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Chapter Corner

Metro Richmond

Alumni Profile: Becky Stewart ('81), Vice President, Northrop Grumman

Currently serving Northrop Grumman as vice president for its submarine programs and fleet support, Becky Stewart applies her CNU education to diverse daily duties. "I've been able to do a broad brush of things," she says. Her work incorporates everything from business and marketing to sales and corporate strategy. Stewart has also developed technical knowledge, collaborating with the engineers and construction professionals who design new submarines. "I've got a great team," she says of her colleagues.



Despite her busy corporate schedule, Stewart remains connected with her alma mater by volunteering her time. For the past two years she has served on Christopher Newport University's Educational Foundation. And she encourages CNU students with similar professional aspirations to pursue a broad-based education. "It depends on where you want to end up in your career."

When Stewart attended what was then Christopher Newport College, she epitomized the institution's typical student, balancing fulltime work with fulltime academics. "Christopher Newport was not a live-in residential college at that time," Stewart notes. "I went to classes all day and worked at night."

A business management major, she enjoyed the college's comprehensive curriculum and flexible class schedules. After graduating, she secured employment with Northrop Grumman as a technical planner and continued her studies at the College of William & Mary, earning her M.B.A.

CNU Notes



The Metro Richmond alumni chapter has elected its first president, Stephen Maxie ('99). "My goal is to create a solid network of alumni here in the Richmond area who can help graduates of CNU," says the Capital One strategic sourcing manager. Through his role, he looks forward to increasing the University's presence in the Richmond area.

Maxie enrolled at CNU after completing four years in the Air Force. He graduated cum laude and earned his master's degree in organizational leadership. Maxie serves the University as an adjunct professor of public speaking and attends all of the Captains' home football games.

Additional Richmond chapter officers include:

- Tim Kawamoto ('06), vice president
- Allison Bridges ('07), secretary
- Tyler Embrey ('06), treasurer/member at large
- Pam Otey ('98), member at large
- Jason Slater ('07), member at large
- Laurie Huebner ('07), member at large

Northern Virginia/Metro D.C.



Twenty Northern Virginia alumni attended a kickoff organizational luncheon Oct. 16 in the Tysons Corner area. President Paul Tribble

Homecoming '08

This year's Homecoming festivities brought countless alumni back to campus Nov. 7 and 8. Both former and current students made memories to last a lifetime as they cheered the football team to victory over Averett and witnessed the crowning of Homecoming Queen Mia Johnson (Zeta Tau Alpha) and Homecoming King Daniel Romero (Kappa Delta Rho).



At Friday's Alumni Celebration, alumni recognized and thanked their fellow graduates for all they do for CNU. As part of the celebration, Alumni President Scott Millar underscored our alumni's contributions to the University. "I am pleased to report that the CNU Alumni Society is active, growing and promoting new ways to engage alumni in support of this university," he said.

During the celebration, CNU President Paul Tribble expressed the University's priority of supporting students through academic scholarships. He also presented a virtual campus tour, highlighting new and upcoming projects:

- the new Lewis Archer McMurrin, Jr. Hall, future home to the liberal arts already under construction
- an integrated science center with construction to begin in spring 2009
- an expansion of the Freeman Sports and Convocation Center
- a new academic building to house the Luter School of Business; leadership; mathematics; and physics, computer science and engineering
- a chapel welcoming to all faiths that will host various activities, performances and lectures
- Greek housing to encourage the success of CNU's fraternities and sororities

The evening's highlight was the announcement of a new alumni house. Among its varied functions, the facility will serve as a site for alumni reunions, post- and pre-game events, campus meetings and career seminars. It will also serve as a home for displaying and maintaining CNU history. Learn how you can support this initiative by contacting Diane Hagemann, director of alumni relations, at diane.hagemann@cnu.edu or (757) 594-7712.

To relive the magic and excitement of Homecoming '08, check out [our photo gallery](#).

attended the event and related the need for a robust alumni chapter in Northern Virginia to engage our alumni in the life of the University.

"Our attendees represented a wide range of class years," says Diane Hagemann, director of alumni relations. "We look forward to welcoming them back to campus for various events, as well as bringing a slice of CNU life to Northern Virginia."

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Scholarship Recipients and Donors Connect

The University held its 17th Annual Scholarship Luncheon Nov. 6, a longstanding tradition that brings together scholarship recipients and donors. This year more than 350 students were recognized.



The event also provides an opportunity for students to express gratitude for the support they receive. During his personal remarks, Ethan Smith ('12) stressed the significant impact donors make. "Your scholarships not only commend us, but inspire us," he said. "You have shown that you have faith in our potential - that you believe we will one day become better than we are now. And for that fundamental faith, we thank you even more." Smith is the recipient of the Earl R. and Leone Q. Hatten Endowed Scholarship.

Overall scholarship support for CNU's students totals nearly \$1 million for the 2008-09 academic year. To learn how you can support our current and future scholars, please contact University Advancement at (757) 594-7179.

Share Your News

Do you have recent news to share with us - a promotion, marriage or new birth, perhaps? If so, please e-mail your recent milestones and achievements to diane.hagemann@cnu.edu. We regularly seek class notes to include in our alumni magazine. By sharing your news, you help to keep CNU and our alumni connected.

Society Membership Changes

As of this fall, all CNU graduates are considered a part of the Alumni Society and are not required to pay dues. An alumni "passport" in development will identify alumni when they visit campus and carry related on-campus benefits still to be determined. We hope all alumni will stay involved with CNU through campus and alumni events, as well as new regional alumni chapters.

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