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## Rain Tickets

In the case of extreme inclement weather, Commencement will be moved inside to The Freeman Center. An announcement will be made the morning of May 12 through CNUalert and [cnu.edu](http://cnu.edu) notifying the public of the change in location. Each student will be issued **six** rain tickets at Commencement rehearsal on Thursday, May 10. If unable to attend rehearsal, students may pick up their tickets in the Center for Honor Enrichment and Community Standards on the third floor of the David Student Union by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 11. Ticket pick up will resume at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, at the Ferguson Center ticket office. Families must obtain their tickets from their student prior to 9 a.m. on Saturday. Entrance to The Freeman Center will not be allowed without a ticket.

## Capture the Memories

HONOR YOUR GRADUATE!

Visit [commencement.cnu.edu](http://commencement.cnu.edu) or call (757) 594-7179 to purchase your Commemorative Brick Paver or Special 2012 Commencement DVD!



President Paul Tribble and the faculty and staff of Christopher Newport University are pleased to invite the Class of 2012 and their families and friends to campus for Commencement activities May 10-12, 2012. The events scheduled will acknowledge and honor the many accomplishments of the more than 900 students who will receive their degrees during the 86th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 10 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful campus as we celebrate the notable achievements of our graduating class.

Please note:

Graduates **must** register online beginning April 2 for Commencement activities at:

[commencement.cnu.edu](http://commencement.cnu.edu)

using the link that says, "Register Now!"

This site also provides additional details about the weekend, including information regarding on-campus and local accommodations.

General questions should be directed to [cnuevents@cnu.edu](mailto:cnuevents@cnu.edu) or (757) 594-8061.

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86<sup>th</sup>  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES



## THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

### SENIOR THESIS ART EXHIBIT

(SCHEDULED THROUGH MAY 12)

ALL DAY · FALK GALLERY & FERGUSON HALL GALLERY  
FERGUSON CENTER

Highlighting the talent of the ArtCNU senior class, the exhibition will include painting, sculpture, ceramics and photography by the department's most promising and gifted students.



### ROTC COMMISSIONING

11 A.M. · BALLROOM, DAVID STUDENT UNION  
~ BY INVITATION ONLY ~

In this private ceremony, family members will witness ROTC graduates take their oath to defend and serve our country as commissioned officers in the armed services. These graduates will also be sworn in before the university community during Sunday's graduation ceremony.

### PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SENIOR CELEBRATION AND RECEPTION

7 P.M. · MUSIC & THEATRE HALL, FERGUSON CENTER  
ATTIRE: BUSINESS  
~ BY INVITATION ONLY ~

PLP graduates and their families will be invited to take part in this ceremony celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2012. We will remember the past as we celebrate those who made a difference along the way!

## FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012



### DEPARTMENTAL RECEPTIONS

11 A.M.-4 P.M.

Graduates are encouraged to check with their respective departments for the location and time of their reception.

### UMOJA RECEPTION AND CEREMONY

2 P.M. · BOARDROOM  
DAVID STUDENT UNION

Please join us for this annual event for students of color. Umoja honors the tradition of unity, togetherness and harmony. In that spirit, parents of participating graduates will have the opportunity to bestow their student with a ceremonial stole during this program. To order a stole, please contact Jillian Martin in the Office of Student Activities at (757) 594-8805 or [jillian.martin@cnu.edu](mailto:jillian.martin@cnu.edu).

### CONVOCAION FOR THE CONFERRING OF HONORS & AWARDS

6:30 P.M. · CONCERT HALL, FERGUSON CENTER  
ATTIRE: BUSINESS/ACADEMIC REGALIA  
~ BY INVITATION ONLY ~

Graduates who have earned Latin honors, faculty promoted in academic rank or awarded tenure, and all faculty awarded emeritus status during the 2011-12 academic year will be honored in this special ceremony. Honors recipients, their families and friends are invited. Latin honors recipients will be notified through their CNU email on Wednesday, May 9.



### CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

8:30 P.M. · COURTYARD BETWEEN TRIBLE LIBRARY AND  
DAVID STUDENT UNION  
ATTIRE: DRESSY CASUAL

In honor of the graduating Class of 2012, CNU will hold a candlelight ceremony at sunset on the eve of Commencement as we commemorate the transition of our graduates to university alumni. Graduates, their families and friends are invited. Please join us immediately following the candlelight ceremony for our President's Reception. President and Mrs. Tribble invite you to join them in this special event that recognizes our graduates and celebrates their last night as a CNU student.

## SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

8 A.M. · GAINES THEATRE, THE FREEMAN CENTER

Baccalaureate provides an occasion to give thanks and celebrate the completion of the academic journey. Candidates for graduation and their families and friends are invited to attend.

### DEGREE CANDIDATE ASSEMBLY

9 A.M. · FIELD HOUSE, THE FREEMAN CENTER

Degree candidates should assemble in The Freeman Center, in cap and gown. Candidates who have retained their Academic Convocation penny are reminded to bring it to The Freeman Center. As candidates process through Saunders Plaza, they will continue the CNU tradition of tossing their penny in the fountain.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

10 A.M. · THE GREAT LAWN

(GUESTS SHOULD BE SEATED BY 9:45 A.M., PLEASE)

Commencement will begin promptly at 10 a.m. The processional begins the formal ceremony, followed by the conferring of degrees upon undergraduate and graduate students. The ceremony lasts approximately two hours.



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