

CATCH THE DRIFT

Ride the Current of Auxillary Services' News

Same Great Service...New Name: Conference and Event Services



A familiar campus department is starting a new chapter with a new name! Formerly known as Scheduling, Events, and Conferences, the department is now called **Conference and Event Services**.

The name change better reflects the department's role in coordinating and supporting a wide range of activities across campus. From reserving spaces for student organizations and campus departments to assisting with large events and conferences, the team works behind the scenes to ensure events run smoothly.

Conference and Event Services helps manage room reservations, event logistics, and planning support for groups. Whether it's a student meeting, campus-wide program, summer camp or large conference, the department plays an important role in bringing events to life!

ON THE HORIZON



Upcoming Events On Campus

- Golden Hearts Club: Reception at 6pm in the Torggler, March 20
- ASA: Cookout at 12pm on the JR Courts, March 21
- WLAX Game: At 4pm at Jennings Stadium, March 25



The CNU Mens Basketball team will be competing in the NCAA Division III March Madness Tournament in the Final Four on Saturday, March 21 at 5:30pm. They will be taking on Emory University and will be playing in Indiana. Cheer them on by tuning into ESPN+ or visiting cnuasports.com

Dining with Confidence: CNU Hosts First Etiquette Dinner

Auxiliary Services with The Office of Student Involvement, Student Affairs, The Office of Career Planning and First Lady Angie Kelly recently hosted the first Captains Etiquette Dinner, to assist students with learning important professional dining and networking skills.

The evening began with a 30-minute mocktail hour before guests sat down to a menu. Students enjoyed a house salad, followed by entrée options including braised short ribs with madeira demi-glace, mashed potatoes, and broccolini; chicken parmesan with linguini and broccolini; or a fall-inspired vegan entrée of maple-glazed butternut squash with raisins and quinoa. The meal concluded with a delicious dessert. A mock sparkling wine service was included to introduce students to wine pairings in a professional setting.

Sarah Hobgood of The Office of Career Planning guided students through the evening's meal, which provided valuable knowledge for students as they prepare for job interviews, networking opportunities, and professional events after graduation.

Thank you to everyone that participated!



ERIKA NESTLER



JUNE MILES

THOUGHTS FROM ERIKA

Erika Nestler, Director of Catering Services, noted that working with students in catering reveals that some individuals have little to no prior exposure to formal meals or professional dining settings. She explained that some students have greater exposure to opportunities such as etiquette dinners. Nestler emphasized that making these experiences open to all students ensures that Captains are given access to valuable social and professional development opportunities.

REFLECTIONS FROM JUNE

June Miles is currently serving in her fourth year as Director of Dining Services at CNU, bringing with her nearly 25 years of experience on campus. Throughout her tenure, she has held several key roles, including Dining Operations Manager at the Commons and Catering Manager, contributing to the growth and success of campus dining. She spoke about how her passion for food began with her grandmother, who taught her the importance of dining etiquette at a young age, which she later expanded on in culinary school while studying fine dining service and table protocols.



As we move past the midpoint of the Spring 2026 semester at Christopher Newport University, it's exciting to reflect on the energy, growth, and accomplishments that have already defined this year. One of the most notable highlights has been the opening of the Science and Engineering Research Center (SERC), which is already serving as a hub for innovation, collaboration, and hands-on learning.

Our Captains have also made us proud in athletics! Men's basketball continues its impressive NCAA Tournament presence, advancing deep into the post-season, while our women's basketball team had a remarkable season of their own, reaching the Round of 32. Across campus, our spring sports teams such as soccer, track and field, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and tennis are building on that momentum with strong starts and competitive performances.

2026: What's Happened So Far

A Note From Taryn Boone

The arts have been equally vibrant, bringing performances, exhibits, and community events.

CNU continues to earn national recognition for the quality of the student experience, from academics to campus life. Within Auxiliary Services, we remain focused on enhancing that experience every day. Initiatives like the Mobile Ordering System and Grubhub are making Dining Services more convenient.

Also, our teams across Catering Services, Parking Services, and Conference and Event Services continue working behind the scenes to support events across campus.

As we look ahead to Commencement in May, these final weeks of the semester are an important time to stay engaged, take advantage of campus resources, and finish strong. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff.

Go Captains!



Did You Know? Fun Facts From Aux Services

Dining Services

College dining services across the U.S. serve over 3 billion meals each year, making campus dining one of the largest food service operations in the country!

Catering Services

The vanishing dessert phenomenon... no matter how precisely you plan; desserts disappear faster than any other food item. Eat dessert first!

Parking Services

Approximately 90% of a car's life is spent parked. That means your car is sitting still far more than it's actually being driven!

Captains Locker

Over \$200 million is spent on apparel during the NCAA March Madness Tournament. Fans spent \$122 million of that on Amazon gear alone. Visit the Captains Locker for the latest in CNU Apparel!

Auxiliary Services gives you chances to win

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