



Rain Tickets

In the case of extreme inclement weather, Commencement will be moved inside to The Freeman Center. An announcement will be made the morning of May 14 through CNUalert and cnu.edu notifying the public of the change in location. Each student will be issued six rain tickets at Commencement rehearsal on Thursday, May 12. If unable to attend rehearsal, students may pick up their tickets starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, in the Music & Theatre Hall lobby. Families must obtain their tickets from their student prior to 9 a.m. on Saturday. Entrance to The Freeman Center will not be allowed without a ticket.

Capture the Memories

HONOR YOUR GRADUATE!

Visit commencement.cnu.edu or call (757) 594-8652 to purchase your Commemorative Brick Paver or Special 2016 Commencement DVD!



President Paul Tribble and the faculty and staff of Christopher Newport University are pleased to invite the Class of 2016 and their families and friends to campus for Commencement activities May 12-14, 2016. The events scheduled will acknowledge and honor the many accomplishments of the more than 900 students who will receive their degrees during the 90th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 10 a.m.

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

Please note:

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

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

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

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90th
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

SENIOR THESIS ART EXHIBIT (SCHEDULED THROUGH MAY 14)

ALL DAY · FALK GALLERY & FERGUSON HALL GALLERY
FERGUSON CENTER

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



PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PLP) SENIOR CELEBRATION & RECEPTION

7 P.M. · CONCERT HALL, FERGUSON CENTER

ATTIRE: BUSINESS

~ BY INVITATION ONLY ~

PLP graduates and their families will be invited to take part in this ceremony celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2016. We will remember the past as we celebrate those who made a difference along the way!



FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016



ROTC COMMISSIONING

8 A.M. · BALLROOM, DAVID STUDENT UNION

~ BY INVITATION ONLY ~

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

DEPARTMENTAL RECEPTIONS

11 A.M.-4 P.M.

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

CONVOCATION FOR THE CONFERRING OF HONORS & AWARDS

6:30 P.M. · CONCERT HALL, FERGUSON CENTER

ATTIRE: BUSINESS/ACADEMIC REGALIA

~ BY INVITATION ONLY ~

Graduates who have earned Latin honors, faculty promoted in academic rank or awarded tenure, and all faculty awarded emeritus status during the 2015-16 academic year will be honored in this special ceremony. Honors recipients, their families and friends are invited. Latin honors recipients will be notified through their CNU email on Wednesday, May 11.



CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

8:30 P.M. · GREAT LAWN

ATTIRE: DRESSY CASUAL

In honor of the graduating Class of 2016, CNU will hold a candlelight ceremony at sunset on the eve of Commencement as we commemorate the transition of our graduates to university alumni. This special event will also honor the accomplishments of our graduate students and the Class of 1966 as they celebrate their 50th reunion. Graduates are asked to wear white to this event.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

8 A.M. · POPE CHAPEL

Baccalaureate provides an occasion to give thanks and celebrate the completion of the academic journey. Candidates for graduation and their families and friends are invited to attend. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Program begins promptly at 8 a.m. *Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

DEGREE CANDIDATE ASSEMBLY

8:45 A.M. · FIELD HOUSE, THE FREEMAN CENTER

Degree candidates should assemble in The Freeman Center, in cap and gown. Candidates who have retained their Academic Convocation penny are reminded to bring it to The Freeman Center. As candidates process to the Great Lawn, they will continue the CNU tradition of tossing their penny in the fountain. Pennies will be provided for graduates who need them.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

10 A.M. · THE GREAT LAWN

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

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



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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT
DAVID STUDENT UNION, BALLROOM

BELL RINGING

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT UNTIL
2 P.M. · BELL TOWER, HOINKES PLAZA

Immediately following the recessional and faculty gauntlet, each student will have the opportunity to ring the bell to celebrate this momentous occasion.

