

Christopher Newport University
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CNU on the Move!



Campus Changes, Stellar Students
and Faculty Honors

“There is a magic to this place — an energy, an enthusiasm, a forward motion, and it is infectious.”

“A campus rich in intellectual life must be supported by facilities that promote our highest academic ideals.”

“Our students are capable of great things, and we must raise the bar of our expectations even higher. That is the way we build their characters, strengthen and polish their intellects, and brighten their futures.”

*President Paul Tribble
State of the University Address
August 20, 2007*



Executive Summary



A Message From President Tribble

This was a year of significant achievement at Christopher Newport University — from groundbreaking capital projects, to stellar student success, to a record number of applications. We want to share with you some of the high points of a great year.

In the pages that follow, we will spotlight key initiatives from across the CNU campus — notable student and faculty achievements that solidify our standing as a university of choice for top scholars. You will read about:

- The continued transformation of our physical campus — current projects under way as well as exciting projects on the horizon;
- Our very popular foreign study programs throughout the world;
- Wonderful new scholarship opportunities so that we can continue to attract the best and brightest from across the United States;
- The significant ways in which our students devote time and talent to making the world a better place;
- Important academic accomplishments within the Luter College of Business and Leadership; and
- The remarkable success of our Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program

I am extremely proud of our students and faculty and their extraordinary contributions both inside and outside the classroom. Everything we do at CNU is designed to provide an incomparable education and unparalleled collegiate experience. And as we promote the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service, we cultivate graduates who will become leaders in their professions, communities and the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Tribble', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul Tribble



Campus Vision



Building a World-Class Campus

\$500 Million Done ...

It takes first-class facilities to create an exceptional environment for teaching, learning and research.

Over the last decade, Christopher Newport University has dramatically transformed its beautiful campus, fulfilling a vision of excellence through \$500 million in capital construction.

- The Ferguson Center for the Arts, a world-class facility, enriches academic and cultural life, bringing to Virginia the finest performing artists from around the world.
- The new Tribble Library provides a dynamic teaching and learning facility filled day and night with students and faculty.
- The Freeman Sports and Convocation Center serves as the competition venue for CNU's championship basketball, volleyball and track programs; a state-of-the-art health and fitness center; and a gathering place for university events.
- Nine new residence halls provide outstanding accommodations for CNU's 3,000 residential students. ■■



Catherine Greenfield '10, Music

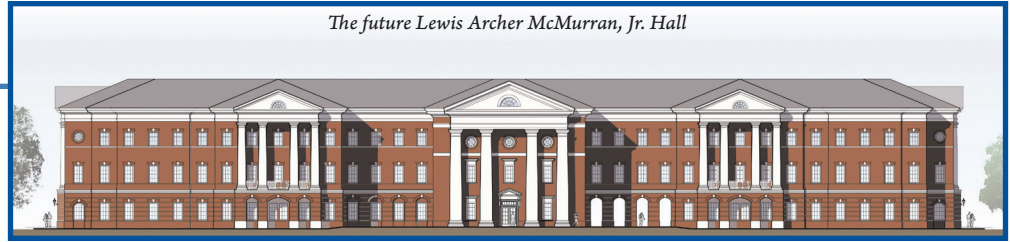
"With so many excellent people to look up to and so many wonderful opportunities offered by the department, I don't see how it would be possible to fall short of my dreams!"

Through Award-Winning Facilities

... \$500 Million to Go

We are now embarking on another round of capital projects that will further enhance our campus.

- Construction is under way on a new academic home for all of the liberal arts, including English, government, history, modern and classical languages and literatures, communication studies, philosophy and religious studies, and sociology and anthropology; the dean of the College; and the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. The new Lewis Archer McMurren, Jr. Hall will provide more than 82,000 square feet of teaching and learning spaces with state-of-the-art classrooms, seminar rooms and faculty offices.
- Governor Tim Kaine and the General Assembly have also funded the design and construction

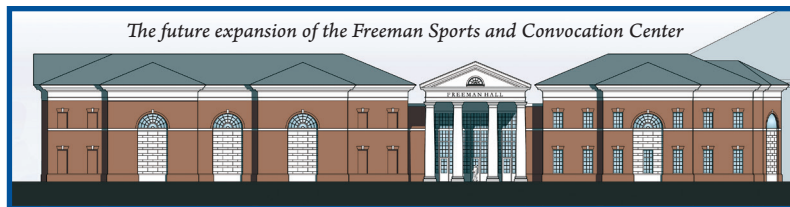


of a new integrated science center to house the departments of biology, chemistry, environmental science and psychology. This 160,000-square-foot facility will provide classrooms for faculty offices, teaching labs, and faculty and student research spaces. Construction of this new science facility should begin in the 2009-10 academic year.

- In addition, the General Assembly has provided preliminary planning monies to design an academic building to house the Joseph W.

Luter, III College of Business and Leadership, as well as the departments of mathematics and physics, computer science and engineering.

- Finally, the expansion of the Freeman Sports and Convocation Center and the Trieschmann Fitness Pavilion will include a new gymnasium, an auditorium and meeting rooms for student activities, expanded fitness facilities, and offices for health and counseling services. ■



Jenny Cezar '10, Social Work

"Students come to CNU seeking culture, new experiences and a solid foundation for a successful future. The improvements that will take place over the next few years — plus additional faculty — will give students even greater opportunities."



Tribble Library a Resounding Success

The Tribble Library has set a new standard for academic excellence. Combining the finest features of a traditional library with state-of-the-art technology, the building has quickly taken instruction, learning and research to exciting heights and become the intellectual center of campus.

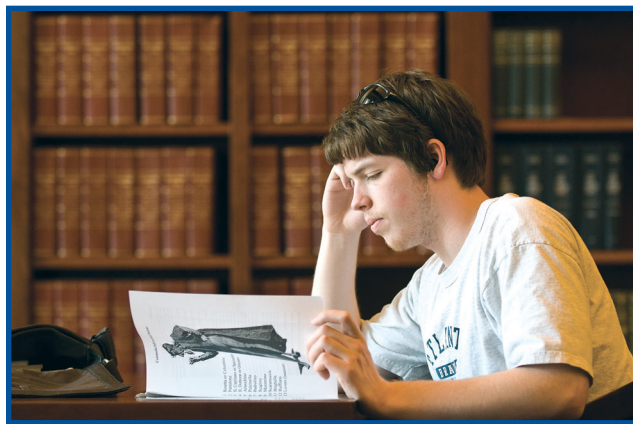
CNU unveiled the cutting-edge building in January, and according to University Librarian Mary Sellen, the design successfully accomplishes what many libraries have not — an effective integration of elegance and functionality. “Students understood this design immediately,” she says, adding that the overall reaction has been nothing but positive. “When we have guests, their response is ‘Wow!’” Within the first six months of operation, more than 331,000 people passed through the library’s doors.

The Tribble Library provides access to 22,000 electronic journals and abstract titles; 218,000 physical

volumes; and 199,000 microforms. With more than 100,000 square feet, the library boasts 10 group study rooms, elegant reading rooms, collaborative work areas and two classrooms that bring the curriculum into the library.

The library is up to the minute in technology, with 30 public computing stations. The entire building also has wireless access, enabling students to use the facility’s online resources and the Internet from anywhere in the library with a laptop computer. With the download of printing software, students can utilize the networked printing system. The entire building is a computer lab with laptop and network printing capabilities.

The popular Einstein’s café, open daily on the first floor, offers beverages and snacks for well-earned study and work breaks, plus a relaxing atmosphere for visits with friends and faculty.

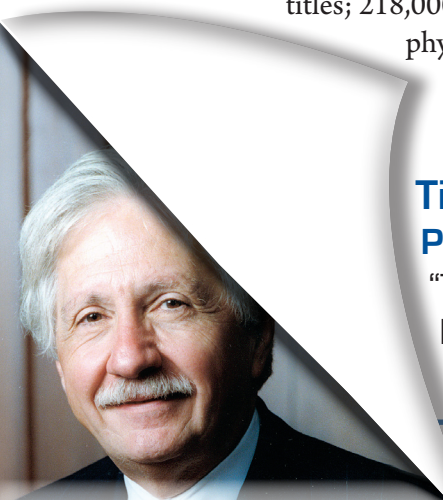


Students have embraced the library's services.

The Tribble Library will soon become the home of the Mariners’ Museum’s world-class collection. The Mariners’ Museum Library contains the largest maritime collection in the Western Hemisphere with 78,000 volumes, 1 million manuscript items, 600,000 photographs, and several thousand maps, charts and ships’ plans. International in scope, the collection spans six centuries with several titles dating back to the 1500s. Find out more at www.cnu.edu. ■

**Timothy J. Sullivan, President, CEO, The Mariners’ Museum
President Emeritus, The College of William & Mary**

“The union of The Mariners’ Museum archival collection and Christopher Newport University’s new library has created in one stroke a scholarly and educational resource without peer in our country.”





Academic Life





Elizabeth Taraski, *Vice President of University Advancement*

"Our No. 1 priority is to increase scholarship monies that are available to our students. Alumni and friends help to make this possible by supporting the Annual Fund for Academic Excellence as well as our scholarship endowment."

Canon Leadership Scholars Program *"Educating the Leaders of Tomorrow"*

Thanks to a unique and special partnership with Canon U.S.A. in New York and Canon Virginia, Inc. in Newport News, this fall 32 students chosen to participate in the CNU President's Leadership Program will become Canon Leadership Scholars. Each Canon Scholar will receive a \$5,000 merit scholarship over four years, for a total of \$20,000.

"Leaders are those who step out from the crowd and make a difference," said Takayoshi Hanagata, president and CEO of Canon Virginia, Inc., at the October 2007 press announcement. "Our hope and dream is that the Canon Leadership Scholars program will educate, develop and challenge students to make a positive impact on the world in which they live as well as on the lives of those around them."

To be considered for the Canon Leadership Scholars Program, students must have, among other qualifications, a minimum high school GPA of 3.75 and a minimum SAT

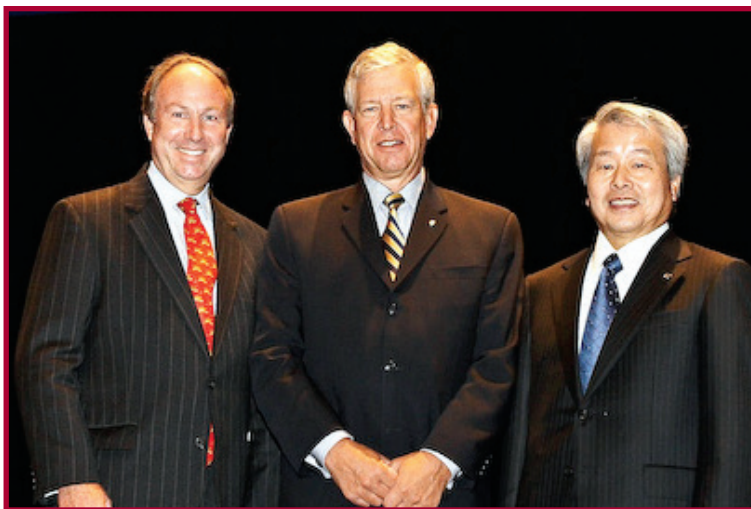
score of 1300. These CNU Canon Leadership Scholars have demonstrated excellence and exceptional potential in the areas of leadership, scholarship and citizenship. This inaugural group of extraordinary young people from seven states also has an average incoming GPA of 4.1 and an average SAT of 1352.

The Canon Leadership Scholars will pursue a rigorous

academic curriculum that leads to a minor in leadership studies. They will also take advantage of an array of enrichment activities, including guest speakers, foreign study opportunities, a summer outdoor leadership experience, internships and a public service requirement of 100 hours.

"Canon is a great corporate citizen known and respected around the world, and we are honored to receive this strong and generous support," said CNU President Paul Tribble. "Working together, our purpose is to empower these students

to become caring, knowledgeable and effective leaders in America and the world." ■



*President Paul Tribble, William Reed (Canon U.S.A.)
and Takayoshi Hanagata (Canon Virginia)*

JoAnn Falletta Endowed Scholarship

Christopher Newport University and the CNU Department of Music proudly celebrated the creation of the JoAnn Falletta Endowed Music Scholarship to honor Maestra Falletta, conductor of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

President Paul Tribble remarked, "This endowed scholarship will forever etch JoAnn Falletta's name in the life of CNU and this community, and she will continue to inspire musicians for eternity."

This was a historic first — never before has a university endowed a scholarship in Maestra Falletta's name. Acclaimed by *The New York Times* as "one of the finest conductors of her generation," she is one of the nation's few female conductors of a major symphony orchestra.

"I feel privileged to have this scholarship in my name for music students at CNU," says Maestra Falletta. "I love spending time at this university, and I have always loved playing in the Ferguson Center for the Arts."

The JoAnn Falletta Endowed Music Scholarship will provide talented young musicians with the opportunity to develop their highest potential as artists, scholars, composers, teachers or whatever path they choose to take in the field of music. ■



Maestra JoAnn Falletta

Reach for the Stars in 2008-09 at the Ferguson Center

CNU's Ferguson Center for the Arts continues to inspire, entertain and enchant patrons and performers alike. Since 2006, hundreds of thousands of people have enjoyed more than 200 world-class attractions in the Ferguson Center's three theaters.

The 2007-08 season was a huge success. Packed houses jumped to their feet for performances by David Copperfield, the Boston Pops, Peter Frampton, Clint Black, Martin Short and many more. And the summer of 2008 marked the premier season of Tidewater Regional Repertory Theatre at the Yoder Barn, the first professional theater company on the Virginia Peninsula.

From Broadway to ballet, classical to comedy, Ferguson Center's 2008-09 season brings the finest artists in the world to CNU. The season features more than 40 world-class attractions including:

- NBC's *Last Comic Standing*
- Capitol Steps
- Warsaw Philharmonic



- Burt Bacharach
- Doobie Brothers
- Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra Holiday Concert
- Michael Bolton
- Harlem Gospel Choir
- The Cleveland Orchestra with Maestro Kurt Masur
- Russian National Ballet's *Sleeping Beauty*
- José Carreras
- Garrison Keillor
- And so much more!



Special discounts are available for students and alumni. For information, call (757) 594-8752 or visit us online at www.fergusoncenter.org. ■



Future Teachers Poised for Success

Over the years, CNU has earned a reputation for producing stellar teachers. Continuing that tradition, 57 students completed

studies this year in the growing Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program.

Launched in 2003, the MAT program includes a partnership with Newport News Public Schools, which oversees all field experiences. Students become licensed teachers through a five-year plan promoting first-year professional success, and CNU students regularly receive high marks in four key areas: planning and preparation, classroom environment, instruction, and professionalism.

“Teaching is especially difficult,” says Dr. Marsha Sprague, director of teacher preparation. “The profession needs to take care of its young.” After four years, students earn a bachelor’s degree in a chosen subject; in the fifth year they complete graduate-level professional courses, culminating in a semester of student teaching.

Hands-on experience cultivates promising educators like **Brad Kraft** (’08), whose U.S. history teacher inspired his career choice. “He gave me confidence that I was good at it,” says Kraft, who will teach history at Blacksburg High School this fall. “Student teaching provided me with an exceptional experience.”

Kraft served as state president of the Student Virginia Education Association and was one of six CNU students to be named Virginia “Teachers of Promise” this year by the Teachers of Promise Institute. The honor recognizes Virginia’s brightest prospective teachers. The other honorees were 2008 graduates **Casey Brigman**, **Tiffany Gillispie**, **Rose Glass**, **Michelle Jenkins** and **Melissa Zawodny**. ■



“Teachers of Promise”:

Brad Kraft, Rose Glass, Michelle Jenkins, Casey Brigman, Melissa Zawodny and Tiffany Gillispie

Survey Says ... CNU Center Measures Public Opinion

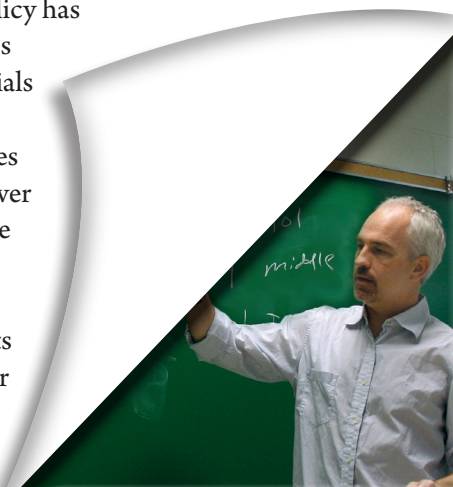
What do citizens across the commonwealth think about hot-button topics — health care, illegal immigration, public safety? CNU’s new **Center for Public Policy** is providing the answers as it promotes public discussion on key issues.

“I see the center first as a public service to Virginia,” says **Dr. Quentin Kidd**, who leads the center and chairs CNU’s Department of Government. “It gives CNU students the opportunity to take part in important, relevant research.”

Students involved in the center’s work reap dual benefits, enhancing their education while informing state leaders on public opinion. Kidd is one of many CNU professors who believe public service and student involvement in research will produce extraordinary results both on campus and throughout Virginia. As part of his vision, Kidd feels an increase in freely circulated information about public issues will lead to improved democracy and governance.

Surveys implemented this year measured opinions on several issues, such as the state’s budget deficit, transportation, public education, government leadership and the General Assembly’s legislative priorities. Results were then shared with legislators, leaders and citizens, often being cited in national media outlets like *The Washington Post* and ABC National News Network.

As the commonwealth’s only nonpartisan organization of its kind, the Center for Public Policy has already made significant strides toward providing elected officials with unbiased information as it focuses solely on policy issues within the state. “In Virginia over the past six years, public debate has not been well-informed,” Kidd says. The center aims to remedy the problem as it whets the public’s appetite for further dialogue to come. ■



Business Students Shine

With notable triumphs among their peers, business students made their mark this year. Following are two award-winning highlights:

- Five economics majors achieved an impressive feat by competing at the national level in the **Federal Reserve 2007 College Fed Challenge**. They did so by defeating 27 teams from Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina, including Chapel Hill, Duke and the University of Maryland. The CNU team then competed with distinction against Harvard, Northwestern University and SUNY-Geneseo in the national competition. CNU's winning team, mentored by **Dr. Robert Winder**, consisted of 2008 graduates **Mark Bock**, **Cynthia Gasch**, **Amber Kazlauskas**, **Jeff Pfeiffer** and **Josh Smith**.



Jeff Pfeiffer, Cynthia Gasch, Dr. Robert Winder,
Richmond Fed President Jeffrey M. Lacker, Mark Bock,
Amber Kazlauskas and Josh Smith

- A CNU team took first place in a national direct marketing competition, the highly coveted **Leonard J. Raymond Collegiate Gold ECHO**. In this prestigious competition, students turn theory into practice, developing a direct-marketing campaign for an actual corporate sponsor. Receiving the undergraduate award in fall 2007 were **Marc Aldridge**, **Chris Gregoire**, **Catherine Smagala** and **Andrew Vannatta**. The same team also received the Collegiate Marketing Award for Excellence and Innovation (MAXI), a regional contest CNU had won the previous three years. **Dr. Lisa Spiller** mentored the group. ■

Faculty Kudos

- **Dr. Brian Puaca** (History) and **Dr. Stavroula Kostaki-Gailey** (Mathematics) received the Fulbright Scholar Grant to lecture and conduct research abroad.
- **Dr. Hussam Timani** (Philosophy and Religious Studies) published his book *Modern Intellectual Readings of the Kharijites*, and **Dr. Xiaoqun Xu** (History) published *The Trial of Modernity: Judicial Reform in Early Twentieth-Century China, 1901-1937*.
- **Dr. Sharon Rowley** (English) was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Visiting Fellowship at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, U.K.
- **Dr. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch** (Leadership and American Studies) and **Dr. Nathan Busch** (Government) won a major grant from the Jack Miller Center to fund a post-doctoral fellowship program in the Center for American Studies and Civic Leadership.
- **Dr. Joseph Healey** (Sociology and Anthropology) was elected national president of Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology honors society.

Students Lend a Hand

As CNU prepares students for lives of significance and purpose, the University makes community service an integral part of the academic experience. During the 2007-08 school year, students in the President's Leadership Program (PLP) completed a cumulative 19,117 hours of community service.

For spring break 2008, 11 PLP students assisted Habitat for Humanity in Sumter, South Carolina. Accompanied by PLP Assistant Director Chris Fox, the team worked on two houses simultaneously, helping with roofing, framing and applying stucco.

Tara Burke ('10) sums up the trip: "We truly had a wonderful time helping Habitat. Our goal now is to spread the word about the organization, and to inspire others to take part in 'alternative' spring breaks." ■



CNU students turn learning into service.



Karen Schomaker '08, Communication Studies

"The North Africa trip has allowed me to be more understanding of people from other cultures. Even though our views may be different, we are all a part of this world, and together we can accomplish more than we ever could on our own."

A Worldwide Classroom

With opportunities spanning the globe, more and more CNU students are working and studying abroad. During the 2007-08 academic year, more than 300 students studied overseas, and their programs took them to virtually every continent.

The Office of International Programs assists students and faculty with researching, planning and implementing their foreign study programs. This past year, 31 CNU professors led foreign study experiences in countries around the world.

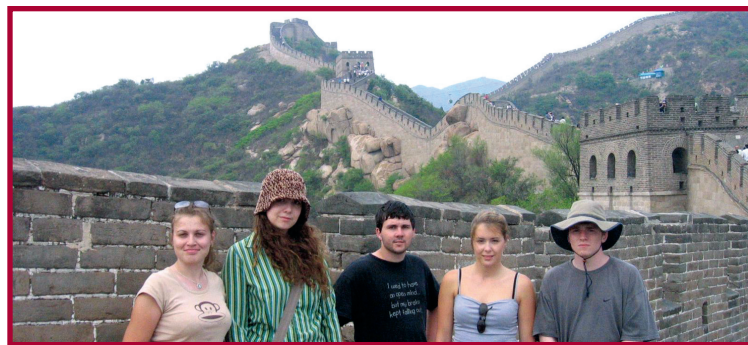
Throughout the year students also studied at the **CNU Study Center in Prague**. This beautiful city in Eastern Europe provides easy access to Dresden, Salzburg, Berlin, Vienna and Venice, introducing students to both rich cultures and historical sites.

Oxford University is another popular destination. CNU students study at the oldest university in the English-speaking world in summer programs led by Oxford dons and CNU professors. They also are able to attend Oxford during regular academic terms.

Over the last two years CNU and the U.S. State Department joined forces to implement an important cultural exchange program. In the first summer, 21 CNU students hosted 21 students from Algeria and Morocco who lived on our campus and learned about U.S. culture, values and traditions. The following summer these CNU students studied in **Morocco** and gained valuable insights about life in North Africa.

Elly Mui ('09) appreciates how this exchange fostered tolerance and understanding between cultures. "We need communication to bridge those boundaries," she says.

Initiatives like these and countless others offer endless possibilities to enhance the CNU experience. Students engage not only in academic endeavors overseas but also in service projects, internships and independent research – vast opportunities limited only by one's imagination. ■



Visiting the Great Wall of China

Notables on Campus

Prominent leaders recently visiting campus represented a "who's who" of business, government, academia and beyond. A few notables who shared their insights and expertise included:

- Governor Tim Kaine spoke at commencement.
- Pierre Vimont, ambassador of France to the United States, addressed "French Diplomacy on the Eve of the French Presidency."

- Larry Pope, president and CEO of Smithfield Foods Inc., discussed essential success factors, leadership skills and the value of community service.
- Thomas Powell, vice president and general manager of DuPont Advanced Fiber Systems, related leadership to business as part of the Executive Leader in Residence program. ■



Christopher Newport University in Virginia enrolls 5,000 students in rigorous academic programs through the College of Liberal Arts and the Joseph W. Luter, III College of Business and Leadership and offers great teaching, small classes and an emphasis on leadership, civic engagement and honor.



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