

# Christopher Newport University

To all to whom these presents may come, Greetings:

Be it known that upon the authority of the Board of Visitors, Christopher Newport University, in recognition of a lifetime of extraordinary service and leadership to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation, does hereby confer upon

**Thomas Nelms Downing**

the degree

**Doctor of Laws**

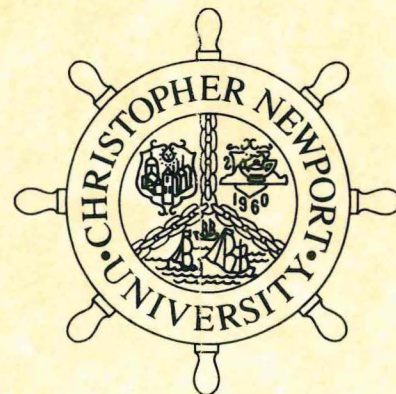
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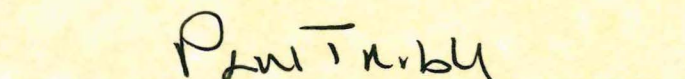
with all the rights, privileges and obligations thereunto pertaining.

In Witness of this Degree having been conferred, the seal of the University and the signatures of designated officers of the University and the Board of Visitors are hereunto affixed.

Given at Newport News, Virginia, this eleventh day of May, two thousand and two.

  
Rector, Board of Visitors



  
President of the University