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NOW NO. 6 AMONG ALL SOUTHERN REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES.

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Christopher Newport University has moved up in the new 2022 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. Previously ranked No. 7 among the 137 Southern regional public and private universities, Christopher Newport is now No. 6, tied with Appalachian State University, and it continues to be the highest ranked non-military, public university in the South with fewer than 15,000 students.

The rise in the rankings is attributed to Christopher Newport's growing reach and reputation and improvements in its already impressive retention of students from year to year, and its graduation rates.

Additionally, Christopher Newport is also ranked among the region's most innovative schools (No. 7) and among those that offer the best undergraduate teaching (No. 15).

"As we celebrate our 60th anniversary, it's clear this young and vibrant institution is continuing a remarkable transformation and is now considered among the best public universities in all of America," said President Paul Tribble. "We celebrate the rankings, but what truly makes Christopher Newport different is what we stand for. We care about minds and hearts. Our purpose is to form good citizens and leaders. The rankings reflect that this is a place where students prepare for lives of significance."

The U.S. News rankings evaluate colleges and universities on 17 measures of academic quality, based on such widely accepted indicators of excellence as first-year student retention, graduation rates and the strength of the faculty. Regional public universities included in the rankings offer a full range of undergraduate and master's-level

programs but limited, if any, doctoral programs.
