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Rosemary and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful new year.

2014 has been an extraordinary year at CNU! I am very grateful to our students, faculty and staff for their many contributions to our success.

Let me share with you some highlights from our fall semester.

Holiday Happening and Lighting of the Lawn



Captains of all shapes and sizes joined us in the beautiful Ferguson Center on Sunday, December 7, as our students and faculty brought the Concert Hall alive with

their rich voices and musical talent. The celebration continued as the entire CNU community gathered for the lighting of the lawn.



Fireworks, wonderful carolers, delicious hot chocolate and a visit from Santa were the highlights of this beloved CNU tradition.



Family Weekend was a huge success! Almost 850 families attended the weekend-long festivities. The weather was spectacular and the campus has never been more beautiful.



We love sharing the energy, excitement and spirit that abound on our campus with our CNU families and friends. Here's a [photo gallery](#) celebrating this very special weekend.

Dedication of the Bell Tower, Hoinkes Plaza and Exedra



On Saturday, October 18, the Bell Tower, Hoinkes Plaza and the exedra were officially dedicated in a ceremony attended by members of the CNU family, including honored university retirees and their loved ones. Situated at the northwest corner of the Great Lawn, the plaza is named in honor of H. Dieter and Mary Elizabeth Hoinkes, longtime supporters and champions of CNU.



The Bell Tower chimes on the quarter hour, half hour and hour, and plays the CNU Fight Song at noon and the Alma Mater at 5 p.m. to signal the approaching end of the day.



Adjacent to the Bell Tower, the exedra is a beautiful semi-circular curved seating area with a high stone back. It provides a wonderful site for students to gather and is the perfect spot for outdoor classes. The names of retired faculty and staff are etched in stone, forever honoring their many contributions to the success of CNU through the years.

CNU Celebrates Homecoming 2014

The energy and excitement of our alumni and students brought the campus alive during Homecoming weekend, October 24-26. If you missed the celebration, please enjoy the highlights [video](#).



2014 Homecoming queen, Allie Hackbarth with Homecoming king, Emilio Marmol

This year we welcomed the largest Homecoming crowd in CNU history, with more than 4,500 alumni attending 23 filled-to-capacity events. To cap off the celebration, the Captains carried the day on the gridiron, defeating Greensboro College 45-31.

The much-anticipated Alumni House groundbreaking ceremony took place during Homecoming. Scott Millar '85, who has led the charge to raise funds for this special endeavor, shared some cherished thoughts with those in attendance. Please watch the [video](#) commemorating this important occasion.



The Alumni House will be 7,000 square feet and feature a reception hall, library, conference room, sitting rooms, terraces and the Office of Alumni Relations, creating the perfect location for myriad events. In addition, the Alumni House library will provide an elegant space to tell the Christopher Newport story, and feature permanent and changing exhibits celebrating our past, present and future, in an environment all Captains can call home.

Thanks to all who joined us for this memorable weekend. Visit our Homecoming [photo gallery](#) to enjoy additional highlights.

CNU Is the Only Public University in America to Earn a Perfect "A"



Out of 1,100 schools, Christopher Newport University is the only public university in the nation to be awarded a perfect "A" by the American Council of Trustees and

Alumni, honoring our commitment to a rigorous core curriculum that requires courses in American history/government, mathematics, natural science, foreign language, composition, literature and economics.

CNU is different from many other colleges and universities because we care about minds and hearts. Our purpose is to form good citizens and leaders. We want our students to lead lives of meaning, consequence and purpose. We call that lives of significance.

That's why at CNU we study the liberal arts and sciences and emphasize the study of leadership. That's why we have a rigorous core curriculum and celebrate our honor code and speaking tradition. That's why our students perform thousands of hours of community service. That's what makes us special -- and that's why Christopher Newport has become a school of choice for outstanding students and faculty.

Learn more at whatwilltheylearn.com.

Record Applications to CNU

The Office of Admission has been busy recruiting the next extraordinary class of new CNU Captains. After welcoming nearly 10,000 prospective students and family members to campus since June and representing the University at more than 600 college fairs and individual high school visits this fall, University Fellows and Admission Officers are busy interviewing applicants and reading their application files.



Early indicators suggest that this year it will be more competitive than ever to gain admission to CNU. Applications are currently up 5% above this time last year, and 8,000 or more hopeful students are expected to vie for 1,200 available freshman seats. Interviews are up 20% above this time last year.

Nearly 500 students chose to apply through our binding Early Decision option. Three hundred admit packets were sent this week to arrive in mailboxes by the December 15 notification date. Therefore, 25% of next year's freshman class is already in place!

It's a great time to be a Captain!

Food for Thought 2014



The University community collected 51,000 pounds of food during our annual Food for Thought campaign on November 14. The drive mobilized the campus community to collect food and money to benefit the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula. Smithfield Foods generously donated 10,000 pounds of protein as part of its "Helping Hungry Homes" program. Our students weighed, sorted, boxed and loaded the food directly onto Foodbank trucks. In all, the food and money we collected will provide 43,684 individual meals.

In this [video](#), Brad Brewer '02, CNU's Director of Community Engagement, shares his thoughts on this year's effort.

Fall Athletics

CNU's athletics enjoyed another victorious fall campaign and remain among the most successful programs in the nation.

Volleyball

Christopher Newport hosted the NCAA Division III women's volleyball national championship and the Captains were part of the festivities for the fifth time in six years.



After winning the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) title and hosting and winning the NCAA regional, the Captains took on top-ranked Calvin College in the national

quarterfinals, falling to the Knights, 3-1. It was only the fourth loss of the season, and capped an impressive 34-4 campaign for the young squad. Junior setter Rachel Conway led the way this season, averaging over 10 assists per set, and sophomore Hannah Miller ranked among the national leaders in hitting and blocking percentage.



Miller was named the NCAA regional MVP and Conway picked up all-tournament honors. Miller was also named a first team All-American, one of four Captains named All-Americans. Conway, sophomore Briana Sutton and rookie Eliza Fisher were also honored. The Captains finished the year ranked seventh in the nation.

Men's Soccer

After two dramatic NCAA tournament wins, CNU advanced to the Elite Eight before falling in a penalty kick shootout to Ohio Wesleyan University.



The team made a terrific run through the CAC postseason to capture its first league

title. CNU senior Jalon Brown (pictured above), a two-time All-American, was named CAC player of the year for the second straight year and was one of the nation's leading scorers with 20 goals and seven assists for a career-high 47 points. Brown led an offense that ranked third nationally in total points scored with a program-best 205. The Captains finished with a 19-3-5 overall record, the second most wins in program history, and ranked seventh in the nation. Brown, Alec Faulkner and Harry Nodwell earned all-region honors.

Football

The Captains secured their 10th conference championship in 14 years when they won at Maryville College in the regular season finale.



CNU traveled to Delaware Valley College to play in the NCAA tournament, the team's ninth appearance. Despite trailing by 19 points in the second half, CNU stormed back to win, but then fell in the second round to undefeated Widener University. Senior quarterback Marcus Morrast (pictured above) and senior wide receiver Rudy Rudolph rewrote the CNU record books for passing and receiving, and both finished in the top four all-time in touchdowns in program history. Morrast is the first player to throw for over 4,000 yards in his career and Rudolph is the Captains' all-time single season and career leading receiver in receptions, yards and touchdowns.

Rudolph, senior kicker Mason Studer and senior defensive lineman Shaun Copening received all-region honors. Quarterback Morrast was named a finalist for the Willie Lanier Award as the Virginia college football player of the year.

Cross Country

For the first time in CNU women's cross country history, the Captains qualified for the NCAA Division III national championship meet when they captured second place in the NCAA regional championship.



The women won their second straight CAC title this year, and a total of 18 CNU runners were named to the all-region and all-conference squads. CNU swept the men's and women's rookie of the year honors, as Hannah Bullen and Grayson Reid captured the awards for the Captains. The men also had a good year finishing second in the CAC championship meet.

Field Hockey

The Captains made it all the way to the CAC finals where they fell to the nation's top-ranked team, Salisbury University, 2-1 in overtime in the championship game.



Senior All-American Belle Tunstall led the team with 20 points on seven goals and six assists, while rookie Carol Thompson and junior Taylor Williams were also in double-figure scoring for the season. Tunstall and fellow senior Allie Hackbarth have also been named to the first-team All-South Region squad by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association after piecing together outstanding senior campaigns for the

Christopher Newport field hockey team. CNU wrapped up the year with a 12-7 overall record.

Women's Soccer

For the second straight year the women's soccer team captured the regular season CAC title, and boasted the league player of the year, sophomore Victoria Perry (pictured below), and rookie of the year, Kira Warner.



The Captains finished the year with a 12-4-4 overall record, advancing to the NCAA tournament and losing a heartbreaker in overtime to Stevenson University. Perry wrapped up her second campaign with 14 goals and seven assists for a team-high 35 points.

Follow the Captains throughout the winter and spring at cnusports.com.

CNU Photos

To share our campus spirit with you, each newsletter includes a link to a [photo gallery](#) featuring images of recent exciting events and campus life. Enjoy!

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