

Written requests for special needs seating

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Special needs requests must be received on or before May 8, 2003.

Parking

Free parking is available in any of the parking areas on campus. Check with parking attendants on duty; they will direct you to the closest available space. Remember that carpooling helps alleviate traffic congestion.

www.cnu.edu/information/ctour/map.html

Special Needs Parking

A limited number of handicapped-designated parking spaces are available for cars identified with Department of Motor Vehicles handicapped license plates and temporary decals.

Disability Services Information

Individuals who are hearing impaired, please contact Disability Services at (757) 594-8765 or TDD (757) 594-7938.

Special Services

The Great Lawn
Lost and Found
First Aid
Water Station

Photographs

Guests may take pictures from their seats. A professional photograph will be taken of each graduate as he or she receives the President's official congratulations. Within two weeks after graduation, a 43-mm proof and all ordering information will be sent to the graduate's permanent address on file at the University. Please check with the Registrar's Office (757-594-7155) to make sure

your address is correct. There is no obligation to purchase photographs. For more information you may e-mail: candidcolor@comcast.net

Cell phones and pagers

During the procession, ceremony and recessional, we ask guests to please remain at your seats, keep aisles clear and silence cell phones and pagers.

CNU Bookstore

Bachelor's candidates may arrange for the purchase of gown, hood, cap and tassel at the University Bookstore through May 10. The purchase price of a bachelor's gown, hood, cap and tassel is \$39.95.

Commencement Week Hours

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bookstore telephone - (757) 599-5170
Bookstore Fax - (757) 595-5164

www.cnubooks.com

Christopher Newport Information (757) 594-7000
CNU Web address www.cnu.edu

Campus map and directions
www.cnu.edu/information/ctour/map.html

Accommodations

Comfort Inn
(757-249-0200)
12330 Jefferson Ave.
Newport News
CNU Rate: \$62 per night

Days Inn
(757-873-6700)
1182 Fishing Point Dr.
Newport News
CNU Rate: \$62 for single
or double per night

Hampton Inn
(757-989-8977)
151 Ottis St.
(off Victory Blvd.)
Hampton
CNU Rate: \$91, king or
2 double beds per night

Hampton Inn and Suites
(757-249-0001)
12251 Jefferson Ave.
Newport News
CNU Rate: \$84 per night



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COMMENCEMENT

May 10, 2003

General Information &
Calendar of Events



Information

Saturday, April 11



7 - 10 p.m.

Senior and New Alumni Party

Virginia Living Museum - Newport News

Join the fun as the Class of 2003 celebrates with CNU alumni. Dance the night away to DJ Tanner's music - enjoy appetizers and a cash bar. Casual dress. The cost is \$7 per person/\$12 per couple. For more information call Kim Roeder at (757) 594-7712, or you may e-mail Kim at kroeder@cnu.edu

Thursday, May 8



9 - 9:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

The Freeman Center Lobby

CNU's Alumni Society invites degree candidates for complimentary coffee, juice and assorted Danish pastry and muffins in The Freeman Center.

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Commencement Rehearsal

The Freeman Center Arena

All May 10, 2003, degree candidates must attend this informative rehearsal. If you have questions, call the Office of Student Life (757) 594-7259.

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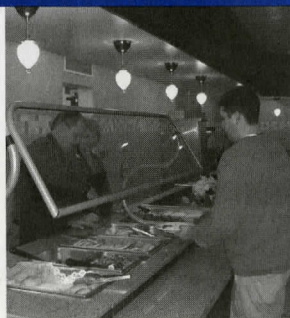


7:30 - 9 a.m.

**Alumni Society
Commencement
Breakfast**

Regatta's - Student Center

Degree candidates and their guests are invited to enjoy this hearty breakfast buffet. See enclosed registration information or call the Alumni Relations Office at (757) 594-7712. *Cost \$6.25*



9:15 a.m.

Degree Candidates Assemble (with cap and gown)

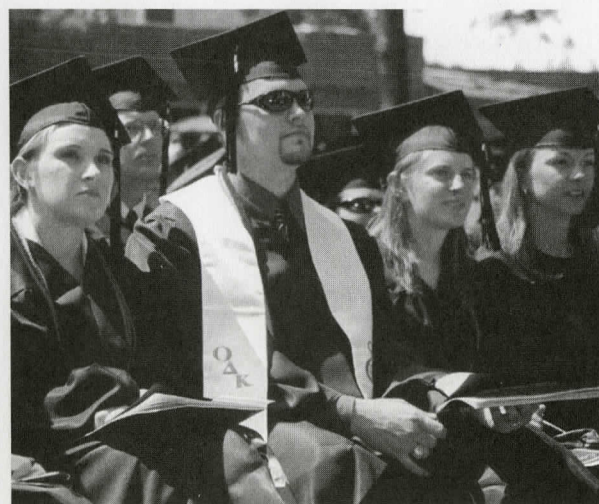
The Freeman Center Arena

All degree candidates must be in The Freeman Center arena, in cap and gown, promptly at 9:15 a.m. If you have questions, call the Office of Student Life (757) 594-7259.

9:45 a.m.

The Great Lawn

No tickets are required. Family and friends should be seated by 9:45 a.m. to watch the Commencement processional. Early arrival guarantees the best seating. During the processional, ceremony and recessional, we ask guests to please remain at your seats, keep aisles clear and silence cell phones and pagers.



10 a.m.

Commencement Exercises

The Great Lawn

The Commencement processional begins the formal ceremony. The program includes brief remarks by the President of the University, The Rector of the Board of Visitors, a keynote speaker, and the conferring of degrees to undergraduate and graduate students. The ceremony lasts about two hours.

Following Commencement:

Diplomas

Degrees are conferred at the ceremony; diplomas are picked up after the ceremony in front of the Captain John Smith Library. The rain plan pick-up will be in the Administration Building, Anderson Auditorium. If you have questions, call the Registrar's Office (757) 594-7155.

Receptions for our new graduates

Check with your academic department to confirm a particular reception time and location.

Guest Information:

Tickets are not required for the Commencement exercises outside on The Great Lawn.

Rain Plan

In the unlikely event of inclement weather, Commencement will be moved into The Freeman Center.

- At rehearsal, degree candidates participating in Commencement will receive seven rain tickets for their guests. It is the responsibility of the degree candidate to ensure that these tickets are in the possession of those who will be using them on the morning of Commencement.
- Guests must have a rain ticket to attend Commencement exercises in The Freeman Center.
- Doors to The Freeman Center open at 8 a.m.
- Families/guests should be seated by 9:45 a.m.
- The processional will begin at 10 a.m.
- Limited special needs seating is available. This seating is reserved for elderly and physically challenged guests who are unable to climb steps or who need wheelchair accessibility. Because seating in this area is limited, only one individual may sit with the guest who has special needs.
- Be sure to arrive early for special needs parking and seating.