades.

Since opening its doors in 1923, Old Point has become well-known throughout the region for giving back to the community. The Bank provides key support to Christopher Newport students through endowed scholarships, internships and executive mentorship opportunities, among other initiatives.

The driving force behind this broad support is Joe Witt. The Bank's senior executive vice president and chief administrative officer, he chairs CNU's Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business Board of Advisers and also personally mentors CNU students.

"We believe quality universities build exceptional communities," says Witt, "which is why Old Point National Bank is proud to support Christopher Newport students and make a long-term commitment to the University's continued growth and success."

Of the Bank's 300 employees, 20 are CNU alumni – a testament to the quality of Christopher Newport students. Witt notes, "Old Point has been fortunate to have many CNU graduates in numerous professional and management positions – far more than any other university."

"As a CNU student I received many strategic opportunities to work with local professionals in my field of study," says Kyle Gardner ('14), now a management trainee with Old Point. "The skill sets I learned as a Captain and the professional mentorship from Mr. Witt were invaluable in steering me into my current po-

sition and laying a solid foundation for my career."

Most recently Old Point provided major gifts to support the ongoing subscription for Bloomberg software and trading computers in the C. Marcus Cooper, Jr. Trading Room located in Luter Hall. Also receiving support were the Ferguson Center, the Old Point National Bank endowed merit scholarships and marketing initiatives for the LifeLong Learning Society.

In addition, Old Point executives have served in numerous roles at CNU, including the Board of Visitors, the CNU Education and Real Estate Foundations, and the Luter School Board – additional ways Old Point demonstrates a longstanding commitment to both the University and greater Hampton Roads community. ■

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CEE Fund Invests in CNU's Future

What originated as a group of students meeting over pizza to discuss investment and stock options has evolved into a vibrant CNU organization – the Captains Educational Enrichment (CEE) Fund. Members gain practical experience managing an actual financial portfolio, and as they acquire practical skills to complement their knowledge, they extend learning beyond the classroom.

Group activities teach the ins and outs of managing an investment portfolio while providing professional experience leading a nonprofit, all toward funding CNU initiatives and scholarships. Members, who don't have to be business majors, learn to make educated decisions when voting on fund investments. They also complete an extensive education program featuring in-class lectures, an investment simulator challenge and online tutorials.

As students from a broad number of fields seek business experience, the organization has seen an increase in applications among non-business majors. "This fall we received about 45 applications, and we took 15," notes Tommy Doyle, the Fund's CEO.

More than half of these new members are freshmen. According to junior Mitch Phillips, the group's COO, getting involved early on has benefits. "I'm prepared for a lot of my business classes now because of what the upperclassmen taught me when I was a freshman in the CEE Fund," he says. "We want to continue that tradition."

The Fund partners with the Christopher Newport Education Foundation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It works closely with University Advancement regarding donor decisions and maintains close ties with the Luter School of Business Board of Advisers.

Financial growth comes through donations and stock market returns. After the group reached the initial benchmark goal of \$25,000 raised, members used that amount as principal funds and started investing. Anything raised above and beyond the \$25,000 helps diversify the Fund's portfolio – which in turn generates scholarship dollars for CNU students. The Fund recently awarded its second scholarship and has roughly \$52,000 invested.

Members are also working with Dominion Power and Dr. Matt Hettche, an assistant professor in the business school, on a sustainability grant application. This would provide \$5,000 to create a separate portfolio through investments made within the energy-sustainability field. Profits would then help create scholarships for Honors students studying sustainability. "We try to be more universal," Phillips says of this opportunity. "It's good for us to reach out to students beyond business programs."

Overall, campus support of the Fund has been positive. Notes Doyle, "We meet with President Tribble a few times each semester. He's been incredibly supportive in pushing and cheering us on." ■■■



Back Row: Faris Sleem, Tracy Cole, Clark Andersen, Leighton Stone, Jason Benedict **Front Row:** Dwayne Palmer, Tommy Doyle, Mitch Phillips



Defining Significance Through REACH

It was during freshman year that Keldie Chewning ('13) and Alex Reiner ('13) experienced their first alternative spring break, accompanying CNU's Habitat for Humanity team to Biloxi, Mississippi. That rewarding venture opened their eyes to the vast potential college students have to make a difference through service.

By sophomore year they had developed REACH – Raising Educational Awareness Through Compassion and Humanity, a campus organization devoted to serving others. REACH expands student engagement through community service and cultural experiences. More than a service group, it equips students to lead lives of significance as they acquire the skills to become effective leaders.

Notes Reiner, "I wanted to provide the opportunity for other students to have the same life-changing experience. I saw a need within the CNU community to offer more service trips, and REACH is just the thing to fill that need."

For Chewning, serving as a REACH team leader affected her in profound ways. "Leading trips allowed me to develop my abilities to handle logistical and relational matters as well as work to quickly and efficiently solve problems," she says.

During CNU's recent fall break 17 students served organizations throughout Hampton Roads. These included Natasha House, a transitional home for homeless women and children that equips residents to become self-sufficient; Newport News Department of Human Services; Mennowood Retirement Community; and EDMARC, a children's hospice care group.

Junior Hailey Nettles and Sophomore Ryan Densley led the team, which connected students with local groups needing short- and long-term assistance. "REACH does a good job of telling you about each organization so you understand who you're serving, why you're serving and how you're making an impact," explains Nettles, who chose to major in social work because of her REACH experience.

Densley first got involved during a service project in West Virginia and has developed a deep appreciation for helping others. "It's hard to leave these places because they always need volunteers," he says. "For me it's about helping people by giving of myself."

REACH has several service trips planned for spring break 2015. CNU students will volunteer in West Virginia (rural development), Maryland (bay conservation), North Carolina (youth development) and southwest Virginia (trail maintenance). ■

Ferguson Scholarships Benefit Music and Theater Students

Through CNU's Ferguson Center for the Arts, both Ferguson Enterprises and Christopher Newport stand committed to providing the best performances, programming and arts education.

Beginning this year, six exceptional CNU students are benefiting from the new Ferguson Enterprises performing arts scholarships. The Ferguson scholarships provide tuition and fee assistance to students exhibiting extraordinary talent and an ongoing commitment to academic and artistic excellence.

These recipients, three each from the theater and music departments, receive either a \$2,500 or \$5,000 renewable annual scholarship to support their ambition of becoming directors, designers and performing artists. The scholarships also include a service component, affording students the opportunity to use their talents to benefit others, thus supporting the University's mission of graduating students who will make a positive difference in the world.

"We were elated to provide a gift that will help sustain the Ferguson Center for the Arts, and provide scholarships to deserving arts students," says Frank Roach, CEO of Ferguson Enterprises.

Notes Mark Reimer, CNU Music Department Director, "The Ferguson scholarships attract young men and women of talent and passion who are eager to prove themselves both as outstanding students and as contributing artists in our community. They are keenly aware of the prestige and honor of this scholarship, and their enthusiasm for and pride in CNU are immediately apparent."

Ferguson Enterprises has generously supported the Ferguson Center since its establishment, helping to solidify the venue's reputation as a nationally distinguished performing arts, learning and teaching facility. "I am proud to be part of a company that is so passionate about helping others," Roach says. ■

"It's not every day you get to share your passion while being a positive influence in the community, but now I have that chance, and it's simply priceless."

— Michael Lamendola



"Because this scholarship has a required service component, we've been volunteering in ways that advocate the art that we love."

— Madeleine Witmer

"I absolutely love the passion and drive all of my professors show toward me and how they have encouraged me so far."

— Jacob Patterson



"As a Ferguson Scholar, I now get to volunteer with others who love the same art that I do, and can help others learn to love it more."

— Kristin Zipprich

"Being a Ferguson Scholar has shown me that theater is what I need to do with my life, providing me with more opportunities and confidence."

— Cody Hall



"I really appreciate the chance to share my love of music with others."

— Alice Boyars

'Silver' Milestone for LifeLong Learning

For 25 years the LifeLong Learning Society (LLS) at Christopher Newport University has provided people of retirement age with rich educational opportunities, group excursions, and an outlet for friendship and fellowship.

Located at the historic Yoder Barn in Newport News, LLS offers something for everyone. Classes scheduled in fall, spring and summer sessions boast an array of topics – from history and fitness to computer skills, literature, art and more. Members also connect via weekly lectures, social events and special-interest groups.

"It gives people an opportunity to pursue their passions," says member Martha Field. "You meet folks you never would cross paths with."

Dr. Bill Peach, another LifeLong Learner, enjoys teaching fellow members. "My professional life tied me up with studying a particular area," he notes. "I wanted to catch up on some of what I missed. I learn so much doing the research for my class."

LLS maintains close ties with the University by sponsoring two CNU scholarships, coordinating annual conferences, volunteering on campus and connecting with professors who teach LLS courses. In addition, the University recently created the Admirals Club to honor current members who have been active with LLS for at least four years.

LifeLong Learning has also partnered with Warwick Forest, a Riverside Health System (RHS) retirement community and the premier sponsor of LifeLong Learning's 25th anniversary. Collaborations will include a speaker series featuring RHS physicians; live streaming of LLS lectures, allowing residents of RHS retirement communities to attend virtually; internships at Warwick Forest for CNU students; and the retirement community becoming a project site for CNU's Day of Service.

As LifeLong Learning gears up for the next 25 years, a strong – and growing – membership will help ensure the group's endurance. "It's the people," says Director Jane Sulzberger. "We have the greatest people." ■

Learn more:
lifelonglearning.cnu.edu



Hoinkes Plaza

Bell Tower and Exedra Dedicated

This fall the university community, family and friends celebrated the dedication of the H. Dieter and Mary Elizabeth Hoinkes Plaza. Located between McMurran Hall and Forbes Hall, Hoinkes Plaza includes a Bell Tower featuring the bell from the SS *United States*, a clock on each of the tower's four sides and a carillon. The tower's beautiful Westminster chimes now regale the campus on the hour, half-hour and quarter-hour. Each noon the CNU "Fight Song" can be heard, followed at 5 p.m. by the "Alma Mater," signaling the close of the day. Hoinkes Plaza also includes an exedra, an elegant stone bench engraved with the names of retired faculty and staff who have contributed immensely to the success of Christopher Newport through the years.

Hoinkes Plaza is named in honor of cherished CNU benefactors H. Dieter and Mary Elizabeth (Mary Lib) Hoinkes, in recognition of their strong generous support. With long and successful careers in public service, representing our nation with distinction, they are a shining example for the young men and women of Christopher Newport. "Being part of the CNU family has been one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives," Mary Lib says. "What we have witnessed

in the growth of this university over the years is astounding. Everyone who has participated should be deeply proud."

Mary Lib Hoinkes worked in arms control and environmental protection for over 20 years, most recently serving as

served 40 years at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He ended his service there as deputy administrator for legislative and international affairs. He drafted numerous pieces of legislation that implemented treaties and improved American patent and trademark laws, and represented the United States at a wide array of diplomatic venues.

"Dieter and I are especially glad to have been able to help build this beautiful plaza," says Mary Lib. "To me the ringing of a bell is an important part of an academic environment. And now the bell, such an important piece of Newport News history, has a home on this gorgeous campus, and the contribution of esteemed faculty and staff who have breathed life into the institution has formal recognition in stone. We are very pleased to have been able to play a part in making this possible."

The couple has also established the Howard and Elizabeth M. Wahrenbrock endowed merit scholarship in memory of Mary Lib's parents. It is awarded annually to a deserving student in CNU's signature President's Leadership Program. ■



Paul Tribble with Mary Lib and Dieter Hoinkes

general counsel of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and associate legal adviser at the State Department. She earned her law degree from George Washington University, serves on the Council of Foreign Relations and is a former member of the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors.

Dieter Hoinkes earned a law degree from George Washington University and

Campus on the Move

Over the past 18 years CNU has completed \$1 billion in capital construction, adding beautiful buildings and 21st-century technology to campus – and our dramatic transformation continues.

Christopher Newport Hall

The magnificent Christopher Newport Hall – the future student success center – is rapidly taking shape. Christopher Newport Hall will serve as the backdrop for commencement this May, and in fall 2015 will be fully occupied to promote the success of CNU students. This 80,000-square-foot structure will house all those services important to our students' success, including Admission, Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Study Abroad, the Center for Academic Success, the President's Leadership Program and the Center for Career Planning, among others.



New Residence Hall

The University will soon begin construction of a new residence hall next to James River Hall. This project will add 180 beds for sophomores and will be completed prior to fall 2016.

Regatta's Expansion

The expansion of Regatta's dining hall in the David Student Union will create a new entrance facing the Great Lawn near McMurrin Hall and will add 300 seats in a spectacular two-story structure to be completed before students arrive in fall 2016.

Alumni House

The ceremonial groundbreaking of the Alumni House was held in October during Homecoming. The Alumni House will provide meeting and event space as well as offices for Alumni Relations. Located between Shoe Lane and McMurrin Hall, it will graciously welcome alumni back to campus and vividly tell the Christopher Newport story through an array of photographs and memorabilia.

Greek Village

The future Greek Village will include six stand-alone and two duplex buildings. Located between Warwick River Hall and Santoro Hall, it will provide housing for 10 Greek organizations. Phase I will include the first four buildings.

Trible Library Expansion

The University is also planning the next phase of the Tribble Library, which will provide additional resources for instruction, reading, group and individual study, technology, and lectures. It will increase the number of seats from 250 to 1,100; add a technology center and information commons to support learning excellence; provide a special collections center; add two classrooms; and create a 100-seat hall for lectures and library programming. Plans also include an expansion of Einstein's Cafe, in addition to a structural connection between the Library and Christopher Newport Hall. ■

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Faculty Achievements



Stephanie Bardwell, Associate Professor of Business, is the winner of the 2014 Faculty Award for Excellence in Service. A tireless advocate for the greater good, Bardwell mentors scores of students each year as they seek innovative solutions to contemporary problems in society.



Assistant Professor of History **Dr. Amanda Herbert** authored *Female Alliances: Gender, Identity and Friendship in Early Modern Britain*, a book about how women formed relationships that benefited themselves and their country in the 17th and 18th centuries.



Dr. Nathan Busch, Professor of Government, co-authored *The Business of Counterterrorism: Public-Private Partnerships in Homeland Security*, which examines the joint role business and government agencies play in efforts such as infrastructure protection, cybersecurity and disaster recovery, among others. Busch is also co-director of CNU's Center for American Studies.



Dr. Sean Heuvel, of the Department of Leadership and American Studies, is editor of a new version of *The Revolutionary War Memoirs of Major General William Heath*, which offers a unique glimpse into the inner workings of the Continental Army during the American Revolution.



Government Professor **Dr. Peter Carlson** published the third edition of *Prison and Jail Administration: Practice and Theory*, a best-selling criminal justice textbook. He also won the 2014 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching for his commitment to delivering an outstanding classroom learning experience.



The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia named **Dr. Quentin Kidd** as a 2014 Outstanding Faculty Award winner. This is the commonwealth's highest honor for faculty at Virginia's public and private colleges and universities, recognizing superior accomplishments in teaching, research and public service. Kidd is vice provost and professor of government, and directs CNU's Wason Center for Public Policy.



Dr. Anna DeJong, Assistant Professor of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering, was awarded \$49,000 from the National Institute of Aerospace to study the northern lights and their effect on Earth's atmosphere, as well as similar "space weather" on Jupiter and Saturn.



English Professor **Dr. Margarita Marinova** translated, and she and colleague **Dr. Scott Pollard** co-edited the dramatic adaptation of *Don Quixote* by famed Soviet author Mikhail Bulgakov. The translation has been nominated for the PEN Translation Prize, a prominent translation award, and for a PROSE Award, given annually by the Association of American Publishers in recognition of professional and scholarly excellence.



Nathan Harter, Professor of Leadership and American Studies, published *Leadership and Coherence: A Cognitive Approach*, an investigation of how leaders justify their decisions and work to integrate them into followers' lives.





Dr. Jay Paul, Professor of English and Director of the Honors Program, penned a new collection of poems titled *The Latest Monument*, in which he takes the reader back on his life's journey, re-creating scenes from childhood to present.



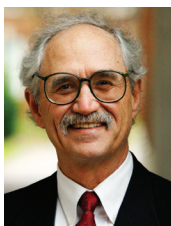
Assistant Professor of History **Dr. Laura Puaca** published *Searching for Scientific Womanpower: Technocratic Feminism and the Politics of National Security, 1940-1980*, which sheds new light on the history of American feminism, the politics of national security and the complicated relationship between the two.



Dr. Margaret Richardson, Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Fine Art and Art History, published *Between Reality and Dream: The Aesthetic Vision of K.G. Subramanyan*, a look at the work of one of the most influential Indian artists and teachers of the 20th century.



Dr. Eric Silverman, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, received a \$57,000 grant backed by the John Templeton Foundation to edit a collection of essays exploring death, immortality and the concept of heaven.



Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies **Dr. Stephen Strehle** wrote *The Dark Side of the Church/State Separation: The French Revolution, Nazi Germany, and International Communism*, an analysis of church/state relations and the impact on governments in France, Russia and Germany.



Professor of Economics and BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism **Dr. Michelle Albert Vachris** was appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the Joint Advisory Board of Economists, which seeks common ground with members of both parties on economic issues facing the commonwealth.



Dr. Stephanie Valutis, Assistant Professor of Social Work, was named Outstanding Virginia Social Work Educator of the Year by the Virginia Social Work Education Consortium. The award recognizes outstanding performance and contributions to social work education through excellence in a host of factors, including classroom teaching, curriculum development and student advising.



Dr. Dali Wang, Associate Professor of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering, received a \$35,000 grant from NASA to develop an automated method of processing atmospheric data.



Assistant Professor **Dr. Jonathan White** published *Emancipation, the Union Army, and the Reelection of Abraham Lincoln*, which argues that soldier support for Lincoln and emancipation was not as universal as scholars have generally believed. He also won the 2014 Faculty Award for Excellence in Research. He is CNU's Pre-Law Program adviser and a fellow of the Center for American Studies.



Dr. Xiaoqun Xu, Associate Professor of History, recently published his third book, *Cosmopolitanism, Nationalism, and Individualism in Modern China: The Chenbao Fukan and the New Culture Era, 1918-1928*, an analysis of Chinese intellectual life and cultural practices during that time. ■

Fall Sports Summary

CNU Among Leaders for Learfield Cup

CNU, which advanced two teams to the Elite Eight and another to the Sweet 16, ranks third out of approximately 450 Division III athletic programs in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings after the fall season.

The Directors' Cup is a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and *USA Today*, and is awarded annually to the nation's best overall collegiate athletics program.



Cross Country

For the first time in CNU women's cross country history, the Captains qualified for the NCAA Division III national championship meet when they captured second place in the NCAA regional championship. The women won their second straight CAC title, and 18 CNU runners made the all-region and all-conference squads. CNU swept the men's and women's Rookie of the Year honors, as Hannah Bullen and Grayson Reid captured the awards. The men finished second in the CAC championship meet.



Field Hockey

The CNU field hockey season ended when the Captains fell to the nation's top-ranked team, Salisbury University, in the CAC championship. Senior All-American Belle Tunstall led the team with 20 points on seven goals and six assists, while rookie Carol Thompson and junior Taylor Williams were also in double-figure scoring for the season. CNU wrapped up the year with a 12-7 overall record.



Women's Soccer

For the second straight year the women's soccer team captured the regular season CAC title and boasted the league Player of the Year, sophomore Victoria Perry, and Rookie of the Year, Kira Warner. The Captains finished the year with a 12-4-4 overall record, advancing to the NCAA tournament and losing a heart-breaker in overtime to Stevenson. Perry wrapped up her second campaign with 14 goals and seven assists for a team-high 35 points.



Football

The Captains secured their 10th conference championship in 14 years when they won at Maryville in the regular season finale. CNU traveled to Delaware Valley College to play in the NCAA tournament, the team's ninth appearance. Despite trailing by 19 points in the second half, CNU stormed back to win, but then fell in the second round to undefeated Widener University. Senior quarterback Marcus Morrast and senior wide receiver Rudy Rudolph both finished in the top four all-time in touchdowns in program history. Morrast is the first player to throw for over 4,000 yards in his career; Rudolph is the Captains' all-time single-season and career leading receiver in receptions, yards and touchdowns.



Men's Soccer

After two dramatic NCAA tournament wins, CNU advanced to the Elite Eight before falling in a penalty kick shootout to Ohio Wesleyan University. The team made a terrific run through the CAC postseason to capture its first league title. CNU senior Jalon Brown, a two-time All-American, was named CAC Player of the Year for the second straight year and was one of the nation's leading scorers with 20 goals and seven assists for a career-high 47 points. Brown led an offense that ranked third nationally in total points scored with a program-best 205. The Captains finished with a 19-3-5 overall record, the second most wins in program history.



Volleyball

CNU hosted the NCAA Division III national championship in November, and the Captains were part of the festivities for the fifth time in six years. After winning the CAC title and sweeping through the regional, CNU fell to top-ranked Calvin College in the national quarterfinals. It was only the fourth loss of the season, capping a 34-4 campaign. Junior setter Rachel Conway led the way this season, averaging over 10 assists per set, and sophomore Hannah Miller ranked among the national leaders in hitting and blocking percentage. Miller was named the NCAA regional MVP, and Conway picked up all-tournament honors. Four Captains were named All-Americans: Miller, Conway, sophomore Briana Sutton and rookie Eliza Fisher. ■

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