





The Krause Center for Leadership & Ethics Service Learning & Civic Engagement Community Partner Celebration Luncheon



April 18, 2016 12:00- 2:00 Buyer Auditorium

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Agenda

11:45-12:10: Check in, networking, & exhibits
12:10-12:15: Welcome
Lt Gen, USAF (Ret.) John Rosa, President

12:15-12:25: Program Highlights 2015-16
Dr. Conway Saylor, Director of Service Learning & Civic Engagement
12:25-12:50: Award Recognition
12:50-1:00: Transition

1:00-1:30: Round Table Discussions
A. Creating diverse & inclusive partnerships

B. Matching community needs to cadet groups





Special Thanks

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our philanthropic partners who invest in community engagement at The Citadel

The Citadel Class of 1988

Gifts in honor of the Class of 1988's 25th Reunion Campaign provide discretionary support of service learning and civic engagement programs at The Citadel.



Pennington Law Firm Gary Pennington, Class of 1988

2015 and 2016 Leadership Day sponsor. On this day in 2015, Cadets contributed 7,100 service hours to community partners providing a total economic value of \$164,000.

The Trinka Davis Foundation

Provide annual service learning opportunities for Veteran students.



Harry F. Dawley Jr. Exceptional Service Award

Award recipients are selected based on the quality of service to their community. He/She must maintain an excellent military and academic record and exhibit outstanding leadership.





Program support for communities in need of home repairs and literacy intervention.

...and all those who donate to the

Krause Center Service Learning and Civic Engagement Fund.

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Company Recognition

Company Community Engagement Council Members:

1st Battalion		2nd Battalion		3rd Battalion		4th Battalion		5th Battalion	
Jeffrey	Benedict	George	Taylor	Walter	Bryson	Jared	Brown	Justine	Zukowski
Graham	Walker	Samuel	Benecke	Landon	White	Kristen	Kessinger	Trevor	Brown
Robert	Howe	Darren	Hombirg	Ту	Hall	Leonard P	Van Brunt	Cory	Taylor
Frank N	Kordonis	Andrew	Aiken	John	Myrtle	Elliott	Long	Hoffman	Brandon
Henry	Flowers	Richard	Blanchard	Michael	Farnham	Devon	Carter	David	Scholl
Ra'Shaud	Graham	Chase	Jones	Amber	Mills	Taylor	Scott	Kevyn	McNeil
Kendrick	Webb	Craig	Rieth	Newton	McCollum	Carly	Cannon	Brett	Albertson
Ivan Paul	Dingle	Chanteisha	Neitz	Jeffrey	Cain	Nicholas	Osmon	Ethan	Courville
Zachary	Spotts	Parker	Buchannon	Matthew	Munday	Devan	Wilson	Maxwell	Miller
Chase	Butner	Franklin	Fox	Madison	Mayleben	Daniel	Batista	Jacob	Robbins
Jonathan	DeVore	Wilson	Wicker	Johnathon	Rand	James	Jenkins	Peyton	McCarter
Madison	Jordan	William	Steele	Weston	Matthews	Frank	Resch	Huston	Hall
Andrew	Burckhalter	Erin	Dromerhauser	Alexander	Pusey	Jack	Marquez	McKinley	Forster
Jacqueline	Thompson	David	Thomas	William	Crawford	Evan	Sweene	Alex	MacDonald
Mason	Gibbons	Alexander	Dickson	Mark	Johnson	Brooks	Wagstaff	Angelica	McNerny
Charles	Turner	Christian	Forbes	Tristan	Blackwood	Avery	Hyatt	Cesar	Reyes
Kevin	Swain	Paul	Calgano	Matthew	McClain	John	Christy	Коу	Mai
		William	Smith			Temon	Reed	lan	Taylor
		Jensine	Lamira						
		Meghan	Philiplosky						

Companies documenting 800-999 hours

Daniel

Goldstein

Companies documenting 1,000+ hours

Community Engagement Leadership Award

Presented to C/COL James Urban, Regimental Commander

Harry F. Dawley Exceptional Service Award

Presented to C/CPL Ivan Dingle, Battalion Operations Clerk

Spotlight Successes

Outstanding Student-led Initiatives

-Brianna Young & Charleston Hope: Senior Brianna Young founded The Citadel's branch of Charleston Hope in 2014 and led the initiative throughout the past two years. Supporters of Charleston Hope adopt a classroom (or twenty!), and provide a Christmas gift to each student in the class at local Title I schools.

-Harry Griffin & North Charleston High School: Inspired by his former middle school principal Mr. Bob Grimm, Cadet Griffin initially started his relationship with NCHS by helping teach the baseball team and eventually inspired many cadets to help with the tutoring program, providing a strong cadet presence and partner relationship.

-Madison Mayleben & Lima company: Cadet Mayleben took her leadership role to heart, planning and engaging her company in multiple service initiatives to support Winwood Farms, Habitat for Humanity, North Charleston High School, and most recently the veterans experiencing homelessness who are served by 180 Place. Her personal creativity, energy, and tenacity helped her company stand out in service quantity and quality.

-Meagan Orton & James Island Connector Run: Meagan Orton is a graduate student in the Masters of Leadership program who has almost single-handedly orchestrated the Citadel's involvement in the JICR for the past two years. Through her efforts funds have been raised to support college students with special needs through the Gavalas Kolanko Foundation.

Outstanding Group Collaborations

-Pre-Health Society, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC: The cadets of The Citadel Pre-Health Society, which prepares cadets for medical, dental, or other health-related advanced studies and professions, repeated the *Cadets for a Cure* initiative this year with even greater success. Led by senior Matt Scalise and faculty advisor Dr. Kathy Zanin, the Pre-Health Society drew strongest college volunteer participation for the Komen race, raised a record amount for the Hollings Cancer Center patient support fund, and collaborated to educate people about breast cancer prevention in multiple settings and events.

-Kilo Company & Metanoia: The cadets of Kilo company for a second year committed to bring opportunities to low-income K-12 students through literacy, STEM, and strengths-based programming to Metanoia's "young leaders" who are rising above poverty to pursue their dreams. Inspired by Amber Mills and led by a growing leadership team, KILO volunteers report every Monday to help conduct academic clinics, play "brain games" and provide and hands-on STEM programs.

-The "Dawgpaddlers" & Dragon Boats of Charleston: It is rare that faculty, staff, cadets, CGC students, and alumni can collaborate to serve, but this collaboration is paving the way. Led by Kevin Adcock and Ashley Witherspoon the Citadel's "Dawgpaddler" team excelled in competition and spirit in 2015 and is well on their way to another great showing for 2016.

- CCSD's Downtown Community Education (Kaleidoscope) programs: Led by one of our longest and strongest partners, Ms. Shelia Grier, Kaleidoscope has helped engage Citadel cadets, veteran students, and graduate students in after-school and summer programming. Even in the summer of 2015 when they offered a haven for families impacted by aftermath of the Emanuel AME shootings, Kaleidoscope has engaged Citadel students of all levels in supporting the students who most need us.

Most Impactful Academic Service Learning courses

-Modern Languages Internship Courses: Sara Fernandez-Mendina and Glorimar Blanco In coordination with faithful community partners, these dedicated faculty members have engaged cadets in legal aid, medical, and support services to Hispanic populations in the Charleston area.

-School Psychology Graduate Courses: Dr. Lori Fernald: Psychology graduate students in School Consultation (SHARE) and Exceptional Child (Literacy) courses have touched thousands of high risk youth in Title I schools. Dr. Fernald has also mentored numerous Thesis students in evaluating service learning program impact.

Special Recognition

Dr. Dan Ouzts The Citadel Nominee for CHE Service Learning Award

The Citadel has proudly nominated Dr. Dan Ouzts and his long-standing impactful literacy for the 2015-2016 Council of Higher Education Service learning Award. The Citadel's School of Education, as part of its requirement for a graduate level course, Education 590 – Literacy Assessment and Instruction (EDUC590), began an outreach community service in literacy in 1977 which was available to children in Charleston County. The program, now in its 39th year, continues to serve children who are at risk for failure in literacy skills, their families, and ultimately their schools and communities.

Dr. Dan Ouzts, Literacy Division Coordinator, is founder of this highly successful, far-reaching EDUC590 course and continues to personally teach and mentor the estimated 25 graduate students who participate in this course each summer. In addition to the service directly integrated in this



course, Dr. Ouzts also mentors related summer initiatives that engage undergraduates, veteran students, and graduate students in summer outreach to prevent summer learning loss and promote literacy in high-risk youth. Through the institution's Faculty Fellow in Service Learning and Civic Engagement program, Dr. Ouzts has been able to teach simple reading assessment and targeted intervention to SUCCEED Fellows and Summer AmeriCorps-VISTA Summer Associate volunteers recruited through The Citadel's Krause Center for Leadership and Ethics. In addition, the highly beneficial *Highlights* collaborations that grew out of the EDUC590 course are spearheaded by The Zucker Family School of Education and take our intervention to some of the most challenged Title I schools in the Low Country.

Summer SUCCEED 2016 Fellows

Jeffery Cain, James Durant, Wendell Estep, Kimberly Gray, Claire Harrison, Mary Catherin Patton, Craig Rieth, Jordan Thomas, Mary Ann Koller, Richie Parra, Kai Sheffield, Cody Ford, Kathleen West, Jordan Johnson, Ty Smith, Vannessa Camacho

Faculty Fellows in Service Learning & Civic Engagement

Dr. Jennifer Albert Dr. Elizabeth Conner Dr. Lauren Rule-Maxwell Dr. Sara Fernandez-Medina Mrs. Tiffany Silverman Dr. Dan Ouzts Dr. Dena Garner Dr. Reba Parker Dr. Mary Katherine Watson Dr. Lisa Zuraw Dr. Stephanie Hewett Dr. Lori Fernald

Staff Fellows in Service Learning & Civic Engagement

1st Lt Edwina McGill Col Kevin Adcock Ms. Linda Riedel Col Kevin Dougherty Mrs. Ashley Witherspoon

Veteran Fellows in Service Learning & Civic Engagement

Jordon Johnson

Kyle Paradiso Vannessa Camacho Juan Campana Jesse Howard **Tremaine Shivers**

SC Campus Compact Student Service Achievement Award Campus Winner, State Winner

This award is presented to a student or a student organization who has exhibited outstanding leadership and innovative approaches in their community service or service learning endeavors both on their campus and within their community that addresses public issues, effective community building, and integration of civic engagement into the college experience.

Amber Mills

Amber Mills, who is completing her BS in Civil Engineering this May, is quite simply the most outstanding, devoted, and impactful student leader we have had in the history of The Citadel's service learning and civic engagement program. A 2015 Newman Civic Engagement Fellow, Amber has by her actions, example, collaborations, and leadership created replicable and sustainable programs a) to enhance high-risk youth access to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), b) to address literacy, and c) to sup-



port a non-profit farm with both educational and healthy food access missions. Building on her own experiences as a SUCCEED Fellow in the summer of 2014, in collaboration with faculty from multiple disciplines, Amber designed and executed interventions for high-risk elementary and middle school students at two partner schools and an after-school component of Metanoia, a community non-profit. All the programs she has built apply best practices to engage faculty, staff, and students of varied levels in learning about and addressing target issues through sustained, mutually beneficial community partnerships.

Amber has personally competed hundreds of hours of service in the community in spite of the demands of her challenging major and other leadership roles on campus. Her most enduring impact has come from her successful implementation of models for getting other students involved in addressing community issues. Most notably she connected her cadet company to community partners and progressively engaged them in committed, multi-faceted interventions that address community needs and mobilize diverse talents. This year her Kilo company completely "owns" and operates our after-school offerings in STEM, Math and Reading tutoring, *Brain Games* (targeting math application and social emotional development), and *Smart Strengths*. In her final year Amber has not only been a leader in her company, but also in her discipline. She served primary leadership roles in both a Girl Scout engineering event and the Trebuchet competition that brought hundreds of students to campus for engaging STEM activities.

A self-made success from a family of modest means, Amber has attended college on full scholarships and excelled at every aspect of her educational experience. Ambers' achievements would be remarkable under any circumstance. The fact that she has demonstrated such leadership and earned such widespread respect in an academic discipline and campus environment where women are in the minority is especially meaningful. Amber has been gracious, generous, altruistic, and humble at every stage of her successful undergraduate journey. We proudly congratulate her on her recognition as the SC Campus Compact winner in Student Service Achievement.

SC Campus Compact Civic Engagement Professional Award Campus Winner, State Honorable Mention

Presented to a full-time professional staff member for significant contributions to the institutionalization of community engagement by inspiring a vision for service on the campus and supporting faculty, students, and/or campus-community partnerships

Ronald Welch

Dr. Ron Welch is an inspirational professional who has who has led the School of Engineering to excel in service learning and civic engagement at all levels. A 1982 graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, Dr. Welch served his country as an officer in the US Army Corps of Engineers from 1982-2007, completing his doctorate in Civil Engineering at University of Illinois in 1999. Since 2011 he has served as Dean of the School of Engineering which educates Mechanical (ME), Civil and Environmental (CE), and Electrical Engineers (EE) students at the Bachelor's and Master's levels in using a combination of classroom, lab, and community-based experiential learning.



Dr. Welch is committed to a sustainable, mentored process that engages his faculty and students in serving the community year-round. He particu-

larly shares his passion for making STEM sciences and engineering accessible to those who are underrepresented in STEM fields. His school's Engineering Week activities include Lego Robotic competitions, Lego Lift (ME), craft bridge strength testing (CE), and Trebuchet competitions during the Storm the Citadel event. This year the event brought more than 700 diverse student school groups from grades K-12 and their families to campus to share designs and hands-on learning processes. The students began with kits and learning materials provided in advance from their school settings. He also presides over STEM festival activities that engage youth and families in discovery of engineering, statewide outreach that brings hundreds of children from as far away as Columbia and Beaufort, and a Girl Scout event that matches our Society of Women Engineering students in a day of discovery designed to enhance girls' knowledge of and aspirations in engineering fields. Along with the Deans of Education and Mathematics & Science, Dean Welch provides oversight to the STEM Center which continues to build k-12 outreach and teacher education opportunities including summer STEM and STEAM camps. His faculty are also encouraged to engage with the community to address serious issues of environment and poverty, including a beach erosion project that engaged faculty and students in more than 1500 hours of work and consultation. Their efforts helped address growing waste and drainage issues that arose as a result of a tent city occupied by people who were homeless.

With his modeling and leadership, the Engineering faculty, while arguably busier than any of us on campus, have consistently had 100% participation for Leadership Day and other service learning initiatives. Dean Welch has been a champion for the integration of service into our strategically-funded four year leadership model and has even presented regionally to his fellow deans about the merits of integrated community engagement. His school's Tau Beta Pi honor society has consistently been recognized at national and regional levels for its service. He has created a culture of service and civic engagement that is highly impactful both in the community and on our campus.

SC Campus Compact Faculty Award for Service Learning Campus Winner, State Winner

This award is presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to the integration of service learning into their curriculum, using innovative ways to connect students' service with academics. This nominee has significantly advanced their campus' distinctive civic mission by forming strong partnerships, supporting others' civic engagement, and working to institutionalize a culture and practice of engagement.

Tiffany Silverman

Ms. Tiffany Silverman has devoted herself to creating a Citadel Fine Arts department that engages community musicians, artists, authors, and photographers to enhance arts education and community access to the arts. This year the *Charleston Strong* mural that she conceived and executed along with her students, department, and professional partners brought our community together to heal after the Emanuel AME Church shootings. It was a Herculean effort, a "labor of love" that produced an uplifting neighborhood representation of our shared desire for a diverse, unified, peaceful Charleston community.



Tiffany received her BA and MA in Art History from William and Mary before beginning her fruitful careers in business, arts education and out-

reach, and finally college teaching. Her sustained commitment to community engagement has enabled our institution to create extraordinary partnerships among professional artists, college faculty/ staff, students, and members of neighboring communities who might not easily access arts. In 2015 the department she built and leads offered 14 events that were free and open to the public, with a total attendance of more than 1,000 students, faculty, veterans, and community members.

Tiffany is particularly deserving this year because of her leadership on the *Charleston Strong* mural project. For several years she had worked to propose a viable approach to engaging fine arts students and local artists in painting a mural on the "eyesore" cinderblock wall along our former baseball stadium. After the Emanuel shootings in June 2015, there was a great need for outreach that might bring diverse stakeholders together for deeper communication, mutual support, healing, and hope. Tiffany invested hundreds of hours and a great deal of personal/professional capital to make the ambitious and impactful *Charleston Strong* mural become a reality. In October of 2015, more than 1600 community members of all races, ages, and backgrounds came together to paint doves to symbolize each of us playing a part in our community's healing. Answers to the prompt "I make my community stronger when I…" are being reviewed qualitatively and quantitatively and the multi-faceted experience will be presented at the Gulf South Summit in Service learning.

Civic engagement is a way of life for Tiffany Silverman and she is passing her passion on to her own children as well as her students. The *I Heart Hungry Kids* non-profit her young son founded with her support has been nationally recognized for engaging elementary students in packing over 16,000 bags of food in partnership with Lowcountry Food Bank. We proudly congratulate this inspirational colleague on being recognized by the SC Campus Compact as the outstanding Engaged Faculty member in the state.

SC Campus Compact Community Partner Award for Service Learning

Presented to a community partner that has worked to support the civic mission of their partnering campus and has enhanced the quality of life in the community in meaningful and measurable ways. Community partners are vital links for engaging campuses and students to meet critical community needs. This award is intended to recognize a community partner's involvement with the campus community by engaging in the development of sustained, reciprocal partnerships with the college or university, thus enriching educational as well as community outcomes.

Jarrett Vella

The Citadel is proud to nominate our long-time community partner Mr. Jarrett Vella, a social studies teacher and After-school Program Director at the Military Magnet Academy for the SC Engaged Community partner Award. The Military Magnet Academy (MMA) is a Title I school within The Charleston County School District public school system that provides an option for students to attend middle and high school in a structured military-style environment. In 2015-2016 the school enrolled 515 students, 77% of whom were African American and 17% of whom were Hispanic. The partnership between The Citadel and the MMA is an obvious one but we did not have much collaboration in place until Mr. Vella started building the partnership through the after-school and summer programs.



Mr. Vella embodies the community partner who makes mutually reciprocal, sustainable partnerships possible. He is passionate about helping his high-risk MMA stu-

dents succeed and his vision is contagious for our volunteers. He is exemplary in his structure of the afterschool and summer programs, creating an environment where our volunteers can experience productive tutoring with teacher-prepared assignments every time they come. He is great about communicating about issues in timely and specific fashion. He also takes the time to write about volunteers who have done a particularly good job. He faithfully attends our on-campus gatherings for community partners

The proof of a successful partnership is finally the collective impact. Last summer The Citadel SUCCEED Fellows volunteered in the six-week academic program that offered 175 students a chance to remediate problems in Language Arts and Math. The majority of the students were below acceptable levels in one or both areas and many were in danger of not passing to the next grade. The program produced an 85% graduation rate with the state average being in the mid 70's. MAP scores for 40 sixth graders in the Fall and Spring after-school programs scores showed gains both semesters which Mr. Vella attributed in part to our volunteer tutoring.

This is a dedicated leader in a vital, successful public school program. In spite of program funding disruptions and district-level administrative changes over the years, he and the others at Military Magnet Acade-



my have persisted in their determined quest to help MMA students succeed. Out cadets, veteran students, and graduate students have all reflected positively on their MMA experience and have specifically credited his guidance as a reason it is particularly gratifying and educational to serve at MMA. We appreciate Mr. Vella, his highly supportive principal Mr. Anderson Townsend, and all of the collaborations we have been honored to experience with The Military Magnet Academy.

National Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows Award Campus Winner, National Winner

Honors inspiring sophomores or juniors who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Through service, research, and advocacy, Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change. These students represent the next generation of public problem solvers and civic leaders. They serve as national examples of the role that higher education can—and does—play in building a better world.

Cesar Reyes

A sophomore pursuing dual majors in Business Administration and French, Cesar has quickly distinguished himself as a leader in civic engagement and in The Citadel's South Carolina Corps of Cadets. A firstgeneration college student and son of Mexican immigrants, Cesar has made the most of every opportunity to develop as an educated and principled leader, to honor what others have done for him by giving back in the community, and to influence his peers to do the same.



Cesar became an overnight star after his freshman SHARE group was assigned to a school whose student body included a high percentage of students who primarily spoke Spanish. Bi-lingual in Spanish, Cesar stepped up and translated our curriculum for the Hispanic students, coleading the groups along-side the trained sophomore leaders. Cesar describes this as a transformative moment and he has never looked back.

In spite of his demanding schedule Cesar has used many of his available hours in service. Of particular note, he approaches this work not only with a heart for serving others, but also with a depth of insight and passion for the issues that belies his years. After talking with the Director of the HALOS non-profit that supports families in "kinship care" (foster care by relatives), Cesar learned more about the issue, mobilized his entire company to learn more about foster from community experts, and engaged them in "adopting" the issue/non-profit. Under his leadership his cadet company has built this new partnership, executed several special drives for needed items such as beds and bedding, and invited the HALOS families to campus for a football game accompanied by Citadel cadets. It is the model we hope other cadet companies will emulate. It is astounding that the man who made it all happen is only a sophomore.

Recently the state senator for our district, Senator Marlon Kimpson, approached us to collaborate as he formed a *Youth Civic Engagement Council (YCEC)* to mentor diverse youth from seven public high schools in service learning and civic engagement from their sophomore through senior years of high school. This initiative promises to be a fruitful opportunity for the high school students nominated to YCEC, the hand-picked cadets who will help Senator Kimpson mentor the students as they develop over four semesters, and the community issues which will be addressed by engaged young people at multiple levels. Cesar was selected for this high-stakes, visible leadership role and has been totally devoted to it, beginning when he drove six hours in the middle of Christmas break so he could participate in the orientation for YCEC nominees and their families. His participation in this project has already stretched him to new levels of professionalism and insight. We proudly congratulate this 2016 Newman Civic Fellow!

We gratefully acknowledge the commitment of Bill and Gay Krause (Class of 1963), who generously support Service Learning & Civic Engagement under The Krause Center for Leadership & Ethics

Thank you to all of our community partners for helping our students LEARN by SERVING OTHERS

Association for the Blind A Backpack Journalist **Burke High School** Burns Elementary School Camp Happy Days Camp Rise Above Cannon Street YMCA Carolina Hospice Care **Catholic Charities** Charleston Development Academy Charleston Parks Conservancy Charles Towne Landing Dana Fields Law Firm Don Gibson Law Firm Dragon Boats Charleston East Cooper Habitat for Humanity East Cooper Meals on Wheels Gadsden Green Housing Authority Charleston Parks Conservancy Charleston Promise Neighborhood City of Charleston Unified Sports Down Syndrome Association of the Low Country **Downtown Community Education** James Simons Elementary School John's Island Rural Mission Senator Marlon Kimpson's YCEC Youth Civic Engagement Council

Keep Charleston Beautiful Low Country Food Bank Low Country Orphan Relief Medical University of South Carolina Metanoia Military Magnet Academy Miracle League of Charleston Miracle League of Summerville North Charleston High School **One80 Place** Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center Relay for Life **Ronald McDonald House Charities** Salvation Army Toy Sort Seacoast Church Sea Island Habitat for Humanity S.C.O.R.E Simmons-Pinckney Middle School St. Thomas & St. Dennis Church Stewards of Hampton Park Special Olympics Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Sweetgrass Garden Trident United Way Vets on Deck Water Missions Windwood Farm Home for Children

If you would like to expand our partnership or refer other potential community partners please contact Dr. Conway Saylor at <u>saylorc@citadel.edu</u> or Christina Soyden at <u>csoyden@citadel.edu</u>