

STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Student Affairs represents a comprehensive and complementary educational experience led by the Vice President of Student Affairs. Professional staff members work in Orientation and Student Engagement; the President's Leadership Program; Diversity Initiatives; the Office of Residence Life; the James C. Windsor Center for Health and Counseling Services; the Office of Student Activities, which includes Greek Life; the Center for Honor Enrichment and Community Standards (CHECS); and University Police. Student Affairs is also a starting point for students with qualified disabilities. These areas work collaboratively to support the academic mission of the University, facilitate students' success and engagement, provide enrichment, and foster the opportunity to interact socially in several hundred activities offered annually.

Orientation activities help new students successfully transition to college life. The Setting Sail, Changing Tides and Welcome Week programs are required of all new students, providing guidance and insight into life as a CNU Captain.

Closely connected to the Orientation program are our efforts at engaging students. Student Engagement provides meaningful and developmental opportunities that supplement what students learn in the classroom, engage them in leadership outside the classroom, and empower them to serve the community. University Fellows work directly with students seeking additional support or opportunities to become active and engaged members of Christopher Newport University.

The President's Leadership Program (PLP) is a four year leadership education experience that empowers students to recognize their leadership potential and develop personal responsibility for the betterment of self and society. PLP uses a developmental framework to structure out of class experiences through distinct yet interdependent areas of focus. The framework serves as an integrated approach that engages students in the development of personal and social responsibility.

Diversity Initiatives are designed to support students from diverse backgrounds by promoting an environment that fosters cultural understanding and an inclusive campus community. This support includes educational, cultural and social opportunities for diverse interactions and cultural education that enhances student awareness, understanding, and appreciation for diversity.

The Office of Residence Life (ORL) cultivates a campus living environment which supports residents as they transition towards independence. Our progressive housing model systematically moves students from halls with a focus

on interpersonal skills and community development through halls with a focus on personal ownership and community contribution.

The James C. Windsor Center for Health and Counseling Services facilitates students' personal exploration to assist them in being successful in their endeavors at CNU. Students can access basic medical support through the Health & Wellness Clinic, where services range from healthy living assessments to prescribing medication. Student focused group and individual short term counseling is available to any student in need of assistance through the Office of Counseling Services.

The Office of Student Activities (OSA) sponsors a variety of social and educational events tailored to the needs and desires of CNU students. These programs, many of which are jointly operated with one of the over 200 clubs and organizations on campus, have included major concerts, dynamic leadership speakers, popular comedians, and annual festivals and activities.

Greek Life works closely with the social fraternities and sororities as well as the historically African-American Greek-letter organizations to provide a meaningful educational, service and social experience for students. Approximately 30 percent of CNU students join one of the eight fraternities, seven sororities or five historically African American Greek-letter organizations.

The Center for Honor Enrichment and Community Standards facilitates the integration of honorable living into the campus community and the lives of our community members. CHECS upholds the community standards of the university by working closely with the students responsible for administering the student-led Honor Council. The Center accomplishes these tasks through educational programming and the adjudication of violations to the Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct. Of primary importance is the Honors Convocation, which formally welcomes new students to CNU through the signing of the Honor Code.

Safety and security are an important element of the Christopher Newport experience. Through a community policing model which includes 20 sworn officers as well as security and communication staff, University Police provides a safe environment in which students can focus on the rich academic and co-curricular experiences available to them.

Students with disabilities may seek support and services through Student Affairs. Through accommodations received from the university, students with disabilities are provided the opportunity to access educational programs and services in support of their learning efforts.