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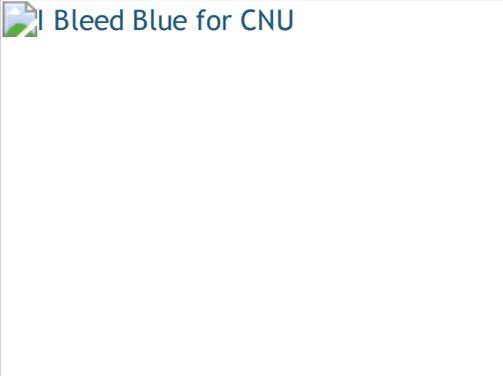
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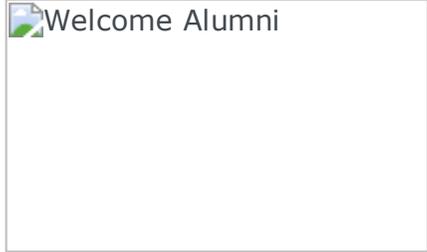
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Join Us on Campus This Fall!

Summer may have just begun, but we are busy making plans to see you on

Welcome New Alumni!

We are excited to welcome more than 800 new members into our alumni ranks. The University conferred its highest number of degrees during [commencement activities](#) on May 17 - 789 bachelor's and 72 master's. Douglas Gordon, retiring dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a CNU English professor since 1980, delivered [the commencement address](#). New alumnus Alexander Lundberg received the 2009 Gregory Klich Achievement Award for having the highest grade-point average (3.98).



Chapter Corner

CNU's alumni chapters provide a great way for you to stay connected with your alma mater. "Alumni of all class years and interests are taking part in our chapters and engaging in the life of the University," says Diane Hagemann, director of alumni relations. Contact Hagemann (diane.hagemann@cnu.edu) for information on alumni programs.

Following are some recent chapter highlights:



campus this fall. Mark your calendars now and join us for these events:

Alumni 5K - The annual Alumni 5K is set for September 19, and we are looking for a few good men and women to serve as volunteers, sponsors and participants. Mike Koontz, past alumni board president, is chairing this popular yearly event.

Homecoming

Homecoming '09 - Don't miss Homecoming '09, Friday and Saturday, October 16-17. We will hold our first alumni Homecoming golf tournament on Friday morning, followed that evening by the "Alumni Thanking Alumni" gala. A tailgating extravaganza will take place Saturday morning prior to the football game, providing a highlight for alumni, families and friends.

Ferguson Center Announces Lineup

Get ready to be entertained as your alma mater sets the stage for several

Richmond Reception

Thanks to all of you who have helped get the Metro Richmond chapter up and running. Forty-six alumni recently experienced "A CNU Evening" during our spring gathering at the Short Pump Maggiano's.

During the event, Head Football Coach Matt Kelchner announced that CNU once again won the USA South Sportsmanship Award. This honor, voted on by the league's football players, acknowledges how our athletes play football with respect for the game and its rules. Coach Kelchner also noted that this year's team posted the highest grade-point average in the football program's history. In addition, Professor Sean Heuvel made a presentation on the University's history and signed copies of his new book on CNU.

The evening was partially sponsored by Liberty Mutual. Upcoming programs for the Metro Richmond chapter include a welcome event for 2009 graduates and a fall chartering. Stay tuned for details.

DC/NOVA Alumni Chapter

Metro DC reception

outstanding shows! Celebrated icons of Broadway, comedy, country music, jazz, classical music and dance comprise just some of the 25 productions scheduled during the Ferguson Center for the Arts 2009-10 season. Highlights include comedian Jeff Foxworthy, the Johnny Mathis Christmas show, the renowned London Philharmonic Orchestra and Michael Flatley's *Lord of the Dance*.

Upcoming Shows:

The Fab Faux

Saturday, 9/19 at 8:00 p.m.

Jeff Foxworthy

Saturday, 9/26 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9/26 at 9:30 p.m.

Shaolin Warriors

Friday, 10/2 at 8:00 p.m.

The Golden Boys: Frankie Avalon, Bobby Rydell and Fabian

Friday, 10/16 at 8:00 p.m.

Herb Alpert & Lani Hall

Thursday, 10/29 at 7:30 p.m.

Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company

Friday, 11/6 at 8:00 p.m.

Jim Brickman Beautiful World Tour

Wednesday, 11/11 at 8:00 p.m.

George Jones

Friday, 11/13 at 8:00 p.m.

Johnny Mathis Christmas

Sunday, 11/29 at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, 11/30 at 7:30 p.m.

Dave Koz & Friends

A Smooth Jazz Christmas 2009

Monday, 12/7 at 7:00 p.m.

Check out the complete season schedule and download subscription forms online at fergusoncenter.org

Many of you have shown great interest in our Metro D.C./Northern Virginia alumni chapter with 40 people attending our April kickoff event at the Tyson's Corner Tower Club. To help grow the group, all alumni attendees were asked to contact five alumni friends, encouraging them to promote the chapter, attend future chapter events and update their contact information with the alumni office. And once again Coach Matt Kelchner shared exciting news about the football program's successes.

The kickoff event was partially sponsored by alumni board member Pete Smith ('88, Pete Smith State Farm Agency) and Liberty Mutual. A chapter chartering event will take place this fall.

City Center/Peninsula Club

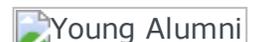
Twenty alumni attended an organizational breakfast meeting May 20 in the Newport News City Center. The Peninsula is home to our largest number of alumni, and we are currently recruiting officers for the group's initial leadership board. So far, six alumni have agreed to serve. The City Center chapter will serve as a genesis group for our planned Peninsula Club.

South Hampton Roads Chapter

Additional alumni chapters are on the horizon, including South Hampton Roads. An organizational breakfast was held June 12 at the law office of alumnus Melissa Howell ('88). Please contact Diane Hagemann, director of alumni relations, at (757) 594-7712 or diane.hagemann@cnu.edu if you are interested in becoming a founding member. We look forward to building a robust chapter organization in this area.

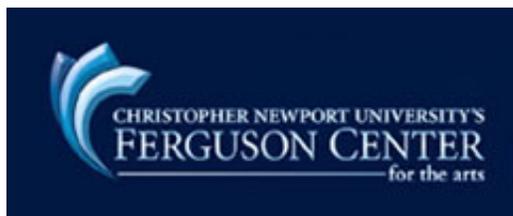
'Next Wave' Hits Campus

The classes of 2002-08 sailed into campus on May 2 when CNU held its first Young Alumni Reunion - an event created by alumni for alumni.



Activities for our "Next Wave" alumni group included a scavenger hunt, a hospitality hour with President Paul Tribble and Alumni Board President Scott Millar, a performance by Made of Bees (alumni improvisational group), and musical entertainment by Ben Phelps Project (also CNU alumni).

One hundred fifty people attended, and the class of 2009 joined alumni for an evening reception and entertainment. "It was a wonderful inaugural event, and it was great to see the excitement of the class of 2009 as they anticipated the future as well as to see



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Share Your News and Information

Calling all alumni! Do you have recent news to share - a promotion, marriage or new birth? If so, e-mail your recent milestones and achievements (including photos) to diane.hagemann@cnu.edu for possible inclusion in our alumni publications. By sharing your news, you help to keep CNU alumni connected.

Please also remember to update your contact information so we can stay in touch. And please let us know if you serve as an alumni contact for any campus organizations. We want to engage a broad spectrum of alumni in our campus and chapter events.

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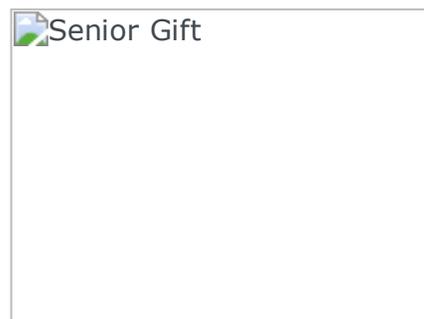


the joy when classmates were reunited," says Lacey Howard ('08), reunion coordinator. "Because of the dedication of the planning committee, the first spring reunion was a great success!"

Kudos to the following who helped plan the event: Kristin Blaser ('09), Heather Boyd ('07), Tracy Cabiroy ('07), Tatem Innskeep ('07), Caroline Leyden ('07), Jennifer Mandler ('06), Amy Richardson ('07), Audra Rowton ('08), Kristin Studer ('08) and Ariel Wallingsford ('06).

Senior Class Makes 'Timely' Gift

The class of 2009 has left a lasting impression on campus. During commencement week, this year's graduates presented the senior class gift - a clock on permanent display in the David Student Union.



In all, 167 class members contributed to the gift; the classes of 2002 and 2006 also raised funds for the clock. Marilyn Richardson, director of the *Annual Fund for Academic Excellence*, coordinated the project. "The seniors did an outstanding job of working together to leave a legacy for their class," Richardson says. "We anticipate great things ahead for these newest CNU alumni."

The senior class committee included Bonnie Brown, Nathan Fesmire, Erica Hacker, Zeh Hale, Chris Inzirillo, Megan Jenkins, Kristin LaRiviere, Tiffany Mizner, Sharda Moses, Megan Neighbors, Chris Ojeda, Erin Plisco and Brittany Rawlinson.

Alumni Board Awards Excellence

The Alumni Board presented various honors this spring, awarding both student and faculty excellence:

The **Dean's Service Award** recognizes five senior students who demonstrate leadership in academics, service, co-curricular involvement and/or campus employment. Recipients of the \$100 award included Chris Inzirillo, Alencia Johnson, Kristin LaRiviere, Chris Ojeda and J. Dan Zimmerman. All were nominated by the campus community at large.

The third annual **Alumni Society Award for**

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Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring went to [Dr. Michaela Meyer](#), assistant professor of communication studies, at the spring honors convocation. The \$2,500 award honors younger faculty exceptionally committed to teaching, learning excellence and university citizenship. Nominations are made by faculty chairs and/or deans and screened by a provost's office committee. An Alumni Society committee then interviews the top candidates and selects the winner.

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