



Paul Tribble is a former President of Christopher Newport University and was the longest serving President of Virginia's public colleges and universities while in office. He retired as President in July 2022 and now serves as the University's first Chancellor.

Under President Tribble's leadership, Christopher Newport University was transformed and now stands in the ranks of America's most respected public universities. Because of his 26-year presidency, applications to Christopher Newport have exploded by more than 800%, average SATs have increased by more than 240 points, hundreds of full-time faculty have been hired and CNU has expended over \$1 billion in building a beautiful campus with world-class facilities.

At Christopher Newport, he founded the President's Leadership Program and has spent the last 25 years equipping leaders through a combination of experiential learning, academic study and personal development. The PLP program prepares students for a life of leadership, service and civic responsibility producing actively engaged citizens committed to improving their communities, people strong character and integrity who embrace personal accountability, meaningful relationships and a strong work ethic and effective leaders who successfully combine self-exploration, critical reflection and leadership theory in an ever-changing global society.

Tribble earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampden-Sydney College and his law degree from Washington & Lee University. He served as Commonwealth's Attorney of Essex County, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, U.S. Congressman and Senator. He was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations and a Teaching Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has been honored by Hampden-Sydney, Washington & Lee and the University of Oxford for his leadership and public service.

He is married to Rosemary Dunaway Tribble and has two children, Mary Katherine Tribble Peters and Paul S. Tribble, III. Rosemary Tribble is the author of [Fear to Freedom](#) and she is a compassionate and eloquent voice for the victims of sexual abuse.