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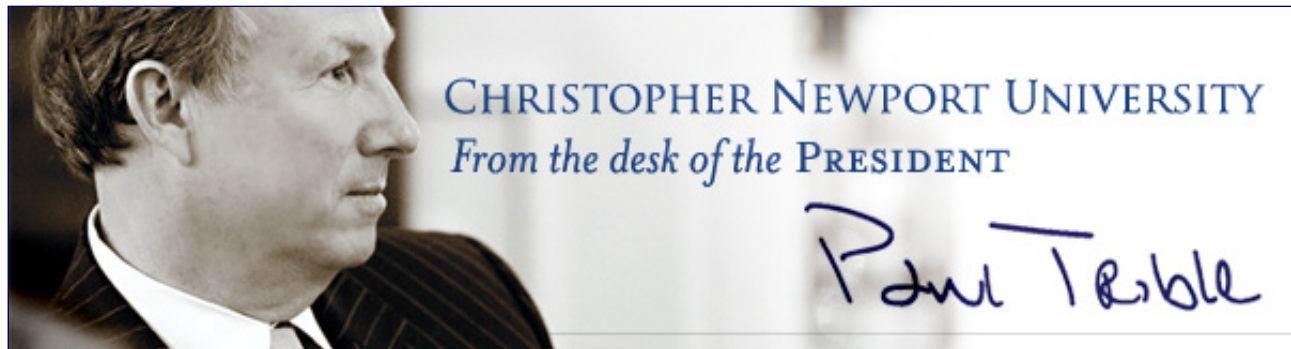
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**It's an incredible time at CNU and I want to
share with you some exciting news from across
our campus.**

Final Four!

Ask the President

CNU is a work in
progress, and we
are all striving hard
to pursue

excellence in all that we do.

I would welcome your advice, suggestions and questions. Let me know how we can do better or where we fall short of your expectations.

E-mail your advice and questions to:

AskPST@cnu.edu

I will include some of your questions and answers in my future communications.



The [CNU womens basketball team](#) is on an amazing run and will play in the Final Four this weekend in Bloomington, Illinois.

In Friday's semi-final round we'll meet the No.2 team in the country, Amherst College. CNU has never played Amherst and our first Final Four contest comes against a team that has been there the last three years. We play at 6 p.m. EST (5 p.m. CST-local) on Friday in the Shirk Center on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan.

CNU students, faculty, staff, family and friends are invited to a Final Four Viewing Party at 6:00 p.m. in the Ferguson Center Concert Hall. Wear your Christopher Newport gear and cheer the Captains on to victory. There will be prizes and free soda and popcorn at half-time! Everyone can view the games by going to cnusports.com and clicking on the NCAA link.

The Lady Captains are led by three seniors, Chelsie Schweers, the top scorer in the nation, Barbara Davis and Jessica Moore and have a remarkable 59-4 record over the past two years. **Go Captains!**

CNU in The Princeton Review



Christopher Newport University is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review, the

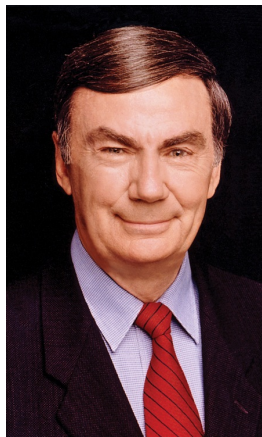
widely known and respected education services company. The Princeton Review has chosen the college for inclusion in the forthcoming edition of its popular annual "best colleges" guidebook, *The Best 376 Colleges: 2012 Edition* (Random House/Princeton Review Books), which will be available in bookstores in early August 2011.

Robert Franek, senior vice president/publishing for The Princeton Review wrote, "We chose CNU as one of our 'best' undergraduate colleges based on several criteria we consider when reviewing schools. First, we must have a high regard for their academic programs and other offerings. Second, our selections take into account institutional data and the opinions of their students attending them whom we survey. We also greatly value the feedback we get about schools from our college-savvy staff across the country."

"Only about 15 percent of the colleges in the nation are in this book. Each one is an outstanding institution we highly recommend to college applicants and their parents. In our opinion, these are 'the crème of the crop' institutions for undergraduates in America.

Sam Donaldson to Speak at Commencement

I am pleased to announce that one of the most recognizable faces in broadcasting, veteran news journalist Sam Donaldson, will be the keynote speaker at CNU's spring [commencement](#) on Sunday, May 15, 2011.



Sam Donaldson has personally known the great leaders of our time and has experienced and reported many of the most momentous events in our history. In his celebrated career, Mr. Donaldson served as ABC's Chief White House correspondent, anchored "World News Sunday" for 10 years, co-anchored "Prime Time Live" with Dianne Sawyer and co-hosted "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts." He is a noted author and the recipient of four Emmy

Awards and three Peabody Awards.

On a personal note, Sam and Jan Donaldson's two nieces received their undergraduate degrees from CNU and they have been in our commencement audiences on those two occasions. They share our excitement and enthusiasm for this University and we are delighted that Mr. Donaldson will be our principal speaker on May 15.

Visit our [Commencement website](#) for more information.

On the Road to 50



As Christopher Newport University's 50th Anniversary celebration rapidly approaches, I invite you to join [alumni](#) and CNU [parents](#) when I present the "State of the University - On the Road to 50."

I will share good news about CNU's recent accomplishments and provide updates on new academic initiatives, campus activities, current and upcoming construction projects, and all of the exciting festivities planned for the 50th Anniversary Celebration - September 16-18, 2011. This will be the perfect opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts and concerns. A light reception will follow my remarks. Please [register](#) and join us for one of the following dates:

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m.

Springfield Country Club
8301 Old Keene Rd., Springfield, Virginia 22152

Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m.

Westin Virginia Beach Town Center
4535 Commerce Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.

The Jefferson Hotel
101 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23220

Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Ferguson Center for the Arts, Music & Theatre Hall
Christopher Newport University

1 University Place, Newport News, VA 23606

As friends of our university, I hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about CNU, meet alumni and CNU parents from your area and stay engaged in the life of our great university.

R.S.V.P. by March 30 by registering [here](#) or e-mail cnuevents@cnu.edu or call (757) 594-8061.

For more information, please visit our [On the Road to 50 website](#).

Ferguson Center for the Arts to Celebrate One-millionth Patron!



The Ferguson Center will celebrate its one-millionth patron milestone at the upcoming performance of *The Wizard of Oz* on Sunday, March 27. Tens of thousands of these patrons have been CNU students who are able to attend performances for as little as \$15 a ticket.

The "One-Millionth Patron Celebration" is planned for the start of intermission. Three lucky patrons will be randomly selected and each will receive a gift package totaling approximately \$3500. The package includes two 2011-2012 season passes, complimentary valet parking for the entire season, as well as opportunities to attend special receptions and artist meet-and-greets.

Since opening in 2004, patrons from around the globe have come to the Center to see the finest artists and entertainers in the world. An architecturally bold and dynamic

environment, the Ferguson Center is a remarkable state-of-the-art teaching and learning facility, and a premier entertainment destination.

Ferguson Center Spring Schedule

Russian National Ballet's

[Sleeping Beauty](#)

Sunday, 3/20 at 2 p.m.

Russian National Ballet's

[Romeo & Juliet](#)

Sunday, 3/20 at 8 p.m.

Virginia Symphony Orchestra

[Piano Fireworks](#)

Friday, 3/25 at 8 p.m.



[The Wizard of Oz](#)

Sunday, 3/27 at 3 p.m.

[Huey Lewis & The News](#)

Wednesday, 4/6 at 7:30 p.m.

[Dionne Warwick](#)

Thursday, 4/7 at 7:30 p.m.

Virginia Symphony Orchestra

[Scheherazade!](#)

Friday, 4/8 at 8 p.m.



[Monty Python's Spamalot](#)

Thursday, 5/26 at 8 p.m.

Friday, 5/27 at 8 p.m.

[RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles](#)

Tuesday, 6/14 at 7:30 p.m.

Wason Center Helps Redraw the Map



Christopher Newport University's [Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy](#) has enlisted 150 students from 13 campuses across the commonwealth to compete in a unique redistricting competition.

Redrawing political districts occurs every ten years following the release of new census data. The intent is create fair and equal representative districts.

CNU's Quentin Kidd, associate professor of political science and Director of the Wason Center, designed the competition primarily as an educational exercise. "The goal of the competition is to help educate both students and the public about the process of redistricting," said Dr. Kidd. "These student-drawn maps demonstrate alternative ways to draw Virginia's districts, which may be compared favorably or unfavorably to the maps produced by the state government."

Top proposals will be submitted to Gov. Bob McDonnell's Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission on Redistricting.

50 Outstanding Alumni to be Honored!

As part of our [50th Anniversary festivities](#), Christopher Newport University will honor 50 alumni who exemplify the Captains' spirit and have achieved success and significance in their lives.

I invite you to nominate Christopher Newport alumni who in your opinion have made significant contributions to our university, community, commonwealth or country.

Please submit your nomination [here](#).

Along with your name and contact information, be sure to include the nominee's full name, graduation year and achievements. **We'll be collecting nominees now through June 1, 2011.**

I look forward to hearing from you.



Lord Mayor of Westminster, Duncan Sandys meets with CNU Marching Captains to deliver the invitation to participate in London's 2012 New Year's parade.

Ask the President

Question:

Are there plans to develop a Neuroscience major at CNU?

Answer:

Yes, in fact CNU will offer a new undergraduate major in neuroscience in the 2011-2012 academic year. The scientific study of the brain, spinal cord, and sensory nerve network will involve existing CNU coursework in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and psychology, in addition to new courses and labs on cutting edge research methods, on neurobiology, on the neurobiology of memory, and on neuroanatomy.

A just-recruited faculty member will spearhead this new curriculum in our College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences. Professor Katie Wiems received the Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Minnesota, one of the nation's most respected doctoral programs in this academic area. She is coming to CNU from Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where she completed a five-year post-doctoral fellowship to advance her expertise still further. Ms. Wiems is passionate about undergraduate teaching and eager to establish new laboratories in our new science center - Forbes Hall - that will directly involve our undergraduate students. Thank you for asking!

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