LEAD A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE
2023 ADMISSION VIEWBOOK
Christopher Newport University

AT A GLANCE

PUBLIC
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
with a private school feel

90+ Areas of study
SIXTY PERCENT of classes have 19 or fewer students

66% four-year graduation rate
75% five-year graduation rate

96% of graduates are employed or in grad school within six months of graduation

An extraordinarily beautiful campus with world-class facilities, an inspiring expectation of success and a supportive community

4,500 students enrolled
98% undergraduate
80% residential

1,150 freshmen
25% underrepresented students

M: 46% F: 54%

Captains represent every region in Virginia
29 OTHER STATES
23 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE*
1192 Average SAT (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math)
3.8 Average high school GPA

*fall 2022 data

400+ renewable freshman scholarships for honors and leadership students

24 VARSITY TEAMS
NCAA Division III
Coast-to-Coast Conference

TWO HUNDRED clubs and student organizations

ON-CAMPUS PARKING for all students, including freshmen

NATIONALLY PROMINENT

American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA)
The only public university in the U.S. to earn a perfect “A” grade for strength of curriculum

Learn.org
Communication and psychology programs among best in nation

Study.com
Biology program #8 in the U.S.

The Princeton Review
The Best 386 Colleges
#7 for Internships (Nationally ranked)
Top 20:
+ Best Quality of Life
+ Most Engaged in Public Service
+ Best College Dorms

Top Master’s in Education
Top 5 Elementary Education Graduate Programs

U.S. News & World Report
No. 4 Top Public Schools (Regional Universities in the South)

Poets & Quants
#3 business school among public universities in Virginia
“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” -Mark Twain

I offer my congratulations on your high school accomplishments and wish you good luck as you begin your college search. College is a time in every person’s life when they can truly begin to explore and find out the “why” Mark Twain spoke of.

Recently, I began my tenure as the sixth President of Christopher Newport University. I hope you discover, as my wife Angie and I have, that Christopher Newport has so much to offer. Our dedicated faculty, beautiful campus, and amazing people will provide you an exceptional environment to pursue your college experience. We strive for excellence in all we do at this university and we are surrounded by a community that will encourage and support you every step of the way. I promise you, we are all in to ensure your time at Christopher Newport University becomes the best four years of your life.

I look forward to having you join us as we strive to live a life of significance and discover the “why” for each and every one of us.

Go Captains!

W. D. Kelly
President
Christopher Newport University attracts outstanding students and prepares them to lead meaningful and consequential lives. We don’t train our students to simply memorize and recite facts, but instruct and inspire them to think critically and actively engage in their community. Here you’ll discover a vibrant campus as you pursue great dreams for your future and prepare to change the world for the better.
At Christopher Newport you’ll learn the answers to two very important questions: “What am I good at?” and “What do I love to do?” Whatever your passions lead you to study — from electrical engineering to philosophy, from music performance to accounting — the liberal arts and sciences are the foundation of your academic endeavors. We don’t teach you to do something; we prepare you to do anything.
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Many of the top careers today didn’t exist 20 years ago. Studying the liberal arts and sciences provides a breadth of knowledge that will prepare you to take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself in today’s global marketplace. Think of the liberal arts and sciences as your academic fitness routine. You invest your energy now, getting in academic shape to provide a strong foundation for success. Through Christopher Newport’s rigorous curriculum, you will learn how to think critically and communicate effectively while developing the tools and skills that will prepare you for a lifetime of significance. Depth of knowledge is attained junior and senior year after declaring your academic major.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The undergraduate academic experience is the heart of our university. Our small class sizes give you direct access to experts in their fields — teacher-scholars who provide outstanding instruction, conduct groundbreaking research, and publish noteworthy books and articles. Our professors possess a passion for teaching, and you’ll enjoy the intellectual challenge of working alongside them on exciting projects.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Map a future of endless possibilities through your academic courses and activities that complement your passions and goals. Through the classes you select and your extracurricular endeavors, you have the opportunity to customize your education, preparing yourself to thrive in either graduate school or your career of choice. Personal attention — a Christopher Newport hallmark — helps make this possible.
PREPARING YOU FOR SUCCESS

At Christopher Newport we are here to support your academic progress and transition into college life as you become an active part of our community. We will ask you to work harder than you ever have before, but we’ll be with you every step of the way.

LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES

CNU.EDU/LEARNINGCOMMUNITIES

All freshmen are placed into a Living and Learning Community based on your interests, which facilitates a successful transition from high school to college. Living together and sharing multiple classes with a small group of students and collaborating with faculty will promote learning beyond the classroom while providing extra support.

FACULTY CORE ADVISERS

All first-year students are assigned a faculty core adviser to work closely with you the first two years, helping you become integrated into campus life and encouraging your exploration of academics and activities. Your adviser will meet with you regularly, providing insight regarding academic expectations, offering support, introducing you to campus resources and engagement opportunities, and fostering an environment of shared responsibility and mutual respect. These first two years will provide a foundation for your major studies as you explore a wide variety of subjects.
DECLARING YOUR MAJOR
You will officially declare your major on Signing Day, a special tradition held during the spring semester of your sophomore year. Then, spend the next two years pursuing your passion, focused on your chosen area of study. Once you have declared your major, you will be assigned a faculty major adviser from within that department who will guide you in the completion of your academic requirements and the transition into graduate school or career opportunities.

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS
CNU.EDU/ACADEMICSUCCESS
The Center for Academic Success offers tutoring, workshops, seminars and one-on-one assistance to help you improve your academic performance with effective study strategies. Peer writing consultants available in the Writing Center offer specialized help with all stages of the academic writing process.

CENTER FOR CAREER PLANNING
CNU.EDU/CCP
The Center for Career Planning directly assists you with academic major exploration, landing a first job or getting into a top graduate school. Workshops, seminars, job fairs, on-campus interviews and career counseling — a full range of services — are available to students and alumni.
'Go out and set the world on fire' – words that are regularly said by former President Trible are what made me choose to attend Christopher Newport. I have always felt this urge, a need, to go out and change the world. Because of this, I knew Christopher Newport was the place for me. During my time here, I have been equipped with the knowledge and tools I need to go out and achieve just this. As a result, I am graduating college as a double major in political science and leadership with a minor in communication. I also studied abroad, expanding my knowledge on ancient history and classical studies.

HOMETOWN: Suffolk, Virginia
MAJORS: Political Science and Leadership Studies
MINOR: Communication
EXTRACURRICULARS: President’s Leadership Program participant and ambassador, intern with Reynolds Law Group and with Del. Emily Brewer, secretary of Phi Alpha Delta, Pi Sigma Alpha honor society
EXPLORE OVER 90+ AREAS OF STUDY
CNU.EDU/ACADEMICS

In addition to offering five-year master's programs*, Christopher Newport also has active agreements with graduate schools to facilitate early and/or guaranteed admission in the following fields:

- Biomedical research (MS)
- Biotechnology (MS)
- Computer engineering (MENG)
- Computer science (MENG)
- Doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)
- Doctor of physical therapy (DPT)
- Philosophy and English (international master's)
- Humanities (MA)
- Law (JD)
- Medical doctor (MD)
- Nursing (MSN)
- Physician assistant (MS)

*See areas of study
AREAS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- African American Studies
- American Studies
  - Constitutional Studies
  - Humanities
  - Social Science
- Anthropology
- Applied Physics
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology
  - Biology – Cellular, Molecular and Physiological
  - Biology – Integrative
  - Biology – Kinesiology
  - Biology – Organismal and Environmental
  - Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Child Life
- Childhood Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Civic Engagement and Social Justice
- Classical Studies
- Communication
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Cybersecurity
- Dance
- Data Science
- Digital Humanities
- Discrete Mathematics
- Economics
  - Mathematical Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- English
  - Literature
  - Writing
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- Finance
- French
- German
- Geography
- Global Commerce and Culture
- Greek Studies
- Health, Medical, and Wellness Studies
- History
- Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
- Information Science
- International Affairs
- International Culture and Business
- Judeo-Christian Studies
- Journalism
- Latin
- Latin American Studies
- Leadership Studies*
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mathematics – Computational and Applied
  - Biology and Life Sciences
  - Economics
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Physics and Engineering
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Middle East and North Africa Studies
- Military Science (ROTC)
- Museum Studies
- Music
  - Performance
  - Composition
  - Music Studies
  - Creative Studies
  - Pre-Certification: Choral
  - Pre-Certification: Instrumental
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
  - Pre-Seminary Studies
  - Studies in Religion
  - Philosophy and Religion
- Philosophy of Law
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studio Art
  - 2D and 3D Media
  - Graphic Design
  - Photography and Video Art
- Theater
  - Acting
  - Arts Administration
  - Design/Technical Theater
  - Directing/Dramatic Literature
  - Musical/Theater
  - Theater Studies
- U.S. National Security Studies
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Writing

ADVISING TRACKS
Biotechnology and Management
Pre-Law
Pre-Med and Pre-Health

BACHELOR’S TO FIVE-YEAR MASTER’S PROGRAMS
Applied Physics and Computer Science
Environmental Science
Teaching

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Data Analytics for the Social Sciences

GRADUATE STUDY
Financial Analysis
CNU.EDU/ACADEMICS

*Approved as a second major only
PRESIDENT’S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
CNU.EDU/PLP

Learn how to make a meaningful impact through the President’s Leadership Program (PLP). Selected freshman applicants have excelled in their academic studies and demonstrated a passion for engagement. Through challenging courses, public service, foreign study and other targeted opportunities, PLP empowers leadership students to make a difference — to become caring, knowledgeable and effective leaders for America and the world.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

+ Renewable scholarships for each year of residence
+ Study abroad award
+ Exclusive Presidential Scholar study abroad experience
+ Minor in leadership studies
+ Priority course registration and housing
+ Summer Leadership Adventure Program
+ Service learning
+ Structured internship opportunities and experiences
+ Interaction with leaders from various fields through the President’s Leadership Speaker Series

NEARLY 35 PERCENT of all freshmen receive a merit scholarship through the President’s Leadership or Honors Programs.
Hannah Mayr

“The President’s Leadership Program has encouraged me to practice servant leadership through my work as a volunteer in the community. In my case, that means building mentor relationships with students at a local high school. It has become my favorite part of my daily routine. Being a part of PLP has led to growth for me personally and academically and I have learned to be more empathetic. It has transformed my college years into meaningful time spent in service.”

HOMETOWN: Fairfield, Virginia
MAJOR: Social Work
MINOR: Leadership Studies
EXTRACURRICULARS: Young Life (Lead at Tabb High School), Social Work Association, resident assistant

HOW TO APPLY

Apply for PLP when applying for university admission at cnu.edu/freshman. Preference is given to applicants who complete the required interview by December 15.
Leadership
PETER MILLER

“I have been pushed to engage in our community, travel the world, and learn through hands-on action and experience. Whether studying world leaders while abroad at the University of Oxford, exploring my own strengths and style in classrooms on campus, or leading fellow firefighters through a house fire, there is no place quite like Christopher Newport to learn to lead.”

HOMETOWN: Keezletown, Virginia
MAJOR: Cellular, Molecular and Physiological Biology
MINORS: Leadership Studies and Civic Engagement and Social Justice
EXTRACURRICULARS: Bonner Service Scholar, volunteer firefighter-EMT, student ambassador, resident assistant, Greek Cru campus ministry, Captains Emergency Response president and founder, Ferguson Service Fellow, Honors Program, President’s Leadership Program, Pre-Med Scholars, Rocovich Medical Scholar, Sigma Phi Epsilon
Are you exceptionally motivated and seeking an academic challenge? Through the Honors Program, talented students pursue a rich educational experience by attending specialized seminar-style courses on unique interdisciplinary topics. Honors inquiry requirements include study abroad, undergraduate research and internships.

**PROGRAM BENEFITS**

+ Renewable scholarships for each year of residence
+ In-depth exploration of diverse and intriguing topics
+ More freedom to customize your curriculum
+ Study abroad financial support
+ Independent study and undergraduate research with top professors
+ Priority course registration and special housing
+ Visiting scholars and speakers and a capstone seminar on contemporary world issues
Tamera Williams

“The Honors Program gave me the autonomy to mold my college experience to fit my goals and interests. The interdisciplinary courses allowed me to engage in research on topics of my own choosing, ranging from religion to juvenile detention reform. It also connected me with like-minded students that allowed my education to continue outside of the classroom.”

HOMETOWN: Franklin City, Virginia
MAJOR: Accounting
MINOR: Leadership Studies
EXTRACURRICULARS: President’s Leadership Program, Alpha Kappa Psi, Accounting Club, Innovative Minds, Sigma Alpha Omega, Beta Gamma Sigma, Alpha Chi honor society

CORE CURRICULUM

Students accepted into the Honors Program have demonstrated aptitude in the liberal arts and sciences through exceptional achievement on standardized tests and in rigorous high school programs. The Honors Program accelerates the advancement of these academically gifted students into upper-level coursework. We embrace your success and allow more time for independent study, extensive research, advanced scholarship and foreign study while working toward your bachelor’s degree.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply for Honors when applying for university admission at cnu.edu/freshman. Preference is given to applicants who complete the required interview by December 15.
“UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH HAS CHALLENGED ME IN MANY WAYS WHILE ALSO GIVING ME NUMEROUS SKILLS I AM ABLE TO APPLY WITHIN MY MAJOR AND OUTSIDE OF RESEARCH. WHAT I’VE LOVED THE MOST HAS BEEN FORMING A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP WITH MY RESEARCH PROFESSOR.”

HOMETOWN: St. Augustine, Florida
MAJOR: Psychology
MINORS: Childhood Studies and Leadership Studies
EXTRACURRICULARS: Delta Gamma, student ambassador, undergraduate research, study abroad, Panhellenic Council, Service Distinction leader, President’s Leadership Program, Psi Chi honor society, Order of Omega Greek honor society

Natalee Jamerson
RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY
CNU.EDU/RESEARCH

From the moment you arrive at Christopher Newport, you’ll have the opportunity to integrate student learning through research and creative activity beyond the traditional classroom. It’s one of the best things you can do as a student, and will help open doors to any endeavor after you graduate. As undergraduates, students from every major enrich our campus with their creativity and action, and work directly with expert teacher-scholars to create new knowledge and seek answers to great questions. Student work has led to peer-reviewed publications in notable journals, presentations at conferences both here and abroad, and performances across the country. Whatever field excites you, you’ll find a unique opportunity to explore it here.

Some of the best science and engineering facilities in the world are right in our backyard, such as the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) and NASA Langley Research Center. We’re also in the heart of one of the most historic regions in America, and our nation’s capital is just a few hours away.

SUMMER SCHOLARS
Summer scholars are full-time, paid undergraduate research fellows. This program allows intellectually curious, motivated students to team with a professor on a compelling research question. The result is a community of scholars that promotes the collaborative nature of research, champions communication across disciplines and fosters discovery. Through this eight-week, in-residence experience, participants gain research and communication skills, learn more about the university’s scholarly resources, and become better problem solvers.

PAIDEIA CONFERENCE
Paideia is Christopher Newport’s annual conference dedicated to advancing important research across the liberal arts and sciences. Presentations span a variety of fields, from art to zoology, and everything in between. The conference is an interactive venue for students to share the results of their academic journeys with peers and faculty. More than 200 students present research at the Paideia conference each year.
As a student in the Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business, you'll immerse yourself in a rigorous program that prepares you for a successful career and distinguishes you as a critical thinker, articulate communicator, and ethical business and service-oriented leader.

Ahmad Frej

“Luter has provided me with an enriched academic experience where I specialize in my two majors while learning about other important business areas such as accounting, finance, business law and economics. I have a broader perspective of the business world and am prepared for success in any environment.”

HOMETOWN: Gainesville, Virginia
MAJORS: Management and Marketing
MINOR: Leadership Studies
EXTRACURRICULARS: President’s Leadership Program, resident assistant, student ambassador, orientation leader, CEE Fund, Luter School of Business Student Advisory Board, Council on Diversity and Inclusion, Muslim Student Association
HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

In addition to studying alongside expert professors in accounting, finance, management and marketing, you’ll gain hands-on experience through internships, mentorships and other business-related activities. We have a tradition of winning top honors, capturing national and international awards, and competing against top business schools in direct marketing, case competitions and small business entrepreneurship. Our business students historically place within the 90th percentile on the AACSB national Major Field Test. Additionally, each year our accounting students participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to provide free tax assistance for low-income taxpayers. Students help prepare more than 200 state and federal tax returns annually.

The Luter School has the international stamp of excellence, accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Less than 5 percent of the world’s business schools have achieved AACSB accreditation. Employers look for applicants from high-quality, AACSB-accredited schools.
“The pre-law program is a wonderful experience for anyone who is considering a career in law. Beyond the exceptional faculty advisers who are here to help you every step of the way, the program puts on great events and brings in prominent speakers, ranging from local lawyers to actual law school admissions officers.”

HOMETOWN: Hamilton, Virginia
MAJORS: American Studies and Political Science
MINORS: History and U.S. National Security Studies
EXTRACURRICULARS: Junior fellow at the Center for American Studies, Alpha Chi honor society, Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, intramural sports

PROGRAM BENEFITS
We set you on the path to success through helpful resources and services:
+ Academic and career advising
+ Internships
+ Workshops, seminars and guest lectures
+ Networking opportunities
+ Phi Delta Alpha pre-law fraternity
+ Law School Admission Test preparation
PRE-LAW PROGRAM
CNU.EDU/PRELAW

Interested in pursuing a career in law? The nation’s top law schools seek applicants who have a well-rounded undergraduate education — one like the liberal arts and sciences curriculum Christopher Newport offers. Many of our pre-law students pursue a philosophy of law minor or an American studies major with a constitutional studies concentration, but regardless of your undergraduate field of study, our pre-law program is designed to help you gain admission to one of the nation’s top 25 law schools and become a successful lawyer.

3+3 PROGRAM

Our 3+3 accelerated programs with George Mason University and Regent University offer undergraduates the opportunity to fast-track their degrees. In just six years, instead of the usual seven, students can earn both a bachelor’s degree from Christopher Newport and a law degree from the Antonin Scalia Law School, a top 50 program, or Regent University School of Law. After completing three years at Christopher Newport and gaining admission to one of the law schools, participants will become full-time, first-year law students at GMU’s Arlington campus or Regent’s Virginia Beach campus.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

In 2022 William C. Mims took senior status as a justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia and came to Christopher Newport, where he also teaches courses about the Constitution. He is a former attorney general of Virginia and member of the General Assembly. He is only the second Virginian in history to serve in Virginia’s top three legal positions — helping to make the law, enforce the law and interpret the law. He previously has taught at two Virginia law schools. He is deeply committed to teaching and mentoring undergraduates who may want to become legal professionals.
Medical schools and other graduate programs seek applicants with a well-rounded undergraduate education. The Pre-Med and Pre-Health Program at Christopher Newport assists students pursuing any academic major to prepare for post-graduate study. In addition to the necessary prerequisite coursework, we offer several resources to help you gain admission to your professional school of choice — from academic and career advising to mentoring, clinical internships, workshops and seminars.

Council for Health Professions: We are committed to helping you on the path to a rewarding career as a health care professional. The Council provides advice and guidance, conducts practice interview session, helps applicants develop their personal statements, and participates in the evaluation of our students during their application process to medical school or other professional programs. This personalized assistance can make the difference between a successful application and one that falls short.

**EARLY ACCEPTANCE**

Each year Christopher Newport sophomores in the Pre-Med Scholars Program may apply for and receive early acceptance to Eastern Virginia Medical School or VCU School of Medicine.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Riverside Medical Group Leadership Scholarship Windward Scholars

See page 46 for detailed scholarship information.
“THE PRE-MED PROGRAM SOLIDIFIED MY DECISION TO ASPIRE TO BE A SURGEON THROUGH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES. THE ABILITY TO SPEAK WITH PHYSICIANS AND ALUMNI HAS SHOWN ME THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES I CAN PURSUE WITH A DEGREE IN MEDICINE.”

HOMETOWN: Sayville, New York
MAJOR: Cellular, Molecular and Physiological Biology
MINORS: Leadership Studies and Mathematics
EXTRACURRICULARS: Presidential Scholar, Riverside Medical Group Scholar; operating room assistant at Riverside Hospital, Special Olympics soccer coach

Sierra Boyce
STUDY ABROAD

Where will you go?

We encourage you to study abroad, either accompanied by our faculty or independently. You may choose to study for an entire semester, year or more briefly over the summer. These rich cultural experiences are as unique as the destinations. At Christopher Newport, the world is your classroom!

Students have recently spent semesters or summers in Australia, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Greece, South Africa, Italy, Thailand, the Bahamas, Hungary, Scotland, Spain and many other international locales.

CNU.EDU/STUDYABROAD
1. LONDON
   2022 Oxford Study Abroad

2. HVIDOVRE, DENMARK
   Jenn Newton ’21

3. VENICE, ITALY
   Sydney Watts ’23

4. COSTA BRAVA, SPAIN
   Ahmei Thevoz ’23

5. MILAN, ITALY
   Sarah Poole ’23
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

CNU.EDU/GRADUATE

Christopher Newport students can earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree in the following five-year programs:

+ Master of Arts in Teaching
+ Master of Financial Analysis
+ Master of Science in Applied Physics and Computer Science
+ Master of Science in Environmental Science

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

CNU.EDU/TEACHERPREP

Christopher Newport produces outstanding teachers through our master of arts in teaching program. You’ll begin taking graduate classes your senior year, and during your fifth year you’ll complete a semester of student teaching, earn your master’s degree and become a licensed teacher in Virginia.
“THE MASTER OF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS PROGRAM WAS AN EASY CHOICE FOR ME TO PURSUE AS IT TIES TOGETHER WHAT I LIKE TO DO AND WHAT I’M GOOD AT, AND IT GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED IN THE FUTURE.”

HOMETOWN: Lancaster, Pennsylvania
MAJOR: Finance
MINOR: Economics
EXTRACURRICULARS: Student Government Association president, varsity athlete, study abroad (Spain), Graduate Student Advisory Council, Campus Ministries, Service Distinction earned at the Peninsula Food Bank

Henry Womble
SERVICE DISTINCTION

Students who complete at least 140 hours of focused service within the local community graduate with Service Distinction. They also participate in various workshops that explore societal issues challenging our community. In addition to having the opportunity to serve, students gain valuable real-world experience, and their commitment and contributions are recognized at graduation and on their academic record.

BONNER SERVICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Bonner Service Scholars Program is a four-year, developmental program that educates, equips and inspires students to engage our local community and beyond. Through a partnership with the Bonner Foundation, Christopher Newport joins a national network of 75 colleges and universities that support four-year, service scholarships. Bonner Scholars serve on a small, site-based team at least 10 hours each week during the school year, for a combined total of more than 300 hours each year. In addition to direct service, Bonners participate in program development, policy research, national conferences, skills trainings and other development activities. As members of the national Bonner network, students gain real-world experience, training and support.
Christopher Newport students contribute to the greater good by making a positive difference in the life of our campus, community and world. We offer countless opportunities – from service-learning initiatives and projects like Habitat for Humanity to the philanthropic work of our Greek organizations and student-athletes, among others.

**DAY ONE OF SERVICE**

At the beginning of each school year incoming students work side-by-side with faculty and staff, volunteering their time with local organizations and schools on Christopher Newport’s annual Day One of Service. This initiative represents the first step in a four-year commitment by students to volunteer throughout their college years. Additionally, President’s Leadership Program students make a significant impact as they complete at least 100 hours of community service.
Service
MIRIAM STUMP

“Christopher Newport not only emphasizes service, but also provides students with amazing opportunities for community engagement. As a result, every week, students like myself engage in acts of service at an array of agencies in the surrounding area. By performing acts of service, we can create positive differences within the organizations and the people we serve in our community. At the same time, we experience the most rewarding opportunities, which develop civic and social responsibility, while enhancing our communication skills.”

HOMETOWN: Leesburg, Virginia
MAJOR: Social Work
MINOR: Sociology
EXTRACURRICULARS: Intern and volunteer in the oncology unit at Riverside Regional Medical Center, volunteer at Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula, Scuba Club, Farmers Market Club, Her Campus CNU
Abby Asuncion

“Christopher Newport offers a multitude of ways to get involved on and off campus. Through my experience, I have been able to maintain a healthy balance between my extracurriculars and my academics. Additionally, I have learned many lessons through my involvements outside of academia: service, sisterhood and teamwork. Each of these important competencies will assist my future career, and the memories I have created will last a lifetime.”

HOMETOWN: Sterling, Virginia
MAJOR: English
MINORS: Psychology and Leadership Studies
EXTRACURRICULARS: President’s Leadership Program, Gamma Phi Beta sorority, varsity field hockey
COLLEGE IS SO MUCH MORE THAN CLASSES AND ASSIGNMENTS. IT’S ALSO SERIOUS FUN!

CNU.EDU/STUDENTLIFE

Student life contributes greatly to your Christopher Newport experience, and you’re sure to find many activities to spark your interest. You can also make your mark by starting a new club or organization. In addition to the wide number of clubs and extracurricular opportunities, you’ll also enjoy special events scheduled year-round, from comedians and coffeehouse music performances to game nights, movies, outdoor concerts and Springfest.
We make it easy to stay active with programs and facilities to match all fitness levels. With a 200-meter indoor track and a fully equipped gym in the Triesmann Health and Fitness Pavilion, it’s a great place to work out. Christopher Newport offers outdoor adventure and recreation activities, club and intramural sports, and dozens of fitness classes, such as spinning, pilates, body sculpt, yoga and Zumba.

The Freeman Center, our sports and convocation facility, was named an outstanding sports facility by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

### Club Sports

- Basketball
- Cheer
- Crew
- Crossfitness
- Equestrian
- Field hockey
- Fishing
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hiking
- Ice hockey
- Lacrosse
- Martial arts
- Rugby
- Running
- Sand volleyball
- Scuba
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

### Intramurals

- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Flag football
- Sand volleyball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
HUB OF STUDENT ACTIVITY

The David Student Union houses the Captains Locker spirit store and Crow’s Nest student lounge, a great place to play a game of pool or foosball, sing karaoke, or just hang out in the video game room. It also houses a myriad of dining options, conference spaces, meeting rooms and a spectacular ballroom.

HEADLINE PERFORMANCES

FERGUSONCENTER.ORG

Our students enjoy year-round performances at Christopher Newport’s world-class Ferguson Center for the Arts, such as Andrea Bocelli, John Legend, Blue Man Group, Wynton Marsalis, Sarah Bareilles, National Symphony Orchestra and Broadway blockbusters like Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Jersey Boys, Chicago and countless others. Plus, students can attend most shows for between $5 and $15.
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## Awards

- **2021**: Women's Soccer National Champions
- **2022**: Softball National Champions
- **2023**: Men's Basketball National Champions

![Image of basketball players holding a trophy]
81
INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

780+
ALL AMERICANS

ONE OF THE NATION’S MOST SUCCESSFUL NCAA DIVISION III PROGRAMS

24
VARSITY TEAMS

TOP WINNING PERCENTAGE NEARLY EVERY YEAR AMONG ALL VIRGINIA SCHOOLS
CAMPUS LIVING

Your home away from home

Our residence halls and apartment complexes win rave reviews from students and parents alike.

Our students live in modern residence halls and apartment suites with all the amenities and comforts of home.

+ Air conditioning
+ Mini-refrigerator or kitchen access
+ In-suite bathrooms
+ Microwave
+ Basic satellite cable TV
+ High-speed internet
+ Electronic room access
+ Laundry facilities located in each residence hall

Upperclassman housing:

+ Private bedroom
+ Private bathroom
+ Fully equipped kitchen
+ In-unit washer and dryer

For room layouts of each residence hall visit cnu.edu/housing
We set the standard for an exceptional college dining experience — from our friendly and welcoming staff to our excellent facilities and wide array of dining choices.

Chick-fil-A | Discovery Bistro
Discovery Café | Discovery Grill
Discovery Pizza | Einstein’s Café
Hiden-Hussey Commons (dining hall)
Regattas (dining hall)

Duncan Owen

“As soon as I stepped onto campus, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the vibrant community here. Living on-campus during my first year, I was extremely thankful to live in the top-notch residence halls, meeting some of my best friends! Since my first day as a freshman, I have made sure to fill my time with leadership positions and extracurricular activities to become a well-rounded individual in and out of the classroom.”

HOMETOWN: Richmond, Virginia
MAJOR: Communication
MINORS: Civic Engagement and Social Justice and Philosophy and Religious Studies
EXTRACURRICULARS: Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Campus Activities Board, Newport News Public Schools volunteer, orientation
Honor
MIA JACKSON

“Christopher Newport’s emphasis on honor is one of the many reasons why I chose this school to be my home for the next four years. By upholding the honor code, CNU helps students serve as responsible stewards not only while they’re at Christopher Newport, but also back in their local community.”

HOMETOWN: Fredericksburg, Virginia
MAJOR: Music
EXTRACURRICULARS: Resident assistant, student ambassador, music director of the Newport Pearls a cappella group, president of the American Choral Directors Association, Chamber Choir, National Association for Music Education, Sigma Alpha Iota
OUR LOCATION

Newport News, Virginia

Christopher Newport is in the heart of one of the most historic — and beautiful — areas of the United States, and conveniently located amid popular Virginia attractions. When you venture off campus, you’ll find unlimited activities for all interests as well as cultural and historical treasures within a short walk or drive. Plus, we make exploring our region easy because freshmen can have cars on campus.

The area offers so much to do, and our mild, four-season climate makes venturing outdoors a year-round pursuit!

+ Mountain-biking trails at Harwood’s Mill and Mariners’ Lake
+ The Noland Trail, a five-mile wooded path with views of the majestic James River
+ The Mariners’ Museum, home to the USS Monitor Center
+ Numerous Civil War-era homes and historical areas
+ Huntington Beach on the James River
+ Virginia Living Museum

Visit cnu.edu/visit to learn more about our campus
Colonial Williamsburg
Virginia Beach
Historic Jamestown
Busch Gardens
Water Country USA
Yorktown

25 miles
42 miles
30 miles
21 miles
20 miles
15 miles
MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
For first-time, full-time freshmen

BONNER SERVICE SCHOLARS
The Bonner Service Scholars Program is a four-year, developmental initiative that educates, equips and inspires students to engage our local community and beyond through a partnership with the national Bonner Foundation.

CANON VIRGINIA, INC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarships are awarded to President's Leadership Program students with an interest in engineering or computer science.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARS
Scholarships are awarded to students who intend to major in computer science, computer engineering or information science.

FERGUSON ENTERPRISES PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students in music, theater and dance based on special talent and potential demonstrated during audition performance.

HONORS PROGRAM
The Honors Program features stimulating interdisciplinary seminar courses and requires at least two Honors inquiries chosen from study abroad, independent research, civic engagement or internships. Honors students are also afforded more academic freedom, with seminar coursework satisfying liberal learning core requirements.

PRESIDENT’S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PLP)
PLP is for high-achieving students who have shown a passion for engagement while in high school and who demonstrate leadership potential. This program uniquely integrates the academic study of leadership, service learning and personal development.

RIVERSIDE MEDICAL GROUP
Chosen from among the top incoming Pre-Med Scholars, RMG Scholars are mentored by Riverside Health System physicians and gain clinical experiences through summer medical rotations, as well as other medical education activities.

For scholarship details and how to apply visit cnu.edu/scholarships
Financial Aid

Christopher Newport offers exceptional academics, stunning facilities and a vibrant campus life. Yet we recognize paying for college can be a challenge. That’s why we distribute more than $50 million in aid to students each year. Most assistance comes in the form of federal and state grants, scholarships to reward merit and help students with financial need, educational loans, and college work-study programs.

FAFSA DEADLINE

Students who meet the preferred deadline, December 15, 2023, will receive their award packages earlier. Those who meet the priority deadline, March 1, 2024, will be considered for all types of eligible aid contingent upon available funding. If you have questions, our financial aid counselors are happy to meet with you and your family. Visit cnu.edu/financialaid or call (757) 594-7170

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400+ MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

*based on 2023-24 costs per year
APPLYING TO CNU

We encourage students to apply to Christopher Newport as early as possible to be given every opportunity for admission and merit scholarships. We anticipate receiving 7,500 applications for 1,150 spaces in the fall freshman class.

Application Types

EARLY DECISION
By applying Early Decision, you agree to enroll if offered admission. While you may apply to other colleges, you agree to withdraw all other applications if admitted. If you feel Christopher Newport is the right fit for you, applying Early Decision will give you the best chance for admission as it demonstrates your commitment to Christopher Newport, which we take into account when reviewing your application.

EARLY ACTION
Early Action is a nonbinding option and great choice for students very interested in Christopher Newport but still considering other colleges. By applying Early Action a decision will be made long before the traditional spring notification date.

REGULAR DECISION
Regular Decision is also nonbinding and provides the most time to submit your application. It has the latest notification date and is the most competitive.

Application Review

When reviewing applications we consider each student’s academic grades and curriculum, with special attention given to honors, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or dual-enrollment courses. We also look for students who demonstrate leadership ability, a commitment to service and community involvement, exemplary talents, and diverse experiences. As part of the application review, Christopher Newport requires a personal statement or essay of no fewer than 250 words to learn more about you, your goals and ideas.

PLACEMENT CREDIT
Credits for AP, IB and dual-enrollment are awarded for appropriate grades and test scores.

PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD
In-person interviews are strongly recommended for all applicants and are required for PLP and Honors candidates. For more information, visit cnu.edu/interview
APPLICATION DEADLINES

EARLY DECISION
Deadline to apply: November 15
Notification date: December 15

EARLY ACTION
Deadline to apply: December 1
Notification date: January 15

REGULAR DECISION
Deadline to apply: February 1
Notification date: March 15

TEST OPTIONAL
Christopher Newport was one of the first public universities in Virginia to offer test-optional admission over a decade ago, and many of our admission offers are made each year to students who choose not to submit standardized test scores. We made further concessions in 2020-21 to account for testing hardships by lifting the minimum GPA and rank-in-class requirements for test-optional consideration. Our holistic review process takes many factors into consideration, and applying test-optional requires that we place more emphasis on other credentials. Many students still choose to submit standardized test scores from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Test (ACT) and/or the Classic Learning Test (CLT) to bolster their admission and scholarship applications.

ADMISSION INTERVIEWS
We strongly encourage interviews for all high school seniors who plan to apply. This personal interaction is an important part of the application process. It is a great way to enhance your admission application and receive a personalized introduction to Christopher Newport. We want to meet you one-on-one to learn about you — your qualities, experiences and goals we can’t discern from your test scores or GPA.

An interview is required for Honors and PLP applicants. Preference for those programs is given to those who interview by the December 15 priority deadline.

Application Checklist

REQUIRED ACTIONS

☐ Submit the Common Application - including your essay and $65 application fee

☐ Submit your most recent official high school transcript

☐ Have your SAT, ACT and/or CLT scores sent directly to Christopher Newport (unless you choose to apply test-optional)
CNU’s SAT code: 5128
CNU’s ACT code: 4345

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

☐ Submit teacher evaluations in a core subject (English, social studies, foreign language, mathematics or science)

☐ Schedule an interview

☐ Schedule a visit to campus

Apply online at cnu.edu/apply via commonapp.org
Schedule a Visit
CNU.EDU/VISIT

There is no better way to experience Christopher Newport University than to visit our beautiful campus. We offer daily information sessions and tours, personal interviews, and special events throughout the year.

Check out our online options to preview campus and hear from current students. We offer both a full 360-degree video tour and a self-guided virtual tour.

youvisit.com/cnu
On my honor, I will maintain the highest standards of honesty, integrity and personal responsibility. This means I will not lie, cheat or steal, and as a member of this academic community, I am committed to creating an environment of respect and mutual trust.

- HONOR CODE