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Commencement Speaker

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Every year at graduation we invite as our speaker a person who has lived a life of success and significance. Our commencement speaker this year will be Larry Pope, President and Chief Executive Officer of Smithfield Foods, one of America's largest and most respected corporations.

Smithfield Foods was founded in 1936 and has grown from a small meat packing company located on the banks of the historic Pagan River in Smithfield, Virginia into a \$13 billion global food company employing more than 53,000 people worldwide.

Smithfield Foods is not only a highly successful international company but is also a good citizen. For the 12th consecutive year, Smithfield Foods has been named by *Fortune* magazine as one of America's Most Admired Companies. Smithfield Foods has been honored for its social responsibility and environmental policies and for its generosity in supporting humanitarian purposes.

Smithfield Foods and the Smithfield Luter Foundation have been strong and generous supporters of CNU. The Smithfield Leadership Scholars Program provides scholarships for hundreds of our students.

Larry and Mary Pope are also personally committed to making a difference. The chapel at CNU is named in honor of Larry and Mary Pope because of their caring hearts and remarkable generosity.

We are honored to have Larry Pope as our 87th Commencement speaker on May 11th.

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