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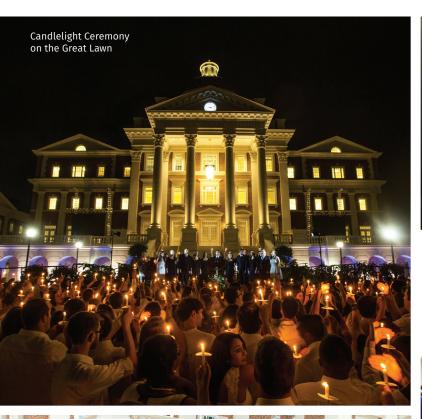
More than 1,200 Captains – the largest number in Christopher Newport's history – received diplomas at this year's commencement exercises, capping off a week of celebrations. For the first time, the ceremony took place in front of Christopher Newport Hall, the University's new student success center.

Anne Holton, Virginia Secretary of Education, gave the commencement address. Holton received an honorary doctor of Holton Jr. and former First Lady Virginia "Jinks" Holton. CNU also presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Yoroku Adachi, Chairman and CEO of Canon USA Inc.





# CONGRATULATIONS to













# our newest Captains for Life!









# What a Show!

Ferguson Center celebrates a legacy of outstanding entertainment.

Anniversary

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, Christopher Newport University's newly constructed Ferguson Center for the Arts opened its doors to the world. Inaugurating the stage that evening was a singular performance by living legend Tony Bennett, who remarked to the audience, "They just don't make theatres like this anymore," dispensing with his microphone in recognition of the hall's superb acoustics.

To be sure, on that night a cultural "star" was born – the Ferguson Center.

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary season, the Center is thriving as a premier cultural destination, enriching the greater community's quality of life while enhancing the local economy. The Center has presented more than 500 artists and performances and welcomed over 2 million patrons. It has also provided thousands of sponsored and significantly discounted tickets to schools and nonprofits serving children, families and atrisk communities, introducing both young and old to the wonder of the performing arts – many for the first time.

The arts enrich, enhance and broaden one's life experiences, and during the 10th anniversary season, the Ferguson Center will

present more of the stellar performances and arts programming audiences have come to expect. The 2015-16 performance lineup features Broadway blockbusters, world-famous performing artists, dignitaries, jazz luminaries and a wide variety of family friendly offerings.

Highlights include Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," Riverdance – The 20th Anniversary World Tour, Patti LaBelle, the Oak Ridge Boys, "Chicago," the National Symphony Orchestra, Emmy-winning actor Alan Alda, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, legendary quarterback Joe Theismann, New York City Ballet MOVES, Yanni, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," "Monty Python's" John Cleese and Eric Idle, Béla Fleck, and jazz luminaries Chick Corea and Ravi Coltrane.

The Center's success would not be possible without the support of Ferguson Enterprises, the Newport News Arts Commission, generous donors, loyal patrons, a dedicated professional staff and a small army of volunteers.





### **SEPTEMBER**

- 20 New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players "The Pirates of Penzance"
- 24 An Evening With Madeleine K. Albright
- 27 Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show
- 29 Chick Corea & Béla Fleck
- 30 Compañia Flamenca José Parcel performing Flamenco Fire

#### **OCTOBER**

- 11 The B-52s
- 18 REO Speedwagon
- 25 Reshimo by Vertigo Dance Company
- 27 John Cleese & Eric Idle: Together Again at Last ... For the Very First Time
- The National Acrobats and Circus of the People's Republic of China performing 
  "Peking Dreams"

## **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Mavis Staples & Joan Osborne: Solid Soul
- 6 Bollywood Masala Orchestra & Dancers of India Spirit of India
- 8 Patti LaBelle
- 12 Munich Symphony Orchestra
- 13-15 Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"
  - 17 Frank Sinatra Jr. Sinatra Sings Sinatra The Centennial Celebration
  - 20 Darlene Love with special guest Little Anthony: Love for the Holidays
  - 22 The Oak Ridge Boys' Christmas Night Out

#### DECEMBER

- 1 Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas The Symphony Tour
- Dave Koz & Friends Christmas 2015 with special guests Jonathan Butler,
  Candy Dulfer and Bill Medley
- 8 Savion Glover's Dance Holiday Spectacular
- 10 Big Band Holidays: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and special guest Denzal Sinclaire

#### **JANUARY**

- 9 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
- 15 Alan Alda: Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself
- 22 British Regiments: United States Tour 2016
- 30-31 "Buddy" The Buddy Holly Story

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 2 Chanticleer
- 4 Polish Baltic Philharmonic Orchestra
- 5 Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes with Gary U.S. Bonds
- 9 Blaze
- Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour featuring Ravi Coltrane, Nicholas Payton, Raul Midon, Gerald Clayton, Joe Sanders and Justin Brown
- 12-14 Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"
  - 19 Tao: Seventeen Samurai
  - 22 Vocalosity: The Aca-perfect Concert Experience
  - 24 Metropolitan Opera Rising Stars Concert Series
  - 25 Patty Griffin, Sara Watkins and Anaïs Mitchell Together on Stage

#### **MARCH**

- 2 Cesar Millan Live!
- 6 Moscow Festival Ballet Cinderella
- 12-13 New York City Ballet MOVES
  - 17 Joe Theismann: Game Plan for Success
  - 19 Legends of Sitcom

## **APRIL**

- 4 YANNI
- 7 Michael Beschloss: Presidential Historian Great Presidents Past and Present
- 10 National Symphony Orchestra
- .15-17. "Chicago"
  - 22 Disney in Concert Magical Music From the Movies with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra
  - 30 Paul Taylor Dance Company

#### MAY

• 6-8 "Once"

#### JUNE

- 17-19 "Dirty Dancing" The Classic Story on Stage
- 22 Riverdance The 20th Anniversary World Tour

All dates, times, artists and programs are subject to change.









# Inaugural Day of Giving a Resounding Success

MARCH 3 MARKED AN IMPORTANT DAY in school history. On that day in 1960, the Virginia General Assembly established Christopher Newport as a new public institution of higher learning. This year, to honor that date, we celebrated the first CNU Day, asking all Captains to show their pride, tell their stories and make a financial contribution to support our young and vibrant university. The overwhelming response was one for the record books.

More than 1,100 donors – including 593 alumni – contributed nearly \$170,000. On social media, there were more than 2,100 posts with a reach of nearly 500,000 people. Friends from 39 states, the District of Columbia and six foreign countries participated. We also exceeded the goal set for each of our three featured funds, raising more than \$26,000 toward the Lighthouse



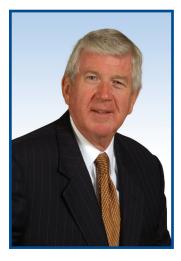
President Paul and Rosemary Trible

Fund; \$15,000 toward the Alumni House; and nearly \$28,000 for the Pat Giguere Memorial Scholarship. The resounding success of CNU Day is an important part of Defining Significance, CNU's first comprehensive campaign, and solidifies our commitment to providing scholarships, empowering programs of distinction and making a difference in the world.

Special thanks to Mike and Pam Deese, parents of Chad ('16); Jennifer Stevens ('90); Eric ('06) and Liz Creasman; the MAIHS Foundation; and Paul and Rosemary Trible for their generous matching-gift contributions.

We hope you'll join us for the next CNU Day on March 17, 2016!

## campus*news*



## Ebbs Named Dean of Luter School of Business

DR. GEORGE H. EBBS, who previously served as president of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and dean of the College of Business at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania, has been named dean of the Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business and the Silas O. and Myrtle S. Jennings Professor. Dean Ebbs began his appointment on July 1, 2015.

"Christopher Newport University's reputation for educational excellence and its desire to distinguish its undergraduate business school as first among equals creates a very compelling situation – one I could not pass by," Ebbs says. "I am delighted to have this opportunity to work with excellent students, an accomplished faculty and a committed administration to expand the reach, reputation and impact of the Luter School of Business."

A highly sought-after consultant, Ebbs has extensive business experience in management, process improvement, training/development and aeronautics. He earned a doctoral degree in business policy and organization management at Columbia University, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Washington, and a bachelor of science degree in metallurgical engineering from Purdue University.

"In addition to his vast body of experience in the corporate world, Ebbs has held top university administrative and academic positions throughout his career," says CNU President Paul Trible. "Dr. Ebbs' passion for working closely with students demonstrates his perfect fit with Christopher Newport's student-centered culture, and his impressive fundraising experience speaks to his ability to carry out the external responsibilities required of the Luter School dean."

The Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business educates and prepares students for successful careers in business and service to society. Students develop multidisciplinary competencies and specialized skills necessary to excel in prestigious graduate programs and the global economy.

For more information, visit **schoolofbusiness.cnu.edu**.

## Luter School Maintains AACSB Accreditation

CNU's LUTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS has successfully earned re-affirmation of its business accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. AACSB accreditation requires a detailed review of a school's quality every five years. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Today 716 business schools in 48 countries and territories maintain AACSB accreditation – the hallmark of excellence in business education earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs. CNU's Luter School is one of just 31 programs to achieve accreditation as undergraduate-only business schools.

"It takes a great deal of commitment and determination

to earn and maintain AACSB accreditation," says Robert Reid, Executive Vice President and Chief Accreditation Officer of AACSB International. "Business schools must not only meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty and professional staff must make a commitment to ongoing continuous improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver the highest quality of education to students."

CNU President Paul Trible notes, "The AACSB International accreditation validates the academic excellence and high quality of the business program provided to our students by the Luter School of Business. A superbly qualified and student-focused faculty, along with state-of-the-art facilities and numerous opportunities for engagement with the business community, make the CNU Luter School of Business an exceptional learning environment."

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THE BEAUTIFUL, STATE-OF-THE-ART Christopher Newport Hall recently served as the backdrop for this year's commencement exercises. This fall the building is fully occupied and ready to empower the success of CNU's students. The 81,000-square-foot facility replaces the former Administration Building, locating in one place all those services vital to students as they transition from admission through graduation.

Important service departments housed here include the offices of Admission, Registrar, Financial Aid, Housing, Student Accounts, the Center for Academic Success and the Center for Career Planning, among others.

Christopher Newport Hall boasts four stories, plus a dome and cupola, standing at 142 feet – just 6 inches shorter than the Trible Library.

Take a tour of the building in our next issue of *CNU* on the Move!



## A Campus Evolution

The transformation of CNU's stunning campus continues with the completion of Christopher Newport Hall and several new projects.

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## REGATTA'S EXPANSION



The expansion of Regatta's dining hall has begun and will include an additional 300 seats organized around a two-story dining room and a mezzanine. The project will result in 11,700 additional square feet of space and total dining accommodations for 725 students. Enhancements include additional recycling stations, a new entrance facing the Great Lawn and two open-air roof terraces for outdoor dining. Construction is scheduled to be completed prior to the fall 2016 semester.

## GREEK VILLAGE PHASE I



Greek Village Phase I construction currently underway will provide four houses located near Santoro Hall between the new tennis courts and Warwick River Hall. Each house will feature single and double bedrooms, a full kitchen, study rooms, elevators, a chapter room, and outdoor social spaces. Each building accommodates 25 students for a total of 100 additional beds.

## **ALUMNI HOUSE**



The Alumni House will provide meeting and event space as well as offices for the Department of Alumni Relations. Located between Shoe Lane and McMurran Hall, the building will graciously welcome alumni back to campus and vividly tell the Christopher Newport story through an array of photographs and memorabilia.



# "Students of leadership have a predisposition: a desire to cultivate ourselves so that we may be of use to others."

OLIVER THOMAS graduated in May with bachelor's degrees in history and American studies.

He will spend the next year in Taiwan as a Fulbright Scholar.

Fewer than 2,000 Fulbright
Scholarships are awarded each year
in more than 140 countries.
Participants are chosen for their
academic excellence and leadership
potential and undertake a wide
array of international graduate
study, advanced research, university
teaching, and primary and secondary
school teaching around the globe.

## On Leadership

by OLIVER THOMAS

# As a 17-year-old boy in the rural town of Hardyville, Virginia, I viewed my capacity to change the world in a limited light.

ALTHOUGH I WAS INTRIGUED by international diplomacy and history, the world outside of small-town baseball, roaming the woods and fishing in the Chesapeake Bay seemed unattainable and abstract. My perspective changed when I came to Christopher Newport University.

CNU's President's Leadership Program emphasizes the necessity of "participating in being," as political philosopher Eric Voegelin might say. A leader yearns for new experiences, raises questions and confronts issues to make society's institutions as sound as possible. At CNU the art of leadership encompasses a number of academic disciplines and pushes students to inquire deeply into various realms of study. My coursework and the relationships I formed here created an environment conducive to my inherently curious nature. As a result, the abstract conception I had of leadership became entirely concrete.

Students of leadership have a predisposition: a desire to cultivate ourselves so that we may be of use to others. Such servant-leadership is more than material aid; it is purposeful action that influences others and the community. Useful leaders are not content with mediocrity or half-hearted attempts at achieving goals. As we learn and grow as leaders, we influence others to take chances, better themselves and serve as sound practitioners of their trades in the community. When I was 12 I began working on a farm, which also included landscaping and construction. My boss demanded more of me than I thought I

could handle, and I began to push myself harder in the process. I was compelled to make conscious choices to better myself, while also contributing to the growth of the community.

At CNU the leadership faculty are mentors and open doors for students to pursue research and interact with the community and world. I have worked with many professors both in and out of the classroom, and they all instilled a spirit of curiosity and heightened work ethic. Most of all, the time I spent on study abroad trips to Germany, Poland, China, the UK and Ireland allowed me to comprehend the far-reaching implications of leadership, both as an academic discipline and a practical tool for social refinement and understanding. I learned that the study of leadership examines the human condition rather than simply the managerial structures we operate under as employees or employers. It is a basis for grasping how individuals from different societies and backgrounds construct their identities.

Leaders are educated in worldly affairs beyond formative knowledge. They read deeply, connect ideas and form meaningful relationships so that they may one day act as agents of change. Leaders embody a certain type of self-governance that finds joy in knowledge and intellectual honesty while acting as a moral compass for others. As I embark on my next chapter, I expect a rigorous and dutiful journey, one that takes dedication to the self and to a common discourse for truth, liberty and community.  $\diamond$ 

## On Service

by MAYA OLLIE

## Service was always part of my college blueprint; I wanted it to define me.

MY PARENTS ALWAYS ENFORCED the value and necessity of helping others. From a young age I not only enjoyed service but felt I could make an impact. When I heard about the Bonner Service Scholars Program, I had found my way.

Launched in 1989 at Princeton University, this program was founded on the belief that community-engaged students have unique abilities that allow them to change the places where they live. It has since spread to universities across the nation, including CNU in 2011.

I learned many lessons as a Bonner – perhaps none greater than the necessity of humility. Because of my upbringing, I assumed I already had the tools to be the epitome of a Bonner Scholar and thought it was my responsibility to "save" the homeless community, my chosen service track. I quickly realized I was wrong. Prior to becoming a Bonner I viewed service as going to a soup kitchen around the holidays. But the program taught me I must put in time and dig below the surface to make an impact. Service is not simply putting a bandage over a problem; it's about getting at the root of an issue, addressing it the best we can.

What I've learned was crucial to my service at NATASHA House, a transitional home for single mothers and their children. It also served me well in other experiences like our trip to Quito, Ecuador, which inspired me more than words can express. While there I visited a remote village known simply as Village 235. We only knew it was a three-hour drive from Quito, followed by a 20-minute walk into the Andes Mountains. I was skeptical about walking the Ecuadorian countryside to a village I knew nothing about, but when we arrived we were greeted with genuine warmth, hugs and smiles that lit up my heart. From the youngest and most adorable toddlers to respected village elders, everyone was so kind to us. We toured the village, which included a schoolhouse, recreation hall, concrete soccer field and a string of small homes for the population of roughly 200.

After our tour we spoke with the teenagers. We asked, "What would you change about your village if you could?" The overwhelming response? "Fix the soccer field." They did not want Wi-Fi, cable TV or a paved road – just a better soccer field. From my perspective the village needed so many amenities and upgrades, but the villagers didn't seem bothered by material poverty. Finally, we asked, "What is your favorite part of the village?" There were many answers, but a universally agreed upon response was, "The peace in the village. I love the peace."

In that moment I had an epiphany: The people of Village 235 were not living an impoverished life. They have more wealth than I could ever imagine. It then hit me that we can all create our own Village 235, a place of peace and love.



Peace exists there because the people are humble, grateful and love everyone they meet. It inspired me to be more like them and to love better so my life contains such wealth.

Throughout my time at CNU I had many experiences where I expected to be the "savior." Yet I was the one saved: saved by children I tutored, saved by villagers in Ecuador. I now know service is not about fixing a problem or fixing people; it is about empathy and respect. I owe this lesson to the NATASHA House residents, Newport News community and incredible opportunity of being a Bonner Service Scholar at Christopher Newport. \*

MAYA OLLIE graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

She participated in the Bonner Service Scholars Program. Learn more at engage.cnu.edu where you will find additional information on CNU's service initiatives.

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## "Scholarship is so much more than a grade in a class; it is what you do with the knowledge you gain that really counts."

PAIGE BUTTERFIELD graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in English.

She teaches English in North Carolina with Teach for America, a nonprofit dedicated to improving educational quality in low-income schools.

## On Scholarship

by PAIGE BUTTERFIELD

# If y time here was a journey in discovering the truth of what it means to take agency over my scholarship.

THE FACULTY IN THE Honors Program were the first people to help me on this journey. Honors classes are interdisciplinary and bring students from many majors together. The professors are excellent at facilitating discussion that promotes high levels of thinking and reflection. I learned from the knowledge and opinions of others - something I feel is only possible at a liberal arts and sciences school like CNU. The faculty wants us to succeed in all aspects of our education, but rather than focus solely on our grades, they care more that our final projects and papers stem from our own passions. Professors want to see their students succeed and are always excited to sponsor independent research.

Because of CNU's faculty, I had opportunities to take my scholarship to new levels. I went to the University of Oxford, where I had the whole Bodleian Library at my fingertips. I reflected on my studies in pubs - yes, we had fun, too - the same ones C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien frequented. I went to San Diego for a case-study competition with a team of my peers. I got to present multiple papers at conferences because my teachers saw something in my work they had never thought about before. All these experiences were fantastic and shaped my college experience into something unlike anything else: They helped me make my studies my own. Of course actual letter grades matter, but what makes the difference at CNU is a greater motive behind pushing students in their academic efforts.

My professors wanted me to take what I learned and do something with it that would make a difference in the world, not just for the sake of putting another fancy experience on my resume. It was that piece of the puzzle that helped me understand that scholarship is more than a high GPA, more than being recognized for your efforts, and more than membership in elite societies and programs. All of these things are great, and will be extremely helpful in the job market, but they are not a sufficient definition of scholarship.

Scholarship at CNU means striving for excellence with the end goal of living a life of significance. True scholars use their academic passions beyond the classroom, seek opportunities to make a difference with their studies and overall leave Christopher Newport with the intent to use their success to make a difference.

That's what makes this school so special, and it's why I'll be forever grateful to the professors who showed me what I could do if I only pushed myself to see the "so what" factor in my work, and to continue learning after the paper was turned in. Because of them, I know where I want to take my academic efforts, and though I will miss studying on such an inspiring campus, I'll never forget the lessons I learned here – that scholarship is so much more than a grade in a class; it is what you do with the knowledge you gain that really counts.  $\diamond$ 

## On Honor

by MARY KATE DODGE

## I still remember the nerves I felt sitting in the Community of Scholars Convocation, the freshman welcome ceremony.

I RECALL INTENTLY WATCHING the faculty members adorned in academic regalia as they filed into the hall, wondering which ones I would have as professors during my first semester. When it was our turn to sign the honor code, my row stood and approached the parchment. We were encouraged to read over the honor code once again, just as we had earlier that summer during orientation:

"On my honor, I will maintain the highest standards of honesty, integrity and personal responsibility. This means I will not lie, cheat or steal, and as a member of this academic community, I am committed to creating an environment of respect and mutual trust."

Phrases like "highest standards," "personal responsibility" and "mutual trust" stood out to me at the time, but I had no idea just how they were realized in the CNU culture, or how important these ideals would become to me.

I've always believed the concept of honor had lofty connotations. Not only is it associated with prestigious positions, but it also implies a high level of respect for outstanding individuals. The first explanation I heard that helped me connect honor's intricate definition with kinetic action was the idea that honor is a set of actions performed when no one is watching. Rather than acting honorably for the recognition of others, true honor means acting in service of

others without their regard. It's an idea that drives many students to go above and beyond in service, academics and personal development. We work not for appreciation, but in accordance with a desire to improve our community.

Though honor is a key value at Christopher Newport, the practice of it around campus is much more meaningful than the ideal of it. Honor is seen in friendly greetings between people passing on the sidewalk; honor is demonstrated in the effort and diligence displayed in the classroom, from both students and faculty. It is consistently displayed in student interactions every day as we look out for one another and hold our peers accountable for their actions.

The best demonstration of what honor means in my own life comes from CNU's commitment to creating a culture of student decision-making. I never anticipated having the authority to sit on a panel with my fellow students and recommend judicial decisions to university leadership. Serving on our Student Honor Council and working closely with those in charge of honor enrichment at CNU has given me a stronger sense of how values dictate actions, as well as a grasp of the challenges that face my university in upholding such a high standard of integrity. Christopher Newport's system of introducing, connecting and reminding students of the honor code and the University's values motivates us to consider how they



impact our own lives, allowing us to personally develop our individual priorities and ideals.

Three short years into my CNU experience, I have had ample time to observe, critique and engage with the honor code. Over and over I have been amazed by the University's commitment to promoting each of its values, and I have patterned my own dedication to honor on the University's example. Prior to my time here, I considered the idea of an honor code to be just a formality reminding students not to cheat. I now understand that CNU's honor code is an intentional reminder to students of a commitment to excellence and citizenship key to our success beyond the classroom. •

MARY KATE DODGE is an environmental biology major from Blacksburg, Virginia.

She is past president of the Student Honor Council, which promotes a community of honor, integrity and personal responsibility.

"We work not for appreciation, but in accordance with a desire to improve our community."







## Lise Sjogren loves teaching third grade at an American school for Palestinian children in East Jerusalem.

"WE USE AMERICAN CURRICULUM and English instruction, but our students are all native Arabic-speaking Palestinians," she says. "I teach my students the core subjects plus peace history and character training, all in English." Additionally, students take Arabic and Hebrew classes from other teachers at the school.

## THE CNU EXPERIENCE

An English major who minored in both leadership and religious studies, Sjogren participated in the President's Leadership Program, Honors Program, Arabic Club, Phi Mu sorority and InterVarsity at CNU. She originally planned to remain in East Jerusalem for one year and then pursue a master's degree back in the states. That one year soon became four, and the Christopher Newport experience helped prepare Sjogren to live and work overseas. "I studied in Oxford after my freshman year and then spent a semester in Prague during my sophomore year. These travels greatly opened my mind to lifestyles and cultures different than my own and stimulated my interest in the world," she notes.

A program in Bethlehem, West Bank, following her junior year planted the seed for her work. "It was through that summer program that my interest in Palestine was solidified and I found this school. Although I didn't study education, I am grateful for the way my college career influenced me, particularly by offering so many rich opportunities to grow as a whole individual," Sjogren says.

CNU faculty members also had a significant influence on her. "It was my relationships with particular professors that made the biggest difference

in my experience. Their genuine, enduring interest, their support, their encouragement – it's a powerful thing to feel someone believes in you and is willing to give time to you," she says.

Before becoming a Captain, Sjogren met Dr. Jay Paul, Honors Program Director, at a prospective student event. "Little did I know I'd still be friends with him eight years later! Dr. Paul orchestrated my involvement in the Honors Program and was a constant source of encouragement in my life," she says. To this day he remains one of her staunchest supporters.

Dr. Quentin Kidd in the Department of Government – now vice provost for undergraduate education – facilitated her Oxford experience. Although she never took a course with him, he remained a cherished adviser throughout college. "From the beginning, Dr. Kidd believed in me more than I believed in myself," Sjogren notes. "He constantly urged me to apply for distinguished scholarships and encouraged my interests in the



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Middle East. He made time to meet with me and other students off campus and has continued to be an important mentor."

And thanks to Dr. Jean Filetti, Department of English Chair, Sjogren completed her most influential college assignment following her summer in Bethlehem – an English capstone course on Trauma in Literature. For this class, she wrote about the trauma of exile for Palestinians. "I had never researched a topic with such interest and found it so meaningful," she says. "Dr. Filetti's encouragement of my research and subsequent use of the topic in later courses meant so much to me. She continues to be invested in my teaching and keeps in contact."

## CULTURAL ADJUSTMENTS

While Sjogren has enjoyed her time in East Jerusalem, she sometimes misses the simple freedoms some Americans take for granted, such as having a car, being out at night and socializing with the opposite gender. "I live in a Palestinian neighborhood," she explains, "and have to be aware of the neighbors' perceptions. It's also been a transition to give up conveniences – hot water is limited, checkpoints cause unnecessary traffic, and packaged food is expensive."

Yet the sacrifice has been worth it. "I'm honored to have become so deeply involved in the lives of these families and this community," she explains. "I'm often in the homes of my students, enjoying incredible Arab hospitality. It's also been a privilege to work at a school whose focus is peace — peace through character development and the study of nonviolent resistance throughout history. Our students are daily challenged to live beyond societal norms in this area of great conflict."

### **FUTURE PLANS**

Sjogren's work visa is renewable for up to five years. She plans to continue teaching at the school a final year and then spend a year studying Arabic to achieve greater fluency in the language. She is also interested in pursuing a master's degree in social work or peace studies.

"My ultimate goal is to work with refugee children in this region, offering a mixture of therapy and education to bring hope and heal trauma. Alongside that, another goal is to train local teachers to educate with more creativity, positivity and encouragement – bringing life and fresh education methods to inspire children to want to learn." \*





he art and technique of printmaking is precise, demonstrated through engraving, etching, drypoint, woodcut and serigraphy.

RISING SENIOR ZACH GOTSCHALK THRIVES in this medium, so much so that he has received a highly competitive fellowship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA).

Accomplished in both painting and drawing, Gotschalk creates personal art that represents a mixture of old and new in technique and content, blending styles of the masters with those of cutting-edge, contemporary printmaking. His concepts are based on age-old self-reflection yet framed within pop culture and classic sci-fi settings.

Gotschalk's winning portfolio submission to the VMFA included a series on the theory of individuality and self-actualization as symbolized by a robot. He notes, "I always thought I had different wiring than most of the people in my life, thinking differently about ideas and having unique interests. In my artwork, I want to reflect the person I've become through the transformation of a robot."







With different "wiring" in mind, the story in Gotschalk's latest series centers on the way in which one robot becomes its authentic self versus conforming to the social norm. "Through the process of this epiphany," he notes, "the robot transforms into something original and different. In the end, it tries to convert others to take that leap of faith of being who they really are."

"Zach manages to translate these serious musings in a fun and visually engaging way – at oftentimes ambitious scales," says Alan Skees, an assistant professor in the Department of Fine Art and Art History. "He is not afraid to tackle large print sizes that are physically and technically demanding to pull from the press. Zach is an influential force in the Christopher Newport art department and is developing into a fine printmaker."

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Gotschalk hopes to one day become a college art professor or a working artist at a gallery. In addition to his studies, he serves as both a department intern and as president of CNU's chapter of Kappa Pi–Zeta Alpha Tau, the national art honors society. His \$4,000 VMFA fellowship award will allow him to buy printmaking equipment and materials to build his own printing press. Scheduled to graduate in spring 2016 with a double major in studio art and history, Gotschalk is already tackling his senior art seminar works.

"I first started printmaking my sophomore year and just fell in love with the whole process of designing the plate, cutting away at the plate, proofing the plate, carving it again, proofing it again and repeating the process until it is perfection," he says. "The best part, hands down, is when you roll the print through the press and get a perfectly clean black print, with no smudges or stray ink. Printmaking is not easy; however, when you see that jet-black, perfectly aligned print, it makes all the blood, sweat and tears worth every second of the process." \(\infty\)





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Dr. Jonathan Backens ('04) returns to his alma mater, helping Christopher Newport launch the electrical engineering major.

by MATT SCHNEPF

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We're often told, "You can't go home again." Yet for Dr. Jonathan Backens ('04), the journey since attending CNU has brought him full circle.

HE WENT FROM WALKING THE STAGE at commencement to working in Africa, attending graduate school back in Virginia, and then returning to his alma mater as an assistant professor in the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering (PCSE).

Backens plays an instrumental role in CNU's new electrical engineering program, and as the major's first full-time professor, he couldn't be happier to be home. "I'm probably the biggest fan of CNU's model of education you'll find," he says. Backens earned a PhD in electrical and computer engineering from Old Dominion University (ODU) prior to joining CNU's faculty in 2014. He now balances classroom instruction with helping to develop courses and labs.

A GLOBAL EDUCATION

The stellar undergraduate education Backens received – including his involvement in the Honors and President's Leadership Programs – greatly influenced his vocational path. Initially undecided on a major, he quickly discovered an affinity for computers, double-majoring in computer engineering and computer science with a minor in leadership studies. He also enjoyed CNU's vast opportunities for experiential learning, gaining proficiency in electrical engineering as an intern at Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

As commencement approached during his senior year, however, he was unsure about what to do next. That's when he recalled an Honors course he took at CNU, Problems of the Modern World, which explored the challenges various nations face.

Africa, in particular, caught Backens' attention. "I didn't have a lot of international experience at all and was really intrigued," he recalls. "The challenge of that course was that you had to produce a research paper outlining how you

would use your discipline of study to tackle a particular problem."

Backens ultimately focused on technology training schools and ways to use computer science and information technology to promote development in sub-Saharan Africa. And as he completed his Honors assignment, he toyed with bringing the project to life. He then learned about an elementary school in Botswana seeking Western teachers to serve on one-year contracts.

#### **AFRICAN ADVENTURES**

Prepared to teach English, Backens headed to Africa. Then, after six months overseas, he connected with a group in Zambia called Macha Works that was partnering with rural mission hospitals to provide information and communications technology (ICT) support computer training, installation and Internet service management. "We were two hours from a paved road, and at the end of the line for electricity, which was sparse at best," he recalls.

After fulfilling his teaching contract, he moved to Zambia, collaborating full time with Macha Works. "They had a need for development and training because all the people they were working with were first-generation computer users," Backens says. "I came in to help, do some technological support but also to develop some training methods."

Backens helped launch a training school and equipped local Zambians to replace him, with more than 100 people trained in computer basics. "We really were the first accredited rural training institution in Zambia for ICT. Usually Zambians had to go to the capital – Luska – or a major city for ICT training; we were doing it all in the village, and bringing in people from other villages. In the whole organization there were just three or four Westerners, and primarily local Zambians," he notes. "Eventually the University of Zambia took notice and started sending students to intern with us – engineering students to see what it was like to do ICT in a rural village."

Most of the rural students came from subsistence farming backgrounds. By training in computers, however, they could gain employment with local hospitals, rural businesses or possibly companies in larger towns, earning much

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JONATHAN BACKENS

more money for their families. "I saw people's lives really transformed from subsistence manual labor to good-paying jobs," Backens says.

#### THE ROAD HOME

Backens eventually returned to the states, receiving a full fellowship to complete his PhD at ODU. He then learned about Christopher Newport's electrical engineering program.

"Building something from the ground up was incredibly appealing, so I was highly motivated. CNU has a unique opportunity. It's smaller, it's more individual, and it also gives students the opportunity to learn engineering in a liberal arts and sciences environment, which is rare," he says. The University's location is also ideal, thanks to the demand for electrical engineers in such areas as Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.

As he helps turn their vision into reality, Backens acknowledges those who labored for several years to get the electrical engineering program approved and started –

individuals like Dr. Anton Riedl, Provost David Doughty and the entire PCSE team. "Going forward, much of the work is now on me, but up to this point I stand on the work they put in," he states.

Students declare a major during their sophomore year, making those from the 2014-15 freshman class the first eligible to choose electrical engineering. "We've had several show interest, but we won't know the numbers until next spring when they officially declare," Backens says. And after a year teaching here, he sees firsthand how education is similar across continents.

Backens explains, "It's a little different teaching American university students as opposed to teaching village Zambians, but the excitement about seeing students learn doesn't change. Whether you feel you're taking someone from a life of poverty to hopefully something better, or taking someone from not understanding a concept to getting it, there's a moment where you see it click in their eyes and they get it. It's changing how they understand something. That's powerfully motivating wherever it happens." §

## Electrical Engineering Major Debuts

RECOGNIZING THE NEED for highly skilled electrical engineers, Christopher Newport launched a new bachelor of science program last fall. Housed within the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering (PCSE), the electrical engineering major offers a rigorous technical education with a liberal arts and sciences foundation, preparing CNU students for top graduate programs and cutting-edge careers in industry, government and the nonprofit sector.

"Over the years we heard from many students and parents – as well as from companies – who wanted us to offer more engineering degrees here at CNU," says Dr. Anton Riedl, PCSE Chair, who sees electrical engineering as a perfect fit. "It nicely complements our existing programs, most notably physics and computer engineering."

The major curriculum includes courses from an array of disciplines: mathematics, basic and applied sciences, and engineering, as well as the humanities and social sciences. In addition, students specialize in one of three areas: digital



systems, control and instrumentation, or communication and signal processing.

"CNU is in a unique position to attract students into engineering fields," Riedl notes. "As we know from our graduates, CNU's student-centric environment is an important factor in their success. Our students greatly appreciate the small classes, individualized attention, and the many opportunities to work on interesting research and development projects at the undergraduate level."

Christopher Newport anticipates awarding the first electrical engineering degrees in May 2018.

# Language of Kelli ('14) and rising senior Kathryn Montgomery embraced their heritage, majoring in German.

## by JORDAN ZAVODNY

## As one often hears, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

SIMPLY ASK JUDY MONTGOMERY HICKS. Her passion for all things German inspired her teaching of the language at various Virginia schools, including Denbigh High in Newport News and Hickory High in Chesapeake. In the fall of 1979 she even taught English at Christopher Newport.

Years later, granddaughters Kelli ('14, pictured left) and Kathryn Montgomery followed closely in her footsteps, majoring in German at CNU. "She was actually my German teacher for all of high school and Kathryn's for a year," Kelli says.

As American firms add overseas branches, proficiency in a foreign language can prove pivotal in a global marketplace. Courses and programs offered through CNU's Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures (MCLL) teach students to speak and understand various foreign languages, develop skills in reading and writing, and appreciate cultural diversity.

It's not surprising that the Montgomery sisters grew up learning and speaking German. Their mother's side of the family derived from a German heritage; their father's side grew familiar with the culture due to a military background. Growing up the sisters found themselves immersed in German ways – from enjoying German dinners to hearing

German hymns at bedtime. As Kathryn notes, the language and customs have always been a part of her family experience, "whether by culture or by blood."

In 2014 Kelli walked the commencement stage as the sole German major, in addition to completing a second major in political science and a leadership studies minor. "People ask what it's like to be a language major," she says. "It's all inclusive. I have taken history, writing, cultural courses, all in German."

Kelli thrived as a resident assistant with the Governor's German Academy through the Virginia Department of Education. That summer job required organizing and leading cultural, recreational and social activities for high school students completing a full-immersion language program. On campus she tutored students in German, was president of Alpha Phi sorority and won the Foreign Language Leadership Award for her involvement in the Governor's German Academy – an MCLL honor recognizing community outreach and campus leadership related to the study of foreign languages. She also received the MCLL award for the best senior capstone paper.

Currently employed in GEICO's management development program, Kelli applies her language expertise by working with customers from multicultural backgrounds. "At the end of the program I'll be a supervisor in the claims department, so my leadership minor and the lessons from multiculturalism come

into play," she says. In the evening she takes online business courses to advance her knowledge and skillset.

Besides majoring in German, younger sister Kathryn is pursuing a minor in linguistics, which explores language in society, the nature of language variation and myriad issues related to language use. She eventually plans to earn a master's degree in applied linguistics. "I learned about linguistics and teaching English as a second language from Dr. Laura Deiulio," she notes. "I hope to travel abroad to other countries to teach English."

Deiulio, an associate professor of German recently teaching abroad in Scotland, has enjoyed mentoring the Montgomery sisters. "They both put a high priority on serving others," she notes, adding that the Department's professors strive to make the program "klein aber fein": small but high quality.

Active both on and off campus, Kathryn is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. She also serves as a health services technician in the U.S. Coast Guard.

And as she enters her senior year, Kathryn has high praise for her major program and faculty. "I have a good relationship with all of the German professors, and they check up on me during the summer; we're like a close-knit community," she says. "It contributes to the one-on-one with my professors and to my overall learning in class." §

For more on MCLL's academic offerings, visit languages.cnu.edu.





# LIVING the DIGITAL LIFE

Alum's twisting path leads him through CNU (twice), up and down both coasts, and points between to leadership in new U.S. Digital Service.

by BRIAN McGUIRE



When developers
in 2013 activated
healthcare.gov, the
rollout of the Affordable
Care Act quickly stalled
as a cascade of technical
glitches prevented
millions from enrolling
in health coverage.

Programmers ultimately fixed the website, but it had become clear a new approach to online government services was needed. The United States Digital Service was formed to meet the need, and Mike Bland ('97, '01), is one of the civic-minded technologists who answered the call.

BLAND'S STORY BEGINS in the Department of Theater and Dance, however, where he enrolled with dreams of earning his living in the arts. He admired the team approach to bringing a work of art to life from the page to the stage, and spent "pretty much every waking hour" on campus, as he recalls, honing his craft and talking with professors from several fields to find touchpoints between their interests and his own. After graduating, he decided to broaden his skills and enrolled in Christopher Newport's computer science program – a move that launched his successful technology career. "I had such a positive experience the first time around, I felt like I couldn't go wrong in coming back," Bland says.

After his second graduation, Bland joined Northrop Grumman, where he worked on shipboard navigation and port-monitoring systems. It was deeply satisfying work, enabling him to apply his learning in a tangible way. "I took all the knowledge and passion for learning about computer science I got at CNU and really pushed myself on projects that had real-world significance," he says. As the summer of 2001 drew to a close, and the September 11 attacks made this work

even more important, the desire to give back was firmly rooted. "I imagined our software not only supporting efficiency in the economy but also saving lives."

But as it happens, after four years at Northrop Grumman, an opportunity came along Bland couldn't pass up: a job with Google at the company's Silicon Valley headquarters. He worked in the company's Web search unit and with colleagues who championed automated software testing. Together they helped lead an effort to change the company's practices in that area. He ended up staying for six years, and his time there enabled him not only to effect change at the company but also to unite the two fields he had studied at Christopher Newport. "I was able to have an impact not only technically," Bland says, "but also culturally, and I feel that comes back to what I learned through literature and theater. We couldn't just give people instructions; we had to win over hearts and minds and understand the needs and frustrations people had," he adds. "It was a nice mix of the two skill sets."

Ultimately, Bland moved on from Google to explore other career paths, but an email from an old friend sparked

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MIKE BLAND

an urge to rejoin the programming world – and inspired him to pursue a deeper drive: to work in service of his country. "I was sitting at a stoplight, and I got this message from my friend that said 'your country needs you," Bland recalls. "Those were the trigger words," he says. "It struck a really deep nerve."

The email went on to describe the new U.S. Digital Service and the sea change underway within the government in response to healthcare.gov. Programmers and other technologists were using new ways to develop software and other solutions more quickly, as well as focusing on teamwork – a set of practices known as the agile method – and were needed to lead a broader effort across other areas of government. "That's how 18F was born," Bland says. "To try to lay a foundation of how modern software development and procurement practices can function within the government."

As practice director at 18F, Bland is an ombudsman of sorts, responsible for data and documentation repositories that maximize access to information and enable teams to work smarter and faster. He leads working groups dedicated to streamlining processes and preserving a culture of innovation and best practices so 18F can serve as a model to other agencies within the government. "I see my job as trying to create a space where we can continue to make great software and demonstrate that to other federal teams," Bland says. It's rewarding and varied work that enables him to draw on his diverse experience and be a force for change in an area not generally associated with innovation or agility.

In fact, although service is at the

heart of much of what 18F does, its major accomplishment may turn out to be saving money. Bland says the team consults directly with other agencies or steers them toward smaller companies that are faster, more open – and far cheaper than larger contractors. As he says, when the



government hires a private company to build software or deliver other services, the focus is often on security and minimizing risk. "The irony is that you end up with more risk. You use more resources, things fall apart and you have these huge crises [like healthcare.gov]," Bland says. "If nothing else, it's worth stepping back and trying something different. The agile method is a perfect fit because it minimizes risk by increasing visibility and communication; it delivers early and often, rather than taking years to deliver something and only then finding out it doesn't work."

"People understood there was an opportunity created by healthcare.gov, and if we get it right, it will be a really significant achievement," Bland says.

"We'll be actually helping citizens do their jobs and feel safe in this country." He is quick to point to this sense of mission as the main driving force behind the growth of 18F, unlike in the private sector. "The impact you can have on people's lives is way beyond what you can have chugging away comfortably to make somebody else richer."

Bland attributes much of his own success to the breadth a liberal arts and sciences education provides – particularly the sense of community on campus at CNU. "Christopher Newport exposed me to ideas and ways of thinking, to people engaged in a great conversation about culture and technology and the interplay between them," says Bland, "to think critically and have empathy for other people. Given how interconnected the world has become, it's more important than ever to have those skills to be successful."

As busy as he is, Bland has been no stranger to campus, returning in the spring to deliver the keynote address at Paideia, the annual research conference. "It's very gratifying to come back and see things are thriving as they are," he says. "There's a much better dynamic between the classroom, applied knowledge and research. People are really invested in ideas and learning and in trying to discover more about the world and what it means for them."

And he is quick to add a lesson from his own experience: that a dash of the unexpected makes for a more interesting journey. "Of course we all have to make a living, but exposure to variety is key not only to a full life, but also to living a meaningful life." \( \Delta \)



## An Enduring Legacy

The Beazley Foundation helps fulfill young people's dreams of attending Christopher Newport.

hrough his compassion for those less fortunate and a deep affinity for children and youth, Fred W. Beazley made an enduring impact on Hampton Roads – giving back to the Virginia community that greatly influenced his formative years.

IN 1948 HE CREATED the Beazley Foundation in Portsmouth, which today continues his legacy of meeting human needs and making college affordable. A champion of health care, housing and recreation, the Beazley Foundation has also been a longtime advocate for education, from establishing the former Frederick Military Academy and Frederick College to endowing scholarships at Christopher Newport and other Virginia schools.

Over the years the Foundation has provided millions of dollars in capital grants and endowments, making college feasible for thousands of students across the Commonwealth. In 2006 the Foundation approved a \$50,000 grant to endow the

Beazley Scholarship at CNU, which supports students enrolled in the President's Leadership Program. Earlier this year the Foundation awarded the University an additional \$500,000 grant toward this scholarship, which will help to provide an exceptional Christopher Newport education for generations to come.

The Foundation has also led efforts to strengthen education requirements, supporting public and private schools that maintain high academic standards. The recent \$500,000 grant awarded to CNU recognizes the University's commitment to a strong core curriculum.

This past year Christopher Newport was the nation's only public institution to earn a perfect "A" rating from the



Fred W. Beazley



Richard S. Bray

nonprofit American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) for the strength of the University's curriculum. ACTA evaluated 1,098 colleges and universities, with a perfect score indicating that a school requires all seven subjects deemed essential to a quality education: literature, composition, economics, mathematics, foreign language, science and American history/government.

"Since its inception, the Beazley Foundation has funded educational institutions and programs from pre-K to post-graduate levels, always with a mission to enhance value for the students," states Judge Richard S. Bray, current CEO and President, who has led the Foundation since 2002. "Recognizing that four years of college and a degree are not always indicative of a credible education, the Foundation was much impressed with the recent decision of Christopher Newport University to strengthen its core curriculum, satisfying all seven of the standards established by ACTA. Once again, CNU has distinguished itself nationally as a superior liberal arts institution, dedicated to an academically rich education. Such enlightened leadership is surely worthy of Foundation support."

"We are pleased by the confidence placed in us by Judge Bray and the Board of Trustees

of the Beazley Foundation and look forward to honoring Mr. Beazley's important legacy," says President Paul Trible. "This remarkable scholarship will make the dream of an education at Christopher Newport a reality for many deserving young women and men, and we are deeply grateful for the Foundation's strong and generous support."

The Beazley Foundation maintains close relationships with the nonprofits it supports, which is key to its founder's vision. In addition to establishing the Beazley Scholarship at CNU, the Foundation provided a \$50,000 grant in 2010 toward the University's chapel campaign. As Bray notes, the Foundation always seeks to "provide the greatest good for the greatest number of people." \( \int \) — Matt Schnepf



it wasn't much more than a sandlot team," he remembers. "We would play anywhere we could get a game. It was the very beginning of what's become an incredibly successful baseball program." The club had no field of its own, and Moss recalls sneaking onto the diamond at Ferguson High School (site of the current Ferguson Center for the Arts) to play, or commandeering any nearby open space – a far cry from the current facilities at Captains Park. "The stadium is very impressive," Moss says. "I wish we had resources like that back when I was here."

Moss' own road after graduation took him to Tennessee and the rental car business, then to Missouri, where he got his start in recycling, a field he stayed in – and has risen far – over the past 25 years. He is currently president of Rubicon Global, a national sustainable waste and recycling solutions provider based in Atlanta, where Moss

lives with his wife, Barbara, and their three sons, Anthony (22), Brandon (20) and Chris (18).

Moss joined Rubicon in 2011 at the urging of co-founder Nate Morris, who, Moss says, had imagined a new kind of waste and recycling company. "His vision was all around disrupting a changeresistant industry through technology, landfill diversion, sustainability, passion for people and customers, and being servants to the planet," says Moss. "These are all things that resonate with me so I joined as a partner." Moss recalls that Rubicon launched with five employees, and four short years later has grown into a \$125 million company with 120 employees and a commitment to innovation, customer service and care for the environment.

"At Rubicon, we really believe in the

greater good,"Moss says. "The bottom line we focus on is people, planet and profit. We have a very robust social mission around our business; it's not only about making money." He adds that Rubicon is a certified B corporation, which means it is evaluated for its social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency; a UN Global Compact signee that embraces principles of equality and environmental responsibility; and part of the Clinton Global Initiative, which gathers international leaders to address world challenges.



"Two principles I practice every day are, work harder than others and never give up. Don't just exist – make a difference. Be a leader." PERRY MOSS

"There's a lot of positive social change we feel we can promote through the running of our business," Moss says. "And we bring all of our customers together to make a bigger impact."

While on campus Moss visited several classes and spoke to students about his career and the lessons he has learned

that led to his success. He was gratified to find inspired, kindred spirits among the student body: "CNU students are passionate, they want to make a difference, they want to lead," he says. Moss had several conversations with students who share his interest in sustainability and environmental stewardship. "A number of students have a strong desire to leave this planet a better place for future generations," he says. "I was very happy to hear that."

For Moss, his own focus on the world beyond the office and the accounting ledgers hearkens back to his childhood in

Hawaii. It was a relatively brief stop in the travels of his military family, but one that made a lasting impact. "Hawaii is where I really became interested in the environment and in helping to promote environmental responsibility," he says, pointing to the natural beauty of the islands and to the native culture of caring for one's surroundings as dual inspirations.

"I think there's great alignment between what

Christopher Newport University is fostering today and the values we have at Rubicon Global. President Trible shared with me the concept of living a life of significance; at Rubicon, we call it 'making a difference,'" says Moss, offering his own personal and professional mission: "Swim upstream, be different, take on big challenges, always do what you say – a lot of these values align with leadership, honor and scholarship."

It's advice Moss has taken to heart throughout his own life and career, whether on the baseball field or in the boardroom. "Two principles I practice every day are, work harder than others and never give up," he says. "Don't just exist – make a difference. Be a leader. These are some of the things that helped me to get to where I am today." \( \Delta \)

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#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

10/17	CNILInvitational	Lee Hall Mansion
10/17	Denison University	Harrisonburg, VA
10/2	Paul Short Run	Bethlehem, PA
9/26	Virginia/Panorama Farms Invitational	Charlottesville, VA
9/18	William & Mary XC Invitational	Williamsburg, VA
9/1	CNU XC Opener	Richmond, VA

#### **FIELD HOCKEY**

9/1	Bridgewater College	Bridgewater, VA	7 p.m.
9/6	Ferrum College	Captains Turf Field	1 p.m.
9/9	Lynchburg College	Lynchburg, VA	6 p.m.
9/12	Wesley College	Dover, DE	11 a.m.
9/19	Washington and Lee University	Captains Turf Field	2 p.m.
9/23	Randolph-Macon College	Ashland, VA	7 p.m.
9/25	Roanoke College	Salem, VA	7 p.m.
9/30	Catholic University of America	Captains Turf Field	7 p.m.
10/3	St. Mary's College of Maryland	St. Mary's City, MD	12 p.m.
10/10	York College of Pennsylvania	Captains Turf Field	11 a.m.
10/12	Tufts University	Medford, MA	2 p.m.
10/21	University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg, VA	4 p.m.
10/24	Frostburg State University	Captains Turf Field	11 a.m.
10/28	Salisbury University	Captains Turf Field	6 p.m.

#### **FOOTBALL**

9/5	The College of New Jersey	POMOCO Stadium	4 p.m.
9/12	Hampden-Sydney College	POMOCO Stadium	7 p.m.
9/19	Wesley College	Dover, DE	1 p.m.
10/3	Rowan University	POMOCO Stadium	6 p.m.
10/10	Kean University	Union, NJ	12 p.m.
10/17	Montclair State University	Montclair, NJ	1 p.m.
10/24	Frostburg State University	POMOCO Stadium	7 p.m.
10/31	Salisbury University	Salisbury, MD	1 p.m.
11/7	William Paterson University	POMOCO Stadium	1 p.m.
11/14	Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista, VA	1 p.m.

#### **MEN'S SOCCER**

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	9/9	North Carolina Wesleyan College	
	9/12	New Jersey City University	
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	9/19	Greensboro College	
	9/23	Lynchburg College	
	9/26	Penn State-Harrisburg	
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	10/10	Frostburg State University	
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9/20	University of Chicago
9/26	Frostburg State University
10/3	University of Mary Washington
10/6	Southern Virginia University
10/10	York College of Pennsylvania
10/14	St. Mary's College of Maryland
10/17	Wesley College
10/18	Lynchburg College
10/21	Salisbury University
10/24	Penn State-Harrisburg
10/25	Roanoke College
10/28	Marymount University

# FALL SPORTS

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#### **VOLLEYBALL**

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9/19	DeSales University	Freeman Center	12 p.m.
9/19	Bethany College	Freeman Center	4 p.m.
9/25	Emory University	Lexington, VA	4:30 p.m.
9/26	Randolph-Macon College	Lexington, VA	11 a.m.
9/26	Washington and Lee University	Lexington, VA	3 p.m.
9/29	Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista, VA	6 p.m.
10/7	Salisbury University	Freeman Center	7 p.m.
10/10	Frostburg State University	Freeman Center	11 a.m.
10/10	Washington and Lee University	Freeman Center	3 p.m.
10/14	University of Mary Washington	Freeman Center	7 p.m.
10/15	William Peace University	Freeman Center	7 p.m.
10/17	Penn State-Harrisburg	Middletown, PA	5 p.m.
10/18	St. Mary's College of Maryland	St. Mary's City, MD	2 p.m.
10/20	Gallaudet University	Washington, D.C.	7 p.m.
10/23	Johns Hopkins University	Freeman Center	7 p.m.
10/24	York College of Pennsylvania	Freeman Center	12 p.m.
10/24	Lycoming College	Freeman Center	4 p.m.
10/28	Wesley College	Freeman Center	7 p.m.
10/31	Marymount University	Arlington, VA	12 p.m.
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# CHEERLEADING

oming off a 2014 national championship, the CNU cheerleaders returned to the College Open Nationals this spring to defend their title, where they finished third, despite an injury to a key team member. The performance came on the heels of the Captains' third straight win in the Capital Athletic Cheer

Challenge Championship in mid-February. Off the sidelines, senior Toby Brooks was named the female student-athlete leader of the year after serving as secretary of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, president of the Gymnastics Club and a student leader in the Department of Athletic Communications.



GOLF

ed by junior Division III PING all-region selection Matt DiSalvo, the Captains captured their second straight CAC golf championship with a record-breaking performance at the James River Country Club. DiSalvo earned Player of the Year and tournament medalist honors by shattering the CAC tournament scoring record by 12 strokes, leading the Captains to a 31-stroke victory over second-place Penn State Harrisburg. The five CNU starters earned all-conference honors, as sophomores Harry Nodwell and Charlie Peavley finished second and third, respectively, followed by eighth- and 10th-place finishes for Ryan Pratt (15) and senior Sam Robinson. For the second straight season, Head Coach Jamie Coleman was named the CAC Coach of the Year after leading the Captains to their third conference title of his coaching tenure.

#### spring sports roundup



pair of all-conference performers led the Captains to a program-record 11 victories in 2015, and set records for points, goals, assists and ground balls. Junior Brandon Moloney and senior John Thompson each earned all-conference honors in 2015, highlighted by Thompson's record-setting campaign. He became the program's all-time leader in points (144), goals (86) and assists (58), after posting one of the finest seasons in the short history of CNU lacrosse, with 37 goals and 43 points. Moloney led the team with 19 caused turnovers and 53 ground balls. The Captains finished the season 11-5, reaching the CAC tournament for the second straight year.

# MEN'S LACROSSE



# WOMEN'S

LACROSSE

n her final season, Head Coach Carolyn Query helped lead the team to a strong season, finishing with a 9-8 mark. Two Captains were allregion selections, and the team also registered a league-high six all-conference selections, all of whom will return in 2016, promising an exciting future for the team. Sophomore Meaghan Galvin backed up her all-region rookie season with another first-team selection, and classmate Mariah Ginebra collected her first all-region honors. Galvin led the Captains and finished second in the CAC with 47 goals and 69 points, while also collecting a single-season program record 73 draw controls. Ginebra was a force on the defensive end, leading the team with 35 ground balls and 20 caused turnovers.



## **SAILING**

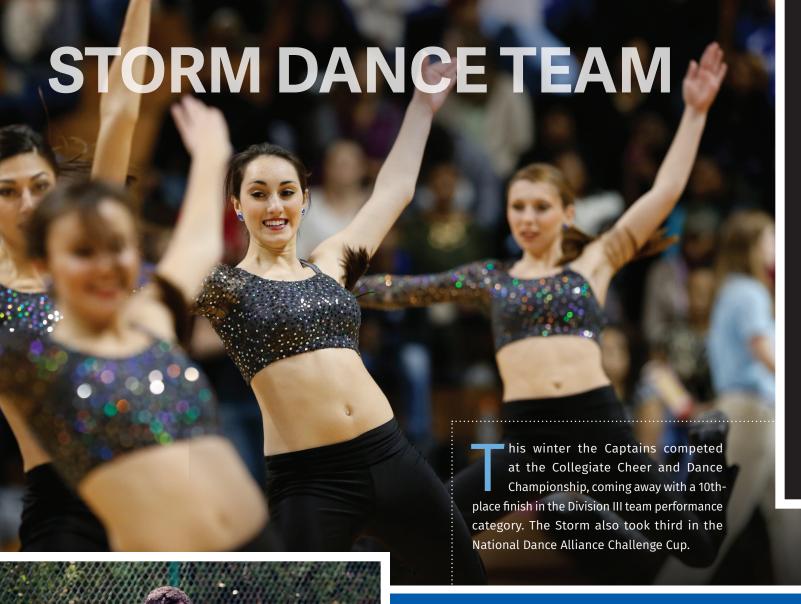
reshman Xander van Beurden highlighted the performances on the water this season for the sailing team, helping lead CNU to its second straight appearance at the conference championship in the spring. The Captains won the South Spring Qualifier, edging out the University of Virginia with a win in the final race by van Beurden and junior Julia Davis, and captured a berth in the conference co-ed championship, the America Trophy. As a team, the Captains posted five top-five efforts this spring.

fter the weather wreaked havoc early on and left the team struggling for momentum, the Captains righted the ship and ran off 26 wins in 29 games. The run included 19 of 20 down the stretch and featured Head Coach Keith Parr's 400th win, the team's second straight CAC championship and the fourth NCAA regional championship in program history. Five all-region selections led the way, including four-time selection Sabrina Hill (15), who was named the 2015 CAC Player of the Year. Hill concluded her career as one of the finest players in program history

SOFTBALL

and is CNU's all-time leader in hits, RBI and total bases. She was named conference Player of the Year three times and ranks second all-time in career home runs, with 40. She was joined on the all-region squad by juniors Tori Clarke, Meagan Jones and Scoop Simon, and freshman Brittney Walters. Clarke batted .405 to lead the team, while Walters anchored a potent offense with five home runs and a teambest 44 RBI. Nine Captains earned all-conference honors, and CNU was 13-1 in league play en route to capturing its first outright regular season league title.





### **MEN'S TENNIS**

or the first time in the three-year tenure of Head Coach Eric Christiansen, CNU men's tennis earned a national ranking. Led by 2015 CAC Rookie of the Year David Reed, the Captains made their first appearance in the conference championship match, capping an impressive season that included six wins over regionally ranked opponents and one over a nationally ranked team. The Captains were 13-11 overall, with a 5-2 mark in

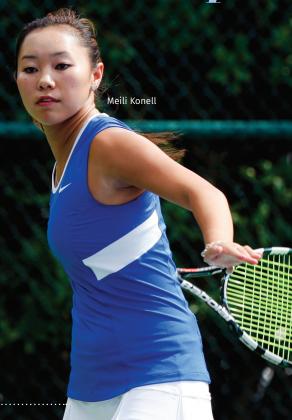
Chiraag Shetty

conference play. Reed headlined the action by checking into the regional rankings as a singles and doubles player this season, playing at the No. 1 line in both disciplines, where he finished with 13 wins in singles and 10 doubles victories. He was joined on the all-conference squad by four of his teammates, as sophomores Steven Boslet, Arttu Fiva, freshman Max Katcher and junior Chiraag Shetty all earned league honors, the fourth for Shetty.

#### spring sports roundup

espite fielding one of the youngest rosters ever, Christopher Newport took major strides in 2015 with one of its finest seasons. For the first time in the 37-year history of women's tennis at CNU, the Captains earned a national ranking when they collected a spot in the top 40 on April 9. Led by the first regional Rookie of the Year in team history, McKinney Harwood, a record seven Captains were named to the 2015 allconference squad. Harwood played at No. 1 singles and doubles all year and earned second team all-conference honors for both, posting 18 singles and 21 doubles victories. Sophomores Logan Eldridge and

Katie Carlson backed up all-conference rookie years with strong performances this season. Freshman Alexandra Drye paired with four different teammates to set a new program record with 24 doubles victories, while freshmen Kate Huck, Meili Konell and Isabelle Wessel each captured all-conference honors as well. The Captains finished the year with a 14-6 record, a second-place finish in the CAC regular season and an appearance in the CAC championship match for the first time in program history. As a team, the Captains won seven matches against regionally ranked opponents and posted a 6-1 record in league play.



### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**



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or the second consecutive season, men's track and field finished second in both the indoor and outdoor CAC championships. Four Captains earned a trip to the NCAA Division III outdoor national championship meet, highlighted by All-American performances from Daulton Teaford (15) and junior Dominique Torres. Torres captured honors in both the indoor and outdoor triple jump and is one of just two triplejump athletes in the nation to earn All-American honors at each of the last four national championships. Teaford was also on the podium at the outdoor

meet, finishing fourth in the 200 meters, his second career All-American effort in the event. The two were joined by freshman Jordan Roach and CAC outdoor Rookie of the Year Ryan Scott on the 4x100 meter relay team that also qualified for the NCAA meet. CNU had six conference champions in the CAC outdoor championship and 10 all-conference selections, while Head Coach Tyler Wingard was named the region Coach of the Year after the indoor season. The Captains featured the co-indoor Rookie of the Year in Jeff Dover, as well as 10 all-conference honorees for the indoor season.

#### X AND FIELD

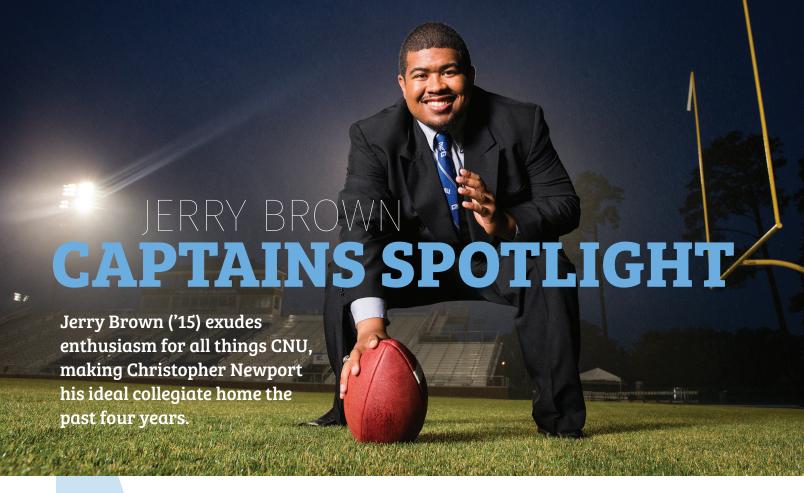
# spring sports *roundup*WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

our Captains earned a trip to the

NCAA Division III outdoor national championship meet, capping a strong 2014-15 season. For the second straight year, CNU won both the indoor and outdoor CAC championships handily. This spring Enuma Ezenwa ('15) was named the region field Athlete of the Year after capturing two individual conference titles and qualifying for three events at the NCAA championship: the heptathlon, 100-meter hurdles and 4x400 meter relay. Joining her in the relay were senior Leah Richardson, junior Jennifer

Westerholm and sophomore Logan Harrington. Westerholm and Harrington also qualified for the heptathlon and 800 meters, respectively. During the season, Harrington broke the league record in the 800 and finished her stellar sophomore season with an 11th-place effort in the national meet. Ezenwa was named a Capital One academic all-district selection and holds multiple school records, including in the heptathlon. Head Coach Tyler Wingard was named the CAC co-Coach of the Year and region Coach of the Year.

Enuma Ezenwa



#### "I wanted to play football where I thought I could succeed and get a great education, and CNU was the best."

A FOUR-YEAR MEMBER of the Captains football team from Emporia, Jerry Brown ('15) attended Greensville County High School where he played his sport of choice. Named team MVP his senior year there, he graduated salutatorian of his class.

Christopher Newport provided Brown with exceptional opportunities to develop effective leadership skills. This past year he served as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), a group he joined as a freshman. "SAAC serves as a liaison between the student-athletes and the athletic and academic administrations," he says. During his time in the group, SAAC successfully implemented a way to recognize student-athletes with commencement sashes – something similar to other campus groups, and a way to recognize student achievement, both in the classroom and on the field of play.

SAAC also promotes mutual support across all sports, encouraging athletes to attend the home games and matches of their fellow Captains. Brown explains, "It's hard to get the community and the rest of campus out to the games when they ask if you're attending and you're in your room playing video games."

A cellular, molecular and physiological biology major, Brown participated in the President's Leadership Program, minoring in leadership studies. Initially he aspired to become an athletic trainer but through time developed another sports-related passion. "I actually want to go into athletic administration now," he says. "Ideally I'd like to be a college athletic director in the future."

While some may call his academic track and vocational choice an unlikely combination, Brown feels prepared to pursue his goals. "A biology degree is a lot more universal than people think," he explains, adding that the University's liberal arts and sciences background positioned him for success. "That's the beauty of CNU," he says. "I've had the privilege of having a lot of good professors."

Before embarking on this path, however, Brown will remain at CNU for a year as a University Fellow in the Office of Admission – a department with which he is familiar. He served as an admission student ambassador for three years, introducing prospective students and their families to the University. And while he provided an important service to the countless people he met, they equally influenced him.

"I didn't realize how much those people would impact me," he says, explaining how he was reminded – through their eyes – of many traits that make CNU special: students talking as they walk across campus, holding doors for one another and interacting with professors outside of class. He notes, "It's magical to see that passed on to other people." - Matt Schnepf

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#### Valutis Named Social Work Educator of the Year

STEPHANIE VALUTIS, Assistant Professor of Social Work, was named Outstanding Virginia Social Work Educator of the Year by the Virginia Social Work Education Consortium. The award recognizes outstanding performance and contributions to social work education through excellence in classroom teaching, curriculum development and student advising.

"It is a privilege to be a part of students' development every day," Valutis says. "Social work education is enhanced by CNU's mission to develop students' minds and hearts, preparing them to lead lives of significance and be engaged citizens who make a difference in the lives of others. In this environment the social work values of service, competence, integrity, and the dignity and worth of all people come to fruition."

The director of CNU's social work program, Valutis earned her PhD from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research interests include values and value conflicts, tolerance of ambiguity, and self-monitoring, with a focus on implications for social work education.



(L-R) Virginia Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran, CNUPD Sergeant Todd Coxe, CNUPD Captain Scott Austin, CNU Executive Vice President Bill Brauer, DCJS Crime Prevention Programs Manager Rick Arrington

#### **New Minors Launched**

#### **Human Rights and Conflict Resolution**

This interdisciplinary minor explores ways to achieve peace and justice. Issues studied include the legal, cultural, social and political basis of human rights; causes and nature of violence; societal conflict and war between states; and others.

#### **Greek Studies**

This program supplements – with a language – the classical studies concentration and majors in history and religious studies, allowing students to study ancient Greek, along with its literary and historical contexts.

#### Latin American Studies

The interdisciplinary study enhances an understanding of the history, geography, culture, language and politics of Latin America and the Caribbean. It helps students explore global issues from a Latin American perspective.

#### Military Science

Through this minor, contracted cadets in CNU's ROTC program add integrated inquiry in the fields of history, American studies and/or leadership studies to their academic curriculum in the military sciences. This minor provides a broad liberal arts perspective to prepare graduates for military and civilian careers.

#### Digital Humanities

This interdisciplinary minor fosters electronic literacy, helping students develop theoretical knowledge and technological skills to apply 21st-century digital media, programs and tools to emerging professions and intellectual endeavors.

# Christopher Newport a 'Crime Prevention Campus'

THE VIRGINIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES BOARD has designated Christopher Newport University as a "Crime Prevention Campus" in recognition of exemplary crime prevention services and initiatives. CNU is one of just three universities in the Commonwealth awarded this distinction.

To be certified, a college or university must detail crime prevention goals, programs and accomplishments. A certified crime prevention campus must meet 11 core safety elements, in addition to implementing four optional elements. Some of these include having a certified crime prevention specialist on staff, maintaining mutual aid agreements with other agencies, continuing compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Act, having a crisis management plan in place and distributing campus safety information.

Christopher Newport will retain this certification for three years, at which point the University Police Department will be due for reassessment.

#### Paideia Conference Showcases Student Research

hristopher Newport University continues to be a leader in undergraduate research. This spring more than 185 students presented the results of their scholarly pursuits at the 14th annual meeting of Paideia, a campus-wide celebration of student creativity and research.

This year's program included keynote speaker Michael Bland ('97, fine art; '01, computer science), who presented "Solving the Total Problem of Software Quality and Government Services." Bland has worked on shipboard navigation and port monitoring systems for Northrop Grumman and Google, where he was involved in testing and Web search infrastructure. He is currently practice director at 18F, a team within the United States General Services Administration dedicated to delivering high-quality software products

to federal agencies. (See page 30.)

Vice Provost Dr. Geoffrey Klein (right) reviews a student project during Paideia.

"Paideia (pa DAY ah)" refers to the classical Greek education of liberal learning, which developed students' intellectual, moral and aesthetic capacities. Since its beginning in 2002, the conference has grown into an exciting event that draws audiences from both the university and local communities. Student presentations span a wide array of fields, from painting to literary

criticism, and from economics to computer programming.

Dr. Margarita Marinova, Associate Professor of English and Co-Chair of the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Council, says, "Research at every level has practical ramifications for the way we view human actions and the world. Undergraduate research encourages students to understand, analyze and act positively in the world beyond the Great Lawn. It's one of the things that makes Christopher Newport unique. As undergraduate researchers, stu-

dents contribute to a vibrant interdisciplinary conversation and benefit from close mentoring relationships with faculty."



Nigel Armstrong works on an unmanned aerial systems project.

# Students Compete in UAS Competition

A TALENTED GROUP OF CNU computer science and engineering students recently competed in the Student Unmanned Aerial System (SUAS) competition. Hosted by the Seafarer Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), the event took place in June at Webster Field, St. Inigoes, Maryland.

This annual contest fosters interest in unmanned systems and technology careers. The competition engages undergraduates in a challenging mission requiring the design, fabrication and demonstration of a system capable of completing specific aerial operations autonomously, in addition to performing several additional tasks: autopilot and sensor integration, target acquisition and identification, RF communications, actionable intelligence, airborne delivery,

and National Airspace integration with new interoperability and Sense, Detect and Avoid tasks.

The judging of each team's system design and performance is based on technical journal papers, proof-of-flight videos, flight readiness presentations and flight-mission demonstrations. Out of 55 registered teams, 32 competed in the flight-mission demonstration phase, with CNU winning the Dr. Arthur Reyes Award.

Team captain Nigel Armstrong notes, "We are truly dedicated to the competition. I can't count the number of late-night programming sessions or early morning test flights we've done. It's pretty much a full-time job when the competition gets close."

The AUVSI Foundation offers this STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) competition to facilitate hands-on, experiential learning outside the classroom. Teams also have the opportunity to interact with top UAS and payload designers, engineers, scientists, and Navy leadership.





#### Summer Scholars Tackle Research

NDERGRADUATE RESEARCH at Christopher Newport University encourages young women and men to analyze and understand the world beyond the Great Lawn, form close mentoring relationships with faculty members, and develop valuable skills that enhance their academic experience.

The eight-week, in-residence CNU Summer Scholars Program – launched this year and funded by the Office of the Provost – allows intellectually curious, highly motivated students to team with a professor on a faculty-derived research question. Participants, named Student Research Fellows, work closely with a faculty member within a rich scholarly community. Through their experience they further develop research and communication skills, become better acquainted with the Trible Library's scholarly resources, and expand their inquiry and problem-solving capabilities.

"Christopher Newport has a long tradition of promoting undergraduate research on campus," says Vice Provost Dr. Geoffrey Klein. "The Summer Scholars Program will expand current offerings and create a community of scholars – both students and faculty - in order to promote the collaborative nature of research, champion communication across disciplines and

foster discovery. Our program brings together student-faculty teams from across all colleges at the University to investigate a vast array of discipline-specific problems. In the true spirit of the liberal arts and sciences, this program will instill in its participants the fundamental skills to be the lifelong learners of tomorrow."

Twenty-six exceptional students were selected to participate during the 2015 Summer I and Summer II academic terms. Each worked 40 hours per week and attended workshops and seminars to complete their research. Some of this year's projects included Trade and Monetary-Fiscal Policy Mixes in the Euro Area; American Villains: Treason in America From Jamestown to Jefferson Davis; The Wall: The Legal, Political and Socio-Economic Implications of Border Walls on Affected Societies and States - A Case Study of the U.S.-Mexico Border; The Evolution of Title IX; and Interactive Effects of Estrogen and Stress.

Each fellow receives a \$3,200 stipend and an allowance to defray the cost of summer housing. Dr. Jeffrey Carney, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, directs the program. Learn more at research.cnu.edu.







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#### Learning From the Best

SINCE THE FERGUSON CENTER'S OPENING, Christopher Newport students have enjoyed the rare opportunity to attended masterclasses and one-on-one sessions presented by visiting main-stage artists and performers. During the 2014-15 year, students studied with both Martha Graham and Joffrey Ballet principle dancers – some of the most highly acclaimed modern dance and ballet practitioners in the world.

Exciting opportunities for students this season will include masterclasses with Tony Award-winning tap dancer, choreographer and actor Savion Glover; the prestigious New York City Ballet; and the acclaimed Paul Taylor Dance Company.



#### 2015 Retirees

Dr. Deborah C. Campbell
Mr. George E. Campbell Sr.
Dr. Linda M. Gordon
Dr. Gary S. Green
Ms. Alva E. Hunter
Ms. April L. Johnson

Dr. Parviz Khalili
Dr. Sanford E. Lopater
Dr. Marion R. Manton
Mr. Vernon L. Marshall Jr.
Dr. George A. Teschner
Mrs. Lourdes Travieso-Parker



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#### CNU Scientists Awarded \$165,000 Grant



Drs. Edward Brash, Robert Fersch, David Heddle and Peter Monaghan, of the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Engineering, have been awarded \$165,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to continue their work at nearby Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (JLab). The grant is part of a continuing award from NSF expected to total nearly \$500,000.

Brash leads the team of CNU faculty and student researchers studying the structure of protons, the positively charged particles in the nucleus of an atom. The group will use JLab's powerful accelerators to measure the electric and magnetic properties of the proton — part of a global effort to reveal the structures of the fundamental particles of the universe.

"Our group is now poised to take advantage of recent upgrades at JLab," Brash says. "We continue to play a leading role in efforts to extend the measurement of the proton's structure. These new experiments will provide severe tests of the available theoretical models of protons, and will serve as a strong impetus for the development of more advanced models."



Silverman Wins Research Fellowship

Dr. Eric Silverman, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, has been awarded a \$35,000 Biola University Research Fellowship focusing on the theme "The Meaning of Love."

During his time at Biola, Silverman will write *The Supremacy of Love: The Advantages of a Love Centered Account of Virtue Ethics*, which argues that actions should be motivated by broad love for humanity and carried out with practical wisdom.

#### Happenings Across Campus

#### **CNU to Host Latin-American Film Festival**

Dr. Rocio Gordon, of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, has received a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to host a Latin-American Film Festival on campus. The series will showcase five films from different nations in an effort to increase awareness of Hispanic history, culture and society. Each film will be presented by a humanities scholar whose research relates to themes addressed in the films. Discussion will follow each screening.

"We hope to enhance knowledge and consciousness of Latin-American history, culture and society and generate an interest in the wide range of topics presented in the world of Latin-American films," Gordon says. "We are also presenting films that portray the complex connections between the U.S. and Latin America and show relationships that cross geographical and cultural boundaries."

#### **Grant Enables Film Series to Return**

Associate Professor of English Dr. John Nichols has received a grant from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation that will allow Christopher Newport to host the On Screen/In Person film series for the third straight year in 2015-16. The program will bring six award-winning filmmakers to the Ferguson Center for the Arts to screen their films on a wide range of cultural, political and social topics. They will also visit classes, conduct workshops, and discuss filmmaking and the issues their films



#### Herbert Receives Huntington Library Fellowship

Dr. Amanda Herbert, Assistant Professor of History, has been awarded a long-term fellowship from the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. The \$50,000 residential award names Herbert as the inaugural Molina Fellow in the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences. It will enable her to conduct research and begin writing her new book, *Spa: Faith, Public Health and Science in the British Atlantic.* 

For the project, Herbert aims to reclaim

the early modern urban spa as an important site for the study of the history of public health. "The Huntington Library's collections include rare correspondence, medical casebooks, theological tracts, recipe collections and geological surveys that can be found nowhere else in the world," she says. "This award is essential to the completion of my book, which will change our view of the history of public health and medical care."



#### Archaeologist Motta Wins Catacomb Society Grant, Publishes Book

Dr. Rosa Maria Motta, Lecturer in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, has been awarded a \$10,500 grant from the International Catacomb Society at Harvard Divinity School. She will co-direct an excavation of a fourth-century catacomb complex in Syracuse, Sicily, with Italian colleague Davide Tanasi.

Motta also recently published Material

Culture and Cultural Identity: A Study of Greek and Roman Coins From Dora. It examines the iconography of coins from the ancient harbor town in modern-day Israel to acquire key information. "Dora's coins reveal that the city was self-aware of itself as a continuous culture, beginning with its Phoenician origins and continuing into its Roman present," says Motta.

raise with faculty, students and community leaders. The Ferguson Center co-sponsors the series.

"This film series greatly enhances the connections between film classes and the post-collegiate world of film production," says Nichols, who directs the minor in film studies. "It's a unique opportunity for students to learn about the filmmaking process directly from filmmakers and to engage in meaningful conversations about the issues of the day."

#### Psych Faculty to Create Online Study Abroad Resource

Three psychology professors have received a grant from the Association for Psychological Science to create a website to aid faculty in developing study abroad courses in psychology, a field often neglected in global offerings.

Drs. Diane Catanzaro, Dorothy Doolittle and Shelia Greenlee will create a tool faculty can use for developing overseas contacts, budgeting and planning trips, from transportation and lodging information and setting an itinerary, to dealing with the unexpected. The website will also feature helpful texts, website links and course assessment tools.

"There are no similar websites available for faculty in psychology," says Doolittle. "This tool will be unique: a website where faculty can find helpful information, ask questions, and share information and resources in ways that will greatly benefit students."

The three professors have each been at CNU for nearly 30 years. Catanzaro and Doolittle specialize in industrial and organizational psychology, while Greenlee is an expert in developmental and educational psychology.



#### Between them, Drs. Dorothy Doolittle and Shelia Greenlee have nearly 60 years of service at Christopher Newport.

THE TWO PROFESSORS OF PSYCHOLOGY have seen a lot and been a part of countless undergraduate lives, teaching and training students in a wide array of courses and research methods. Their latest endeavor combines all that experience with a crucial element – care for the whole student – in a lab aimed at propelling graduates through the ranks of higher education and into rewarding careers.

Doolittle (pictured standing), who specializes in industrial and organizational psychology, came to Christopher Newport in 1988, joining Greenlee (pictured far left), a developmental and educational psychology expert, who arrived in 1987. They devised the Applied Experimental Lab (APEX) in 2009 to offer students one-to-one mentorship with a focus on post-graduate outcomes, all while conducting serious research on a host of psychology topics.

At APEX students learn in a hands-on atmosphere where they must devise appropriate experimental techniques, complete literature reviews, test subjects, and enter and analyze data. Each student must also present his or her findings in a professional venue before leaving the lab. It's no small feat, but one Doolittle and Greenlee are quick to point to as a success. Dozens of lab members to date have been represented in a presentation at a local, regional, national or international conference, whether their own work or research sponsored by the lab. "These are major projects," Doolittle says. "Everybody went to or had their name on something that was presented in a way so they could put it on a resume — a professional presentation. You can't really get into psych graduate school without some kind of presentation," she says. "We've had a lot of success with it." According to Doolittle, the program boasts a 73 percent admission rate to graduate school.

Indeed, where participants go after CNU receives equal billing with research at APEX. "Students do great research in other labs, but with us, they also have to talk about their future plans," Doolittle says. Each student must research different graduate programs and ways to best complete an application. "We go over what they should expect and how to prepare and sell themselves," Greenlee says. "There's a lot of group support, and that's important for these students, especially if they're first-generation. They might feel like they can't go to their parents because their parents don't know the answer. But they feel comfortable enough with us that they open up." Students not planning on advanced study must research other potential career options and present them to the group.

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"There's a lot of group support, and that's important for these students." SHELIA GREENLEE

As Doolittle says, many APEX participants are the first in their family to attend college. It's a demographic near and dear to her and Greenlee, both of whom were first-generation and who found mentors who empowered them and aided their success. "Research was one area I was really lacking when I went off to graduate school," Greenlee says. "If I had connected with someone who could have walked me through the process a little bit better as an undergraduate, I would have been better prepared." Doolittle agrees: "I think we see ourselves in these students," she says. "If it hadn't been for two faculty members who went over and above what they needed to, then maybe I wouldn't be here." Greenlee adds, "In some ways we're paying it forward."

For Marie Tate ('15), the APEX experience was transformational. Her work included experiments and projects on sexual offenders, post-traumatic stress disorder and stress-coping methods, all of which opened her eyes to possibilities in the field. "I was able to explore different topics and was exposed to a lot of different research methods that prepared me for graduate school," she says. "Working with professors who truly care about students not only helped me gain professional experience as an undergraduate but also gave me an advantage as I went on to graduate school." Tate is currently enrolled in the graduate behavioral science program at the University of Rhode Island.

Another APEX participant, Christina Martin ('15) joined the lab her sophomore year and spent three years working on a host of projects, mainly racial identity in African-American and biracial students. Through the lab she gained valuable experience, but her chief takeaway was the mentorship and close attention she received. "I knew I wanted to attend graduate school, but as a first-generation college student I had no idea what steps I needed to take in order to make that dream a reality," she says. "Dr. Greenlee saw something in me before I could see anything in myself, and she took me under her wing."

The research experience Martin gained in the lab had direct application in her current PhD studies in counseling psychology at the State University of New York at Albany, but it was Greenlee's and Doolittle's holistic approach that had a much greater impact on her personal growth. "APEX is about more than just research," she says. "It's about mentorship and growth for students. I walked away with confidence in myself, confidence and faith to know I will fulfill my passions in the future, and it was a direct result of the mentorship and support Dr. Greenlee gave me over the years. I would not be where I am today without her."

The lab operates in such a way that projects are always in different stages, with distinct roles for participants, from data collection to leadership, which allows students to understand the experimental process from inception to completion. "I don't think most undergraduates in a psych department get that much exposure," Doolittle says. It's a vastly different experience from what is found at larger schools, where the focus is on graduate and doctoral students; CNU's size and focus on undergraduates paves the way for labs like APEX to succeed. "When you're at some of the larger institutions, they really don't have time to help you develop unless you're a graduate student," says Doolittle. "To develop your idea and take it forward, that's one of the things we do." Tate agrees: "The best part of

the lab is having an experience most undergraduates do not have a chance to have. APEX and the mentorship of Professors Greenlee and Doolittle was the most beneficial part of my undergraduate career," she says.

As for the future, Doolittle and Greenlee plan to build a focus on writing into APEX and are looking into ways to expand the program beyond the walls of the Psychology Department. "Every year the light bulb goes on a little bit, and we start to think of more we should be doing or possibly could do," Greenlee says. They are considering applying for National Science Foundation funding to scale up the APEX model and bring it to other sciences and beyond to offer more students the same type of rich research and mentorship APEX participants experience.

The work at APEX all comes back to the personal touch for the two professors. Their hard-earned success over decades as female scientists has given them a unique perspective that can help others blaze a trail behind them. "I think what a lot of people don't really understand about many faculty is that sometimes it's seeing the work you've put into somebody pay off in the end," Doolittle says.

In a time when outcomes – how many students go to graduate school or find a job after college – matter more and more, it helps to have caring faculty committed to just that. �

"Sometimes it's seeing the work you've put into somebody pay off in the end."

DOROTHY DOOLITTLE



#### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Created by the Class of 2013, this fund recognizes one faculty member from each college who distinguishes him or herself in student mentoring and service to the campus community.

#### College of Natural & Behavioral Sciences Dr. Kelly Cartwright, Psychology



Along with students in her research lab, Cartwright has extended her work in reading comprehension to health literacy, a measure of an individual's knowledge of health-related information, terms and ability to understand medical documents, information and instructions. Cartwright says a greater understanding of health literacy is important because it predicts long-term health out-

comes, health-related behavior and the ability to cope with various diseases. "The goal in the research is to better understand the mental processes involved in health literacy so interventions in future work can be developed," she says.

For the current project, Cartwright relies on a group of student research assistants who administer neuropsychological assessments of executive functioning, reading and cognitive skills to participants. She plans to use the funds from the award to support these students as they conduct this applied research – an experience that will aid them in their chosen fields or graduate school.

"Student mentoring has always been an essential part of what I do," Cartwright says. "With commitment, and side-by-side work, my students and I can make real contributions to knowledge about the neurocognitive bases of reading comprehension processes."

#### **College of Social Sciences** Dr. Michaela D.E. Meyer, *Communication*



Meyer is currently working on two projects with student researchers and will use the award to defray the cost of travel to two conferences where they will present their papers.

Both projects examine emerging adulthood (ages 18-25), theorized as a time of individual exploration and identity construction when committed relationships/marriage and

parenthood are delayed. In the first, the researchers will examine over 30 narratives from emerging adult parents about their transition to parenthood and their identity development. "Many emerging adults still become parents," says Meyer. "There is a large gap in current research the project seeks to fill."

The second studies focus-group data of emerging adults and their response to the film "Easy A." It explains how emerging adult audiences interpret the process of identity as represented in the film. "We explain how the respondents mark identity as a process of image management, and how they link that process to ownership, control and prostitution," Meyer says.

#### College of Arts & Humanities Dr. Laura Puaca, History



Puaca directs the Hampton Roads Oral History Project, which chronicles the lives of Newport News residents in their own words as they experienced significant historical events, such as the civil rights era. The project will get a boost this fall as the award enables her to support an undergraduate research assistant and pay for expenses and conference travel.

Their work includes conducting research and interviews relating to the history of Newsome Park, a federal housing

project originally built in Newport News for defense workers during World War II. Puaca says that although Newsome Park was one of the largest projects of its kind, there has been little written about it.

"This research will help fill an important oversight in the scholarly literature, restore local history, meet an important community need and assist the Hampton Roads Oral History Project launch a new phase of its work," she notes. "It will not only document an important part of local history and help forge closer ties between the University and the Hampton Roads community, but it will also provide an exceptional student the opportunity to prepare further for graduate study by carrying out and presenting innovative research."



#### ——2014—— ALUMNI SOCIETY AWARD

for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring

Dr. Linda Waldron gives students a window to the world.

"It helps develop more empathy for people when you can understand why they do things that maybe you don't agree with. That's my goal." LINDA WALDRON

#### Since arriving at Christopher Newport in 2004, Dr. Linda Waldron has seen the University evolve physically and academically.

"I CAME HERE DURING A TIME when there were a lot of curriculum changes," she says, recalling her role in developing new courses. "This forces you to constantly seek feedback from your students. That's how I view teaching anyway, as very collaborative."

An associate professor in the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, Waldron received the 2014 Alumni Society Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. "Just to be nominated is very humbling, particularly to be recognized by your dean," she says of the selection process. The award's \$2,500 prize celebrated her commitment to teaching, learning excellence and university fellowship – and allowed her to give the keynote address at the 2015 honors convocation during commencement week.

A graduate of Bloomsburg University (BA, sociology) and Syracuse University (MA and PhD, sociology; MA, TV/radio/film), Waldron exudes a passion for teaching that makes a campus of 5,000 students ideal. "It's big enough that my students change but small enough that I'm able to have some of them more than once," she says. "That's something I like about teaching here; you don't have the same students in all of your classes but sometimes get multiple opportunities to see them throughout the year."

Waldron enjoys introducing young people to her field of expertise, regardless of their major. "Sociology isn't something a lot of them have had in high school. I have pre-med students in my youth violence class, and they're always struck by how relevant the material is to becoming a doctor," she says. "That's a

good feeling; they don't all have to major in my field, but there's something about my discipline that is very interdisciplinary and relevant to a lot of people."

Waldron's interests cover myriad timely topics: inequality in education, media and popular culture; bullying and youth violence; childhood socialization; and multiculturalism and diversity. And during her 11 years at CNU she has shared her talents across several departments – from the graduate teaching program, to classes supporting academic minors in American studies and childhood studies, to the Honors Program.

Through the years, practical application has remained an essential component of her teaching style. More than memorizing facts, Waldron encourages students to apply what they learn while looking at the world around them, determining how they can contribute to the greater good. "It helps develop more empathy for people when you can understand why they do things that maybe you don't agree with. That's my goal," she explains.

A testament to Waldron's teaching excellence, she often discovers that her students become so invested in what they're studying that they explore the material further on their own. "I always have a couple of students every semester that I call my teaching assistants because they're constantly emailing me, asking questions like, 'Did you see this video?'" she says. "Then I get to use the material they send me next time I teach, and I always make sure those students get credit for the idea."

Studying sociology – which Waldron describes as a broad field – sets young people on the path to significance. Recent graduates from Christopher Newport have gone on to study conflict resolution and clinical psychology, pursue careers in education and criminology, and even work with the Centers for Disease Control. She notes, "Sometimes when you present those opportunities and force people to see they can do anything with a liberal arts degree, or with sociology, it allows them to care about the community." - *Matt Schnepf* 

Read Waldron's keynote address at voyages.cnu.edu.

#### **ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWS**

Upcoming events and additional information can be found at alumni.cnu.edu/chapters.

With 11 active regional and affinity chapters, Christopher Newport alumni have more ways than ever to reconnect with their alma mater and fellow graduates.



With more than 250 Christopher Newport alumni in the Atlanta metro area, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter joined the Alumni Society as its eighth chapter in 2014 – and the group has made great strides to bring students from the

Atlanta area to CNU. Chapter President Paul Cowley ('92) invited several high school counselors from the area's best high schools to visit campus. Five counselors made the trip and were impressed with the University, offering to be advocates and encourage students to consider CNU in their college searches.

On April 7 President Paul Trible, Cowley and Warren Power ('84), the chapter's regional campaign chairman, hosted Christopher Newport's 3rd Annual Atlanta Celebration at Maggiano's Little Italy in Dunwoody, Georgia. Over 30 alumni, parents and friends attended. President Trible shared exciting news from campus and stressed the importance of coming back and supporting the University with time, talent and treasure.

The Atlanta Chapter plans to host another event in the fall. Stay tuned for details.



The Metro D.C. Alumni Chapter held an annual holiday party in December at the home of gracious hosts Matt and Terri ('86) McKnight. More than 100 alumni attended the festive event. Alumni gifts that evening benefited the Carolyn Pultz Brown Endowed Memorial Scholarship and the Metro D.C. Chapter.

Members are currently seeking volunteers for the board leadership to help grow the group and increase engagement in the D.C. area. If you or someone you know is interested, please send an email to alumni@cnu.edu.



#### alumni.cnu.edu/Peninsula

The Peninsula Alumni Chapter hosted the 4th Annual CNU Captains Choice Golf Tournament at James River Country Club in Newport News during Homecoming 2014. More than 100 alumni and friends participated in this popular event that supports the chapter's endowed

scholarship and Fear2Freedom. Thanks to their efforts, the group presented President Trible with a check for \$5,000 toward their scholarship and \$2,400 for Fear2Freedom. Proceeds also benefited Alumni Society programs and the Alumni House campaign. The next tournament takes place October 23, 2015.

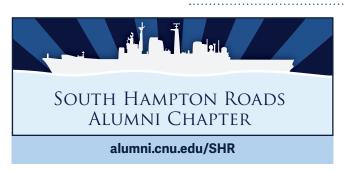
The Peninsula Alumni Chapter has also been busy with social and networking events – from tailgating at home football games and celebrating the holidays to happy hours and the annual chapter reunion at Paradise Ocean Club. In addition, members spent countless hours volunteering on campus committees and boards, supporting the Center for Career Planning, mentoring students, and giving back to their alma mater. President Monica Hill ('06), who works in CNU's Center for Career Planning, leads the chapter.



The Richmond Alumni Chapter held an annual holiday party at the historic Jefferson Hotel with more than 100 alumni present. This annual event – with the hotel's stunning decorations, including a 28-foot tree – is something the group looks forward to each year. Members then partnered with Paint Nite Richmond in March for a fun, crafty evening at Roma's Restaurant in Mechanicsville. The sold-out event attracted 40 participants plus several other alumni and board members who came out to mingle with fellow Captains for Life.

In May the chapter held two events in conjunction with CNU's Center for Career Planning. The first connected students and alumni for a networking event at Bottoms Up Pizza – a great way to foster relationships that often lead to job interviews. The following afternoon, a networking event at Capital One allowed alumni employed there to speak with recruiting leaders about the incredible talent Christopher Newport produces. Then on June 9 Richmond-area Captains attended a Squirrels baseball game.

On September 30, 2015, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. the Richmond Chapter and CNU Alumni Society Board will participate in the Food Bank Challenge, a friendly competition between schools to bring in the most food for the Virginia Food Bank. The chapter will collect canned goods at Hardywood Park Craft Brewery in Richmond. Drop off cans, enjoy refreshments and network with fellow alumni. President Stephen Maxie ('99) leads the Richmond Alumni Chapter.



South Hampton Roads-area alumni gathered in December for a holiday luncheon. President Trible and more than 30 alumni and friends came out to celebrate at the beautiful Town Center City Club in Virginia Beach.

On June 27 the chapter attended a Norfolk Tides baseball game at Harbor Park. Alumni gathered in the new Tides Landing area, which featured a private viewing area with food and beverages. The South Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter is led by President Charles Ciccotti ('86).

#### CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY ALUMNI CHAPTER alumni.cnu.edu/CCM

The Catholic Campus Ministry Alumni Chapter, led by President Karl Hedlund ('06), seeks to connect alumni who were involved with Catholic Campus Ministry during their college years. The chapter accomplishes this through a variety of programming and volunteer opportunities.

#### CHEERLEADING ALUMNI CHAPTER alumni.cnu.edu/cheer

The Cheerleading Alumni Chapter received its charter in 2014. Members held an alumni tailgate at Homecoming 2014 and plan to reunite this year to support their fellow cheerleaders at the October 24 football game. President Melissa Farmer ('11) leads the group.

#### FOOTBALL ALUMNI CHAPTER alumni.cnu.edu/football

Members of the CNU Football Alumni Chapter share a passion for ensuring the Captains' success on and off the field. Alumni and coaches connect each spring during the golf tournament, with the 14th annual event held May 30 at Cypress Creek Golf Club in Smithfield. More than 70 alumni and friends came out to support both the alumni chapter and football program.

During football season the chapter maintains a presence at every home game with the largest turnout at Homecoming. Members also support current players through career mentoring and employment opportunities.

#### ICE HOCKEY ALUMNI CHAPTER alumni.cnu.edu/icehockey

Since being chartered in 2014, the Christopher Newport Ice Hockey Alumni Chapter has held several happy-hour events and connects at CNU hockey games. Members will gather at Homecoming for several events, including an alumni hockey game. The chapter is led by President Kyle Stutzman ('09).

#### President's Leadership Program Alumni Chapter alumni.cnu.edu/PLP

The President's Leadership Program Alumni Chapter, led by President Christopher Inzirillo ('09), received its charter on January 13, 2015. A special chartering celebration is planned for fall, with details to be announced.

#### THEATERCNU ALUMNI CHAPTER alumni.cnu.edu/TheaterCNU

The TheaterCNU Alumni Chapter received its charter on June 20, 2015, during a cocktail reception at Sardi's Restaurant in New York City – the first alumni event held in New York. More than 50 alumni, friends, donors and faculty helped mark the occasion. The chapter plans to reunite at Homecoming for several special events, including workshops and, of course, tailgating before the football game. The TheaterCNU Alumni Chapter is led by President Allen Brooks ('04).

#### CLASS OF 2015 SENIOR GIFT DONORS\*

This year, members of the senior class raised nearly \$83,000 and gifted leadership funds to the Alumni House and the Lighthouse Fund endowment.



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\*Includes undergraduate candidates from December 2014, May 2015 and August 2015.

Alexander Velosky

# class

#### 1970s

**Bob Morgan ('71)** was appointed interim assistant city manager for High Point, North Carolina. He has nearly 37 years' local government experience, serving as Farmville's town administrator, Carrboro's town manager, and Greensboro's assistant, deputy and interim city manager.

**Bill Wallace ('72)** retired from Newport News Shipbuilding in 2012 as manager, carrier overhaul refueling planning and scheduling. He now enjoys retirement in Gloucester with his wife, Joan, gardening, raising chickens and volunteering. He also enjoys racing at Langley Speedway and driving his 427 Cobra when weather permits.

**John Adams ('73)** enjoyed a rewarding career in IT and is comfortably retired at Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

Chris Papile ('76) is one of the newest inductees into the Virginia Peninsula Road Racing Hall of Fame. He has competed in 24 marathons overall, including two New York City Marathons and four Boston Marathons. Papile is a judge in the Newport News-Civil General District Court (7th Judicial District of Virginia).

Myra Smith ('76) is a licensed mental health therapist with the Hampton/Newport News Community Services Board where she serves as treatment coordinator for the Therapeutic Day Treatment Program. In 2014 Smith became the Hampton Roads coordinator and grant management director for Dogs on Deployment, a nationwide nonprofit that assists military members and veterans in finding temporary homes for their pets while deployed overseas,

hospitalized or facing other situations requiring assistance.

Alan Witt ('76) has been CEO and partner in charge of the accounting and business-consulting firm PBMares since 1989. Witt chose to stay in the Newport News area, though he often travels among the company's eight other offices. PBMares has more CPAs than any other firm headquartered in Virginia. He also serves as chairman of Riverside Health Systems and on the board of directors for Newport News Town Center and TowneBank. He resides in Newport News with his wife, Debbie ('78); the couple has three sons and one grandchild.

**Chester McCreary ('77)** celebrated his 91 birthday this year.

downtown New Bern, North Carolina, she joined the organization in 1985. Through Swiss Bear's efforts and her leadership, \$320 million in private and public economic investment has been made in the greater downtown area with 252 new business openings since mid-1980. She is married to John Thomas, and they have four children and nine grandchildren.

Alan Pew ('80) volunteered with several relief organizations after retiring from state service in 2008. A resident of Westville, New Jersey, he is a veteran and received the 2013 South Jersey Region Special Citation for Exceptional Volunteer Service from the American Red Cross. Pew is the first graduate of Harrison Middleton University's doctor of arts Great Books program.

Corps Officer's Medal for Submarine Warfare Devices, and the Submarine Fleet Ballistic Missile Patrol Pin.

Olivier Debure ('84) was appointed as the new administrative director for the Eckerd College program for experienced learners in St. Augustine, Florida. He oversees staff development, student recruitment and retention, marketing initiatives, strategic direction, and coordination with other Eckerd departments. The program offers busy adults the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in a classroom environment.

**Warren Power ('84)** was named to the 2015 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's Best Lawyers and Tier 1 Law Firms in Georgia.* 

**Dalton ('85)** and **Norman Blankenship ('66)** are proud to announce the birth of grandchild Etta Akela on January 18, 2015.

**Allan C. Hanrahan ('85)** is retired from NASA and presently freelances for the *Oyster Pointer*. He has published a book, *TIMES & PLACES: A Glimpse of Life on the Virginia Peninsula*, an updated compilation of articles — with his own pen-and-ink illustrations — he freelanced for the *Daily Press* in the '60s and '70s.



#### 1980s

#### Joyce Aytch-Ashley ('80) is

a personal banker with SunTrust Bank in Hampton. She has held various professional positions in banking for over 35 years.

**Tal Luton ('80)** has worked for the James City County Fire Department since 1980. He became deputy chief in 2004 and chief in 2005.

#### Susan Moffat Thomas ('80).

Executive Director of the Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corp., retired in 2014. A key figure in the growth of **Patrick Morris ('81)** is completing his fourth year as CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based trade association ACA International.

John Class ('83) was recognized by the Ottawa County commissioners for his military service, having served on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1968-88. After completing his education at Christopher Newport he was assigned to the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the Enlisted and the Supply



**Kevin Lyles ('85)** joined Wells Fargo Advisors in January 2015 after 21 years with Merrill Lynch.

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# notes



#### Elizabeth Aldrich ('87)

published an award-winning book, Real Moms Love to Eat, in 2012 and went on to open her serviced-based business, North Shore Concierge, offering clients personalized attention, health coaching and event management in Chicago.

Glynis Mings ('87) published her short stories as ebooks called The Patient (Part I & II).

Muriel Millar ('88) was named chief operating officer for the nonprofit organization Fear2Freedom and currently serves as treasurer of the Christopher Newport Alumni Society. She and her husband, **Scott ('85)**, reside in Newport News.

Timothy Wilson ('88) was selected to serve as South Boston's next town manager by the South Boston Town Council. He previously served as director of community development for Bedford County. Wilson has held various local government management positions, including director of planning and development, Nags Head, North Carolina; director of planning and community development, Middlesex County; director of planning, Brunswick County; and economic development planner with the Southside Planning District Commission in South Hill.

Raymond Compton ('89) is commanding general for the Army Test and Evaluation Command. A longtime Army signal officer, he recently completed a tour as the G-3/5/7 of the Research, Development and Engineering Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

#### 1990s

Thomas Holland ('90) instructs several criminal justice courses at the University of South Carolina-Lancaster. He prosecutes jury trials for the Lancaster Police Department in Summary, in addition to representing and providing legal advice, counsel and training to the Lancaster Police Department.

Virginia Sizemore ('90) is self-employed as a health-care business consultant in the Atlanta area. She earned an MBA from Valdosta State University in Georgia, where she is a public administration doctoral candidate.

Alecia Green ('92) enjoyed a successful career as a systems engineer and has accepted a corporate-wide offer of early retirement. She has two children, one grandchild and resides with her husband in Northern Virginia.

Becky Deaux ('93) has lived several places since graduation, from South Korea and Massachusetts to her current home in Tennessee. She earned a certification to teach art from Westfield State College in Massachussetts and taught from 2000-06. Deaux received her MA in 2006 from Nova Southeastern University. Now a freelance artist, her last teaching position was at Flagler College where she taught darkroom photography. Lately she has shown an interest in making one-of-a-kind art dolls and has two paintings on exhibit at Christian Brothers University in Memphis.

**Sherry Johnson ('93)** shares her talents through her own children's theater groups, Matinee Minis and Broadway Babies. In her spare time she is working to build the Spring Hill Farmers Market in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

Michael Stutt ('93) is principal at James River Elementary School in Williamsburg, leaving his position as principal at Bryan Elementary in Hampton. Previously he worked 16 years as a teacher with Newport News Public Schools. He also was an assistant principal and principal with New Horizons Regional Education Center and the South Eastern Cooperative Educational Programs in Norfolk.

Rebecca Foster ('95) was promoted to chief financial officer of Chesapeake Financial Shares (CFS) and all subsidiaries. Foster has been with CFS for 19 years and has also served as internal auditor, money desk manager and investment officer as well as assistant corporate secretary.

Aaron Smith ('95) has written Awakening Your STEM School: Assuring a Job-Ready Workforce for Koehler Books. Through it he seeks to help schools and businesses prepare students for the 21st-century workplace, developing a framework to transform schools into elite STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) sites.

**Shawn Avery ('96)** was named president and CEO of the Peninsula Council for Workforce Development. He received his master's degree from Florida Tech and has worked at Thomas Nelson Community College and Big Brother Big Sisters of the Peninsula.

Avery also served as senior manager of development and community affairs at Opportunity Inc.

Camille Donne ('96) began working at Peninsula Fine Arts Center as director of education in 2014. In this role she makes learning about art enjoyable and fun, designing programming for all ages.



Scott Austin ('98) graduated in April 2015 from the 259th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico. He and his wife, **Jenn ('03)**, reside in Newport News.

Christopher Green ('98) became a physics teacher in Richmond and then worked at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he received an MED in adult education and an MS in mechanical engineering. Green has worked for the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division as a mechanical engineer for the last seven years. He lives in Fredericksbug with his wife and son.

Vinay Singh ('98) was appointed by President Barack Obama as senior

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adviser for global markets in the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration. Singh previously worked as a manager for federal advisory at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He was also director of global content operations at Discover Communications, director of finance and technology for Universal Technologies in the Bangalore area, and led the largest U.S. governor trade delegations to India by Virginia Governors Mark Warner, Tim Kaine and Bev Perdue.

#### 2000

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**Stephanie Shipp ('00)** performs the character voiceover role in the short sci-fi film "Aphasia," which was officially selected for the 2015 Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

#### 2002

**Rebecca Hurt ('02)** gave birth to son Ryan in September 2014. She resides in Millersville, Maryland, where she teaches.

#### Delane Vaughan ('02)

graduated with a master of business administration degree from the Kenan-Flagler Business School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2014.

#### 2003

**David Coccoli ('03)** is head football coach at Nansemond River High School. In addition to six years' head coaching experience, Coccoli played at Warwick High School as well as Christopher Newport before returning to Warwick as an assistant coach.

**Sylvia Freeman ('03)** has served as the self-sufficiency and housing services case manager for Transitions Family Violence Services since 2003, where she had been a volunteer since 1995. Freeman helps survivors of domestic

violence reach self-sufficiency goals through sustainable employment and housing resources.

**Aaron Koehl ('03)** is completing his PhD in computer science at the College of William & Mary. He currently teaches and serves as program director of information systems and information science at CNU.

Christa Crawford Thompson ('03) and Matthew John Thompson ('04) welcomed Adeline Clare Thompson on May 28, 2014, in Georgia. Christa works as a communication officer at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; Matthew is a physical science teacher at Glynn Academy High School.

#### 2004

**Erin McCarthy ('04)** is continuing her education post-CNU, obtaining a degree in nutrition. She will also pursue a combined master's degree and dietetic internship as a community dietitian initially and then work within the area of eating disorders. An advocate for eating disorder awareness, she has visited Capitol Hill to address laws regarding eating disorders and insurance-related issues.

**Natalia Sonick ('04)** is program director of Entercom, Norfolk's CHR (contemporary hit radio) station WNVZ Z104. She has worked in broadcast for over a decade.

#### 2005

#### Diane Ashburn Smith ('05)

and husband, Nathan, welcomed their second child, Daniel Walter, on October 2, 2014, who joins big sister Mia. They live outside Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Jesse Pippy ('04)** married Lindsey May Carpenter on November 15, 2014, at the Frederick Evangelical Lutheran Church. He is a business consultant for LoJack Corp. and was the Republican nominee for Maryland State Senate in 2014. She is an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore County. They reside in Frederick, Maryland.



**Lindsay Shively ('04)** works at Bucknell University in central Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Nick, announce the arrival of their son, Connor, born in April 2014.

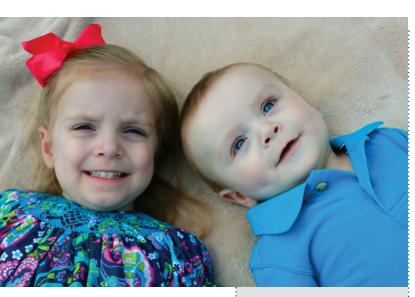


Matt Martin ('05) and Julie Martin ('06) welcomed son Michael Connor on August 12, 2014, in Newport News.



Michelle Matusiak ('05) and Jason Matusiak ('04) announce the arrival of son Joseph Thomas, born February 10, 2015. The couple lives in Severn, Maryland.

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**Sarah McElwee Jaeschke ('05)** and **Scott Jaeschke ('06)** welcomed their first child, Eleanor lvy, on February 7, 2015.

**Happy Witt ('05)** is executive director of the Newport News Green Foundation. She and husband, **Alan ('07)**, reside in Newport News.

#### 2006

**Travis Binns ('06)** started his career in real estate as a broker associate for Jameson Sotheby's International Realty. He assists homeowners and buyers in metro Chicago.

**Billy Boulden ('06)** is assistant dean of students and director of Greek affairs at lowa State University. He has been active in many national professional organizations and was recognized as the New Professional of the Year from the National Association of Campus Activities South Region.

#### Mike Hilleary ('06) and Kristin Hilleary ('06)

celebrated son Samuel Wolf's first birthday in March 2015. The couple lives in Northern Virginia, and each works in the writing field: Mike in journalism and Kristin in marketing and communications.

#### **Ashley Kristiansen Pierce ('06)**

and Darren Pierce welcomed Julian Barry on March 3, 2015. The family resides in Cary, North Carolina. She is the controller at Quality Equipment, LLC, and he is the founder and CEO of Etailinsights.



**Emily McNulty ('06)** and her husband, who is on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, are currently stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. She is a

#### 2007

communications specialist at the

Jeremy Wells ('06) and Joe Hudson ('06) began their hip-hop career at Christopher Newport. As Beer N Black, they have released multiple albums. This year the duo performed at the Rock & Roll Hotel DC

with Cappadonna of legendary rap

Justin Yates ('06) and Stacey

in Orlando, Florida. He spent the

last eight years working in higher

education in Ohio, Virginia and

high school ministry Cru.

Repass were married on July 5, 2014,

Florida. Last fall he began working as

an Orlando-based missionary with the

group the Wu-Tang Clan.

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Association of Professors of Obstetrics

and Gynecology, a nonprofit catering to professors, students and residents in the ob-gyn field in Crofton,

Ross Anderson ('07) and Celia Boltz ('10) were married on July 27, 2013, in Leesburg. He is a financial planner with the Motley Fool in Alexandria; she is an elementary music teacher. They reside in Fairfax.

John Corbin ('07) is the new baseball coach at Warhill High School in the Williamsburg-James City County Schools area. He was a former Warhill assistant coach who played on Christopher Newport's 2003 NCAA Division III runner-up team.



**Erin Estes ('07)** and Nicholas Estes welcomed their third child, Elizabeth Lynn Estes, on May 28, 2013, in Goodyear, Arizona.

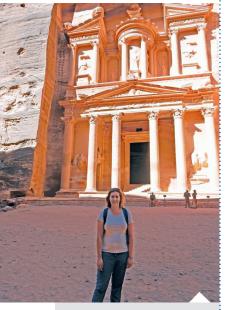


Amy Richardson ('07) and Thomas Moyer were married at Ware Episcopal Church in Gloucester on October 11, 2014. Sarah London Polasik ('07) served as a bridesmaid, and Brookelynn Constant ('10) was a part of the bride's house party. They reside and work in Washington, D.C.

#### Beckwith Warthan ('07)

specializes in helping children with neurological communication impairments for Cobb Pediatric Therapy in Richmond. She has a master's degree in communications sciences and disorders: speech language pathology.

#### 2008



**Ashley Bisutti ('08)** was accepted into the competitive Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship Program and spent the 2014-15 school year studying the Arabic language intensively in Amman, Jordan.

forensic technician, she is employed at Spectrum Comm Inc. as a project control specialist. She volunteers with the Hampton Division of Fire and Rescue as an emergency medical technician. Ernst is also a disaster team captain with the American Red Cross working toward her doctorate in emergency management.

Brock H. Hughes ('08) married
Barrett McKinley on October 4, 2014,
at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in
Charlotte, North Carolina. Barrett is
pursuing a master's degree in
marriage and family therapy from
Pfeiffer University in Charlotte. Brock
earned his master's in business
administration from Wake Forest
University in 2014.

Michele Vinnie ('08) taught four years at Syms Middle School and is in her second year at Kecoughtan High School in Hampton teaching math. She served as interim coach for Kecoughtan's varsity girl's basketball

Cary Bruner ('08) and Emmett
Bruner ('07) are proud to
announce the birth of Emery Grace
Bruner, born October 2, 2014,
in Richmond.

**Rebecca Ernst ('08)** was named the 2014 Professional Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women. A former team for part of this past season. She lives in Newport News with her husband and two sons. Vinnie is active in the community through basketball, a small outreach group she founded called KEY: Knowledge Empowers You and spoken-word poetry performances.

#### 2009

**Blair Ancellotti ('09)** married Jeffrey James in April 2015. She is an insurance agent with Liberty Mutual in Williamsburg; he is a commercial relationship manager at C&F Bank in Williamsburg.

**Jacob Andy ('09)** was promoted to the rank of petty officer second class in the U.S. Navy and resides in Pearl City, Hawaii, with his wife, Rebecca Doane.

**Kasey Arnold ('09)** works with the Joseph School, a nonprofit secondary leadership school for older orphans in Haiti. In this role she applies the knowledge of leadership principles she attained in the President's Leadership Program at CNU.

Katherine Bowling ('09) and Jason Simulcik were married on August 9, 2014, at historic Jasmine Plantation in Providence Forge. She is a math teacher at Prince George High School, and he flies Black Hawk helicopters for the Virginia National Guard. The couple resides in Dinwiddie.



Andrea Ferrer ('09) will pursue her master's degree in French and international education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She previously lived with and taught English to a family in France, was accepted into the teaching assistant program in France, and taught English in primary schools for seven months in Romans-sur-lsère. She lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Scott Keeven ('09) and Tara Keeven ('09), along with big brother Carter, welcomed Grant Ford Keeven on October 13, 2014. The family resides in Short Pump where Scott works for Grainger and Tara is employed by Associa Community Group.



Jessica (Passarelli) Manning ('09) married Nathan Manning in December 2014 at Lynnhaven United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, where the couple resides. She is pursuing a degree in cardiovascular technology.

**Garrett Maroon ('09)** is a real estate agent for the Caggiano Realty Group. His team was recently presented the Platinum award as a top four team on the Virginia Peninsula. He and his wife, **Rachel ('12)**, have been married for over two years.

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#### Katie (Barber) Poling ('09)

married Johnny Poling in Richmond on May 25, 2014. The ceremony was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church with a reception at the Sheraton Park South. Fellow 2009 graduates Lauren (Lupfer) Collins and Grace Bonsall were bridesmaids. The couple lives in Midlothian. She is assistant director and 4's lead teacher at Redeemer Lutheran Preschool and Child Care; he is an assistant manager at Walgreen's.

John Saylor ('09) is a senior associate at Dixon Hughes Goodman in the firm's Newport News office. He was elected to the Christopher Newport Peninsula Alumni Chapter Board and has more than three years' experience in public accounting.

**Stephen Short ('09)** is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

#### 2010

**Jessica Bunting ('10)**, a resident of Wilmington, Delaware, was promoted in January to director of performance excellence for Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County.

**Billy Fellin ('10)** accepted a position at Richmond International Raceway as the new multimedia communications manager. Previously he worked at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

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**Katie Harden ('10)** joined the WNCT news team in Greenville, North Carolina, in 2014 as a general assignment reporter and digital journalist. She previously was a reporter and anchor for WWAY NewsChannel 3 in Wilmington.

**Kara Lusk ('10)** was promoted to assistant director of alumni and parent giving at CNU, where she has worked in the Office of University Advancement for over five years. Lusk previously served as manager of the University's first comprehensive campaign.

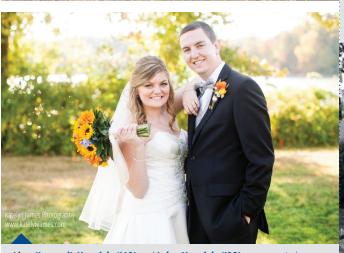
**Lucian Mirra ('10)** earned his master's degree in higher education administration from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia (UVA). He is the public safety program coordinator in UVA's Office of Emergency Preparedness in Charlottesville.

Shelbie Morgan (\*10) earned her master's degree in special education from the College of Education and Human Development of George Mason University this year. She teaches high school special education (English curriculum) for Loudoun County Public Schools.

Mark Newton ('10) and Arla Shult were married February 21, 2015, at Olivet Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. He earned a master's degree in multimedia journalism and is the copy desk chief at *The Daily Progress*; she is a member of the Charlottesville Police Department.

Jessica Pugh ('10) resides in Charleston, South Carolina, and was happily wed on October 5, 2013, in Savannah, Georgia.





**Lisa (Lazzari) Kaurich ('10)** and **John Kaurich ('08)** were married September 27, 2014, at the Church of St. James the Apostle in Carmel, New York, with a reception held at Ethan Allen Hotel in Danbury, Connecticut. The couple resides in White Plains, New York. He works at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection as the laboratory microbiologist II; she is an annual giving officer at New York Medical College in Valhalla.





**Kari Roth ('10)** and **J.T. Hosack ('10)** were married January 10, 2015, in Montpelier, celebrating with friends and family at the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education. Following their wedding they spent a week in Orlando, Florida. He works for Patient First as an HR/training coordinator; she is manager of humane education at the Richmond SPCA. The couple resides in Mechanicsville.

**Brandon Schall ('10)** was promoted to director of government relations, the Chwat Group, in March 2015.

Ryan Shaughnessy (\*10) is a contract specialist with the U.S. Coast Guard, and Shannon Shaughnessy (\*11) is director of marketing at Matthews, Carter and Boyce. She recently launched Shannon Joy Paperie, focusing on custom wedding invitations. Both are involved at Harvest Bible Chapel Fairfax and lead Young Life at Westfield High School in Northern Virginia.

#### Michelle van Duursen ('10)

received the Teacher of the Year Award from Epes Elementary School in Newport News, an honor awarded by her peers. She earned her master's degree in special education in 2014 from Old Dominion University.

#### Leanne VanDerveer ('10)

graduated in 2014 with a master's degree in homeland security and emergency preparedness from Virginia Commonwealth University. In March 2015 she accepted a position and completed training with DHS/FEMA/ Mission Support/Office of the Chief Security Officer.

Jennifer Wells ('10) married
Brandon Grigsby at Terrace View by
the James in Lynchburg on June
7, 2014. The bridesmaids were all
Christopher Newport graduates: Jillian
Viar ('10), Jennifer (Gamble) Hartzler
('10) and Sarah Trant ('09). The couple
lives in Christiansburg. She works at
Newman Library of Virginia Tech, and
he is a nurse.

#### 2011



Lexy Bucklew ('11) and Lindsey Ceniviva ('10) each won Awards in Advertising from the Virginia Press Association. Both work for Daily Press Media Group in Newport News. Bucklew won first place in Real Estate Advertising, and Ceniviva won second place in Retail Advertising.

Morgan Elwell ('11) moved to New York and began working as the communications and marketing manager for Kensington Publishing Corporation's Mystery and Thrillers Department. She previously was a producer for DefenseNews and an associate producer for "Virginia This Morning."

**Kelly Farmer ('11)** relocated to Tacoma, Washington, from Charlottesville in 2013 for State Farm. In 2014 she was promoted to claim team manager.

Katie Wiggin ('11) married Troy Monteith ('10) on May 31, 2014, at CNU. The wedding included several alumni: parents of the groom Mike ('73) and Kathy (Benintendi) Monteith ('74); bridesmaids Katie Shafer ('11), Stephanie Araujo ('11) and Christina Cashen ('11); and groomsman Jason Bryant ('11). She works in CNU Alumni Relations; he works for Canon, Virginia.



Mary McLaughlin ('11) and her family (parents, Mike and Prince; sisters, Sarah and Regan) received the James L. Eichberg Lifetime Achievement Award at the 28th annual Leukemia Ball in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes those demonstrating significant dedication and commitment to the mission of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



Justin Yarnell ('11) attended Indiana University Maurer School of Law, graduating with a JD in May 2014. That June he married Elise Kraft, a Yale Law School graduate. Both passed the Indiana Bar in July 2014 and are attorneys in Indianapolis. They will soon reside in Cleveland, Ohio, where he will work in federal and state tax at Meaden and Moore, a regional accounting firm.

**Christopher Young ('11)** will join his fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi, as a national chapter field representative for the next two years.

2012

**Greg Bush ('12)** was promoted to grade 2-supervisor at the landscaping firm where he works in Mobile, Alabama.

**Meghan Cantwell ('12)** attends George Mason University and will graduate with her MA in English in 2016. She recently started working as a proposal writer for TRI-COR Industries Inc. in Alexandria.

Jemal Harris ('12) owns his own consulting business, Multiple LLC, which provides solutions for small businesses and startups through direct mentoring, strategic planning, financial plan advising and other services. Last year he worked closely with the nonprofit HELP Inc. to start up an entrepreneurial/staffing program for individuals with barriers to employment, while still serving as a SCORE mentor. He is working closely with the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to bring the Young Entrepreneurs Academy to the Virginia Peninsula and has joined the local AmeriCorps office at Alternatives Inc., engaging youth to foster a greater spirit of traditional and social entrepreneurship on the Virginia Peninsula.

**Jett Johnson (\*12)** is program manager at Healthy Living Healthy Suffolk, responsible for planning, management, promotion, implementation and reporting of all aspects of the Healthy People Healthy Suffolk plan — a long-term initiative developed by the Suffolk Partnership for a Healthy Community and the Obici Healthcare Foundation to address the obesity epidemic.

Nathaniel Morris (\*12) completed his two-year commitment with Teach for America and will remain in the classroom for a third year, teaching 11th-grade English at Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He completed a principal internship at a summer school site and is pursuing a master's degree in educational administration, curriculum and supervision from the University of Oklahoma. He also coaches swim at Booker T. Washington High School and is involved in Young Life.

**Robyn Parlett ('12)** is a staff accountant with Mitchell, Wiggins & Co. in Richmond.

Evelyn Riley ('12) works at the Thomas Day House, a nonprofit museum that tells the story of its namesake, a free African-American cabinetmaker and entrepreneur of the antebellum South in Milton, North Carolina. Riley is the museum's outreach, education and public relations coordinator.

**James Swindell ('12)** is pursuing his master of arts management degree at Heinz College of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Kimberly Wenz ('12)** graduated in 2014 with a master of social work degree and concentration in

international social and economic development from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She is currently interning with a large, international faith-based organization.

#### 2013

**Katlyn Craig ('13)** will be the first Christopher Newport graduate to attend law school at Georgia State University.

Jade Kolker ('13) earned a master's degree in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications of Northwestern University in 2014. Upon graduation, she was hired by Akrete Communications as an associate account executive in greater Chicago.



#### Amanda (Rivera) Strawn ('13)

and Tyler Strawn were married on October 11, 2014, in Stafford at Rock Hill Plantation. They reside in downtown Fredericksburg, and both work at Hilldrup Moving and Storage.



#### Elizabeth (Wendling) Lusk ('13)

and Brandon Lusk married October 11, 2014, at Fort Belvoir. They live and work in Northern Virginia. Elizabeth will complete her master's degree in higher education leadership this year. James Swindell ('13) is pursuing a master of arts management degree at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and serves as program assistant for the master of arts management program.





#### 2014



**Lauren (Steel) Brigida ('14)** married **Steven "Ben" Brigida ('14)** on October 19, 2013, at Meadow Event Park in Doswell. The couple resides in Richmond.

**Kerry Campell ('14)** attends the London School of Economics and Political Science, pursuing an MSC in the theory and history of international relations. Once she has completed her first master's degree she will pursue a second at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

**Maddy Connor ('14)** was promoted to staff assistant/legislative correspondent for the Senate Agriculture Committee after interning for a major public relations firm.

#### Callie Hardman DeKeuster ('14)

and Matt DeKeuster announce the birth of their son, Casey Martin, born November 3, 2014. Matt is a financial consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton in Norfolk; Callie owns a photography business, Callie Hardman Photography, in Newport News. Carolina Hurley ('14) works with the College Republican National Committee as executive assistant to the national chair, executive director, political director and digital director. She has made many trips across the country, observing focus groups and attending fundraisers. Hurley also handles administrative work and social media.

**Tyler Jarrett ('14)** has accepted a position at Christopher Newport as event and conference coordinator for the David Student Union, Trible Library and academic buildings.



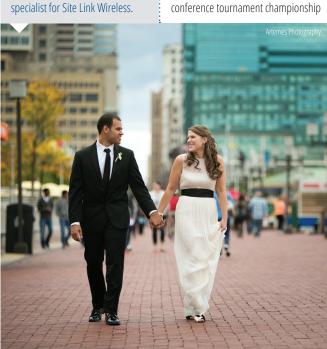
#### Emily Johnston ('14) and Alexander Voorhees ('14)

married June 14, 2014, at the home of Paul and Rosemary Trible, Three Oaks, in Newport News. They live in Reston where Alex is a financial adviser at Reston Wealth Management and Emily is a Montessori teacher. Jess McClelland ('14) attends
Otterbein University in Ohio, studying
toward her master's degree in allied
health with a concentration in health
and wellness. A graduate assistant
for the cross country/track and field
programs, she is pursuing her goal of a
collegiate coaching career.

**Treven Meyers ('14)** and **Jamie** (Englert) Meyers ('13) were married October 18, 2014, at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court in Baltimore, Maryland, where they live. Jamie works for United Way of Central Maryland as a program specialist; Treven is a site acquisition

**Ashley Short ('14)** joined NACS (National Association of Convenience Stores) as member service coordinator. She assists in the continued success of the NACS Industry Update Luncheons, retail membership activities and event needs such as the NACS Human Resources Forum. She also volunteers with the Special Olympics.

Hilary St. Mary ('14) is the new field hockey coach at Walsingham Academy in Williamsburg. She played four years under CNU coach Carrie Moura and was a key contributor to the 2013 team that finished the regular season 18-0, advanced to the conference tournament championship



Callie Hardman Photography

and reached the NCAA Division III Final Four for the first time in school history. St. Mary has coached at Stick Power Field Hockey's Skills Academy as well as York Middle School in Yorktown.

Julie Woon ('14) is a fellow in the Medill Justice Project at Northwestern University, which investigates potentially wrongful convictions, conducts research and probes national systematic criminal justice issues. She lives in Chicago.



William "Bill" Alto III ('74) died March 31, 2015. He was born April 1, 1931, and served in the U.S. Army until 1989, leaving with the rank of major. Alto worked for the city of Newport News from 1975 until retiring in 2004 as a geriatric social worker. He was an accomplished runner and triathlete.

**William Phillip Chisholm ('75)** of Williamsburg died March 1, 2015. Born August 18, 1940, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, he served his country with distinction, first on active duty in the U.S. Army posted in Germany, and later as a civilian with the Department of Defense as a security professional.

Ralph E. DeRosa ('78) died August 3, 2014. Born in New York and raised in Staunton, DeRosa served his country in the U.S. Air Force and worked in banking as a stocks and commodities broker and in real estate as a sales manager and developer. He was most recently general manager and senior vice president of NTS Virginia. He was a broker with the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors and president of the Williamsburg Association of Realtors.

**Robbin Helms ('78)** died February 23, 2015. Born in Hampton, she was a dedicated mother, daughter and sister who celebrated family activities, birthdays and holidays. She was also a homemaker and homeschooler.

**Mildred Sulkevich ('80)** died March 23, 2015. She participated in many church and civic groups, some of which she chaired, and was a 24-year cancer survivor. Her sculpture and vibrant paintings were exhibited at Charles Taylor Arts Center among

other shows. For many years Sulkevich taught in both public and parochial schools in Hampton.

**Darryl Whitmore ('80)** died June 11, 2014. He had several patents to his credit as a chemist at BASF. Whitmore developed important technologies that provide state-of-the-art polymers to support global companies within the hygiene industry.

Charles F. "Mickey" Helderman ('81) died July 12, 2014. He and his wife, Suzie, lived in Newport News nearly 33 years and in Williamsburg for the past five. While in the military, Helderman attended night school, ultimately earning his BSBA from Christopher Newport.

Hubert Memory (\*81), died March 15, 2015. He was born July 29, 1936, in Elizabethtown, North Carolina. Known to friends and family as "Hubie," he served two years in the U.S. Marine Corps. Afterward, he began a successful career with the Newport News Police Department, starting as a motorcycle patrol officer and eventually moving through the ranks to become captain of detectives. Hubert also graduated from the FBI National Academy. In addition to receiving the Meritorious Police Duty Award in 1989, he was president of the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia State Crime Clinic in 1972. He retired from the Newport News Police Department after serving more than 30 years.

**John Burton Clark ('95)** died January 6, 2015, at age 76. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he completed a tour in the U.S. Army and mostly made his life on the Virginia Peninsula. He owned

Slaughter Lumber Company in Hampton, which his grandfather established in 1908. After retiring from the lumber business he completed his BA degree, majoring in theater. He was active in regional theater, serving as a director, actor and past president of the Peninsula Community Theatre. He also worked with regional and local theatrical productions in Taiwan, Virginia and Tennessee.

**Don Crowson ('98)** died January 14, 2015, at his home in Salem, Oregon. He served two years in the Army during the Korean War and also worked summers for the U.S. Forest Service manning a remote fire lookout on Indian Mountain in the Mount Hood National Forest. Hired by the Rand Corporation, he helped pioneer computer science over a long career as a software designer and developer.

**Danny Tackett ('99)** died July 26, 2014. Born in Portsmouth, he was a production planner for Newport News Shipbuilding. A graduate of Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School, he also was an auctioneer for First Star Auctions and a member of the National Auctioneers Association.

**Jacob Holt ('00)** died July 5, 2014. He was born in Tullahoma, Tennessee, on June 24, 1976, and was a standout high school and college linebacker.

Anthony Nisich ('03) died May 18, 2014.

Born and raised in the Williamsburg area, he was a graduate of Lafayette High School, Thomas Nelson Community College, Christopher Newport and Appalachian School of Law. He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 2011.

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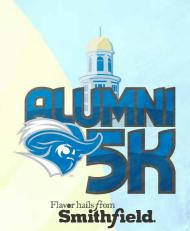
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