

Graduation Exercises

Musical Prelude

York River Concert Band

Jeffrey Haney, Director

Initiation of Program

Dr. Robert P. Leber

Director, Education and Workforce Development

Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1*

Sir Edward Elgar

The National Anthem

Francis Scott Key

Invocation

Reverend J. Don Rogers, Pastor

All Generations Church, Newport News, VA

Presentation of Graduate and Faculty Awards

Remarks and Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Matthew J. Mulherin, Sector Vice President and General Manager

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Commencement Address

C. Michael Petters, Corporate Vice President and President

Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding

Awarding of Certificates

Dr. James H. Hughes

Manager, Training

For the Graduates

Eric Christopher Kilner

Benediction

Reverend J. Don Rogers

Recessional: *Proud Heritage*

William Latham

Graduate and Faculty Awards

Niels Christiansen Craftsmanship Award

To graduates who excelled in craftsmanship

presented by Danny W. Hunley, Vice President, Operations and Trades
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Andrew Morris Causey

Paul Lee Houk

Norris Rodgers Nixon

Willard Dwayne Paul

Patrick Shane Waltrip

W.R. Phillips, Jr. Award

To outstanding graduates from the Design
and Production Planning programs

presented by D. Scott Stabler, Sector Vice President, Supply Chain Management
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding

Randolph Davis Hall

Eric Christopher Kilner

Charles F. Bailey Award

To the graduate with the highest scholastic average in required courses

*presented by Barbara A. Niland, Sector Vice President of Business Management
and Chief Financial Officer*
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding

Nishon Kareem Carter

Daniel Lee Chattin

Tristan Thomas Phillips Downey

Lee Derrick Jenkins

Eric Christopher Kilner

Dennis Christian Knutson, Jr.

Sean Patrick McCalley

David Kenneth McCulloch

Joseph Isaac Meredith

Thomas Earl Mock

Justin Lee Novak

Nicholas Roc Phillips

Donald Edward Rickerson III

Ruel Edward Scott, Jr.

Stephen Scott Scovill

G. Guy Via Award

To the graduate with the highest scholastic average in optional advanced courses
presented by Rebecca A. Stewart, Vice President, Submarines and Fleet Support
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Daniel Lee Chattin
Eric Christopher Kilner
Dennis Christian Knutson, Jr.
Sean Patrick McCallep
Nicholas Roc Phillips
Donald Edward Rickerson III

Homer L. Ferguson Award

On behalf of the Apprentice Alumni Association to the graduate who achieved
the highest average in combined required academic and craft grades
presented by Jennifer R. Boykin, Vice President, Quality and Process Excellence
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Eric Christopher Kilner

Athletic Award

To graduates for outstanding athletic achievement
presented by Daniel L. Arczynski, Sector Vice President,
Strategic Planning and Development
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding

Tomerris Jarrod Cato-Dixon	<i>Baseball</i>
Harding Epps III	<i>Baseball</i>
Matthew Glenn Marshall	<i>Baseball</i>
Alan Lee Riley, Jr.	<i>Baseball</i>
James Ryan Scott	<i>Baseball</i>
Warren Lee Cherry, Jr.	<i>Basketball</i>
Nolan Michael Thompson	<i>Basketball</i>
Joshua Herbert Baker	<i>Football</i>
Benjamin Lee Brown	<i>Football</i>
Joseph Jewon Bruce	<i>Football</i>
Michael Che`von Burris	<i>Football</i>
Jacob Lewis Compton	<i>Football</i>
Rameriz Yannick Crumbley	<i>Football</i>
Bobby Gray Farmer	<i>Football</i>
Quentin Vernell Forbes	<i>Football</i>
Terrance Ordrell Franklin	<i>Football</i>

Athletic Award cont.

Jonathon David Gladden	<i>Football</i>
Jeffrey Michael Hardesty	<i>Football</i>
Michael William Hogan	<i>Football</i>
Johnathon Dustin Lee Mims	<i>Football</i>
Travis Recarto Moultrie	<i>Football</i>
Earnest DeWayne Nimmo	<i>Football</i>
Travis Donnell Reid	<i>Football</i>
Tony Demetrius Scott	<i>Football</i>
Walter Thomas Stanford	<i>Football</i>
Douglas Craig Ashworth	<i>Golf</i>
Christopher Ryan Everett	<i>Golf</i>
Joseph Edward Maben	<i>Golf</i>
Natasha Nicole Jones	<i>Women's Basketball</i>
Whitney Devona Lassiter	<i>Women's Basketball</i>
Joshua Aaron Flint	<i>Wrestling</i>
Justin Conrad Gilliard	<i>Wrestling</i>
Cecil Anthony Lee, Jr.	<i>Wrestling</i>
Eric Matthew Lybarger	<i>Wrestling</i>

James P. Healy Community Service Award

On behalf of the Mariners Club to the graduate who most exemplified leadership in community service

presented by Ken Mahler, Vice President, Navy Programs

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Kareem Mali Solomon

Frank F. Satchell, Jr. Outstanding Faculty Award

presented by Rolf Bartschi, Vice President & Chief Nuclear Engineer,

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Wayne E. Lucas

Graduates

MELINDA LYNN ADKINS*

Marine Designer

Sunbury, NC

AYODELE OLUWA-TOYOSIN AKIODE

Electrician

Bronx, NY

ALAN CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON*

Marine Designer

Hampton, VA

DOUGLAS CRAIG ASHWORTH

Heating and Air Conditioning Worker

Newport News, VA

CHAD WARNER BAILEY

Maintenance Electrician

Newport News, VA

JOSHUA HERBERT BAKER*

Outside Machinist

Williamsburg, VA

JACOB RYAN BALLARD-SPITZER

Pipefitter

Hampton, VA

PHILLIP APOSTOLOS BALTZIS*

Pipefitter

Hampton, VA

TIMOTHY TERRELL BANKS

Painter-Insulator

Newport News, VA

CHARLES LAMONT BARLOW

Sheet Metal Worker

Chesapeake, VA

DONTÉ JAMAAL BARNES*

Shipfitter

Chesapeake, VA

LUCAS ALLEN BASS

Shipfitter

Whitville, NC

JOSEPH ANTHONY BASSANI

Electrician

Hampton, VA

KARRON TRINIK BAZEMORE

Rigger

Windsor, NC

CHARLES ANTONIO BEAMON*

Painter-Insulator

Sunbury, NC

WILLIAM EDGAR BRIAN BEASLEY

Shipfitter

Suffolk, VA

CASSIDY ELAINE BISHOP*

Marine Designer

Franklin, VA

DAVID LEWIS BLUNT

Shipfitter

Newport News, VA

STEVEN SCOTT BOHANNON

Pipefitter

Mathews, VA

STEPHEN MICHAEL BONNEAU*

Shipfitter

Williamsburg, VA

ALEX RAY BOOTH

Shipfitter

Poquoson, VA

BRIAN JOSEPH BOWMAN

Machinist

Hampton, VA

JASON ANDREW BOYCE*

Shipfitter

Hampton, VA

ADAM DAVID-PAUL BRIDWELL

Outside Machinist

Gloucester, VA

BENJAMIN LEE BROWN

Machinist

Newport News, VA

EARL TREMAYNE BROWN*

Pipefitter

Hampton, VA

JOSEPH JEWON BRUCE

Rigger

Americus, GA

ANTHONY COCHISE BRYANT, SR.

Rigger

Roanoke, VA

MICHAEL CHE`VON BURRIS

Shipfitter

Goose Creek, SC

CAMETRICE LE`ANDRA BUTCHER

Electrician

Chesapeake, VA

RAFAEL MARCELL BYNUM

Shipfitter

Franklin, VA

JOSEPH FRANCIS CAMPBELL III

Millwright

Chesapeake, VA

TONY ANDRE CANADA

Welder

Jasper, AL

JOSHUA ALLEN CANTRELL

Shipfitter

Hampton, VA

NISHON KAREEM CARTER*

Sheet Metal Worker

Hopewell, VA

SCOTT DANIEL CASH

Heavy Metal Fabricator

Newport News, VA

TOMERRIS JARROD CATO-DIXON

Welder

Florence, SC

ANDREW MORRIS CAUSEY

Millwright

Poquoson, VA

SHAWN MAURICE CHAPMAN

Sheet Metal Worker

King William, VA

DANIEL LEE CHATTIN*

Marine Designer

Newport News, VA

WARREN LEE CHERRY, JR.

Welder

Norfolk, VA

JOSHUA LANDON COBB

Electrician

Poquoson, VA

AARON WAYNE COLE

Pipefitter

Hampton, VA

VERNANDO TERREZ COLEMAN

Millwright

Augusta, GA

JOSHUA BRUCE COLLINS
Maintenance Electrician
Virginia Beach, VA

JACOB LEWIS COMPTON
Machinist
Hardinsburg, KY

CURTIS PAUL CONNACHER*
Pipefitter
Ashville, PA

SHADONNA VERLESS COX
Sheet Metal Worker
Suffolk, VA

BRIAN CRAIG CROMWELL
Rigger
Portsmouth, VA

RAMERIZ YANNICK CRUMBLEY
Electrician
Waynesboro, NC

CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY CURFMAN
Machinist
Jordan, NY

JUSTIN RAY DAWSON
Pipefitter
Columbiana, OH

ONDRAE JAMAL DICKENS*
Electrician
Fort Lewis, WA

DAVID JAMES DILLON*
Marine Designer
Nicktown, PA

MICHAEL SCOTT DOGGETT, JR.*
Maintenance Electrician
Windsor, VA

JAMILE ANSON DONOVAN*
Production Planner
St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands

KYLE PHILLIPS DOWNEY
Rigger
Alexandria, VA

TRISTAN THOMAS PHILLIPS DOWNEY*
Mariner Designer
Alexandria, VA

HARDING EPPS III
Shipfitter
Stone Mountain, GA

CHRISTOPHER RYAN EVERETT*
Rigger
Chesapeake, VA

BOBBY GRAY FARMER
Welder
Rocky Mount, NC

JOSHUA AARON FLINT*
Electrician
Buena Vista, VA

QUENTIN VERNELL FORBES
Rigger
Chesapeake, VA

CYNTHIA ELAINE FOSTER
Painter-Insulator
Portsmouth, VA

TERRANCE ORDRELL FRANKLIN
Electrician
Richmond, VA

CASSANDRA RENEE FRISBY*
Painter-Insulator
Suitland, MD

TRAVIS NATHAN GARRITY

Welder

Virginia Beach, VA

TYRONE DARNELL GAYLES*

Rigger

Newport News, VA

JUSTIN CONRAD GILLIARD*

Shipfitter

Virginia Beach, VA

JONATHON DAVID GLADDEN*

Electrician

Charlotte, NC

CHARLES MAX GRAIFER

Rigger

Southport, NC

GEORGE FRANKLIN HAGLEY, JR.*

Marine Designer

Newport News, VA

RANDOLPH DAVIS HALL*

Production Planner

Richmond, VA

JEFFREY MICHAEL HARDESTY*

Outside Machinist

Prince Frederick, MD

SHAKIRAH WAJEEDAH DELLA HARRELL

Welder

Ahoskie, NC

ROBERT WAYNE HICKS, JR.

Rigger

Roanoke Rapids, NC

TACI LUCITA HINES*

Painter-Insulator

Charlotte, NC

ANDREW LAMONT HINTON*

Marine Designer

Portsmouth, VA

MICHAEL WILLIAM HOGAN

Heavy Metal Fabricator

Barnegat, NJ

CRYSTAL LEIGH HOLDERFIELD*

Electrician

Norfolk, VA

CREEL MONTREL HOLLOWAY

Pipefitter

Norfolk, VA

JERKETA PRINCESS HOLMES*

Dimensional Control Technician

Newport News, VA

PAUL LEE HOUK

Welder

Youngstown, OH

JEFFREY SCOTT HUNT*

Marine Designer

Poquoson, VA

VINCENT GLEN ISHOM*

Marine Designer

Chesapeake, VA

TIMOTHY DEAN JARRELL*

Marine Designer

Smithfield, VA

LEE DERRICK JENKINS*

Production Planner

Santa Maria, CA

GARRETT RAY JENNINGS

Heating and Air Conditioning Worker

Chesapeake, VA

JEFFREY MARTIN JIRON*
Marine Designer
Glendale, OR

DONTAE JOHNSON
Painter-Insulator
Canton, MS

NATASHA NICOLE JONES
Painter-Insulator
Hampton, VA

THOMAS LEE KACENSKY, SR.
Electrician
Pittsfield, MA

ADAM WAYNE KEATTS*
Electrician
Hampton, VA

ERIC CHRISTOPHER KILNER*
Marine Designer
Batavia, NY

NATHAN ALLEN KLINE
Rigger
Hampton, VA

DENNIS CHRISTIAN KNUTSON, JR.*
Marine Designer
San Diego, CA

ILIA PETROV KOSTOV*
Electrician
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

JULIE IRENE LANE*
Marine Designer
Hampton, VA

WHITNEY DEVONA LASSITER*
Production Planner
Suffolk, VA

JEFFREY WILLIAM LEE*
Marine Designer
Charleston, SC

CECIL ANTHONY LEE, JR.
Shipfitter
Portsmouth, VA

ERIC MATTHEW LYBARGER
Electrician
Camby, IN

JOSEPH EDWARD MABEN
Maintenance Pipefitter
Hampton, VA

LORI ANNE MANN
Painter-Insulator
Hampton, VA

MATTHEW GLENN MARSHALL
Pipefitter
Gloucester, VA

RICHARD ARTHUR MARTIN, JR.
Shipfitter
Chicopee, MA

CHRISTOPHER LYNN MATTHEWS*
Marine Designer
Como, NC

SEAN PATRICK MCCALLEP*
Millwright
Auburn Hills, MI

LOUVENIA DENICE MCCREE*
Marine Designer
Grafton, VA

DAVID KENNETH McCULLOCH*
Marine Designer
Newport News, VA

BRYAN ROBERT McDONALD

Electrician

Joplin, MO

GREGORY JAMES McLaurin II

Electrician

Hampton, VA

JOSEPH ISAAC MEREDITH*

Marine Designer

Colorado Springs, CO

CHRISTOPHER JOHN METCALF*

Pipefitter

Cheyenne, WY

JOHNATHON DUSTIN LEE MIMS

Machinist

Belmont, NC

THOMAS EARL MOCK*

Marine Designer

Newport News, VA

CLAIBORNE SCOTT MOORE

Outside Machinist

Hampton, VA

JEREMY SCOTT MORRISON*

Welder

Newport News, VA

TRAVIS RECARO MOULTRIE*

Pipefitter

Orangeburg, SC

SAUD ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD

Heating and Air Conditioning Worker

Philadelphia, PA

JOHN LEON MURAWSKI II*

Production Planner

Syracuse, NY

ALEXANDER VINCENT NELSON*

Shipfitter

Hampton, VA

WILLIAM PAUL NEWTON

Electrician

Norfolk, VA

EARNEST DeWAYNE NIMMO

Outside Machinist

Norfolk, VA

CLINTON MATTHEW NIXON

Electrician

Tucson, AZ

NORRIS RODGERS NIXON

Pipefitter

Barhamsville, VA

JUSTIN LEE NOVAK*

Dimensional Control Technician

Millbrook, AL

JASON EDWARD OSLEY

Pipefitter

Yorktown, VA

PATRICK SEBASTIAN PARIZO

Pipefitter

Bennington, VT

THOMAS JOHN PATTERSON*

Production Planner

San Antonio, TX

WILLARD DWAYNE PAUL*

Electrician

Oakdale, LA

TIMOTHY EARNEST PAULIN*

Marine Designer

Norfolk, VA

KEVIN EDWARD PEEBLES

Pipefitter

Lawrenceville, VA

MICHAEL DEWAYNE PERRY

Shipfitter

Norfolk, VA

TITUS KEVIN PHILE

Rigger

Parkman, OH

NICOLAS ROC PHILLIPS*

Marine Designer

Hayes, VA

COUNCIL LAVARR PICKETT

Sheet Metal Worker

Hampton, VA

DANIEL JACOB PIERCE*

Production Planner

Mathews, VA

CILINTÉ ANDRE POTTER

Pipefitter

Norfolk, VA

GREGORY VINCENT POWELL

Welder

Virginia Beach, VA

ERIC MATTHEW PROKUP

Pipefitter

Yorktown, VA

TRAVIS LEIGH QUIDERA

Electrician

Hampton, VA

GERARD HAYWARD RAGLAND*

Outside Machinist

Oxford, NC

CHARLES JOHN RAINEY

Welder

Johnstown, PA

BRADLEY DAVID REDDEN

Welder

Stuart, VA

TRAVIS DONNELL REID

Electrician

Goose Creek, SC

HENRY DUNCAN RICHARDSON, SR.

Electrician

New Orleans, LA

DONALD EDWARD RICKERSON III*

Marine Designer

Manassas, VA

HILTON DLJOUN RICKS

Welder

Portsmouth, VA

ALAN LEE RILEY, JR.*

Outside Machinist

Newport News, VA

TRACEY VANESSA ROBERTSON

Painter-Insulator

Hampton, VA

DANIEL LANE ROUNTREE

Pipefitter

Suffolk, VA

EDITH CORNELIA SAILES*

Marine Designer

Fayetteville, NC

JOSEPH CARROLL SATTERFIELD*

Marine Designer

Hampton, VA

REUBEN LEON SAUNDERS

Sheet Metal Worker

Kilmarnock, VA

MICHAEL EDWARD SCHAEFFER

Welder

West Portsmouth, OH

JAMES RYAN SCOTT

Sheet Metal Worker

Rescue, VA

TONY DEMETRIUS SCOTT*

Outside Machinist

Norfolk, VA

GREGORY LEIGH SCOTT, JR.

Painter-Insulator

Portsmouth, VA

RUEL EDWARD SCOTT, JR.*

Marine Designer

Portsmouth, VA

STEVEN SCOTT SCOVILL*

Marine Designer

Gloucester, VA

WILLIAM PARMENTER SIMS, JR.

Maintenance Electrician

Franklin, VA

KYLE THOMAS SIMMONS

Welder

Pensacola, FL

ARMAZLO TENNALE SMITH*

Pipefitter

Franklin, VA

KAREEM MALI SOLOMON*

Marine Designer

Hampton, VA

RYAN DAVID SOULT

Sheet Metal Worker

Yorktown, VA

BRAD GARNETT SPINNER

Sheet Metal Worker

Lynchburg, VA

WALTER THOMAS STANFORD

Shipfitter

Norfolk, VA

DAVID KLAUS STOVALL*

Marine Designer

Poquoson, VA

WYATT ALLEN SWEENEY

Sheet Metal Worker

Newport News, VA

JEFFREY EARLE THEOBALD

Electrician

Williamsburg, VA

JASON WADE THOMAS*

Production Planner

Mathews, VA

NOLAN MICHAEL THOMPSON

Pipefitter

Hillsborough, NC

LARRY RANDOLPH TRUEHEART, JR.

Painter-Insulator

Richmond, VA

MAYNARD ASA TUCK, JR.

Electrician

Newport News, VA

CAMERON SCOTT VAUGHT*

Marine Designer

Shreveport, LA

ANTHONY VELEZ
Pipefitter
Virginia Beach, VA

ADRIAN DONTÉ WALLACE
Outside Machinist
Charleston, SC

DONTRAE MARQUISE WALLS
Painter-Insulator
Levy, SC

PATRICK SHANE WALTRIP
Outside Machinist
Williamsburg, VA

DAVID ALLYN WASHBURN*
Shipfitter
Hampton, VA

JOSHUA MICHAEL WEHR
Outside Machinist
Virginia Beach, VA

BRIAN CHARLES WEST, JR.
Maintenance Pipefitter
Gloucester, VA

NOAH PERVIS WIGGINS, JR.
Outside Machinist
Newport News, VA

DARRYL LAMONT WIGGINS, SR.
Electrician
Hampton, VA

IVORY LAMAR WILLIAMS*
Welder
Newport News, VA

JOHN ANDREW WILLIAMS III
Rigger
Macon, GA

CHARLES ARTHUR WILLIAMSON
Outside Machinist
New Haven, CT

CAROL NICOLE WINBUSH
Electrician
Newport News, VA

JOSEPH BRIAN WINDLE*
Marine Designer
Chesapeake, VA

STEVEN KEITH WINSLOW, JR.*
Marine Designer
Hertford, NC

KREMLIN RAY-HING YEE*
Production Planner
Newport News, VA

BYRON MAURICE YOUNG
Outside Machinist
Newport News, VA

JOHN EDWARD ZAWODNY
Pipefitter
Barhamsville, VA

*** WITH ACADEMIC HONORS**



Mike Petters is corporate vice president and president of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, the world's leading military shipbuilder.

In this role, Petters is responsible for the design, construction and overhaul of conventionally-powered surface combatants, amphibious and auxiliary ships and nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers.

Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding has approximately \$5.5 billion in revenues and nearly 40,000 employees. Petters is also a member of the company's corporate policy council.

Prior to this appointment, Petters was president of the company's Newport News sector. His responsibilities included the *Virginia*-class submarine program; *George H. W. Bush* (CVN 77) and CVN 21 aircraft carrier programs; aircraft carrier overhaul and refueling; submarine fleet maintenance; commercial and naval ship repair; and business and technology development.

A native of Florida, Petters graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in physics. After completing nuclear propulsion training, he was assigned to the *USS George Bancroft* where he held progressively responsible leadership positions, including reactor controls assistant, communications officer and refueling officer. After joining the Naval Reserve in 1988, he participated in three NATO exercises as submarine control officer. In 1993, Petters earned a master's in business administration from the College of William and Mary.

Petters joined the company's Newport News sector in 1987 in the *Los Angeles*-class submarine construction division. He has held a number of increasingly responsible positions throughout the organization. These include production supervisor for submarines, marketing manager for submarines and for carriers, vice president for aircraft carrier programs, and vice president for contracts and pricing.

Petters was appointed by Virginia Governor Tim Kaine to serve on the Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates. He is chairman for the American Shipbuilding Association and serves on the board of directors for the Naval Submarine League, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and is a board of trustee of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. He also serves on the board of trustees for the Mariners' Museum and the board of advisors for the Virginia Living Museum. He also serves on the distinguished advisory board for the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

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Craftsmanship and Academic Award Recipients

NISHON KAREEM CARTER

Nishon left a career in barbering to join The Apprentice School as a sheet metal worker. He was interested in furthering his education and career opportunities. Most of his work was on CVN 77, where he installed weapons magazines, recirculation systems, furniture, and bulkheads. He had special project rotations, including his selection as a make-up construction supervisor on the aircraft carrier *George H. W. Bush* in its last stages of completion. Nishon is a resident of Hampton, VA.

DANIEL LEE CHATTIN

An honors graduate from Menchville High School in 2001, Daniel attended Christopher Newport University for two years before joining The Apprentice School as a maintenance electrician. He completed the marine design program and is presently assigned to Dept. E23, Electrical Deck Arrangements. He plans to complete a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering through Old Dominion University. He and his wife, Melanie, live in Gloucester with their daughter, Alexis Rae.

ANDREW MORRIS CAUSEY

A graduate of Poquoson High School in 1999, Andrew had completed two associate degrees from Thomas Nelson Community College before entering the millwright program in March, 2005. One of his special assignments was the overhaul and repair of portable milling machines and pipe bending machines for use in shipboard construction. He and his wife, Hope, recently built a new home in Poquoson.

TRISTAN THOMAS PHILLIPS DOWNEY

Originally from Alexandria, VA, Tristan and his wife, Kim, live in Norfolk with their two dogs. He enjoys remodeling old houses and brewing his own beer. He was an outside machinist apprentice who transferred into the marine design program. He has experienced a wide range of ships' systems from both the mechanic's and the designer's perspective, including a special rotation in Dept. K76, where he worked with another apprentice to develop and present a study on the use of aircraft carriers in disaster relief efforts. He is currently assigned to Dept. E82, Reactor Services. Tristan's brother, Kyle, is also a member of the Class of 2008.

RANDOLPH DAVIS HALL

Randy was an operations specialist in the US Navy; he served four years and earned the Navy Achievement Medal. He started his apprenticeship as an electrician and later transferred into production planning. He worked in the VCS program, on the catapult system on CVN 77, and had a special rotation in the Aviation Ship Integration Center and Flex Lab. His planning rotations included CVN 78, Facilities, Engineering, VCS, and Overhaul planning. He is now assigned to Dept. X89, new carrier construction. He and his wife, Kara, have two young girls, Emma and Ashlyn, live in Hampton in their newly renovated home.

PAUL LEE HOUK

Paul came to the Shipyard in February 2003 from Youngstown, Ohio, along with his wife, Penny, and young son, Tyler. He later transferred into The Apprentice School as a welder. He completed his apprenticeship in the nuclear side of structural welding. He is currently assigned to a nuclear pipe welding crew finishing work on the USS *George H. W. Bush*. Paul is involved in the Trades Leadership Development program, taking business classes through Thomas Nelson Community College.

LEE DERRICK JENKINS

A Navy veteran, Lee started in the electrician's apprenticeship program and worked on the aircraft carriers *Bush* and *Vinson*. He had a special project rotation through Process Excellence. After he transferred to production planning, Lee gained experiences in carrier new construction and overhaul, *Virginia*-Class Submarine new construction, and maintenance planning. He is currently working in Dept. X75, Carrier Overhaul, as a production planner and scheduler. He and his wife, Danielle, have a four-year old daughter, Hannah, and a one-year old son, Logan.

ERIC CHRISTOPHER KILNER

Eric served in the US Navy and worked in the Machinery Installation Department before transferring into The Apprentice School. He worked on the carrier USS *Eisenhower* and submarine USS *New Hampshire*. He received a special commendation from the Commanding Officer of the USS *Enterprise*. He is currently working in Dept. E64, Aircraft Carrier Engineering, and plans to complete his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Old Dominion University. Accompanied by his wife, Rachel, Eric received the Outstanding Apprentice of the Year Award from the Virginia Apprenticeship Council in December 2008.

DENNIS CHRISTIAN KNUTSON, JR.

If it involves computers, Dennis has an interest in it. He is presently assigned to Dept. O83, Visualization, where he rotated as an apprentice and did everything from computer programming, end-user support, and 3D virtual demonstrations. He is pursuing his bachelor's degree in computer engineering technology through Old Dominion University.

SEAN PATRICK McCALLEP

As a millwright apprentice, Sean performed repair, overhaul, and preventive maintenance on machining equipment in the Main Machine Shop. He also worked on cranes, automotive equipment, and pumps. On a special rotation, he worked in facility maintenance planning. With a bachelor's degree in hand when he started his apprenticeship, Sean was able to complete a Master of Science degree in counseling in his third year. After completing his apprenticeship, Sean moved to Alaska to join his wife, Kimberly, who is serving in the US Coast Guard.

DAVID KENNETH McCULLOCH

David completed a variety of rotations in the pipefitter and marine design programs, including piping systems on the USS *Texas* and USS *George H. W. Bush*. He completed a research and development study on the capabilities of an aircraft carrier to support operations following a natural disaster. His research experience included landing on and taking off from the deck of an aircraft carrier. David is currently working in Dept. E24, Machinery Systems and Components. He and his wife, Stephanie, have two children, David and Chloe.

JOSEPH ISAAC MEREDITH

Joe's apprenticeship experiences took him through pipefitting and marine design, where he worked in Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Propulsion Plant Fluid Systems, Nuclear Test, and Reactor Plant Planning Yard. He completed his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Christopher Newport University and plans next to pursue a business management degree. Joe and his wife, Kelly, have a daughter, Trinity, and a son, Aden. Joe enjoys art and music and has played with fellow apprentices in two bands.

THOMAS EARL MOCK

Tom began his apprenticeship as an electrician. One of his favorite rotations was on the USS *Texas*, where he assisted with main turbine generator hookups and a wide variety of electrical work and testing. He completed the advanced program in marine design with a nuclear emphasis. Tom plans to attend Old Dominion University this fall and begin a master's program in modeling and simulation. This will build on his bachelor's degree in information systems. He enjoys reading and writing fiction. Tom and his wife, Carleane, have a teenage daughter, Marianne.

NORRIS RODGERS NIXON

Norris experienced craft rotations in various pipe shops, new carrier construction (*Bush*), *Virginia*-Class Submarine program, and carrier overhaul (*Vinson* and *Enterprise*). As a 7th term apprentice, he traveled with a Tiger Team to Dubai in the Middle East in the fall of 2007 to meet an emergent need on the USS *Enterprise*. It was his first time traveling by airplane! A 2004 graduate of New Kent High School, Norris currently resides in King and Queen County, VA.

JUSTIN LEE NOVAK

Justin's work included both carriers and submarines, starting out on the catapults for the USS *Enterprise* when he was in Machinery Installation. As a dimensional control technician, he has worked both forward and aft ends of carrier new construction and overhaul projects, as well as the *Virginia*-class submarine program. His educational plans are to complete a bachelor's degree in engineering and eventually get a graduate degree. He has two daughters, Audryn and Carlee, and enjoys writing and the guitar.

WILLARD DWAYNE PAUL

A skilled and experienced electrician, military veteran, and overseas contractor in communications, Willard came to The Apprentice School to broaden his understanding of Shipyard operations and enhance his advancement opportunities. He was selected for the Advanced Shipyard Operations Curriculum and completed a special rotation in Dept. K74, Carrier Trades Management. He was promoted to an instructor's position in Dept. O26, Production and Maintenance Skills Training. Willard lives in Newport News with his wife, Bridget, and enjoys riding motorcycles.

NICHOLAS ROC PHILLIPS

Rocky was a pipefitter apprentice starting out but switched to marine design when the opportunity presented itself in February 2006. His key pipefitting experiences were in the Pipe Bending Facility in support of the aircraft carrier *George H. W. Bush* and on the submarine USS *Texas*. As a design apprentice, he performed design work on the Flex Lab and for the refueling and overhaul of the USS *Theodore Roosevelt*. Rocky enjoys playing guitar and singing in his band. He is married and he and his wife, Lori, have one daughter, Audrey, age 5.

DONALD EDWARD RICKERSON III

Don began his apprenticeship in the Sheet Metal Department and later transferred into the marine design program. Don is currently developing hull outfitting construction drawings with the CVN 78 Propulsion Plant design team. Don is engaged to Carole Foster. He will continue his education at the State University of New York Maritime College in the fall, pursuing a bachelor's degree in marine engineering. He is a water sports enthusiast and plays the cello in the Symphony Orchestra of Virginia Beach.

RUEL EDWARD SCOTT, JR.

Ruel was an experienced welder (over 20 years) who decided to serve an apprenticeship to broaden his skills and prepare for advancement opportunities. While a welder apprentice, he worked on the Monitor Project for the Mariners' Museum and was the "ceremonial welder" at the keel laying of the full-scale Monitor replica. He was selected for the design program, and has maintained perfect attendance since October 2002. He is currently assigned to Dept. E22, designing the island house and the mast for CVN 78. Ruel's brother, Kenneth, is also an apprentice graduate. Ruel and his wife, Brenda, have one son, Matthew, who is in his first term as a pipefitter apprentice.

STEPHEN SCOTT SCOVILL

Steven is originally from Long Beach, CA, but now lives in Gloucester, VA. He started out as an electrician apprentice and later qualified for the optional, advanced program in marine design. He contributed to the CVN 78 propulsion plant design and the CVN 70 overhaul and refueling project. He is currently assigned to Dept. E73, Propulsion Plant Electrical Systems, working 2-D and 3-D drawing development.

PATRICK SHANE WALTRIP

Patrick, from Williamsburg, VA, completed his apprenticeship as an outside machinist in July 2008. His rotation experiences included the *Virginia*-Class Submarine program where he worked on the vertical launch system. On the USS *George H. W. Bush*, he was on the team responsible for installing shafting; he also played a big part on the reactor completion teams. He is now working on the reactor team for our next carrier, CVN 78. He established an outstanding attendance record during his apprenticeship. Patrick is newly married to Megan, and they have two cats, Sam and Tigger.

Community Service Award Recipient

KAREEM MALI SOLOMON

Kareem started his apprenticeship as a shipfitter and was selected for the design program in February 2006. He is currently a Designer II in Dept. E27, Hull Outfitting. He earned his associate's degree in engineering technology and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business management at

Hampton University. Kareem was an outstanding leader in student association activities and community projects, especially the Jaycees Chapter and the "What It Takes" program at An Achievable Dream. Kareem and his wife, Okema, are expecting their first child.

Athletic Award Recipients

DOUGLAS CRAIG ASHWORTH

A golfer whose low round was a 79 in his sophomore season.

JOSHUA HERBERT BAKER

A lineman on the football team; he was a member of the 2007 squad that finished second in the Atlantic Central Football Conference.

BENJAMIN LEE BROWN

A bruising football player who played fullback and saw action as a placekicker in his career.

JOSEPH JEWON BRUCE

A versatile football player who saw action as a tailback and in the defensive secondary.

MICHAEL CHE`VON BURRIS

A football player who played tight end for his playing career and served as a team manager in the 2008 season.

TOMERRIS JARROD CATO-DIXON

An outfielder on the baseball team who was a member of the 2007 United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship team.

WARREN LEE CHERRY, JR.

A point guard on the men's basketball team. As a senior helped lead the team to a third-place finish at USCAA Nationals.

JACOB LEWIS COMPTON

Served an important behind-the-scenes capacity for the football team as equipment manager for his four years.

RAMERIZ YANNICK CRUMBLY

Played a variety of positions on the football team from quarterback, to receiver, to assistant coach.

HARDING EPPS III

An infielder on the baseball team; he was a member of the 2007 United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship team.

CHRISTOPHER RYAN EVERETT

A golfer who averaged 80 over 58 rounds in his collegiate career. He carded a career low 71 in a dual match with Southern Virginia University.

BOBBY GRAY FARMER

A four-year linebacker for the football team who also saw action on special teams. He had 12 tackles and a sack during his senior season.

JOSHUA AARON FLINT

He earned National Collegiate Wrestling Association All-American honors as a freshman at 125 pounds; won Mid-Atlantic Conference championships as a freshman at 125 pounds and as a senior at 141 pounds.

QUENTIN VERNELL FORBES

A defensive back on the football team. He was named first team All-Atlantic Central Football Conference in his last two seasons.

TERRANCE ORDRELL FRANKLIN

A football player who saw action on both sides of the ball in his career – as a tight end and a linebacker.

JUSTIN CONRAD GILLIARD

A wrestler who won National Collegiate Wrestling Association All-American honors twice and had 92 victories in his career.

JONATHON DAVID GLADDEN

A center on the football team, he earned College Sports Information Directors Association Academic All-District honors in his last two seasons.

JEFFREY MICHAEL HARDESTY

An offensive lineman on the football team who played both guard positions and back-up center; was a key part of the offensive line that helped the Builders throw for over 1500 yards in his junior season.

MICHAEL WILLIAM HOGAN

A linebacker on the football team – he was one of the standouts on a defensive unit that set several school records as a junior.

NATASHA NICOLE JONES

A women's basketball player who ranks third all-time with 93 3-pointers made in her career.

WHITNEY DEVONA LASSITER

A women's basketball player who ranks in the career top 10 in steals and assists.

CECIL ANTHONY LEE, JR.

A three-time National Collegiate Wrestling Association All-American with over 100 career victories – a school record. Well on his way to becoming a four-time All-American by mid-March, the School's first.

ERIC MATTHEW LYBARGER

A two-time National Collegiate Wrestling Association All-American who won 92 matches in his collegiate career mainly wrestling at 174 pounds.

JOSEPH EDWARD MABEN

Rewrote the golf record books in his four years holding all school records; a 2007 Apprentice School Athlete of the Year.

MATTHEW GLENN MARSHALL

A first baseman on the baseball team, he was a member of the 2007 United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship team.

JOHNATHON DUSTIN LEE MIMS

A lineman on the football team for most of his career; he served as a manager for the 2008 season.

TRAVIS RECARTO MOULTRIE

A defensive lineman/linebacker for the football team, he was a member of a defensive unit that set modern-era records in his junior year.

EARNEST DEWAYNE NIMMO

A running back on the football team who scored four touchdowns in his senior season.

TRAVIS DONNELL REID

A record-setting wide receiver; he became the first 1,000-yard receiver in football program history. A 2007 Apprentice School Athlete of the Year.

ALAN LEE RILEY, JR.

Earned United States Collegiate Athletic Association All-Academic honors as a senior on the baseball team. He was a member of the 2007 USCAA National Championship team as a junior. Played catcher.

JAMES RYAN SCOTT

Set several hitting records for the baseball team. Most Valuable Player of the 2007 United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championships. He played shortstop and also was a relief pitcher.

TONY DEMETRIUS SCOTT

Set a school record with three interceptions against Randolph-Macon as a freshman and is second in school history with 11 career interceptions.

WALTER THOMAS STANFORD

A defensive lineman for the football team, he had a career-high five tackles against Southern Virginia in his final collegiate game.

NOLAN MICHAEL THOMPSON

A solid shooting guard for the men's basketball team who was a key contributor to a third-place finish in the 2008 United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship tournament as a senior.

Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient

WAYNE E. LUCAS

Wayne completed his pipefitter apprenticeship on July 7, 1980. While he had opportunities to advance right away, he preferred to continue working with his tools to deepen his knowledge of his trade. He was offered an apprentice craft instructor position in 1982, and this opportunity he did not turn down. Thus began a 27-year career of instructing and mentoring apprentices in the art and craft of shipbuilding. In his early years as an instructor, he supervised crews on board ship. He found his real niche, though, when he began working with new apprentices in the shops and teaching pipe theory courses.

He has been a mainstay in the program ever since. Working with apprentices in the first term of their apprenticeship, Wayne ensures they build a firm foundation in their basic skills and develop the work ethic and sense of integrity so important to a successful career. His apprentices remember him as “always positive, encouraging them to do their best, and caring about them as people, not just employees.” Wayne is a Newport News resident. He and his wife, Robin, have two children. Kenneth is attending college at Thomas Nelson Community College and Amy is a senior at Heritage High School.

The Ferguson Center

The Ferguson Center for the Arts' 1700-seat Concert Hall of Christopher Newport University opened its doors to the public in September, 2005. The Center also includes a 500-seat Music and Theatre Hall, 200-seat Studio Theatre, classrooms, sound-isolated music practice spaces, rehearsal halls, dance studios, costume shops, lighting labs and set design studios.

The Ferguson Center for the Arts greatly enriches the Virginia Peninsula with economic growth, cultural richness and a wonderful learning experience for all age groups.

Recognition

Apprentice School Students' Association Past Presidents

CAMERON SCOTT VAUGHT

2007

ERIC CHRISTOPHER KILNER

2008

In Memoriam

FRANK ARMSTEAD MANNING III

Rigger Apprentice

09/13/2004 - 05/21/2005

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