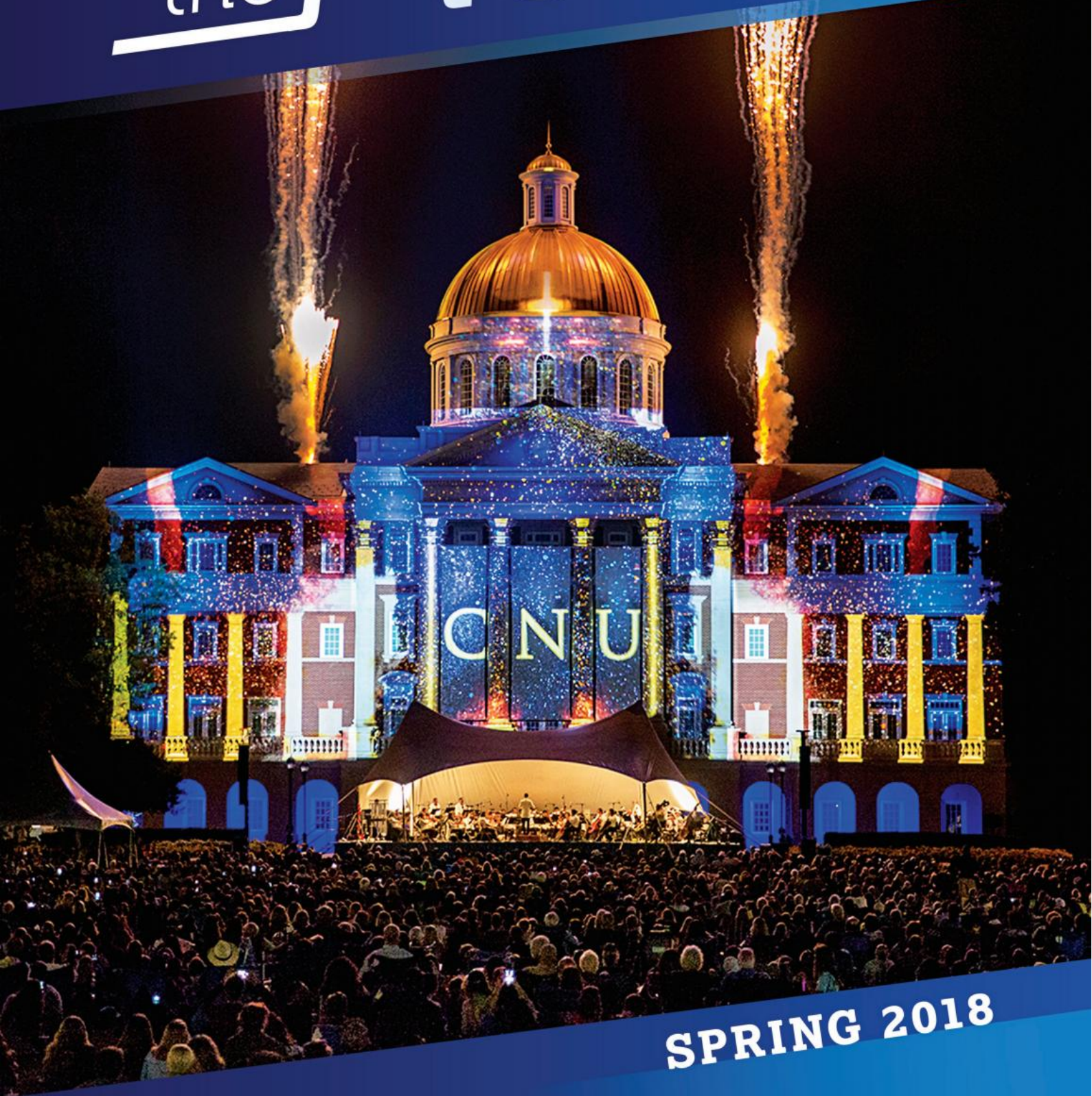


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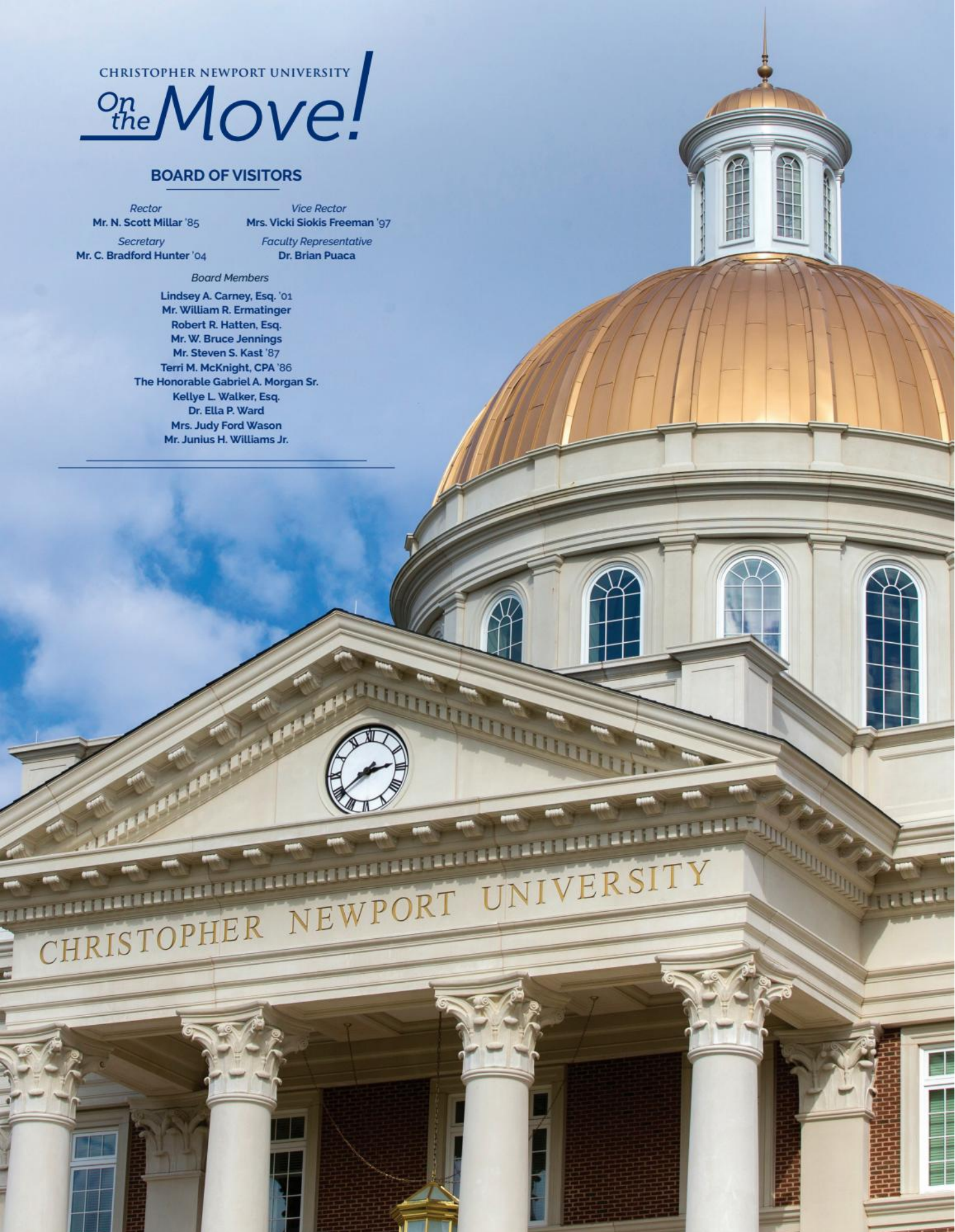
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FROM THE President

As we equip young women and men to achieve excellence in all things, they continue to graduate from Christopher Newport prepared to change the world. Now, thanks to our first comprehensive campaign, our students will make an even greater impact.

As this special edition of *On the Move* illustrates, we have much to celebrate. CNU's Defining Significance comprehensive campaign was not about one building, one project or one scholarship. It was about the whole university: every gift, from every source, for every purpose. Over the course of six years we raised \$66.2 million, far exceeding our \$42 million goal. Your generosity and love for Christopher Newport made this possible. We set the bar higher than ever, the possibilities were greater, and we were forever changed.

Through Defining Significance we expanded our reach and reputation, reconnected with alumni, and — most importantly — established a solid foundation of financial support to move confidently ahead.

The following are just a few campaign high points:

Together, we added 132 new scholarships and raised over \$17 million in support of new and existing scholarships.

When the campaign started, **we had no endowed professorships; we now have four.**

Senior-class giving grew from \$42,000 in 2012 to more than \$105,000 last year; similarly, **alumni giving jumped from 10 percent to 20.7 percent** during the same time period.

Parents emerged as one of our most generous donor groups, contributing more than \$7.5 million to the campaign.

Our faculty and staff truly love this place, with 95 percent of them making a gift during the last fiscal year.

This merely scratches the surface of our campaign successes. We are deeply grateful to each of you for making a positive difference in the life of Christopher Newport University.

Phyllis R. Riddle

A Celebration



to Remember

*O*n September 17, 2017, nearly 10,000 alumni, friends, parents and students joined Christopher Newport for the annual "Symphony Under the Stars" with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. That evening – which included a stunning light show and fireworks – the University also announced final totals for the Defining Significance comprehensive campaign.

The numbers shared were extraordinary as CNU surpassed every fundraising goal – thanks to the countless donors whose generosity will make a positive impact for years to come.



Emily Egress '17 addresses CNU's campaign contributors.





Thousands of guests enjoy the musical sounds of the Virginia Symphony.



DEFINING SIGNIFICANCE

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

CAMPAIGN REPORT

Defining Significance — *Six Years of Milestones*

July 1, 2011–June 30, 2017

August 2011

Mary Brock Forbes Hall and The Freeman Center expansion both open.

July 2011

The comprehensive campaign's silent phase begins.



September 2011

Christopher Newport holds the 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration.



January 2012

Comprehensive campaign focus groups begin to meet.

June 2012

The campaign plan is presented to the Board of Visitors.

September 2013

The Encore Society at the Ferguson Center for the Arts is launched.



October 2013

CNU dedicates the University's new – and largest – academic building, Joseph W. Luter, III Hall.



February 2014

CNU kicks off the public phase of Defining Significance.



March 2015

Christopher Newport celebrates the University's first CNU Day.



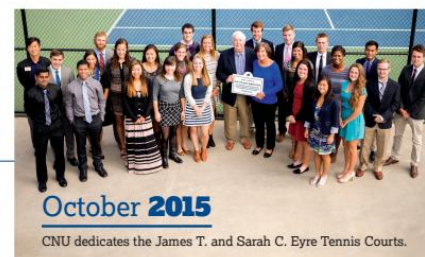
August 2015

Christopher Newport Hall opens.



October 2015

CNU dedicates the James T. and Sarah C. Eyre Tennis Courts.



August 2012

Warwick River Hall, a new home for sophomores, opens.

September 2012

The campaign Executive Council meets for the first time.



February 2013

CNU celebrates the opening of the Pope Chapel.

July 2013

The first Torggler Summer Vocal Institute convenes.



August 2013

Upper-class students move into the new Rappahannock River Hall.

May 2014

The trading room in Joseph W. Luter, III Hall is dedicated in honor of C. Marcus "Marc" Cooper Jr.



October 2014

Christopher Newport dedicates the H. Dieter and Mary Elizabeth Hoinkes Plaza, including the Bell Tower and an exedra.

October 2014

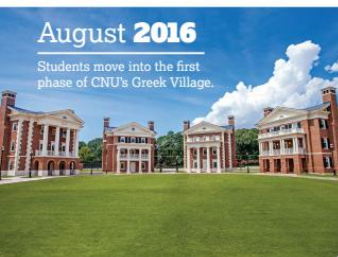
The LifeLong Learning Society holds a 25th anniversary celebration.

April 2014

The Alumni Society establishes the first out-of-state chapter in Atlanta, Georgia.

August 2016

Students move into the first phase of CNU's Greek Village.



December 2016

The 20/40/70 Celebration honors President Paul Tryble's 20 years leading CNU, 40 years serving the Commonwealth and 70th birthday.



February 2017

The Gregory P. Klich Alumni House celebrates its grand opening.

June 2017

The comprehensive campaign comes to a close.



September 2017

The Campaign Celebration draws thousands to the Great Lawn for a Virginia Symphony concert and an incredible fireworks and light show.

To all who gave, thank you!

Thank You, Campaign Leadership

Christopher Newport extends sincere thanks to the women and men who served on the Board of Visitors and the campaign Executive Council during Defining Significance. All of them gave generously of their time and treasure, contributing so much to our success.

PAUL TRIBLE

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FROM THE
Chairman

I grew up in Newport News and have invested my life's work here. I have also witnessed the dramatic transformation of Christopher Newport and the school's positive impact on Hampton Roads and our quality of life. While I am not a CNU graduate myself, in many ways this is my university – one that makes dreams come true. That is why I agreed to chair Christopher Newport's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, Defining Significance.

Through the years I have participated in many campaigns, and the Executive Council for Defining Significance was exceptional. The campaign's primary volunteer leadership group, these individuals gave generously of their time, meeting regularly over the past six years. Every council member also contributed to the campaign personally, making a major gift to support CNU programs, scholarships and initiatives.

When we launched Defining Significance, we knew we would learn things we never dreamed and encounter all kinds of surprises. Let me share a few.

Christopher Newport received **more than \$24 million in "surprise" gifts**. This includes contributors who gave at far greater levels than we ever imagined, as well as gifts received that were truly unexpected.

The University now has **28 "million-dollar" lifetime supporters**. Of these, more than half – 17 – joined this prestigious group during the campaign.

Our corporate friends responded in extraordinary ways. They are clearly grateful for the positive difference Christopher Newport and its remarkable students make in our community – and their investment was nothing short of incredible.

Faculty, staff and alumni love CNU, and they care about the University's students. Consider the new Lighthouse Fund – an "angel" fund that provides assistance to students in crisis. In just three short years the Lighthouse endowment grew to nearly \$300,000.

A campaign of this magnitude requires a strong, dedicated team, and we had the best. From the campaign Executive Council and CNU Board of Visitors, to the Education Foundation board, Real Estate Foundation board, Alumni Society board, university administration, and countless volunteers, each partner invested fully in our vision.

I am proud of what we accomplished together through this campaign, which we detail further in our report. CNU Captains believe it is their privilege and honor to leave the world in better shape than they found it. Through your support of Defining Significance, you have helped to begin the financial assurance that this University – OUR university – has the means to give them the best possible educational experience so they can do just that.

PRESIDENT AND CEO
W.M. JORDAN COMPANY

As CNU embarked on the comprehensive campaign, the University identified five key priorities: Scholarships, the Alumni House, Faculty Excellence and Great Teaching, Programs of Distinction, and Annual Giving and Unrestricted Support.



Campaign Priority

Scholarships

Christopher Newport seeks students who are thinkers, leaders, young women and men with brilliant minds who hunger for the best in a liberal arts and sciences education. Through more and larger scholarship packages, CNU will compete with the world's best institutions, creating a community of scholars who lead lives of meaning and purpose.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT represented the single greatest need of Defining Significance as the combination of great students and great teaching defines excellence at CNU. Exceptional merit-based scholarships ensure we adequately recognize the accomplishments of top-flight students. Competitive need-based scholarships help us retain students with the skill and desire to succeed here who would otherwise be forced elsewhere by financial limitations.

Thanks to donors invested in the University's vision,

Christopher Newport made great strides during the campaign. The end result was nothing short of incredible. During the comprehensive campaign we created 132 new scholarship funds (44 endowed, 88 expendable). Overall, CNU raised \$17.1 million toward new and existing scholarships (\$11.3 million endowed, \$5.8 million expendable). This includes the first endowed scholarship supporting academically distinguished students who have overcome unusual adversity, as well as those from underrepresented groups that enrich CNU's campus diversity.

Read more about new scholarships created during the comprehensive campaign on page 35 of *On the Move*.



"As a Riverside Scholar and pre-med student, I have experienced shadowing opportunities at Riverside Hospital. I have been deeply immersed in the world of trauma surgery and critical care; this has created some profound and meaningful lessons and memories. I was recently accepted to the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Virginia where I will matriculate in August 2018 and graduate as a doctor of osteopathic medicine in the spring of 2022. Without the generosity, encouragement and inspiration from mentors and benefactors, my dreams would not come true."

REBECCA BOHLMANN '18, Port Royal, Virginia
 Endowed Honors Scholarship, Riverside Medical Group Annual Scholarship
 Cellular, Molecular and Physiological Biology Major, Leadership Studies Minor



FAMILY HONORS BROTHER'S MEMORY

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING a rescue mission on October 25, 1983, Marine Corps Captain John P. (Pat) Giguere '72 sat in the cockpit of his Cobra attack helicopter when the aircraft was hit by enemy forces and crashed into the sea. Giguere and his co-pilot were awarded the Silver Star for valor.

Friends and classmates chose to honor Giguere's memory by establishing a scholarship to assist other Christopher Newport students pursuing leadership positions in the military. His two sisters, Janet Clarke '68 (pictured right) and Mary Giguere '89, made a major gift toward the initiative.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Pat Giguere completed officer candidate school and received his commission in the Marine Corps. It was in the service that he found his calling. "We want his memory to remain here," says Clarke. "He found his way through this school. Even though his life was very short, Christopher Newport pulled it all together for him and helped him do what he wanted to do in the Marine Corps." Nearly \$28,000 was raised for the Pat Giguere Memorial Scholarship on CNU Day 2015.

"I am so humbled to have been chosen as the recipient for the very first Pat Giguere Memorial Scholarship; Pat was truly an American hero. Upon graduation, I was the first commissioned officer in my family, and I intend to honor Pat's memory with my actions as a gentleman and leader. It is my hope and intention to someday give back to this scholarship. I will always remember what Pat did for this country and will strive to emulate him as I take my turn to lead."

2nd LT.
 BRENDAN BURCH '17,
 Waynesboro, Virginia
 Pat Giguere Memorial
 Annual Scholarship
 History Major





Campaign Priority Alumni House

Welcome home, Captains! With more than 50 years of graduates – 25,000 strong – now was the perfect time to build a permanent campus home honoring those who bring so much pride to their alma mater.



SCOTT MILLAR '85
Rector, Board of Visitors

VERALL, CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT raised more than \$1.9 million toward the Alumni House – more than \$1.7 million of that during the comprehensive campaign. A grand opening took place February 24, 2017.

“It is here, in this very special place that we dedicate today, where the CNU legacy becomes more than just each of us – and where the collective dreams of future generations of Captains are embraced and realized.” — SCOTT MILLAR '85

The Gregory P. Klich Alumni House provides the perfect setting for special activities: large gatherings of up to 300 people, intimate family events, receptions and meetings. It also houses offices for the Department of Alumni Relations and helps the University preserve and share Christopher Newport's rich history.



Gregg Klich joined by his daughter, Hannah, and Captain Chris

BUILDING NAMED FOR ALUMNUS

THE ALUMNI HOUSE represents the first campus building to bear the name of a Christopher Newport alumnus. A Hampton Roads real-estate developer and investor, Gregory Klich '84 earned a degree in governmental administration at Christopher Newport and made a generous contribution toward the Alumni House's construction and furnishings.

In 1997 he received the University's Distinguished Alumni Award. Two years later, in 1999, he endowed the Klich Award, a \$5,000 cash prize given at each commencement to the graduate with the highest grade-point average.





Campaign Priority

Faculty Excellence and Great Teaching

Investigation and discovery flourish when students collaborate in small classes led by world-class teacher-scholars. To promote faculty excellence, Christopher Newport seeks to provide every resource that will allow professors to remain on the cutting edge of their fields.

FUNDS RAISED through Defining Significance will help us support faculty in key ways: establishing endowed chairs, funding research, providing faculty stipends, rewarding faculty achievement and attracting mentors who enrich the student experience. Thanks to the comprehensive campaign, we now have **four endowed professorships** – two fully funded in business and music, and two that will be funded through estate gifts. Equally encouraging, CNU students themselves have financially supported their professors' work.

The Class of 2013 raised almost \$50,000 to create the

Faculty Development Fund, which honors faculty members who show distinction in service and scholarship. This fund annually recognizes one faculty member from each college who distinguishes him or herself in both student mentoring, service to the campus community and through a proposal for an upcoming mentorship opportunity beyond the classroom.

Initiatives like this help the University honor a commitment to those students who call CNU "home," providing an abundant liberal learning environment led by a superb faculty.

FAMILY SUPPORTS EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE

CNU PARENTS Anthony and Gina Celli were introduced to Christopher Newport when daughter Kacie '17 transferred here. "We joined the President's Circle and immediately felt a part of the CNU family," the Cellis note.

When presented with the opportunity to participate in the comprehensive campaign, the Cellis chose to support the Luter School's Executive in Residence program. Through this initiative, students receive one-on-one career counseling and advising on prospective career choices and

also connect with top business leaders who visit campus for presentations and guest lectures. Lance Drummond serves as Luter's first executive in residence. He previously served TD Canada Trust as an executive vice president.

"As my wife and I were both on Wall Street, we know that having an opportunity to learn from someone in the workplace is an essential part of a business program," Anthony notes. In addition to Kacie, the Cellis are the proud parents of Sean '20, Christopher and Noelle.

FIRST ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

"Christopher Newport University's reputation for educational excellence and desire to distinguish its undergraduate business school as first among equals creates a very compelling situation – one I could not pass by. I am delighted to have this opportunity to work with excellent students, an accomplished faculty and a committed administration to expand the reach, reputation and impact of the Luter School of Business."

DR. GEORGE EBBS

Dean, Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business
Silas O. and Myrtle S. Jennings Professor



DEVELOPMENT FUND FUELS DISCOVERY

ABSTRACT BY DESIGN, philosophy is generally something one informally debates rather than formally practices. But for Dr. Elizabeth Jelinek, it is her bread and butter – something she lives and breathes. "My main area of specialization is Plato's cosmology; I also have research interests in contemporary philosophy of science," says the 2013 recipient of a Faculty Development Fund award, which allowed her to conduct research on Plato's metaphysics with a group of students.

Jelinek embraces CNU's mission of inspiring young women and men to lead lives of significance. She notes, "Recognizing that many students thrive from intellectual challenges that extend beyond the regular classroom curriculum, I – with encouragement and support from the faculty and administration – have created and continue to create opportunities for students that enrich them both academically and personally."

DR. ELIZABETH JELINEK
Faculty Development
Fund Recipient





Campaign Priority

Programs of Distinction

A well-rounded education occurs both inside and outside the classroom. Through exceptional academics, arts, athletics and more, Christopher Newport prepares students to do anything and to make a difference in the world. Now, thanks to generous support, we will further expand academic opportunities and elevate programs already among the nation's best.

WE EXPERIENCED several campaign successes within this priority area. A major highlight was the opening of the Trading Room in Joseph W. Luter, III Hall, which honors the life of C. Marcus "Marc" Cooper (1950-2010). The facility features a stock ticker, Bloomberg software and trading computers used by students and faculty in the Luter School of Business. It took just six months to meet the project's \$500,000 goal.



The C. Marcus "Marc" Cooper Trading Room enriches learning for business students.

to raise \$1 million in major gift support for CNU Athletics, plus \$150,000 in annual contributions. CNU far exceeded both goals, with \$1.6 million in major gift support and an average of \$180,000 per year in annual contributions.

Turning our focus to the fine and performing arts, we raised over \$2 million in operational support for the Ferguson Center for the Arts and more than \$2.5 million in support of fine

To enhance programs for student-athletes, we set out and performing arts academic programs.

A PASSION FOR CNU HONORS

FOR DR. JAY PAUL, Director of Christopher Newport's Honors Program, an appreciation for Christopher Newport and the University's students inspires his daily work. "Coming here turned out to be a fortunate move, giving me the chance to try a lot of different things," he says.

In 2008 Dr. Paul was tasked with transforming Honors at CNU, which recently launched its ninth student cohort under the revised curriculum – and today boasts more than 500 students. "The opportunity to be involved in this program is the best thing that's happened to me professionally. I'm having the time of my life," says Paul, who with

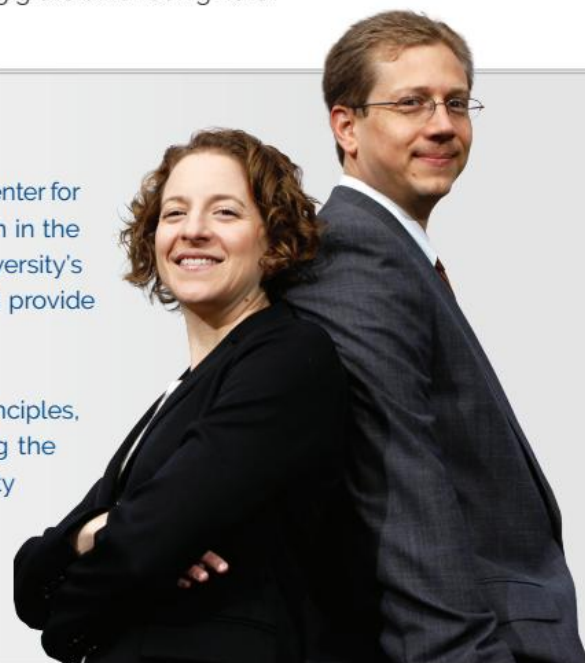
his wife, Joanne, makes a substantial financial gift to the Honors Program each year.

The couple's support has a direct impact on the young women and men enrolled in Honors, making possible additional \$1,000 summer research stipends that provide valuable hands-on learning. "To me the best thing that comes out of this is adding meaningful bullet points to students' resumes," notes Paul, who exudes the same passion for Christopher Newport that he did when the English professor arrived on campus in 1978. "I have never stopped being grateful for being here."

FUNDRAISING FUELS CENTER'S WORK

DR. NATHAN BUSCH AND DR. ELIZABETH KAUFER BUSCH founded the Center for American Studies (CAS) at CNU in 2007 to help enhance civic education in the Commonwealth. The professors raised over \$1 million as part of the University's comprehensive campaign, helping to support numerous initiatives and provide quality programming for Christopher Newport students.

The CAS supports teaching and research about America's founding principles, economic system and national security. It achieves this by supporting the University's major in American studies and minor in U.S. national security studies, hosting conferences and guest speakers on campus, and helping to cultivate paid internship opportunities, both within the Center and outside CNU.



Anne Cunningham (left) and Iva Miller at the LLS Writers Conference

LLS EXPERIENCES STRONG GROWTH

THE LIFELONG LEARNING SOCIETY (LLS) provides diverse programming for retirement-age people seeking opportunities for learning and fellowship. During the comprehensive campaign, the group experienced tremendous growth – from 473 members to 753.

Donor support received, plus partnerships with various local groups, keeps LLS membership fees affordable. It also helped the group purchase audiovisual equipment for the Yoder Barn, where most classes take place. LLS has also established two endowed scholarships at Christopher Newport supported through annual fundraising, and many LifeLong Learners have included Christopher Newport in their wills.



Campaign Priority

Annual Giving and Unrestricted Support

Just as a growing endowment helps the University meet long-term needs of students, faculty and programs, annual support allows CNU to care for them now. Annual gifts make a profound difference, especially when pooled toward a specific purpose, demonstrating the magnitude of what combined annual gifts can accomplish.

20%

ALUMNI PARTICIPATION
from 10 to over 20 percent

688

SENIOR CLASS GIVING
from 450 to 688 participants

95%

FACULTY-STAFF GIVING
from 76 to 95 percent

THROUGHOUT THE comprehensive campaign, the number of participants in annual-giving programs continued to grow at substantial rates (see above).

Beyond annual giving, major-gift unrestricted support

raised in the campaign will allow Christopher Newport to address areas of greatest need, both now and for the future. This includes funding scholarships and providing emergency support to aid current students, among other initiatives.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS MEET GREATEST NEEDS

UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT received during the comprehensive campaign allows Christopher Newport to address the University's areas of greatest need and opportunity, both now and in the future.

"Unrestricted support is absolutely the most valuable support that any institution and any leader of an institution can receive. The University and the president have fleeting opportunities to which they have the chance to respond and react and make a wise decision, because after that the opportunity is gone," notes Campaign Chairman John Lawson. "Certainly, there are also unexpected

challenges in the life of any organization, and the University and its leaders need the flexibility to respond with confidence and creativity and be decisive in their actions. And then, of course, it's knowing that you have resources to support things you just dream up. That's what unrestricted money does."

A substantial portion of the campaign's unrestricted support is tied to estate gifts CNU will receive in the future. This provides a strong statement of faith in Christopher Newport as donors are willing to pledge money now to be used when and where it is most needed, including scholarships.



ALUMNI ANCHORS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

ALUMNI GIVING represents one mark of a great university. In the publication's annual college rankings, *U.S. News & World Report* reserves tier-one status for institutions that meet the highest levels of excellence, which includes the percentage of alumni donors.

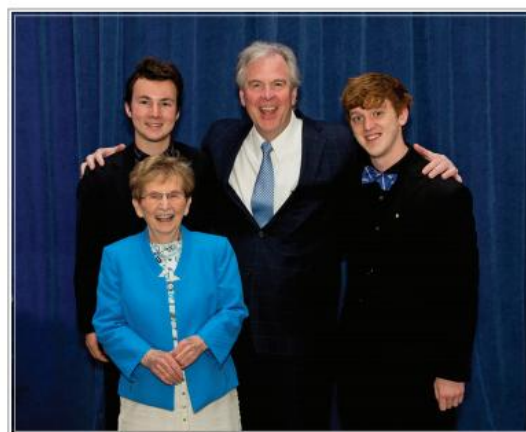
The Christopher Newport Alumni Society Anchors – a new recognition group established during Defining Significance – include the University's most faithful alumni donors. These individuals have given financially to Christopher Newport for three or more consecutive years, and gifts of any amount, for any campus area, count toward membership.

Through their generosity, these alumni make a profound difference in the life of Christopher Newport and demonstrate what it means to lead lives of significance.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC HITS 25

FRIENDS OF MUSIC celebrated a silver anniversary during Defining Significance. Created in 1992 by Dr. Mark Reimer, the group helps raise money for scholarships, instruments, music, equipment and student travel. Since its inception, Friends of Music has raised nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships, which attract outstanding performers and scholars who breathe new life into the Music Department's classrooms, studios and ensembles.

For the 2016-17 academic year, Friends of Music enjoyed a 5 percent increase in gifts and pledges, and memberships totaled a record \$72,000. Through its music scholarship program, Friends of Music awarded an all-time high of \$95,000 to 75 bright and talented young musicians that year.



Celebrating the Lt. Col. Ed D'Alfonso Endowed Music Scholarship (from left) are Helen J. D'Alfonso, recipient James Lehman, Dr. Mark Reimer and recipient Charles Smith.

**\$66.2M
RAISED**

**\$42M
GOAL**

The numbers illustrated to the right represent just a few of our many campaign successes.



**\$7.5
MILLION
CONTRIBUTED
BY PARENTS**

**\$1.2
MILLION
RAISED THROUGH
CNU DAY**



**95%
FACULTY-STAFF
GIVING**

**\$24.5
MILLION
TO SUPPORT 280+
CAMPUS PROGRAMS**





**\$17.1
MILLION
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**



**19,605
TOTAL NEW DONORS
9,373
NEW ALUMNI DONORS**



**280%
GROWTH IN TOTAL
ALUMNI DONORS**



**\$1.6
MILLION
FOR ATHLETICS**



What's Next?

The Long-Term Impact of Planned Gifts

Planned Giving enables financial contributors to reach a level of support that they might not be able to achieve during their lifetime. By making CNU the beneficiary of a will, remainder trust or life insurance policy, donors invest in the future of the University, allowing it to plan with confidence. For details on how to include CNU in your planned giving, contact Keith Roots at keith.roots@cnu.edu.



**H. DIETER AND
MARY ELIZABETH
(MARY LIB) HOINKES**

"What we have witnessed in the growth of this university over the years is astounding."

MARY LIB HOINKES

CNU BENEFACTORS H. Dieter and Mary Elizabeth (Mary Lib) Hoinkes both enjoyed successful careers in public service – Dieter working 40 years at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and Mary Lib serving 20-plus years in arms control and environmental protection. In 2014 the University dedicated the H. Dieter and Mary Elizabeth Hoinkes Plaza in their honor. Located between McMurran Hall and Forbes Hall, it includes CNU's Bell Tower and an exedra.

At CNU the couple established the Howard and Elizabeth M. Wahrenbrock endowed merit scholarship in honor of Mary Lib's parents. This annual award

supports a student in the President's Leadership Program. Additionally, they have made CNU a major beneficiary of their will, with no restrictions, allowing the money to be used where it is most needed.

While both are Encore Society members, Mary Lib also previously served on Christopher Newport's Board of Visitors. "Being part of the CNU family has been one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives," she says. "What we have witnessed in the growth of this university over the years is astounding. Everyone who has participated should be deeply proud."



DR. CHIP TRIESHMANN

ALTHOUGH HE RETIRED from active medical practice in 2007, Dr. Chip Triesmann continues to serve as an orthopedic surgery consultant at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton, Virginia.

A longtime friend of Christopher Newport, he made CNU the owner and beneficiary of a \$250,000 life insurance policy and previously donated

appreciated stock securities. Triesmann has served as both rector and vice rector on CNU's Board of Visitors, as a past board adviser for the Luter School of Business, and as a campaign Executive Council member.

"CNU has been wonderful for the community," he says. "It's also great for the individuals who attend and work here, and it's definitely worthy of support."



ROBERT AND RAMONA DEAL

"We wanted not just the right school for our daughter but the right school for our family."

RAMONA DEAL

ROBERT AND RAMONA DEAL, parents of Jessica '15, have supported Christopher Newport in numerous ways: from establishing endowed and annual scholarships and co-chairing the Parents' Fund, to serving on the comprehensive campaign's Executive Council. They also will one day establish a new endowed professorship in the STEM disciplines through a provision in their will. During freshman orientation and admission events, they have related their positive CNU experience to prospective families.

"We can't say enough about the family

experience here," says Ramona, who serves on the board of the Education Foundation. "We wanted not just the right school for our daughter but the right school for our family. Clearly, we found that." The Deals have also made CNU the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Through this arrangement, the couple pays the premiums and receives a tax deduction.

"This allows us to obtain quite a substantial policy for a lower premium because it's insuring two lives under one policy – and gives us a way to make a significant gift," Robert notes.



MIKE AND PATTY MARTIN

WHEN MATTHEW MARTIN '05 attended Christopher Newport, his parents connected with CNU in significant ways. A former rector of CNU's Board of Visitors, Mike Martin currently serves on the CNU Real Estate Foundation while Patty Martin previously served on the board of the Education Foundation. Both were Executive Council members for the campaign, and they have supported the University through gifts to such initiatives as scholarships and the Alumni House, in addition to planned giving.

The couple had sought a way to leave a lasting legacy, choosing to make CNU the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy. As part of their planned gift, Mike and Patty pay the annual premium on their life insurance policy as a gift to Christopher Newport.

Demonstrated through their longstanding partnership with CNU, the Martins champion the University's emphasis on leading lives of significance. "Our family has embraced that; we will continue to embrace it," Mike says.



BLAIR AND LINDA THOMPSON

A SKILLFUL FINANCIAL PLANNER, Blair Thompson has a strong affinity for CNU. He and his wife, Linda, are the proud parents of three children — two Christopher Newport graduates, Adam '15 and Eric '17, and daughter Remy '22.

To support the University, Thompson established a charitable remainder annuity trust at Christopher Newport — the first for the University's Education Foundation. He saw multiple benefits, both for

CNU and himself, and the process has been simple. Thompson presented CNU with stock and receives a tax deduction for establishing the trust. In return, he earns an income stream from dividends for a set number of years.

This win-win arrangement helped fund his children's education while supporting higher learning at Christopher Newport. "I really love CNU," Thompson says. "Every time we come, it makes us want to go back to college."

What's Next?

Crowdfunding Arrives at CNU

As organizations break ground in today's global world, they increasingly make use of crowdfunding websites to raise financial support.

A NEW TOOL for fundraising has arrived at Christopher Newport. Sites like GoFundMe and Kickstarter allow the public to help fund new projects and initiatives. Recognizing crowdfunding's vast potential and proven track record, CNU, too, is raising support via crowdfunding at cnu.edu/callingallcaptains.

Through this collaborative tool, alumni and friends can make an online gift to support current student projects in need of funding. Any anchor organization – one tied directly to the University – can apply to be featured on the site.



CNU is now raising support for student projects at cnu.edu/callingallcaptains.

Recent requests have helped fund student travel for multiple initiatives: the International Student Unmanned Aerial Systems Competition, the Summer Scholars program and the softball team's participation in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic.

University Advancement will update the site frequently with new funding opportunities, with most featured for a couple of weeks. A new slate of opportunities were unveiled for CNU Day 2018 in March.



Rankings:

Significant Recognition

Over the course of Defining Significance, Christopher Newport continued to earn high marks for the quality and rigor of the University's academic programs. Perhaps nowhere was CNU's upward trajectory more evident than through the annual rankings received from *U.S. News & World Report*.

☆☆☆ Public Regional Universities in the South

Year		Rank
2018	★	4
2017	★	5
2016	★	5
2015	★	7
2014	★	7
2013	★	8
2012	★	9

☆☆☆ All Regional Universities in the South

Year		Rank
2018	★	11
2017	★	14
2016	★	14
2015	★	17
2014	★	18
2013	★	23
2012	★	26

MORE NOTABLE RECOGNITION



ACTA
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF
TRUSTEES AND ALUMNI

Became the nation's only public institution to earn a perfect "A" rating for the strength of its curriculum – an honor CNU received twice

Bloomberg Businessweek

Luter named a top 100 undergraduate business school

Kiplinger's
PERSONAL FINANCE

Earned ongoing recognition as one of the "Best Values in Public Colleges"

The
Princeton
Review®

Enjoyed annual inclusion in the *Best Colleges* publication – plus top rankings for "Best College Dorms," "Most Engaged in Community Service" and "Best College Theater"

Forbes

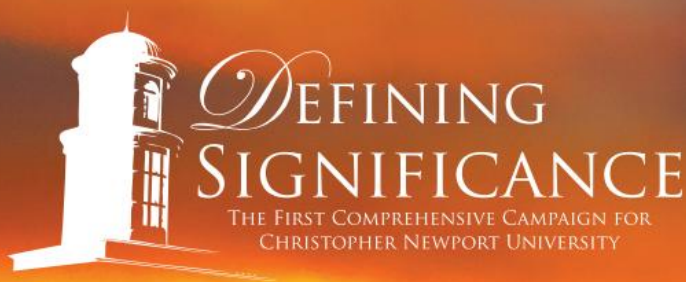
Recognized as a top 5 medium-sized public college in the South, among other accolades earned during the campaign

**COLLEGES
OF
DISTINCTION**

CNU included in a top national guide to exceptional colleges

*When you ask people to
give their very best,
they will astound
you with their success.*

PRESIDENT PAUL TRIBLE





*Read additional stories about the campaign – under the heading
“Profiles in Significance” – throughout the following pages of On the Move.*

CAMPUS NEWS

Top Recognition for CNU

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT CONTINUES to receive high marks from several notable publications and organizations.

U.S. News & World Report ranked Christopher Newport fourth among public regional universities in the South and 11th among all regional universities in the South.

The Princeton Review included the University in the group's publication *The Best 382 Colleges, 2018 Edition*. Just 15 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges

receive this annual distinction. Christopher Newport ranked high in several categories, placing No. 10 for "Best College Dorms," No. 15 for "Most Engaged in Community Service" and No. 20 for "Best College Theater."

Christopher Newport was also included on the *Forbes* list of America's Top Colleges for 2017, as well as *Money* magazine's listing of the Best Colleges for Your Money. In addition, *Top Master's in Education* ranked CNU's graduate program in elementary education No. 5 in the nation.



Cunningham Welcome Center Unveiled

THE UNIVERSITY recently unveiled the H. Westcott Cunningham Welcome Center in Christopher Newport Hall, which honors Christopher Newport's first president and greets future Captains each day.

A 1943 graduate of the College of William & Mary, H. Westcott "Scotty" Cunningham served as his alma mater's dean of admission and student aid after a tenure in the U.S. Navy. Eventually, the college's president, Admiral Alvin Duke Chandler, asked Cunningham to become director of a new junior college created by the Virginia General Assembly. On July 7, 1960, Cunningham accepted the offer, and in 1961 he, along with his wife, Cecil Cary, and their children, Ann and Todd,



President Paul Tribble with Cecil Cary Cunningham, Ann Cunningham Stachura and Rosemary Tribble at the dedication

moved to Newport News to lead Christopher Newport College.

"While our beautiful campus has changed over the years, with new buildings and programs emerging in support of the remarkable students who call Christopher Newport home, Scotty's values and vision are always evident," says President Paul Tribble. "We want every individual who visits this campus to be reminded of Scotty's life of significance and his many contributions to our success."

"I am so pleased about the Welcome Center – and also delighted to return to a place that holds such happy memories for me. Many thanks to Paul and Rosemary Tribble for planning this wonderful tribute," Cunningham's wife, Cecil Cary, stated at the announcement.

University's Accreditation Reaffirmed

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) has reaffirmed Christopher Newport's accreditation. Based on an independent assessment, this decision certifies the University's compliance with wide-ranging requirements and signifies that rigorous standards have been met.

Part of the reaffirmation process required CNU to develop a plan that addresses a well-defined topic related to enhancing student learning and/or the learning environment. In response, a new initiative developed by students, faculty and staff showcased Christopher Newport's commitment to undergraduate research. Called Research LENS, it fosters an environment where students "Learn, Explore, Navigate and Share" their academic and intellectual interests.

"The faculty and staff of Christopher Newport University are



Christopher Newport showcased undergraduate research as part of the accreditation reaffirmation process.

the very best. They bring their talents, passion and commitment to student learning and achievement to our campus every single day," says President Paul Tribble. "I am pleased that SACSCOC recognizes our commitment to provide students with a rich and rigorous educational experience."

PROFILES IN SIGNIFICANCE

CNU Day

"I support CNU Day because I received such a solid foundation at Christopher Newport for all aspects of my adult life. I want to be a part of passing that along to others."

RYAN BRADLEY '09


CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$1,158,593

Over the past few years, Captains worldwide have joined forces on CNU Day to raise vital funds for the University. Launched in 2015 during the comprehensive campaign, the event has become an annual tradition that continues to grow.

In just the first three years Christopher Newport raised over \$1 million, thanks to the generosity of 4,300 donors – of which 2,229 were alumni. CNU Day has also made a significant impact on social media, trending on Twitter and reaching millions of online users as alumni and friends post stories and celebratory photos of themselves holding CNU flags.

The final CNU Day of the campaign on March 14, 2017, carried the theme "Transformation Tuesday," highlighting CNU's rich history of transforming lives. The featured initiative – Leave Your Mark – provided a special way for donors to leave a permanent legacy on campus by purchasing a brick for the Gregory P. Klich Alumni House. Contributors that day also showed strong support for CNU students. Overall, more than \$330,000 was raised for academic scholarships.





Honored to Serve

*Christopher Newport welcomes Dan Woloszynowski
as the University's new police chief.*

WHEN DAN WOLOSZYNOWSKI FIRST VISITED campus in 2013 he never imagined he would become Christopher Newport's police chief just four years later. A former resident agent in charge of the Norfolk Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), he brings to CNU extensive experience in local, state and federal law enforcement.

"I am honored and humbled to join this team of top-notch professionals," Woloszynowski (*pronounced Wolo-z-now-ski*) says. "I look forward to serving alongside the hard-working women and men of the Christopher Newport Police Department."

Recalling his first visit here, Woloszynowski says he quickly recognized the University's strong sense of community. "I noticed that it was a special place, as well as the teamwork that existed. I'm always interested in people who can work in a team," he notes. Shortly thereafter, while attending an admission Open House with family, his first impressions were confirmed when President Paul Tribble gave an address that articulated Christopher Newport's values.

"I was locked into his conversation. I'm all about teamwork, integrity and leadership. These are the principles I try and live my life by," says Woloszynowski, who earned a BS in criminal justice from Syracuse University and an MS in forensic science from George Washington University. He is also a graduate of

the ATF National Academy, the United States Secret Service Training Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy.

Prior to joining the ATF, Woloszynowski served as a special agent with the United States Secret Service for seven years and as an Arlington County police officer for five. He has received numerous ATF and Secret Service superior performance awards, both as a supervisor and criminal investigator; earned eight public service awards from the United States Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C., and Virginia; and received 17 letters of commendation for outstanding police performance while serving as an officer in Arlington.

"Christopher Newport University is designated a Crime Prevention Campus and one of the safest colleges in America," says Vice President of Student Affairs Kevin Hughes. "We are privileged to have someone of Dan's caliber and level of experience lead the Christopher Newport University Police Department."

Woloszynowski, in turn, feels honored to serve a supportive campus and department. "I'm quite sure that if you took a poll of chiefs around the country, many have come into municipalities or other positions as chief where they didn't have quite the backup they expected," he says. "I'm confident I do."

CLASS OF



FRESHMAN

1,300

total
students

3.8

average
high school GPA

1210

average
SAT score
(Critical Reading and Math)



SNAPSHOT

20

states
represented

400

members of PLP
(President's Leadership
Program)

143

members of the
Honors Program



Pre-Med Scholars Kick-Start Careers

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT STUDENTS seeking careers in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine receive excellent training and support through the Pre-Med Scholars Program (PSP), which offers the following benefits:



- Eligibility for early acceptance to Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) and Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) — both nonbinding
- Early assurance of acceptance to the master of physician assistant program at EVMS
- Eligibility for Riverside Medical Group Scholars (RMGs)
- Eligibility for the Rocovich Scholars Program guaranteed clinical internships and service-learning opportunities
- Focused mentoring

Qualified PSP students can apply for early, nonbinding acceptance to EVMS and VCOM. Select students are invited for interviews and, if accepted, are guaranteed admission following graduation provided they meet all program requirements. Additionally, students admitted to VCOM are exempt from taking the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

Selected from incoming freshmen and upperclassmen, RMGs receive annual scholarships of \$2,500 and \$5,000, respectively, from Riverside Health System. Recipients participate in monthly shadowing opportunities

at Riverside Regional Medical Center and are offered a paid internship at the hospital the summer following their sophomore year.

The Rocovich Scholars Program benefits select incoming freshmen who are either from a rural area of Virginia or the surrounding Appalachian region, an underrepresented group, or who demonstrate low socioeconomic status. Rocovich Scholars are required to participate in the President's Leadership Program and may apply for provisional, nonbinding, early admission to VCOM.

Learn more at premed.cnu.edu.

PROFILES IN SIGNIFICANCE

Scholarships

"Words cannot express my gratitude for all of the opportunities that would not be possible without the constant support and guidance of my professors, program directors and this incredible scholarship."

EMILY EGRESS '17, ROBERT M. USRY HONORS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$17,100,000

The following are just two examples of significant new scholarships established during the campaign. Read about more scholarships in the next issue of Voyages.

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT SCHOLARS


This past fall Ryo Murasaki and Grace Goode received Christopher Newport's first fully funded scholarships covering tuition, room and board. CNU's Board of Visitors (BOV) developed this award with plans for one Christopher Newport Scholar in each class selected on need and merit.

Gifts from BOV members, the 2017 senior class and others made the new scholarship possible. In creating the award, the BOV sought to support qualified students who desire to attend CNU but who lack the finances to make their dream a reality. The University hopes the scholarship will become endowed over time.

CANON VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of the new Canon Virginia Leadership Scholarships receive a \$5,000 renewable scholarship and are eligible for a paid summer internship with Canon Virginia following their junior year.

To be eligible, students must be offered admission to the President's Leadership Program (PLP); intend to major in electrical engineering, computer engineering or computer science; and meet the grade-point and standardized test score requirements. The awards were launched this past fall. For many years prior, Canon had supported PLP through the Canon Leadership Scholars.



PROFILES IN SIGNIFICANCE

Doherty Foundation

"Without the time spent on a boat and working with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, I wouldn't have had such clarity about what I wanted to do and would have possibly never made the discovery that I wanted to be a marine biologist."

MICHELLE BRIDGMAN, SENIOR ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY MAJOR

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$200,000

Thanks to an endowed fund facilitated by the late Jeff Masterson, CNU biology students are conducting research on the Chesapeake Bay. The father of MacKenzie '15, Masterson had served on the board of the Doherty Foundation, which provides assistance to institutions engaged in oceanographic activities and studies. The Foundation's \$100,000 gift created the Henry L. and Grace Doherty Charitable Foundation Biology Fund at CNU.

Shortly following Masterson's death in 2017, the Doherty Foundation donated an additional \$100,000 in Masterson's name, doubling the original endowment. The fund now generates approximately \$10,000 a year for Captains to further their education through an association with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. "The gift has been instrumental in already transforming the classroom," notes Dr. Heather Harwell of CNU's Organismal and Environmental Biology Department. "I envision us going even further with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on experience-learning trips and to monitor restoration sites."

Following students' initial outings, they expressed gratitude for Masterson's generosity. "Dr. Harwell had the students that went on the Chesapeake Bay Foundation trip write thank-you notes to my dad," MacKenzie says. "That was the first time I saw the direct impact it was making. I knew he facilitated the endowment; I hadn't seen what it was actually doing for the department and the students."



Pre-Law Debuts New Initiatives

PREPARING STUDENTS for admission to the best law schools, CNU's Pre-Law Program provides a foundation for success: from academic and career advising, workshops, seminars, and guest lectures to the Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, Law School Admission Test (LSAT) preparation and more.

This year the University introduced two new initiatives to support students interested in law. Christopher Newport has partnered with the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University to offer the 3+3 Accelerated Program. After completing three years at CNU and gaining admission to the law school, participants become a full-time, first-year law student at George Mason's Arlington campus. Upon successful completion of the first year of law study, credits earned in law school will count toward the juris doctorate degree as well as elective credits sufficient to complete CNU's requirements for the bachelor's degree. This arrangement will help students expedite their law school education by one year.

"The 3+3 program is an amazing opportunity for students who are really motivated to save themselves a year of tuition, a year of earning potential and set themselves apart from the crowd," says Dr. Michelle Kundmueller, Assistant Professor of American Studies and Pre-Law Adviser.

CNU has also launched the Pre-Law Scholars Program to prepare high-achieving students for the law school admission process. Students who meet program requirements will begin LSAT preparation during their sophomore year to allow optimal time for improvement. Kundmueller will also provide one-on-one intensive mentoring, which will focus on LSAT preparation, law school application strategy, and admission and scholarship offer decisions.

"There's a lot to learn to prepare well for law school, but at the end of the day it's about rolling up your sleeves, studying really hard in your classes and preparing thoroughly for the LSAT," says Kundmueller.

Junior Daniel Glenn, the president of Phi Alpha Delta



From left: Lili Samios '17 and Dr. Michelle Kundmueller

and a member of the Pre-Law Scholars, joined the Pre-Law Program as a freshman. Throughout his time at Christopher Newport, he has watched the program grow and feels the benefits will only increase.

While not planning to apply to the accelerated program, Glenn stresses the rewards this initiative provides. "It shows we are committed to forming relationships with other schools to help our students get to that next level. The program is particularly valuable for students who want to distinguish themselves and show they're ambitious and ahead of the game," he says.

The Pre-Law Program and Pre-Law Scholars have provided Glenn with professional opportunities, academically centered events and intensive mentorship. "I have wanted to go to law school since high school. I think my aptitudes, interests and passions align with that field, and the Pre-Law Program fits with that mission," he says. "It has allowed me to connect with lawyers, judges and people who have been to law school, who have walked in my shoes, know the stresses and the struggles, and are able to give me advice."

Learn more at prelaw.cnu.edu.



Campus Changes

The transformation of Christopher Newport boasts several recent high-profile building projects.





CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT recently opened the newly renovated Regattas. The project increased the number of dining stations and added 300 seats to a two-story pavilion, as well as a new entrance from the Great Lawn. These additions have reduced students' waiting time, helping to provide an exceptional dining experience.

REGATTAS EXPANSION

EXPANSION OF THE Tribble Library will be completed by fall 2018. A gathering place for students, the building represents the intellectual center of campus. Extending toward Warwick Boulevard, the project will add 800 seats, as well as a two-story reading room and more space to house CNU's growing library collection. In addition to group and individual study spaces, two classrooms and a lecture hall have been incorporated into the design.



TRIBBLE LIBRARY ADDITION

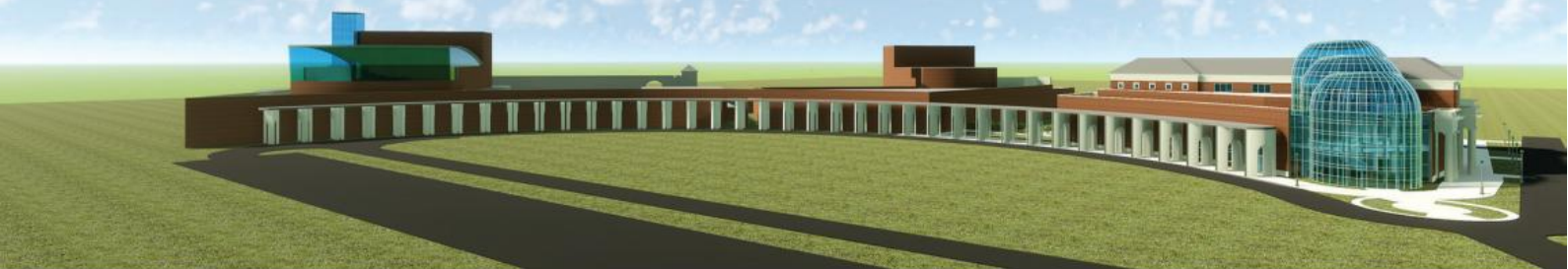
Opening August 2018



FINE ARTS CENTER

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY to build a new home for both the Peninsula Fine Arts Center (PFAC) and CNU fine arts students and professors. Construction on the center, to be located adjacent to the Ferguson Center for the Arts, begins in December and will be completed in spring 2021. The three-story facility will feature a glass dome-encased lobby to complement the Ferguson Center's existing, modern design

while the back of the facility facing campus will reflect the traditional, neo-Georgian architecture of the University. The building will include a gallery and programming space; lecture halls, classrooms and offices; studios for 3-D, 2-D and digital art; an extension of the Ferguson Center's existing colonnade across the building's front; plus dark rooms, a photo lab, a light lab and a TV production studio.





A Life of Purpose

Kris Ward '99 focuses his career in law enforcement on serving the greater good.

by MATT SCHNEPF

SGT. KRIS WARD '99 feels called to police work. "With this job, you don't do it for the money," he says. "You do it because you want to serve a purpose in the community."

Employed by the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, Ward has built his career around making a positive difference. He fondly recalls his days at Christopher Newport, residing in Santoro Hall, playing baseball for the Captains and studying governmental administration with a criminal justice concentration – something that helped shape his vocational path.

Now, with nearly 17 years in law enforcement, he enjoys an accomplished career that occasionally places him in life-and-death situations.

Ward's first such experience occurred two months after he completed field training, when a distraught woman drove her car into a pond. Without hesitation, Ward shed his police gear in the November cold, dove into the water and – aided by fellow deputies – broke the car's window, pulling the woman to safety. For these efforts, each officer earned the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor.

A second incident involved another likely distraught woman, but this time one who was armed. After securing the location where she was hiding, officers prepared to make contact after being told no weapons remained on site. Yet when they approached her, the woman sat up holding a gun.

"I must have been 10 feet from her and had a ballistic shield in front of me," Ward says. "I'm standing at the

threshold of the bedroom door, looking right at her. She sits up, and we're having a staring contest. It's almost like we're literally looking in each other's souls, and I'm trying to tell her, 'Please don't point this gun at me.'"

As the woman raised her weapon, likely to harm herself, another officer tased her. Ward then seized the woman's gun, and she ultimately expressed gratitude to the officers who saved her life. "It was all of us coming together and making good decisions at the right time to see a positive end to the situation – a calm end, and she got the necessary help," he says.

More recently, Ward witnessed a man at Williamsburg's Water Country USA crash a vehicle after suffering cardiac arrest. Ward checked the man's pulse, realized he wasn't breathing and initiated CPR. Then, as Ward began a fourth set of compressions, the man's eyes started to move.

"It was an amazing feeling, doing CPR on somebody and being able to bring him back, to save his life like that," Ward says. "Sometimes you step back and think, *Wow, that really did just happen.*"

For the past two years Ward has served as a department supervisor and is joined on staff by his wife, Shelley, the team's public information officer. And even though he's chosen a stressful and unpredictable line of work, he wouldn't choose any other profession. "Should I have to miss work, I hate it. If something were to happen and I wasn't there, I could never live with myself," Ward says. "I have to be there; that's the feeling and calling I have." ♦

PROFILES IN SIGNIFICANCE
Lighthouse Fund

"I just wanted to thank you for assisting me, and ultimately my family, in this time of hardship. ... The love and care that individuals like you have shown is overwhelming. I truly thank you for your efforts. I was proud to be a Captain before. I now realize that I am blessed to be a Captain."

LIGHTHOUSE FUND RECIPIENT

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$400,000+

To provide emergency financial resources for students in need, Christopher Newport established the Lighthouse Fund in 2014. Unlike scholarships or financial aid, it serves as an "angel fund," assisting students confidentially referred by faculty or staff.

Donors have contributed over \$400,000 to the Lighthouse Fund, which has already provided assistance to 36 students, 35 who were able to successfully remain at CNU. The impact has been widespread – from helping a student whose family was displaced by a house fire, to assisting a foreign-born student whose family wasn't eligible for financial aid.



A Family Tradition

Meg Copenhaver distinguishes herself as a fourth-generation paratrooper.

by MADELEINE SCHULER '18

WHILE SOME COLLEGE STUDENTS spend their summers working local jobs, others prepare to make a difference on a larger scale – like junior Meg Copenhaver, who spent a portion of her summer jumping out of airplanes.

An Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadet at CNU, Copenhaver is the first registered fourth-generation paratrooper in the nation. “We traced our military lineage all the way back to the Revolutionary War, so we’ve fought in every single war since the beginning of America,” Copenhaver says. “It’s kind of intimidating.”

Despite her family’s strong military heritage, Copenhaver was determined to make a name for herself. She set her sights on becoming the best ROTC cadet possible, and when the opportunity arose to become airborne qualified, she seized it.

“I had this drive inside of me,” Copenhaver says. “A big part of me was like ‘Wow, this is my heritage,’ but also I wanted to do this for myself.”

A three-week training course, Airborne School allows graduates to eventually be part of an airborne unit. Once Copenhaver gets commissioned, she will have an edge over other cadets who lack this qualification, which provides a greater chance to become a jumpmaster in the Army.

During the first week of the program – ground week – cadets learn how to safely land on the ground. For tower week they jump from 34 feet to practice safe exiting. The program’s last week, called jump week, requires cadets to apply all they have learned by jumping out of an aircraft five times.

Cadets must be able to physically keep up with the pace of the program or face elimination. Copenhaver’s class started

with 400 and was narrowed down to approximately 320. Of these last-standing cadets, only 12 were women.

“I want to set the example for women behind me because women are still pioneering in the Army,” says Copenhaver. “We get taken for granted, and people don’t think we’re strong. We do the same amount of pushups as guys. They’re always like ‘Wow, I’m really surprised’ when they shouldn’t be surprised. We can do the same thing as them.”

A business management major pursuing a leadership

studies minor, Copenhaver was drawn to CNU due to the small class sizes, intimate feel of campus and exceptional ROTC program. And as a full-time student and ROTC member she quickly learned how to juggle a busy schedule. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Copenhaver participates in physical training from 5 to 7 a.m. Plus, she is currently enrolled in 18 credits hours, three of which are ROTC classes where she learns military tactics.

*“I want to set the example for women behind me because **women are still pioneering in the Army.**”*

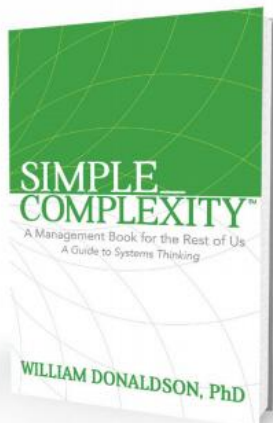
“I generally just study whenever I’m not working out or doing ROTC. I don’t have time for anything else,” Copenhaver says.

After graduation, she has a six-year obligation in the Army where she plans to go active duty and become a member of the military intelligence branch. She also hopes to directly apply paratrooping to her career and become a platoon leader of an airborne unit, just like her parents. Post-Army she intends to combine her love for the military with her skills in business management by becoming a government contractor.

“I’ve always wanted to give back to my community and my country,” Copenhaver says. “I decided the Army was the best way to make an immediate difference in society by protecting people.” ♦



FACULTY NEWS



DONALDSON EXAMINES SYSTEMS THINKING

DR. WILLY DONALDSON, Assistant Professor of Management, is the author of *Simple Complexity: A Management Book for the Rest of Us: A Guide to Systems Thinking*. In it, Donaldson applies the concepts of systems thinking to business organizations. The method promotes a clearer understanding of the underlying structure and inter-relations of business components, which in turn leads to better decision-making.

“Every business owner or manager I have ever met acknowledges that their business is a system. Yet almost none have studied systems, systems thinking, systems dynamics or systems engineering,” says Donaldson. “The book sets out to give owners, managers and students an introduction to systems thinking and a vision of their enterprise as a system.”



ART PROFESSOR'S WORK INCLUDED IN 'STREET GALLERY'

Assistant Professor of Art **ALAN SKEES** was one of four featured artists whose artwork appeared on billboards around Hampton Roads last spring. The program is sponsored by ArtPop, a North Carolina-based gallery that promotes local artists' work. “There are some amazing art communities all through the area,” says Skees. “The Street Gallery is just another smart and fun way to

bring art to everyone. I think we need more reminders of how important the arts are to America's growth and history, and putting it right there beside the road for everyone to see is a wonderful way to do it.”

Skees' work is called “American Glitch: Neo Regionalism – Suburb – Hampton Roads Bridge – Tunnel #3.” His travels with family inspired this series of prints.



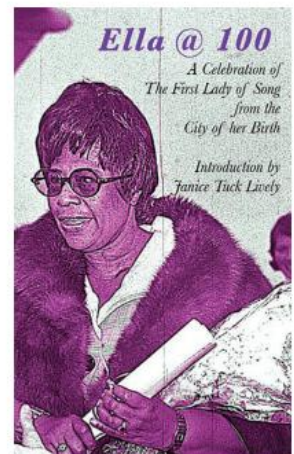
SOCIETY NAMES WHITE DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

DR. JONATHAN WHITE, Associate Professor in the Department of Leadership and American Studies, has been appointed a distinguished lecturer by the Organization of American Historians (OAH).

The lecturers are academics from the nation's leading colleges and universities.

They speak to audiences around the country each year and are widely sought for appearances at museums, libraries, universities, community centers, churches and synagogues, and other venues.

The OAH is the largest professional society dedicated to the teaching and study of American history. The organization's mission is to promote excellence in the scholarship, teaching and presentation of American history, and to encourage wide discussion of historical questions and the equitable treatment of all practitioners of history.



CNU GROUP PUBLISHES BOOK HONORING ELLA FITZGERALD

DR. IVAN RODDEN, Assistant Professor of English, and three students, Brittney Banks, Victoria Carrico and Kris Summerson, have published an anthology to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ella Fitzgerald.

The book, *Ella @ 100*, is a collection of prose and poetry from prize-winning writers across the country that celebrates Fitzgerald's life, music and legacy. Born in 1917 in Newport News, Fitzgerald was dubbed the “First Lady of Song” and went on to win 13 Grammy awards and sell over 40 million albums worldwide. She died in 1996.

The collection gives “people the opportunity to honor her directly, but also in ways that reflect how she has been a presence in their lives,” says Rodden.

Banks is a communication major, while Carrico and Summerson are majoring in English.



Dr. Lisa Spiller with Dr. Keith Taylor (left), President of Gannon University, and Greg Czarnecki, President of the Gannon University Alumni Association

PROFESSOR NAMED DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

DR. LISA SPILLER, Distinguished Professor of Marketing in the Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business, has been recognized as the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Honoree of the College of Engineering and Business at Gannon University.

Spiller earned her bachelor of science degree in business administration and her master of business administration from Gannon. She earned a PhD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and came to CNU as assistant professor of marketing in 1991.



PUACA WINS PUBLICATION AWARD

The Disability History Association has selected **DR. LAURA PUACA** for its Publication Award for Best Article/Book Chapter.

Puaca's essay, "The Largest Occupational Group of All the Disabled: Homemakers With Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitation in Postwar America," appears in the disability studies collection *Disabling Domesticity*. Her work examines the hidden history of how homemakers with disabilities were gradually included in the U.S. vocational rehabilitation system following World War II.

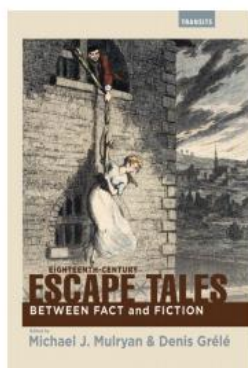
GRANTS AWARDED TO MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY PROFESSORS

DR. KATHRYN COLE, Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular Biology and Chemistry, received funding from the Commonwealth Health Research Board for her research on anticancer drug design. Her work in structural biology is part of a collaborative effort that also includes synthetic organic, biological and computational studies.

DR. JOSHUA PATTERSON, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, was awarded a three-year, \$239,989 grant from the National Science Foundation Environmental Chemical Sciences Program. The grant will support a collaboration between Patterson and Dr. Arunkumar Sharma of Wagner College.

The team will study the properties of ions in atmospheric aerosol particles. Students participating in the research will be involved in an exchange program between the two institutions and will gain experience and training in physical, computational and atmospheric chemistry.

DR. DARLENE MITRANO, Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular Biology and Chemistry, received a five-year, \$309,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for her work on sleep disorders. The collaborative project also includes researchers from Emory University and Vanderbilt University.



MULRYAN CO-EDITS TEXT ON PRISON ESCAPE TALES

DR. MICHAEL MULRYAN, Associate Professor in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, co-edited and is a contributor to *Eighteenth-Century Escape Tales: Between Fact and Fiction*, a study of the interdisciplinary nature of prison escape tales and their impact on European cultural identity.



BITECOFER PUBLISHES BOOK ON '16 ELECTION

DR. RACHEL BITECOFER, lecturer in the Department of Political Science, has written *The Unprecedented 2016 Presidential Election*, which explains the 2016 presidential election through a strategic focus.

PROFILES IN SIGNIFICANCE

Faculty-Staff Giving

“Day in and day out, you work countless hours and in heroic ways to care for our students, campus and our community. This past year, with 95 percent of all faculty and staff making a gift to Christopher Newport, your belief in our students is spoken loudly through your extraordinary support. There is no other school in the country like this. There is no other campus family like you.”

PRESIDENT PAUL TRIBLE

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$758,701

Each fall Christopher Newport employees make individual contributions to the Faculty-Staff Campaign, helping to enrich the collegiate experience for CNU students while investing in the campus where they work each day. And over the course of Defining Significance, annual participation grew significantly – from 76 percent in fiscal year 2012 (\$110,542 total raised) to 95 percent in fiscal year 2017 (\$152,284 total raised).

In addition to supporting the annual fund, faculty and staff may contribute to specific departments, programs and initiatives. Some areas receiving notable support have included new endowed and annual scholarships, the Lighthouse Fund, and student conference travel – among others.



New Director Joins Reiff Center

THE REIFF CENTER for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution has welcomed a new director, Dr. Suparna Chaudhry. Named in honor of Dr. Theodore R. Reiff, a retired physician, medical educator, researcher and founding president of the Genocide Education Project, Christopher Newport's Reiff Center raises awareness concerning the horrors of genocide, human-rights violations and conflict.

A native of India, Chaudhry also serves the Department of Political Science as an assistant professor and earned her PhD in political science at Yale University. She was previously a post-doctoral fellow in U.S. foreign policy and international security at the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College.

"I am broadly interested in issues related to human rights and conflict," she says. "My research is on state repression of civil society – when governments start feeling threatened by civil society groups, what tactics they use to crack down on these groups and how governments learn these authoritarian tactics from one another."

Equally passionate about teaching and research, Chaudhry enjoys having a role that bridges academia and policy, and she appreciates CNU's proximity to the nation's capital. "Being part of a center that's more public facing and being close to Washington, D.C., are ideal for communicating your research – not just to the public, but also to the policymakers," she says.

As director, Chaudhry will implement a threefold mission. First, the Center will organize conferences and public events

addressing international concerns. Last semester, for example, the Center held panel discussions on such timely topics as ISIS and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Second, the Reiff Center will organize professional development workshops for students interested in careers within human rights and social justice. For these, invited leaders will share personal stories while detailing those skills and experiences essential to the field. Events will also highlight related vocational paths – everything from law and journalism to policymaking.

The third objective entails establishing the Reiff Center as a data hub for national policymakers, which will require IT-focused interns who can translate data into an easily accessible form. Current interns assist with events, social media and research. They also visit area high schools to dialogue with students. "We held one event at Smithfield High School where we talked about the protests in Charlottesville and how students view violent and nonviolent protests. It seemed timely," says Chaudhry, who envisions the Center at the forefront of discussions regarding global challenges.

Equally busy in the classroom, Chaudhry taught two sections on international human rights this past fall, calling them some of the best classes she's ever instructed. "It helps that CNU has a human rights and conflict resolution minor. Obviously those signing up are interested in the subject matter," she explains. "I've been pleasantly surprised by the level of discussion and engagement. Even if people have differing opinions, they're willing to talk through it, which is the most important thing."



For more on the Reiff Center's work, visit reiffcenter.cnu.edu.

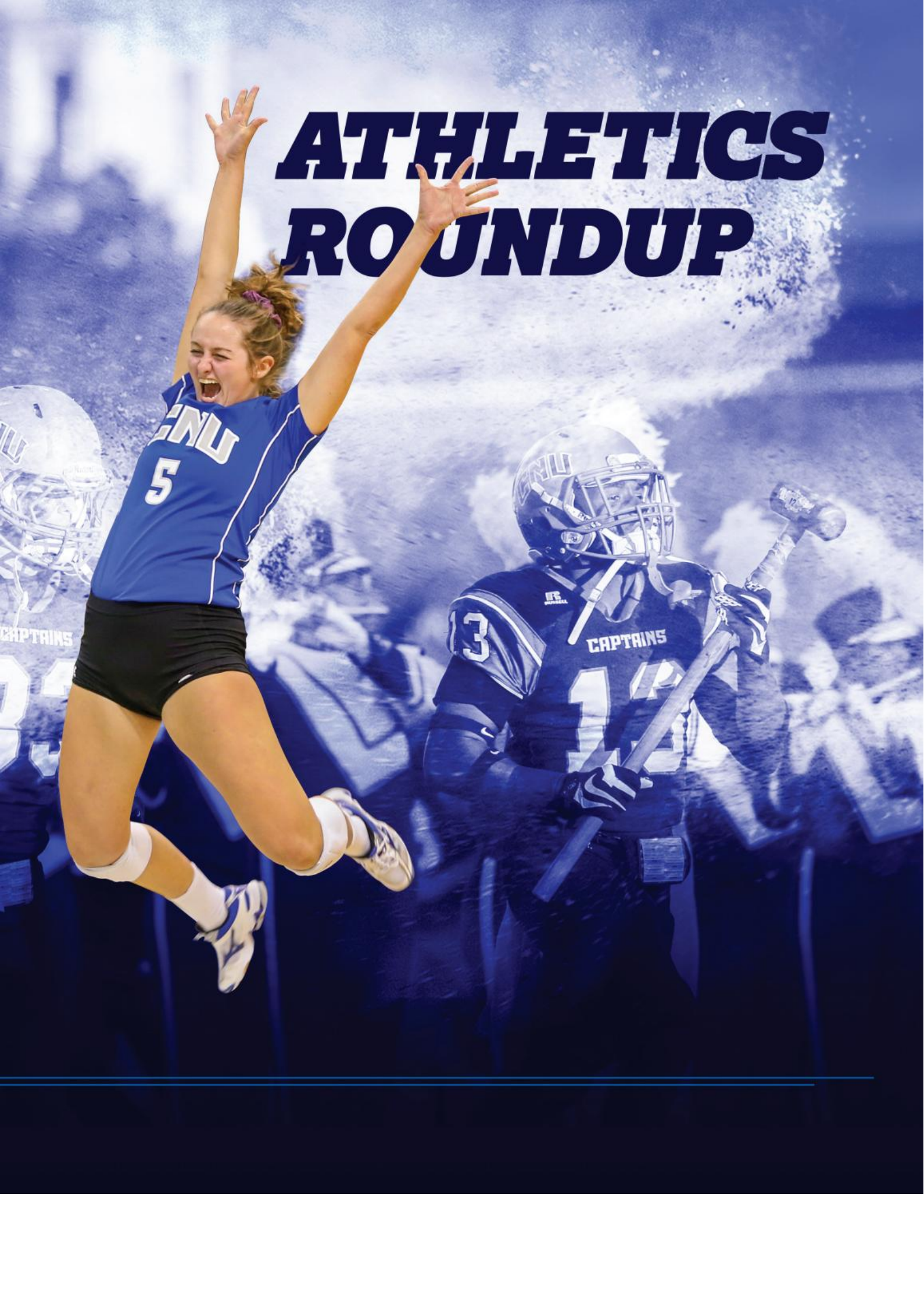
Reiff Center interns
with Dr. Chaudhry





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ATHLETICS ROUNDUP



Cross Country

Capping off the most decorated season in program history, three Captains collected All-American honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association after leading the CNU men's team to a program-best third-place finish at the NCAA championship meet. Racing under first-year Head Coach Sarah Lagasse, the Captains' effort marked the first-ever podium finish for a program from the South-Southeast Region and the highest-ever finish for a team from the Capital Athletic Conference. Leading the way was the most celebrated cross country runner in program history, senior Grayson Reid, who registered the best individual finish at the NCAA championships in CNU history with a third-place clocking of 24:20.60. He was the CAC and Region Athlete of the Year and established a program record in the 8K with a time of 24:01.3 during the regional championships. JJ LaPointe and Jeff Dover were the other two All-Americans after finishing 14th and 21st overall at the NCAA championships. On the women's side, sophomore Jessica Lee secured All-Region accolades for the second straight year. She led the Captains with a time of 22:46.0, placing her 32nd overall during the NCAA Regional 6K. Monica Lannen and Kathryn Wilson also notched top-50 efforts for the CNU women.



Grayson
Reid



Courtne
Greene

Field Hockey

Christopher Newport field hockey enjoyed another banner season for Head Coach Carrie Moura after capturing the program's first-ever conference championship and the team's ninth NCAA tournament appearance. Ranked in the top five nationally heading into the postseason, CNU wrapped up the year in the NCAA Sweet 16 with a final record of 17-2. In her 15th year as coach, Moura was named Conference and State Coach of the Year after an undefeated year against the challenging Capital Athletic Conference slate. Led by five All-Region performers, the Captains boasted the nation's finest goals-against average as the stifling defense held opponents to just 0.67 goals against per game. Senior goalkeeper Stephanie McKinney ranked third nationally in GAA and anchored a defense that included All-Region senior defender Alexa Weaver. On the offensive side of the ball, junior Rachael Allshouse became just the fourth player in program history to earn first-team All-American honors from the NFHCA, while fellow junior Courtne Greene was honored as the Virginia State Player of the Year. Allshouse led the team in scoring with 13 goals and 30 points, while Greene anchored the midfield unit and contributed 20 points, including the double-overtime clincher against Salisbury in the CAC Championship.



Tyrell
Noel

Football

Playing under a new head coach for the first time since the program's inception, the CNU football team wrapped up the 2017 season with a 5-5 overall record behind one of the top defenses in program history. Led by All-American senior corner Justus Drakeford, the Captains ranked 13th nationally in turnover margin and 16th in total passes intercepted. Drakeford finished with six, and senior Tyrell Noel added seven interceptions as the Captains wrapped up the year with a program-record 19 total picks on the year. Offensively, freshman Cole Blais hauled in Offensive Rookie of the Year honors to headline the Captains' nine All-Conference selections. Blais caught 54 passes with two touchdowns while leading the NJAC in receptions per game.

Golf

The fall season wrapped up for both the men's and women's golf programs after competing in multiple tournaments. This included the first-ever appearance for CNU women's golf, competing officially for the first time in 2017-18. Rookie Erica Whitehouse led the way with a 78.8 stroke average through her first six rounds of action. On the men's side, CNU won the Bay Creek Invitational for the third straight year and tied for 15th at the NCAA Tournament Town Preview. Head Coach Jamie Coleman and the Captains' men's team were ranked No. 23 in the Preseason Division III Bushnell Golfweek Coaches Poll.



*Erica
Whitehouse*



*Vir
Menon*



*Mackenzie
Conner*



Sailing

The Captains started the fall on a high note, nabbing two of the top five spots in one of their first regattas of the year. The team posted respectable results throughout the season, including a second-place finish at the Henry Luce Trophy competition to qualify for the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association Fall Coed Dinghy Conference Championship. Sophomore Vir Menon was a clear standout in Christopher Newport's qualification efforts, picking up three wins with fellow sophomore Mackenzie Conner and a win with freshman Javier Gonzalez Rotge. Menon excelled in solo competition as well, finishing sixth in the MAISA Singlehanded Conference Championship. After finishing ninth in last year's competition, Menon's improvement put him only 15 points away from qualifying for the national championship.

Men's Soccer

The Captains' season closed with an overall record of 14-3-1. Led by senior Jimmy Grace, a first team All-American for the second straight year, the Captains featured the nation's second-leading offense, averaging 3.67 goals per game. Grace put together another sensational season to round out his career after repeating as Conference Player of the Year and earning first team All-Region honors. He scored 32 points to lead the league in both points and goals scored, with 14, while chipping in four assists as well. Joining Grace on the All-Region squad were fellow senior Andrew Gogolin and juniors Stephen Durbin and Bobby Seifert. Durbin scored 27 points on 12 goals and three assists while leading the league in game-winning goals with six. Gogolin started all 18 games and scored 19 points on seven goals and five assists while leading the team in total shots. Rounding out the individual accolades, Seifert picked up his first career All-Region selection after starting 17 games at center back and anchoring a defense that posted six shutouts and a 1.04 goals-against average.



Jimmy
Grace

Tennis

Earlier this year, David Weiner was announced as the head women's tennis coach, following an exceptional five years on the sidelines as the assistant coach to both the men's and women's teams. Weiner has helped lead the CNU women to unprecedented heights over the last several years and looks to continue that success now at the helm. Director of Tennis Eric Christiansen takes the reins as head men's tennis coach after controlling both teams for the last five years. This fall the Captains made successful appearances at the ITA Regional Championships — including senior David Reed's journey to the semifinals — and opened dual action with a 1-1 record against nationally ranked teams. On the women's side, sophomore Johanna Ranta-aho started the year ranked nationally for the second time in her career.



Gabby
Gillis

Women's Soccer

Under the guidance of fifth-year Head Coach Dan Weiler, the 2017 women's soccer season was one of the finest in program history. Unbeaten through their first 20 games of the season, the Captains suffered a heartbreaking loss to Lynchburg in the NCAA second round and wrapped up the campaign with a 19-1-1 overall record. That mark set a new high for most wins in a season and also established a new record for winning percentage at .929. CNU earned its highest national ranking ever, at No. 7, while also posting an undefeated conference season en route to regular season and tournament titles during the year. The magical season came with only two seniors in the starting lineup and featured four All-Region performers highlighted by the play of junior Gabby Gillis. The midfielder became the first-ever first team All-American in program history after earning Player of the Year honors in the conference. She led the league, with teammate and fellow All-Region selection Riley Cook, with 34 points, and helped the Captains post a program-best 0.56 goals-against average defensively. With Cook and Gillis leading the way offensively, the Captains set a new program mark for goals and points in a season while ranking 11th nationally in scoring offense. Defenders Keiley McCarthy and Danielle Pratt were the other All-Region performers, helping CNU rank 27th nationally in scoring defense.

Volleyball

David
Reed



Head Coach Lindsay Birch and the CNU volleyball team finished the 2017 season ranked No. 24 in the nation and posted a 28-4 overall record. Leaning on a young core of talent in 2017, Birch helped CNU return to the top of the Capital Athletic Conference as regular season and tournament champions. Sophomore Katie Piper led the team in kills, with 332, and rookie Abby Oren ranked third with 217. Senior Katelyn Newsome ranked second, with 233, and earned honorable mention All-American accolades for her efforts. The senior middle blocker ranked in the top 20 nationally with 115 blocks, anchoring a team defense that ranked in the top 10 nationally with 258 total blocks. Rounding out the individual accolades, junior Josie Lucernoni also collected AVCA All-Region honors and picked up first team All-State honors as well. The Captains' starting libero averaged 4.68 digs per set, marking the third-highest single-season rate in program history.

Katelyn
Newsome





From CNU to the NFL

James Hardy '03 applies his education in exercise science as assistant strength and conditioning coach with the New England Patriots.

by FREDERICK MOULTON '17

FOR JAMES HARDY '03, the path to joining the staff of the New England Patriots began not on the playing field, but in the classroom. "I didn't play any sports at CNU," he explains. "The football program was relatively new when I arrived on campus, and it wasn't until after I graduated that I had the opportunity to get involved with the athletic programs."

As he established himself academically on campus, Hardy built strong connections with fellow Captains. "I was fortunate while I was there to be in the President's Leadership Program, which instilled character traits that have helped me in my career today," he says. "I had many great professors and developed outstanding friendships."

Dr. Jonathan Backens '04, an assistant professor of physics, computer science and engineering at Christopher Newport, roomed with Hardy and recalls a motivated peer destined for success. "James was smart, driven and had such a positive attitude toward life that was contagious," Backens says. "He was always good for a laugh and had a laid-back charisma that made him a natural leader."

Graduating with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and a minor in leadership studies, Hardy eventually made his way back to campus, working for Jon Dean, the Captains' strength and conditioning coordinator. After a year on staff, Hardy then enrolled at Auburn University, earning a master of education degree in exercise science while spending two years as a graduate assistant with the strength and conditioning program there.

"It wasn't until being hired at the University of Colorado

in 2007 that things really began to change," he says. "I developed a close relationship with Moses Cabrera, who was their head conditioning coach at the time." Cabrera eventually became head conditioning coach for the Patriots in 2016 and offered Hardy the chance to join the team's staff. Hardy now serves as the team's assistant strength and conditioning coach, working with world-class athletes.

"There is a lot to live up to at this level," he says. "There

"You have to be convicted in your beliefs while trusting that everything you've learned has prepared you for this level."

is a lot of stress and scrutiny that accompanies your work at this stage, and you have to be convicted in your beliefs while trusting that everything you've learned has prepared you for this level. It's an honor to work for an organization that has enjoyed as much success as the Patriots, and it is not something I take lightly or for granted."

Each day Hardy strives to help players excel on the field, putting them through strength training, cardio work and other exercises to reach peak athletic performance. "At the end of the day you try your best to develop a professional relationship with these guys," he explains. "You realize their job is no different than yours; this is how they feed their families, and you owe it to them to do your best for every player."

And while Hardy savors his role with one of the league's standout organizations, he always remembers the education and experience that made it possible. "From Christopher Newport to my current position, I've followed my gut and have tried to show respect to everyone I've worked with," he says. "I feel blessed that the people I've crossed paths with during my journey have believed in me and given me the chance to grow in each new role." ♦

PROFILES IN SIGNIFICANCE

Class Gifts

"I appreciate the gift campaign because it gives the seniors an opportunity to see the impact they've made. It's exciting when they hear for the first time how much they've raised and then to come back and actually see the changes made on campus as a result of their generosity."

ANNUAL GIVING MANAGER KATEY BARLEY '15

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$461,542

Each year Christopher Newport students step up to the plate, giving back to the University through the senior class gift. This annual tradition inspires young women and men to lead lives of significance as they contribute to CNU's future in substantial ways. It also encourages them to support their alma mater as proud Captains for Life.

Each senior class raises funds to help the University address pressing needs. The Class of 2017, for example, raised support for a full-ride scholarship, the Alumni House, the Faculty Development Fund, and additions and improvements to the James River Courts.

During the comprehensive campaign, the total received has risen sharply – from \$42,000 in 2012 to \$105,070 last year. Support from graduating seniors has even extended to other classes through "gifting forward," where funds from the previous class have been added to the current class gift.





Women's Golf Debuts

AS THE MOST RECENT addition to Captains varsity sports, women's golf set an impressive pace during the team's first season. (See page 54 for a recap.)

With an experienced coaching staff and skilled players, CNU has quickly discovered the winning formula to advance the program for years to come. Entering his 10th year as head coach of men's golf this year, Jamie Coleman has led Christopher Newport to four conference championships, including three straight since joining the Capital Athletic Conference, and back-to-back appearances in the NCAA championship. He now shares his coaching skills with the women's team as well.

"Women's golf is growing by leaps and bounds across the country – in high school, college and professionally," Coleman says. "The expectation at Christopher Newport is excellence, and I am certain women's golf will quickly reach this standard."

Also this year, Jonathan Howard '14 returned to his alma mater after serving as head coach for men's golf at Lynchburg College since 2015. Now serving as assistant

coach for women's golf, Howard graduated as one of the most accomplished golfers in CNU history, earning Conference Player of the Year honors to cap his four-year career. "Being able to return to Christopher Newport and give back to the program that gave me so much is a dream come true," he says.

Currently, 204 NCAA Division III schools sponsor women's golf as a championship sport, including fellow Capital Athletic Conference member Marymount University. Christopher Newport is Virginia's eighth Division III school to sponsor the sport.

Freshman Erica Whitehouse excelled in each event, finishing as runner-up on the individual leader boards at the first two invitationals. "I am extremely pleased with how this season turned out," she says. "My teammates and I worked so hard on the course this fall, and our results proved that."

Whitehouse looks forward to watching CNU improve in the coming years. "The women's golf team can only get better from here, and we are all excited to see how good we can become," she says.

PROFILES IN SIGNIFICANCE

Ferguson

“The Ferguson scholarships attract young women and men of talent and passion who are eager to prove themselves both as outstanding students and as contributing artists in our community.”

DR. MARK REIMER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND THE GEORGE AND MARY TORGGLER PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

CAMPAIGN TOTAL

\$12,000,000

Christopher Newport and Ferguson enjoy a strong relationship that has left a lasting impression. In 2014 the company made a multiyear \$12 million commitment to CNU that supports the Ferguson Center for the Arts' operations; provides scholarships in theater, dance and music; and promotes service initiatives.

Six exceptional students – three from theater/dance and three from music – receive an annual scholarship to support their dreams of becoming directors, designers and performers. The scholarships also include a service component, allowing recipients to connect with the community. Kristin Zipprich, a senior theater major, has assisted Woodside High School's theater department and now helps Centerstage Academy in Yorktown with musical auditions and dance classes. “The most rewarding part is watching the kids I teach reflect their passion in everything they do,” she says.

Underscoring Ferguson's commitment to service learning, CNU's Center for Community Engagement awards up to 30 Ferguson Fellowships in Social Entrepreneurship each academic year. Through this program, students partner with a professor to address a community-based need, applying their academic knowledge, creativity and vision to solve a pressing problem. Developed with a community partner or community coalition, projects require students to research an issue of importance, design a plan of action to address the problem and implement the plan in a specific community.



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