Welcome to the Spring Community Partner Celebration & Awards



Newman Civic Engagement Fellow

Braxton McDuffie

Citadel junior Braxton McDuffie is a passionate advocate, mentor, and role model for children and adolescents facing challenging lives. His energy and enthusiasm in helping young people become their best selves is contagious, and his leadership in encouraging fellow students to join his work is particularly inspiring. Braxton pours his compassion and expertise into helping children learn to read, express themselves, and envision a successful future. He can transform distracted and resistant young people participating in summer academic enrichment programs into enthusiastic and expressive readers, writers and artists after just a few encounters. A prize-winning toastmaster, Braxton demonstrates how empowering and vital clear verbal expression can be. He credits his many childhood mentors for helping him make good choices, and he in turn challenges the young people he works with to aim high and work hard.

- Institutional nomination to National Campus Compact



Harry F. Dawley, JR Scholarship for Leadership & Service

Olivia Jones



Cadet Jones has a tremendous heart for service and selflessly gives of her own time and resources in the service of others. Last summer she set up food service sites for school-aged children in low income, largely rural areas as a No Kids Hungry intern with the Lowcountry Food Bank. ... Her enthusiasm for this sort of work was infectious as she shared her experience with the entire Commandant's Department during a visit to the facility. In this case, Cadet Jones was using leadership by example to show the Commandant's Department how to serve rather than the other way around! – Kevin Dougherty

Atlantic Institute Nominations Public & Community Service Award



Although the quantity of her work is exceptional, it is the sustained quality of her work that motivated us to nominate her for the Atlantic Institute's award. She is extremely generous with her time and talent, in spite of being one of the busiest students you will meet. She is tough enough to lead in the Marines while still displaying a kind and gentle spirit. She is a balanced "servant leader" who is respected by her peers and supervisors, on and off campus. Her smile and energy lift our service learning and civic engagement staff whenever she comes in. In short, she is a great force for good on this campus and in our community.

Wes Hayes/

Cadet Hayes has demonstrated a deep commitment to academic and military excellence. As a political science major, proudly received a 3.83 GPA in his last term and aims to graduate as an Army officer through the Army ROTC Palmetto Battalion. As a cadet Platoon Leader, Wes has also dedicated himself to developing those peers and subordinates around him encouraging the personal development of others. In all aspects of the claim, Cadet Hayes exemplifies what it means to be a soldier and citizen by protruding the utmost leadership, loyalty, patriotism, and honor.



Atlantic Institute Nominations Impact & Innovation Award Logan Barber

Logan is a compelling and generous role model who leads and inspires his peers by his own example. He has a precocious understanding of community engagement, a fact that he expressed so beautifully in his sophomore service learning essay that we shared his words as an example of what we might dare hope for in terms of our students growth and insight through service. He has personally volunteered almost 1000 hours in his four years and has inspired an estimated 7500 hours of service by those he directly mobilized. Logan's generous soul is legendary. One day a freshman was talking about granting his senior mentor's birthday wish. "What was it?" asked another student. "For us all to go out and serve together", he replied. We did not even need to ask who they were talking about. It had to be Logan Barber. He is that guy.





Atlantic Institute Nominations Peace & Dialogue Award

Dr. Jaye Goosby Smith

Dr. Smith currently serves as Assistant Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. In this position, she works to create a more inclusive community in which human differences are proactively sought out welcomed, acknowledged, and appreciated. In the throes in the work of social action, Dr. Smith co-founded the Healing Center for Truth Racial Healing and Transformation. The center aims to cultivate peace across differences through dialogue among students, faculty, and other Charleston community members.





Spotlight Recognition Cadet Initiative Award

"I just want to reach out and mention how amazing Cadet Jordan Cavender has been to work with. He recruits, 4-6 volunteers for 1 or 2 Saturdays every month, and they always are hard workers and a joy to work with!" – Liv Stewart, Volunteer Coordinator, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity

Jordan Cavender

In his first few weeks at The Citadel, freshman cadet Matt Collins showed his initiative, readiness to lead, and generous spirit. As others were evacuating, Matt was going through cadet chains of command and service learning offices to see if he could encourage his fellow cadets to return with food donations for disaster victims. He made arrangements for the food to be distributed through the Lowcountry Food bank (LFB), which measures donations by pounds. Matt Collins' personal outreach to his old high school yielded 1243 lbs of food donations and inspired another 365 lbs of food donations at The Citadel. Additionally, cadets and family members donated \$1466 toward a LFB bulk purchasing program that yields 6 meals for every dollar donated.



Matt Collins

Zucker Family School of Education

& Charleston County School District

Burke and Simmons Pinkney are in our immediate neighborhood and have faced challenges in keeping strong faculty, programs, and student numbers as the private, charter, and magnet systems (along with neighborhood gentrification) cut into their student populations. Last year we funded a team of CCSD leaders and Citadel education leaders to attend a forum where they were able to plan together for engaged teacher training, recruitment, and support. Melanie Blanton, a certified teacher who was hired as our Education outreach coordinator worked closely with principals and consultants, our student teachers became more involved in the schools. In addition with better coordination on the ground we were able to



collaborate on more special programs and volunteer opportunities including El Cid Toastdawgs Public Speaking Outreach, Flood Resilience STEAM Project, and Bulldog to Bulldog Athletic Tutoring. Citadel faculty and staff served on both Burke and SPMS School improvement councils. We at The Citadel are committed to partnering with these schools until we see them at the level of excellence we know they aspire to and deserve to achieve.

Johnson Family Farms & Echo & Victor Companies

The Johnson Family Farm is a local family farm based in McClellanville, South Carolina. The farm provides customers with meats and other produce of the highest quality that are produced in a very sustainable and environmentally safe way. The Johnson family raises cows, hogs, and chickens, bringing meat and eggs to locals via their on-site farm store and farmers markets. The farm also serves as an educational tool for people to learn about agriculture and the importance of land conservation as well as an event ground for community activities.





Charleston Wesley Foundation & Baptist Collegiate Ministries Alternative Breaks

Planning an alternative break can be a costly feat, but because of the partnership with CWF and BCM, our students were able to make a real difference in the community through service. Both student groups committed to leading our cadets on intensive disaster relief trips and made it possible to plan 3 additional AB trips throughout the year. Their support made it possible for over 5,000 service hours to be conducted through the Krause Center's Alternative Break Program in the month of December and almost 2,000 service hours in the spring.



Charleston Development Academy

The purpose of our collaboration with Charleston Development Academy is to contribute to the success of high risk youth in an educational environment that is nurturing, structured, and academically successful. On quantitative and qualitative metrics, CDA has been a model program for academic and social-emotional growth. A high percent of their first graduates are now succeeding in college and careers. Because of their successes they have continued to grow and in the last two years expanded to a second campus. Our collaboration has expanded from simply sending volunteers to help in classrooms



to engaging faculty in staff in leadership roles on boards, contributing FWS students, providing needed facilities for teacher workshops, assisting with the renovation of the new school, and supporting fundraising and advocacy initiatives. 2018 Newman Civic Engagement Fellow Michael Rice found his inspiration for service by working his FWS hours at CDA. By his senior year he had worked hundreds of hours in the school. He was allowed/mentored to offer Black history lessons for second semester as part of his independent study to complete his African American studies minor.

Spotlight Recognition Outstanding Community Partner

Keep Charleston Beautiful – Jamie Gillette

Keep Charleston Beautiful is a 501 c 3 nonprofit that provides litter prevention and recycling education programs to local schools and youth groups. They also work with community agencies and businesses to conduct cleanup and beautification events. The Citadel has a partnership with Keep Charleston Beautiful where Cadets go into the community to pick up litter to help create clean safe spaces that will not only benefit the environment but the public as well. With this partnership, the Citadel helps to clean communities that are often neglected by the public and therefore gets cluttered with trash.

The program manager for Keep Charleston Beautiful, Jamie Gillette, helps to maintain this outstanding partnership with the Citadel. Her dedication to fostering environmental awareness has provided a positive community collaboration with the Citadel and we are thankful for her unwavering commitment and hard work.





Spotlight Recognition Club Awards

Citadel Rotaract Club

The Citadel Rotaract club exists for the betterment of others and it's members. Members are developed through CIC opportunities at the Krause Center and professional development and mentor relationship with the Charleston Breakfast Rotary Club. By serving others they develop within their members a more selfless attitude affecting their moral-ethical views. They also encourage members to live a healthy, and generous lifestyle. During the academic year 2018-19 members completed over 800 hours of service!





Spotlight Recognition Club Awards

The Citadel Pride Alliance

The Citadel Pride Alliance works to foster an inclusive workplace culture and open campus community that supports LGBTQ+ faculty, staff and students. This year, the group put in countless service hours to support local Charleston LGBTQ+ advocate non-profits. Their tireless work continues to create more inclusivity on campus and provide an example of a great example of leadership in action.





Spotlight Recognition Club Awards

The Citadel Eagle Scout Association



This year the Citadel Eagle Scouts Association (CESA) have completed numerous projects with the Charleston area. The projects cover beach clean-ups on their adopted stretch of beach, helping with local Boy Scout troops, and assisting Camp Ho Non Wah, a local Boy Scout camp on Wadmalaw Island. They're main passion has been helping mentoring local troops and packs with weekly visits and helping young scouts develop as leaders.



Spotlight Recognition Faculty & Staff Awards – Community-engaged Teaching Lindsey Spring, English Department

Under Professor Spring's direction, cadets from COMM 216 (Business Communications) travelled to and volunteered at Sweetgrass Garden. The students not only assisted through service but also learned about the organization's mission and will be working in groups for their final course project to determine how Sweetgrass Garden can best fulfill its mission. The organization staff will attend the final presentations and hope to use some of the student's outcomes to improve their organization.



Spotlight Recognition Faculty & Staff Awards – Community-engaged Scholarship Dr. John Weinstein, Biology Department



In collaboration with colleagues and students, Dr. Weinstein's program of research about plastics and microplastics in oceans, marshes, and regional drinking water has had huge implications for public policy and collaborations to examine the impacts of climate change. Originally funded by national Sea Grant consortium funds administered through the state, the research is expanding to include a focus on toxins in seafood as well as local waters under National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences grant (Award # 1P01ES028942-01) as part of the new Centers for Oceans and Human health and Climate Change Interactions (https://today.citadel.edu/pondering-plastic- wildlife-bans-and-trash/).

Spotlight Recognition Faculty & Staff Awards – Community-engaged Faculty Melissa Miles Dunn, Psychology Department

Since she first arrived at The Citadel as a graduate student in Counseling Psychology, Ms. Dunn has remained actively engaged in community work. Throughout her graduate training, she sustained a weekly commitment to the Reading Partners school outreach even while taking a full load of courses and running grant projects that addressed bullying, especially in youth with special needs. Now as an Instructor of Developmental psychology, she goes above and beyond to help her students reinforce their course content through service. She has collaborated with the SLCE program to raise the quality, direct relevance, and assessment of the service that is required as part of this course. As a role model and instructor, she exemplifies the community engaged teacher.



Spotlight Recognition Faculty & Staff Awards – Emerging Community-engaged Faculty Dr. Tracey Sigler, School of Business



Dr. Tracey Sigler joined the Citadel's Baker School of Business in August 2018 as an Associate Professor of Management. Dr. Sigler's research focuses on developing leaders, teaching leadership, service-learning, and women in leadership. She creates culturally engaged learning experiences in her Leadership in Organizations course through hands-on service project management. In addition, Tracey has served as a member of The Citadel's National Coalition Building Institute, cultivating leadership principles for students to grow as effective leaders in a diverse environment.

Spotlight Recognition Faculty & Staff Awards – Community-engaged Professional

Col. Charles Dunn, NROTC

Since his first month on the job, when he joined us for a meeting about enhancing Citadel participation in the Marine's "Toys for Tots" program, Col. Dunn has been a leader in SLCE on this campus. In particular he has been a significant supporter for Leadership Day. Not only has he served side-by-side with cadets at community sites, but he has inspired his fellow officers and trainees to contribute as drivers, reflection leaders, and site coordinators. With his leadership we have been able to create a more costeffective and informative pre-post assessment system in collaboration with ROTC instructors. A role model and valued collaborator, COL Dunn directly contributes to enhanced SLCE on this campus.





Cadet Company Community Engagement Recognition Top Three Company Service Hours

- 1. Echo -3,182 hours
- 2. Palmetto Battery 2,399 hours
- 3. Mike 2,230 hours

Silver (1500+): Papa-1,930, Kilo-1,917, Tango-1,843, Hotel-1,794, Victor-1,725, Charlie-1,685, Romeo- 1,597, Bravo- 1,520 *Gold (2000+):* Palmetto Battery-2,399, Mike-2,230, Band-2,009 *Platinum (3000+):* Echo-3,182