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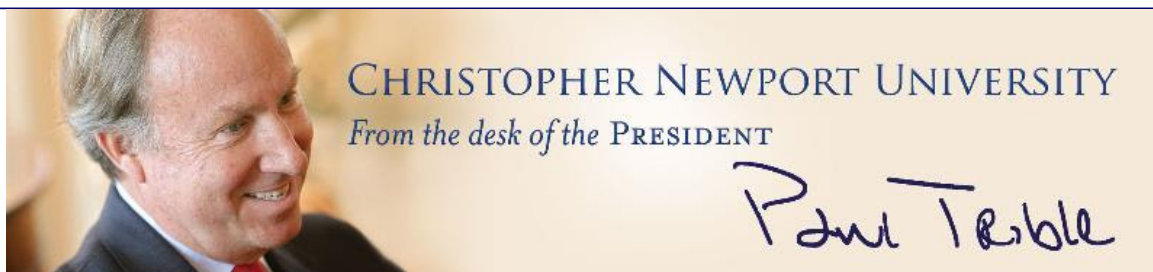
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"Defining Significance" CNU's 1st Major Fundraising Campaign

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Campaign Chariman John Lawson and I stand with members of the CNU community - faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends - at the launch of CNU's campaign. The Lawson family made a remarkably generous one million dollar gift at the event.

On February 28th we launched the public phase of CNU's first ever comprehensive campaign and announced that we had raised \$32 million in cash and multi-year commitments. That's a truly remarkable sum for a school so young.

By midnight June 30, 2017, just over three years from now, with your help we hope to:

- Raise more than \$42 million
- Convince 18% of our alumni to give a contribution each year
- Build the pool of donors to ensure the success of our students, faculty and programs for years to come

- Expand the reach and reputation of CNU

Why "Defining Significance"?

CNU is not a place for spectators. We want students who will engage and lead and serve and change the world one person at a time.

CNU is different than many other colleges and universities because we care about hearts and minds. Our purpose is to form good citizens and leaders. That's why the study of leadership is emphasized. That's why our students perform tens of thousands of hours of community service. That's why we built a chapel and that's why we have a speaking tradition and an honor code.

We want our students to choose to live lives of significance, lives of meaning, consequence and purpose. That's what *Defining Significance* - our first comprehensive campaign - is all about.

We must ensure we have the resources to empower the lives of our students and faculty, now and for years to come, and make the world a better place.



We asked a number of our students to help us communicate what it means to live a life of significance. Watch the video so that you can see their faces and hear their voices.

Why Now?

Almost 20 years ago we set out to build another great university for America. We rejected the notion of incremental progress and said we are in the business of dramatic transformation and everything we do will be done at the highest levels of excellence.

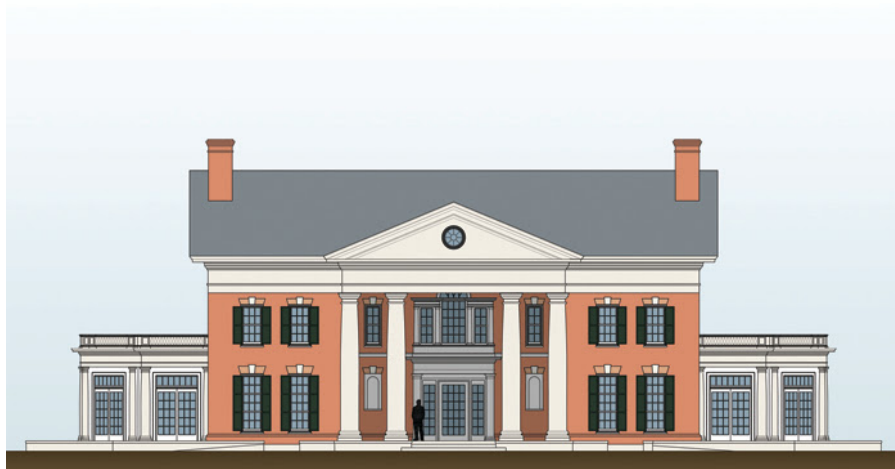
At first, all we could do was paint word pictures of the reality that we envisioned. Today it is there for all to see. We have a beautiful campus with world class facilities, superb faculty, high ability students, more than a half century of successful alumni and an expanding reach and reputation. Now is the time for us to build the financial foundation - the margin of excellence - upon which great universities rest.

Five Top Priorities

- Scholarships to reward merit and help students who have financial need are our single greatest requirement and highest priority.

- Support for the extraordinary faculty and the great teaching that is a hallmark of CNU: We need endowed funds to attract, retain and reward gifted faculty and enable them to engage our students in research and international study and to stay at the top of their games as scholars and teachers.
- Programs of Distinction: This priority encompasses an array of important programs that make up the CNU experience from academics through athletics and from the arts to Greek Life.
- The Alumni House is the only capital project in this campaign and owns a place of prominence. We must soon have an Alumni House to "welcome home" six decades of Captains for Life.
- Annual Giving and Unrestricted Support: Growing annual support from our alumni and friends will sustain and strengthen all of our efforts as state funding waxes and wanes and increased alumni giving - both the percentage of our alumni who give and the dollars contributed -- is essential to our success now and in the years to come.

Alumni House is Coming



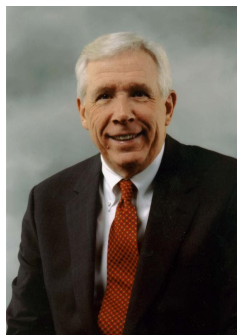
I am pleased to announce that the Alumni House project has reached the initial funding goal of \$500,000! Fundraising for the house will continue in order to raise the several million dollars required to complete this project. However, we are now able to proceed with final architectural planning and have scheduled a ground breaking ceremony during Homecoming Weekend, October 25-27, 2014. If you would like to support the Alumni House project please visit giving.cnu.edu.

Congressman Wolf to Deliver Commencement Address



Commencement on the Great Lawn, May 2013

We are pleased to welcome U.S. Congressman Frank Wolf as the keynote speaker at our 88th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 10, 2014.



Congressman Frank Wolf

Congressman Wolf is the dean of Virginia's congressional delegation in Washington, now serving his 17th and final term. He is a leader of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he chairs the Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee. In addition, he is co-chairman of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, a bipartisan organization that raises awareness about international human rights issues.

Congressman Wolf has been a strong and effective voice for Virginia, a tenacious defender of human rights across the globe, one of the most admired members of Congress, and a great friend and champion of CNU.

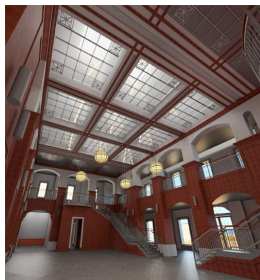
We are honored that he will join us. Information regarding the 88th Commencement Exercises and a complete schedule of events can be found at commencement.cnu.edu.

Regatta's Expansion



View of the Regatta's expansion from the Great Lawn

The expansion of the Regatta's Dining Hall in the David Student Union will add more seats and expanded dining offerings.



Interior of Regatta's expansion

We will add 300 seats organized around a two-story dining room and mezzanine. This will allow us to serve more students, more promptly, with the attention and great food they have come to expect at CNU. Construction will begin in January 2015 and will be completed in the summer of 2016.

New Residence Hall



View of the new residence hall from the Great Lawn

In January 2015 we will begin construction of a new residence hall adjacent to James River and facing toward the Great Lawn. This five-story structure will add 172 beds in sophomore-style suites with two bedrooms organized around a shared bathroom. Hall kitchens and study rooms are also featured. This new residence hall will be completed by the start of classes in August 2016.

Alumni Society Flourishing



The Christopher Newport Alumni Society continues to experience rapid growth and our alumni are more engaged than ever. We are grateful for large increases in the number of alumni supporting the Annual Fund, returning to campus to volunteer, mentor and offer internships and job opportunities to our students and fellow alums and providing leadership and chartering new Alumni Chapters.

In this academic year, four new alumni chapters have been chartered - our first chapter outside of Virginia in Atlanta and Football, Ice Hockey and Catholic Campus Ministries Affinity Chapters.

Demand for appointment to the Alumni Society Board of Directors has also dramatically increased with a record number of nominations for the upcoming term--more than 10 times the nominations received last year.

Importantly, the Virginia General Assembly has just approved an amendment to the Code of Virginia that will now require 6 of the 14 members of the Board of Visitors to be alumni.

This will allow for significant alumni representation on our governing Board and ensure that the alumni voice helps govern the future of Christopher Newport.

If you have any information to share or questions about alumni news and updates or would

like to connect with the Christopher Newport Alumni Society and its Chapters, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@cnu.edu, (757)594-8061 or alumni.cnu.edu.

Athletics Update

CNU Cheerleading - National Champions



CNU won the College Cheerleading Nationals last weekend in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Led by former cheerleading team member and now coach, Erica Garcia Flanigan ('03), our co-ed team won the national championship after finishing second or third in the six previous years.

Women's Basketball



After earning their third trip to the NCAA's Sweet Sixteen, seniors Andrea Hobbs, Nicole Mitchell, Chantal Thomas, Nicole Pandak and Tia Perry (pictured above right to left) will graduate as one of the most accomplished senior classes in school history. With this season's 24-6 overall record, these seniors capped off a four year career with an overall record of 105-19. Tia Perry and Nicole Mitchell graduate with more than 1,000 career points placing them in the top 15 in CNU history.

Men's Basketball



Tra Benefield

The remarkable career of senior Tra Benefield came to a close this season as the men's basketball team finished 19-9 after defeating four of the top ranked teams in the nation during the regular season and earning a second place finish in the Capital Athletic

Conference (CAC). Tra is the fifth all-time leading scorer in CNU's history with 1,794 points, eighth all-time with 749 rebounds and was named All-Region.

Baseball



Billy Steel

Senior shortstop Billy Steel has started the year on a record-setting pace. He has been named the CAC Player of the Week twice while also earning national recognition as a member of the "Team of the Week." Through 18 games, Billy leads the Captains in batting average (.443), runs scored (22), runs batted in (22) and home runs (6). He currently stands in the top ten all-time at CNU in runs scored and doubles. On the mound, senior Bryan Bierlein paces the Captains and boasts the second lowest career ERA in program history.

Softball



Sabrina Hill

Captains softball is off to another outstanding start. Winners of 15 in a row, the CNU softball team is seeking an eighth straight NCAA tournament appearance. Junior first

baseman, Sabrina Hill leads the Captains with six home runs and 17 runs batted in.

Men's Lacrosse



Gregory Limon

The men's lacrosse team is off to a 5-1 start with non-conference victories over regional rivals, Hampden-Sydney, Randolph-Macon and Virginia Wesleyan. The Captains registered their most impressive win of the season earlier this month with an 8-7 overtime victory against Eastern University in Pennsylvania. CNU begins play in the highly competitive CAC this Saturday at Wesley College in Dover, Delaware.

Women's Lacrosse



Ashton Marshall

Women's lacrosse is a very talented team paced by senior Ashton Marshall and freshman Meaghan Galvin. Marshall is the second player in CNU history to score 200 career goals

and is one of only five players currently playing NCAA women's lacrosse to reach that mark. Galvin was just named CAC Women's Lacrosse Offense Player of the Week after scoring 14 points and controlling a team high 11 draws in three games including victories over Virginia Wesleyan and Wesley, our first ever victory in the CAC. The Captains have won four of their last five contests.

Track & Field



Enuma Ezenwa

Our women's team won the conference championship and our men's team finished second. Junior Enuma Ezenwa won CAC championships in the long jump, 60-meter hurdles and the 4x400 meter relay. Ezenwa also competed in the NCAA championships and finished 10th nationally in the pentathlon. Sophomore Dominique Torres earned All-American honors in the triple jump at the national meet and senior Richard Roethel was a national qualifier in the heptathlon.

Visit CNUsports.com for the Captains' schedules and updates.

CNU Photos

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