

## William G. Kelly biography

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William G. Kelly is the Sixth President of Christopher Newport University.

A nationally respected educator and military leader, Bill Kelly is a lifelong public servant with nearly four decades of distinguished service in the U.S. Coast Guard. Prior to his appointment as President, Rear Admiral (retired) Kelly was the 42nd Superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. His military career spanned 36 years as he commanded forces both ashore and afloat. He stood the watch for our nation from the waters of the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Alaska and, following the 9/11 attacks, in New York Harbor. President Kelly has an extensive background in human resource development, training, and education and has been an advocate for inclusive leadership and developing diverse teams throughout his career. President Kelly earned his undergraduate degree from the Coast Guard Academy and a master's degree from Florida State University.

President Kelly met his wife, Angie during his junior year at the Coast Guard Academy, and they "have been a team ever since." Married for 35 years, they are the proud parents of two sons, Patrick and Tyler, and the adoring grandparents to their young grandson, Liam Kelly.