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I am pleased to announce that Timothy Sullivan, President and CEO of The Mariners' Museum and president emeritus of the College of William and Mary, will deliver our 2007 Spring Commencement address. Please see the attached press release.

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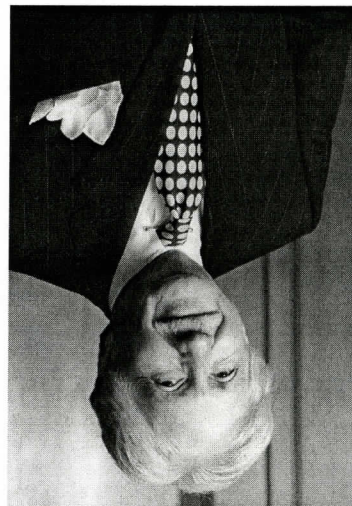
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Timothy Sullivan to deliver CNU commencement address



(NEWPORT NEWS, Va.) – Timothy Sullivan, president and CEO of The Mariners' Museum and president emeritus of the College of William and Mary, will deliver the 2007 Spring Commencement address to Christopher Newport University's graduating class. Commencement exercises will begin at noon on Sunday, May 13 at POMOCO Stadium on the campus of CNU.

"It is a great honor to have Tim Sullivan address our graduates," said CNU President Paul Tribble. "As a professor and dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law and President of William and Mary and now as President of the Mariners' Museum, Tim Sullivan has contributed immensely to the success of Virginia. His life embodies the qualities of leadership, honor and civic engagement that we strive to instill in all our students at CNU."

Sullivan was the twenty-fifth president of William and Mary, a college he first came to as a freshman in 1962. He graduated four years later with a bachelor's degree in government. Sullivan returned to his alma mater in various roles over a span of 30 years, including dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, before returning as president, a post he held for 13 years. Sullivan received a law degree from Harvard University in 1969 and went on to serve in the Army Signal Corps in Vietnam, where he received the Army Commendation Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Star.

During his presidency of William and Mary, Sullivan successfully fostered closer faculty and student relations, a strong sense of campus community and rigorous educational standards and curricula, bringing the college to the top ranking among small public universities. He retired in 2005.

Sullivan joined The Mariners' Museum as president and CEO in November 2006.

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