# WELCOME TO CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

Christopher Newport University is a superb choice for your college studies. Small class sizes, accomplished professors who put your education first and a picturesque, safe campus create an environment hard to find in public higher education. Come explore further the quality of life you will enjoy here.

# **Our Students**

There's no such thing as a typical Christopher Newport student! Our 5,000 students hail from every part of Virginia, 28 other states and 32 foreign countries.

Each year we welcome 1,200 new freshmen and more than 100 transfers with diverse interests and fields of study.

Our students thrive on the close relationships they form with their professors. Many work with faculty on pioneering research — from wetland studies at the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge to robotics at NASA to particle research at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

The number of admission applications has soared by more than 700 percent in the last decade, and the middle 50 percent SAT range for last year's incoming freshmen (Critical Reading and Math) was 1080-1230. The middle 50 percent GPA range (4.0 scale) was 3.5-4.0. Plus, more students are seeking entry into our distinguished Honors Program and President's Leadership Program.

Christopher Newport also offers many international study opportunities, including our permanent relationship with the University of Oxford and dozens of smaller, faculty-led programs. Signature academic programs include the Master of Arts in Teaching, Pre-Law Program, Pre-Med and Pre-Health Program, and a cutting-edge program in neuroscience.

### **Professors and Academics**

Our professors love to teach, and most chose Christopher Newport for our commitment to academic excellence. Outstanding veteran faculty members offer an incredible depth of experience and knowledge, and nearly 60 percent of our classes have 19 or fewer students.

Christopher Newport professors have won numerous awards for great teaching, plus many large research grants. They regularly publish highly regarded books and articles on myriad topics, often working with student co-authors.

Our marketing students have won top honors regionally and nationally. The Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, one of only 42 schools in the nation offering only undergraduate programs to earn this honor.

In psychology, students regularly make presentations at the top East Coast conference, where they are often mistaken for graduate students due to the quality of their work.

CNU has received top recognition from Forbes, Kiplinger's Personal Finance and The Princeton Review organization. U.S. News & World Report selected Christopher Newport as one of America's up-and-coming schools, those that have made "the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus and facilities."

# **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Playing to win is a passion at Christopher Newport. As part of NCAA Division III, our athletes excel in the classroom and on the field of play through 23 varsity teams. Since 1980, we have produced more than 600 All-Americans and won more than 70 national team and individual titles.

Our football team was the first in NCAA history to win its conference and go to the NCAA playoffs in its first year of play. Exceptional venues for baseball, lacrosse, softball and soccer make it easy to cheer on the Captains. Nearly every year we have the top winning percentage among Virginia schools.

#### **Student Life**

A community of honor, Christopher Newport is a place where students, faculty and staff care about each other and help make the college experience positive. Our students participate in more than 200 clubs and organizations, along with dozens of recreational and club sports as well as service projects. Whether you're interested in biology field trips to the ocean or launching a campus club, our diverse activities make time outside the classroom memorable.

Each year you'll enjoy performances by major artists and renowned speakers, plus special events like Spring Fest, Family Weekend and Homecoming. The Ferguson Center for the Arts, our world-class performing arts venue, features the 500-seat Peebles Theatre, a 200-seat experimental theater, and the awe-inspiring, 1,700-seat Diamonstein Concert Hall for performances by internationally known stars. Jewel, Wayne Brady, "Dancing With the Stars," Andrea Bocelli, Queen Latifah, David Copperfield, B.B. King and the Broadway hit "STOMP" have taken the stage here, among countless others. Students can attend most shows for \$5 to \$15!

Students and Student Life staff sponsor dances, clubs, Greek events, multicultural activities, comedy nights, recently released movies and outdoor festivals, among many other events.

## **Our Region**

A great location makes for a great experience. Our region is not only a top resort area that attracts millions of visitors each year; it is also a center of high-tech development and research, including NASA Langley Research Center and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, site of groundbreaking physics research.

Students have easy access to the rolling dunes and pounding surf of Virginia Beach. A 20-minute ride west leads to Williamsburg and Jamestown; many students appreciate the splendor of American history and also find internships at Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens.

# The Campus: Present and Future

Our campus encompasses 260 acres within a park-like setting in Newport News. We take pride in building everything to the highest standards. Christopher Newport also ranks as one of the safest campuses in Virginia.

We have completed \$1 billion in new capital construction, including Christopher Newport Hall, which houses in one location all vital services as students transition from admission through graduation. The Paul and Rosemary Trible Library, with its 14-story tower lighted day and night, is the intellectual center of campus. It features a gourmet coffee shop with study rooms for quiet collaboration with friends, spacious reading rooms, and quiet corners for reflection and study.

Lewis Archer McMurran, Jr. Hall is home to our superb liberal arts programs. Mary Brock Forbes Hall, our integrated science center, provides a 21st-century hub for education and discovery. Luter Hall houses the Luter School of Business; economics; sociology, social work and anthropology; leadership and American studies; mathematics; and physics, computer science and engineering.

State-of-the-art laboratories in computer science, computer engineering, physics, instrumentation and the natural sciences enhance the close interaction between professors and students.

Christopher Newport's residence halls win rave reviews from students and parents alike. Basic cable, a built-in micro-fridge, Internet access, carpeting, air conditioning and suite-style rooms make campus living attractive. We also offer wireless service in all public areas.

CNU Village, an elegant apartment complex on campus, provides private rooms with private baths, kitchens, washers and dryers, living rooms, cathedral ceilings, and your own private parking space! CNU Village is home to numerous

eateries — including Panera Bread, Subway, Moe's Southwest Grill and Tropical Smoothie, among others. Thanks to our dazzling residential facilities, 4,000 students now make campus their home.

The Freeman Center, for sports and convocations, features a 200-meter indoor track, three basketball courts and personal recreation/fitness space in the Trieshmann Health and Fitness Pavilion. The Freeman Center is one of the nation's finest facilities of its kind and recently underwent further expansion. The building houses the 400-seat Gaines Theatre, as well as the James C. Windsor Center for Health and Counseling Services.

Surrounded by beautiful neighborhoods, Christopher Newport is a great place for walking, jogging or cycling, and you're only a few short blocks from the James River and a pleasant bicycle ride to a public white sand beach and park. We are also adjacent to pristine Lake Maury, surrounded by Mariners' Museum Park with 600 acres of trails and woodlands.

#### Come Visit!

See firsthand the quality of Christopher Newport University. We welcome your visit Monday through Saturday (except major national holidays) throughout the year. Call (757) 594-7015 or (800) 333-4268 to arrange a time. Also visit us online at admission.cnu.edu for special visit dates.

We look forward to welcoming you to Christopher Newport!