



WELCOME TO THE



Service Learning &
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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



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Class of 1979, President of The Citadel



Community-Engaged Professionals: Faculty, Staff & Administrators



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED PROFESSIONALS: FACULTY, STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Terry Mays, *Professor, Department of Political Science*

Dr. Terry Mays is a Professor of Political Science and has been with The Citadel for over 28 years. He completed his PhD in International Studies at the University of South Carolina and holds an MA in International Relations from the University of Southern California and a BA in History from Auburn University. Dr. Mays has written numerous books and journal articles, with a research specialty focused on multinational peacekeeping and a geographical interest in Africa. Along with a profound academic career, Dr. Mays served 30 years on active and reserve duty for the United States Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Dr. Mays has led a variety of study abroad programs for cadets, graduate students, and veteran students. This award particularly recognizes his commitment and success in offering meaningful service experiences in host countries around the world. Dr. Mays developed impactful service opportunities that opened the eyes and enriched the hearts of students through culture and service experiences abroad. A true principled leader, Dr. Mays has not only demonstrated his commitment to service by serving our country, and cultivating international peacekeeping, but he has passed it on by inspiring leadership and selfless service throughout The Citadel community.



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Coach Ron Boyd, Assistant Football Coach, Athletics Department



Coach Boyd is one of Service Learning & Civic Engagement's biggest advocates, he reinforces with his athletes the importance of service learning and takes time each summer to convene his team for LDRS 211, team service projects, and even joins in for the essay writing workshop. Completing the LDRS 211 course was always a hurdle for the football players, their schedule is so prescribed it's hard for even the best intentioned to find time to volunteer. With Coach Boyd's help, the majority of rising sophomores participate in summer service opportunities and complete their LDRS 211 class ahead of their classmates. The football players have served regularly at the Lowcountry Food Bank but even better they often join Summer SUCCEED fellows at Charleston Country Schools for summer camp, and do those kids love them! Coach Boyd's passion for both his players and the mission of service have garnered a rich relationship for students, the service-learning team and the greater Charleston community!

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*CPT Julio Caceres, Latino Student Advisor,
Office of Multicultural and International Student Services*



CPT Julio Caceres currently serves as Latino Student Advisor at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. In this position, he works to create a more inclusive community for the Latinx student population on campus. This year Julio's service to his community has seen a lasting impact as he led The Citadel Student Association of Latin and Spanish Awareness Club to organize an Earthquake Relief Drive for Puerto Rico. Mr. Caceres additionally organizes an annual service with the Veteran's Victory House to honor our nation's heroes. Julio stands as a champion for principled leadership by bridging the gap between the greater community and The Citadel campus.

Outstanding Alumni Contributors to SLCE



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Mr. Momolu Cooper, Class of 2000



Mr. Momolu Cooper (Class of 2000) has selflessly dedicated his time, talent, and treasure to support his alma mater in various roles since his graduation in 2000. This award particularly recognizes his dedication to the Krause Center for Leadership and Ethics, Service Learning and Civic Engagement, and The Citadel Gospel Choir. In spite of his demanding professional commitments as Director, Major Accounts at HudsonMann Inc. and his service with the SC Military Department and governor-appointed Joint Services Detachment, Mr. Cooper, along with his family and his company, have generously supported programs on and off campus that meet basic needs of vulnerable populations, break down barriers, affirm people of all backgrounds, and engage students in being welcoming ambassadors of The Citadel in our community – locally, regionally, and

nationally. The February Gospel Choir Unity concert he has expanded in collaboration with the Friends of the Library, reached and encouraged thousands of people in the packed chapel, in the Charleston community, and on military bases around the world. His sustained dedication to the MLK Day celebration has helped it become an impactful tradition that includes education, community engagement, and direct service to partner organizations. He is truly a model of a servant leader who is respected and beloved by the many students and staff who have an opportunity to learn from him and serve with him.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI CONTRIBUTORS TO SLCE

Lt Col Bruce Alexander, Class of 1982



Lt Col Bruce Alexander, USAF, Ret. (Class of 1982) served his country in the US Air Force after his 1982 graduation from The Citadel. Later, Lt Col Alexander went on to serve our veteran population through Operation Homefront, a company that helps military families with financial assistance, food housing, and utility bills. In addition to serving on the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board, he has stepped up to actively lead our Citadel African American Alumni Association (C4A). In this role he has enriched and expanded the capacity of the SLCE programs to engage our African American Alumni in mentoring, reflecting, and serving with our cadets. This year's MLK Day celebration was co-sponsored by this group, and thanks to

Mr. Alexander, individual alumni came out in significant numbers to contribute and participate. An explicit goal for the SLCE programs is to promote exposure to openness to diversity, and Mr. Alexander's leadership and generosity towards this goal has come at a critical time to make a substantial impact. As a role model, contributor, and leader, Bruce Alexander is recognized for his significant and diverse contributions to The Citadel's SLCE programs.

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Mr. Jay Ethridge, Class of 1981

Mr. Jay Ethridge, Jr. (Class of 1981) consistently served others while marching his way through a highly successful business career. After retiring from the Board of Directors, President, and CEO roles of Implantable Provider, Inc, Jay became even more visible and active in his support for the Krause Center programs, especially Service Learning and Civic Engagement. We particularly want to recognize his contributions to the summer SUCCEED program, which has proven to be one of our most impactful programs. Both for the population of children that are served every summer, and for the Citadel cadets that mentor these children and evolve to become leaders in SLCE and throughout the SC Corps of Cadets. As we fought to keep the program funded, Mr. Ethridge personally stepped up to fund stipends for cadets

serving as summer SUCCEED Fellows. It is no exaggeration that his generosity and encouragement have literally changed lives. As he places himself in further service to the college as a class campaign chair and TCF Advisory Board member, we have no doubt that the impact of this inspirational principled leader will be felt on this campus and in the wider community.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNI CONTRIBUTORS TO SLCE

Col Leo Mercado, Class of 1979



Col Leo Mercado, USMC, Ret. (Class of 1979) Served his country as an active duty senior US Marine Corps officer from 1979-2009 before transitioning to leadership roles at his alma mater. As Commandant of Cadets nearly a decade ago, he remembers participating in conversations about the feasibility of an annual Corps-wide day of service and SLCE as a core component of leadership development. He was instrumental in creating and now supporting Krause Center programs that grew out of those early ideas, especially Leadership Day. In his roles as the President of The Citadel Alumni Association Board of Directors and key leader of the Class of 1979's 40th anniversary fundraising initiative, COL Mercado influenced substantial support for vital SLCE programs that have now become traditions. His class's endowment of Leadership Day will go a good bit of the way toward ensuring that future generations will experience this first exposure to serving side-by-side with one's classmates in the community. He has personally joined cadets in service, reflection, and hosting community partners, demonstrating in word and deed the importance of serving and empowering others. We gratefully acknowledge the many contributions of this principled leader and thank him for his sustained contributions to SLCE.



Outstanding Graduate & Veteran Students in SLCE



OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN SLCE

Nathan Adams, Candidate for EdS in School Psychology



Nathan Adams, an EdS candidate in School Psychology, has been a model for a community engaged graduate student since the day he arrived on this campus three years ago. After exploring several graduate assistantship opportunities, he chose the Krause Center's Service Learning and Civic Engagement (SLCE) assistantship due to his early and sustained interest in serving others. He has continuously served as a collaborator, mentor, role model, and recruiter for cadets and graduate students whose educational experiences might be enriched by serving youth in our Title I schools and people who have disabilities. His leadership in the heroism-themed SHARE program that engages nearly 1000 cadets in service in Title I schools on Leadership Day grew into a scholarly pursuit as well. He worked with Dr. Fernald who created the SHARE program to develop a summer expanded replicable version of the SHARE program. His evaluation of the summer SHARE programs was recently presented at the National Youth At-Risk Conference and won second place in the graduate research competition. As he moves on to internship in Richland County, his humor, compassion, natural ability to put others at ease, and dedication to empowering people of all ability levels will be sorely missed on this campus.

OUTSTANDING VETERAN STUDENT IN SLCE

Aj Pasco, President of the Student Veterans Association



While serving in the USAF Reserves and as President for The Citadel's Student Veterans Association (SVA), Anthony J. Pasco holds service as a top priority in his leadership. Last fall nineteen veteran students, led by Aj, helped to renovate a home with FreshStart on Leadership Day. Veteran students' participation in Leadership Day is not required, but Aj encouraged fellow veteran students to participate nonetheless as a way to learn by serving. Pasco is committed to building bridges between the campus, our veteran students, and the greater Charleston community. His committed leadership has created space for our SVA to be more involved on The Citadel's Campus.

Top Cadet Contributors in SLCE



SENIORS OF DISTINCTION IN SLCE



William Harris



Charlie Coste



James Kelley



Matthew Ransom



Blakely Epps



Kim Stansberry



Rhaei Brown



Holden Culler

SENIORS OF DISTINCTION IN SLCE



Matthew Bartolomei



Mills Hinson



Victoria Krone



Jackson Long



Michael Lima



Braxton McDuffie



Olivia Jones



Daniel Simpson



Haylee Neal

CADET COMPANY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECOGNITION TOP THREE COMPANY SERVICE HOURS



1. Regimental Band



2. Papa Company



3. Palmetto Battery

Service through STEM Outreach



SERVICE THROUGH STEM OUTREACH

Trey Stevens, Citadel Class of 2022



For his own service and for his efforts encouraging others from his company and clubs to serve, we would like to recognize Cadet **Trey Stevens**. Trey helps share the news about what we do here at the STEM Center and how FUN it is to get involved with students as they are learning. Through these efforts he has gotten many cadet volunteers to be a part of our campus events and competitions. Trey is willing to help wherever necessary and will often enthusiastically jump into different tasks in order to benefit students who are learning about different STEM concepts.

SERVICE THROUGH STEM OUTREACH

Charles Carter, Citadel Class of 2021



For tapping into his child-like competitive spirit, we'd like to recognize Cadet **Charles Carter**. During Storm the Citadel, the Hoplite Competition was faced with the unique circumstance of being hosted in a smaller space. He was quickly debriefed on event logistics and rules and then ran with it! At first, energy was flat. Sensing this and taking the lead, Cadet Carter didn't let that situation affect the event as the competition continued. He prompted cheers and drumrolls that turned into big smiles and positive energy! This majorly impacted the progress of the Hoplite competition and the results for the students as they competed with their trebuchets. His genuine enthusiasm made the event so much richer for the students and their families.

SERVICE THROUGH STEM OUTREACH

Ron Weimar, Citadel Class of 2021



Ron Weimar currently serves as the president of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society. Their annual service project is supporting the Storm the Citadel trebuchet competition. OC Weimar lead this service effort, going above and beyond to organize his fellow TBPi members. OC Weimar was a stand out volunteer on not 1 but 2 occasions. Leading up to the competition, the Office of Communications and Marketing (OCM) organized a group of local TV meteorologists and their children to compete in a mini tournament at The Citadel a week prior to celebrate the 10th annual Storm the Citadel. OC Weimar organized volunteers for the event at the last minute and stole the show with his enthusiasm and passion for engineering. During the STC competition, OC Weimar was asked to take over as Parking Lead at the last minute from a volunteer who came down with the flu. He stepped in and stepped up to organize not only the parking detail but also helped organize inspections and clean up. He took his volunteer role seriously to help make the event a success.



Top Cadet Awards



COMPANY COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Rhaei Brown, Citadel Class of 2020



Rhaei Brown is recognized with this award not only for his personal sustained commitment to serving in the community, but also for his dedicated efforts in mobilizing the SC Corps of Cadets to serve others. As the first student to serve in the expanded role of Regimental ENGAGEMENT and Activity Officer, Rhaei faced a daunting challenge of shifting cultures, perceptions, and priorities of his Battalion Engagement and Activity officers and the students they impact. . Throughout this challenging year, Rhaei “led from the front”, supporting CCEC organizational efforts while personally participating in service. When others were driving away for a “hurrication” in the fall of 2019, Rhaei partnered with alumnus Logan Barber to recruit, train, and mobilize a record number of shelter volunteers for the American Red Cross. While he is also being recognized as a *Senior of Distinction in SLCE* due to his impressive 269 hours of documented service, we want to give a special nod to the man who took on the challenging task of starting something new in what became one of the most difficult years in Citadel history.

HARRY F. DAWLEY, JR SCHOLARSHIP FOR LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Hayley Dettenmayer, Citadel Class of 2021



Hayley Dettenmayer was nominated by her battalion TAC Jeff Panton for this prestigious award after consistently demonstrating outstanding leadership, academic performance, and service. Hayley has a passion for empowering vulnerable populations in the community and has shared it with her peers. She has been one of the most faithful representatives on first battalion's Company Community Engagement Council, going door-to-door to recruit volunteers when urgent community needs would arise. As a SUCCEED Fellow she helped countless Title I school students find joy in reading and other academic pursuits. The love and inspiration she's received from her brother with Down Syndrome has been generously shared with the members in our community who have special needs. Hayley's has been a role model to her fellow cadets by teaching the best practices to serve vulnerable populations with compassion and understanding. Even while juggling academics with a scholarship in psychology and serving as captain of the varsity Golf team, Hayley has shown sustained commitment to community engagement and serving others. We expect more great things from her in her senior year!

NEWMAN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FELLOW

Jesse Crook, Citadel Class of 2021



As one of the first Citadel cadets on path to graduate in our new Bachelor of Arts in Nursing program, Cadet Crook is a fine scholar and Cadet, achieving Dean's List or President's List each his six semester at The Citadel. He has distinguished himself as an outstanding young leader-he is a Leadership Scholar, working towards a minor in Leadership, and served in our Cadet Chain of Command as a Squad Corporal. In this role, Cadet Crook was directly responsible for training and mentoring a group of freshman Cadets. He is on track to Commission in the Army as a nurse upon graduation, and ultimately aspires to specialize in pediatric nursing. He chose this discipline in part as a result of his extensive volunteer service to children with special needs.

In concrete terms, Jesse completed 652 hours of volunteer service since coming to the Citadel, 20 times greater than the typical Cadet. He devotes every spare moment outside his regular duties to serve, focused on two themes: supporting those in crisis following a disaster or trauma, and promoting equal access for children and families with special needs.

SAYLOR AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Cadet Haylee Neal, Class of 2020



Not only has the quantity of her work always been exceptional, but the sustained quality and commitment to her work is what sets Haylee apart from her peers. Haylee is extremely generous with her time and talent, even as one of the busiest students in the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. There has been no task too big or small for her, from inspiring fellow cadets to volunteer by her side, to making the commitment to join the Marines and continue her call of duty to serve. Haylee has proven her strength and ability to flourish as a leader all while displaying a kind and gentle spirit. She is a balanced “servant leader” who is respected by her peers and supervisors, on and off campus. She has been the heartbeat of The Citadel’s Rotaract Club for much of her tenure as a Cadet. Her smile and energy lift our service learning and civic engagement staff whenever she comes in. Haylee has been a great force for good on The Citadel campus and in our community. We are sad to lose her but so proud of the wonderful things her future holds!





CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Bill Krause, Class of 1963

President of LWK Ventures

BG Sally Selden, Ph.D., SPHR

Provost and Dean of the College





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