

# SERVICE LEARNING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNER *Celebration*



**CELEBRATING TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION** 



# THE KRAUSE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS

### **SERVICE LEARNING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** *COMMUNITY PARTNER CELEBRATION LUNCHEON*

### 3:00 - 3:15

Meet at Mark Clark Hall to gather for VIP seating at parade

### 3:45 - 4:30

**Citadel Awards Review Parade** 

### 4:30 - 5:30

### **Celebration and Awards Recognition**



# **SPECIAL THANKS**

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS WHO INVEST IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT THE CITADEL





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.



### 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.

### THE TRINKA DAVIS FOUNDATION

Provides annual service learning opportunities for Veteran Students and all those who donate to the Krause Center Service Learning and Civic Engagement fund.







To support Service Learning and Civic Engagement at The Citadel, please contact Ashley Santos at asantos@citadel.edu or Dr. Conway Saylor at saylorc@citadel.edu

# SPOTLIGHT RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING COLLABORATION

### AMERICAN RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF

As Hurricane Irma turned toward the East Coast of the US Mainland we were asked by the American Red Cross (ARC) to assist in training and hopefully recruiting shelter volunteers for the impending storm. Ten cadets made the choice to stay in harm's way, forgo the comforts of home, and volunteer to staff the shelters. They had to "dig deep" physically, mentally, and emotionally to meet the varied needs of the diverse populations they served. We have received unsolicited accolades from other adult volunteers such as : This group of young women and men did The Citadel Proud! And the Red Cross personnel was completely and thoroughly impressed with these young men and women.

### **CHARLESTON WESLEY FOUNDATION**

Krause Center staff along with cadets and other Lowcountry college students helped to provide pivotal aid to those who suffered property damage from hurricane Irma. They gutted, mucked, cleaned, and sanitized homes that had water damage from the flooding as well as helping to clean up debris that was left in the aftermath of the devastating hurricane. Thanks to the infrastructure and collaboration of the Wesley Foundation two service trips occurred during the winter break, one to Houston, TX and another to Seabring, FL.

### CITADEL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

The Citadel Eagle Scout Association (CESA) consists of cadets who've achieved the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Eagle Scout. These cadets exemplify what it means to be a servant leader contributing 1,077 hours of community service between 32 members.

### **CITADEL ROTARACT CLUB**

The Citadel Rotaract Club is a Rotary affiliate sponsored by the Charleston Breakfast Club. This year they have worked to lay the foundation for an Interact Club at the Charleston Charter School for Math & Science, which will begin meeting in Fall 2018! Rotaract consists of roughly 40 members and they have recorded 1,206 hours of service during the 2017-18 AY! Most recently the students have volunteered at Sweetgrass Gardens, Johns Island Rural Mission, and Lowcountry Orphan Relief.

### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COUNCIL**

One of this year's most impactful collaborations has been with the on-campus diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives broadly represented by the DEIC. This campus-wide interdisciplinary group has generously provided enhanced training vis National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) "Welcoming Diversity" and "Controversial Issues" workshops for our summer SUCCEED students and our advanced students in service learning classes. Their collaboration has enabled us to delve at a deeper level into the foundations of our community engagement, especially educational inequities, gentrification, racial hierarchies, and historical contexts. They partnered to help us receive Campus Compact Positive Engagement grant funds and collaborate as part of a national Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) project.

### **MENTORING MATTERS**

Against the Current with Citadel Cadets is a mentor partnership between the Student Learning Disabilities Association of The Citadel (SLDAC) and Charleston Charter School for Math Science. SLDAC also has a mentor partnership with The Charleston Catholic School. The mentor partnerships support the academic and social integration of students with learning differences; promote meaningful relationships between K-12 students, faculty, and administrators and college students and faculty; and address academic, social, and emotional needs of both mentors and mentees.

# **COMPANY RECOGNITION**

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

### **1ST BATTALION**

### **2ND BATTALION**

**3RD BATTLLION** 

#### **4TH BATTALION 5TH BATTALION**

**IVAN DINGLE JOHNATHAN** HOLLIDAY **AMOS JACKSON GUSTAVO SUAREZ ROBERT UMSTEAD MARINA GRIMAL** HUNTER BESANCON **TIMARA MICKENS GAVIN ALLEN JACKSON BOYD** KATHFRINF **ARIAS ARROYO** DANIEL ANDREWS **HARRISON BOORDE ROWAN BROOKS** MARRIK KELLEY AUSTIN MACDONALD **MITCHELL GIBBONS DAVID DAYS** PARK BYRD MARCUS MILHOUSE **STONE GOETHE STEPHEN ONDEVILLA KEVIN HALL** MICHAEL MCHILL **BRANDON HICKEY JUSTIN KIEL CLAYTON BURKE** 

JOHN COKER **TIERRA PRICE GREG CRAFT** MATTHEW HAMMOND PAUL CALCAGNO

**KEVIN BROWN CHRISTOPHER NIEPS JOSEPH SCERBO KAITLYN DENNEN** THOMAS AZRELYANT TAYLOR BAUCOM **GRANT MUENTER** PARKET HOFFMAN MATTHEW LOVELAND JENNIFER POZZANI **ERIKA SINEATH** 

**ROBIN CRIBB CANDICE MALOTT** ANDREW SNOKE **ETHAN EICH JOSHUA GORCZYNSKI CAMERON LILES AARON GURLEY** WILLIAM RASBERRY **DYLAN MCBRIDE DILLON RAMSEY LOGAN BARBER JESSE CROOK JACKSON LONG** JOHN SANDIFER CHRISTOPHER WODE JAMES ARMSTRONG **DAWSON BOLUS** HADYN PADGETT JOHN PIPPINS

**DEREK DECKER** 

**MICHAEL RICE** 

**BRODY AUSTIN** 

WESTON HAYES

**DANIEL SIMPSON** 

**SEBASTIAN TAMBLYN** 

**LISA ELROD** 

**DAVID MITCHELL** 

**LEWIS MARTINEZ** 

**CESAR REYES** 











### HARRY F. DAWLEY **EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

PRESENTED TO

WESTON HAYES **PALMETTO BATTERY** 

# SC CAMPUS COMPACT

### STUDENT ORGANIZATION SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### **CAMPUS WINNER**

Presented to 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.

# TANGO (T) COMPANY

When a community partner has a sudden or under-volunteered need or when the service demands an enormous commitment from students who have a rare and precious span of free time, the oft heard refrain in our service learning and civic engagement office is "Call Logan Barber! Maybe Tango Company will come through again". Hopefully every campus has its heroic leaders and organizations that consider the service mission too important to fail. Perhaps it is a sorority, fraternity, or club. On this campus it is cadet company T, "Tango" company, under the leadership of Commander John Horlbeck, Cadet Commander Zachary Smith, and Cadet First Sargent Logan Barber.

Cadet companies are among the most important and influential student organizations Citadel students belong to. In most cases students will join their companies their freshman year and remain part of that group for their entire four-year experience. A company is akin to a dorm group, but one that endures and adopts priorities that become central to their mission and identity. Tango has embraced selfless service as one of its core priorities and identities, to the great benefit of the Charleston community, the state, and the region. Tango is on track to break the school record for documented service hours in one academic year and will most likely surpass their goal of contributing 2,000 hours, accounting for almost a tenth of all the service offered by our campus to the community. They have done this by putting into practice the behaviors and values associated with principled leadership. Whether through intensive summer service with high risk youth, alternative break service to disaster victims in local ARC evacuation shelter, or Florida recovery zones, ongoing partnerships for sustained service, or support of special events, Tango is the "go to" company, setting the bar for service on our campus. Civic engagement is totally integrated into the Tango experience thanks to leaders who "lead from the front".



# SC CAMPUS COMPACT STUDENT ORGANIZATION SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CAMPUS 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.

# **DILLON GRAHM**



Dillon Graham has been one of the most impactful student service leaders in the history of The Citadel's Service Learning and Civic Engagement (SLCE) programs. At the same time his commitment to serving others on and off campus has helped him develop into an outstanding young leader and ultimately the senior leader on our campus, the 2017-2018 Regimental Commander.

Dillon credits his challenging upbringing in impoverished rural West Virginia with his passion to help others from vulnerable populations know they are not forgotten. Service has been a way of life for Dillon all four years at The Citadel. He was the driving force behind the resurrection of our ASB programs and personally spent all four of his spring breaks in some form of service. He was a young leader in pre-health society initiatives such as the highly successful "Cadets for a Cure" program and advocacy initiatives such as "Light the Night".

When Dillon was selected as Regimental Commander he immediately began to work with us to implement school-wide enhanced participation in SLCE as one of his top three annual goals. Even as other seniors are winding down, Dillon and his fellow Omicron Delta Kappa officers are working on an ambitious project to bring diverse high school youth to campus cadet-mentored leadership event. He has lead a difficult process of recognizing areas where our company engagement efforts come up short and organizing to do better. Dillon leads by example. His leadership has clearly put us closer to SLCE being fully integrated into cadet life.



# - 2018 NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW -

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.

## **MICHAEL RICE**



A junior from Darlington, South Carolina, Michael Rice is an outstanding contributor to our community engagement programs while holding multiple leadership roles in The Citadel's Corps of Cadets, maintaining Dean's List grades, and serving in the United States Army Reserve. Michael is a Criminal Justice major with a minor in African American History, and applies his curricular, co-curricular, and personal experiences toward exceptional service to high risk youth in Title I elementary and middle schools. Michael's commitment to serving high-risk youth is informed by his own experiences, and recalls the support family, school, and community members offered throughout his own difficult high school years. Michael and his sister are the first of their family to attend college. They pursued higher education despite the stress and disruption of losing their mother when Michael was sixteen. Just as he was encouraged to overcome obstacles and reach his potential, he extends himself daily to encourage nearby African American students living in poverty to pursue their dreams.





### NEWMAN CIVICFELLOW PERSONAL STATEMENT:

"To raise a child into a good young adult, it takes more than parental effort. Raising a child "takes a village" filled with family, friends, teachers, ministers, and mentors. In my youth, I noticed how fortunate I was to live in a double parent household, which is not a common occurrence today. After tragically losing my mother at the age of 16, I quickly learned how it felt to be lost, confused, and deprived of a special part of life. This was the worst experience I have ever had. However, many children go their whole lives without a parent. Beyond that, many are deprived of other things that are crucial to success. Children need all kinds of support to be successful in a world that is becoming increasingly unforgiving. I faced some adversity through losing a parent, but many others face more adversity than I can ever imagine. Sometimes a child needs a helping hand, a tutor, or an inspiring motivator. I try to be a role model and encourage other college students to do the same, so that more children will believe in themselves and strive to be the best person they can, regardless of the situation they are in."

# SC CAMPUS COMPACT FACULTY AWARD FOR SERVICE LEARNING CAMPUS NOMINEE

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.

## **DR. JENNIFER ALBERT**

r. Jennifer Albert joined the Citadel faulty at a time when Dit was urgent that all children, especially those who are under-represented in STEM fields, gain greater access to engaging programming in STEM and STEAM. Her impact on this community and this campus have been extraordinary. Dr. Albert is currently the Director of The STEM Center of Excellence at The Citadel. She is an Assistant Professor in The **Zucker Family School of Education and Program Coordinator** for our M.Ed in Interdisciplinary STEM education. She received her Ph.D. in Science Education from North Carolina State University and has an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Austin Peay State University. She specializes in STEM educational evaluation and research. She has collaborated on several grants specializing in broadening participation of underrepresented minorities, particularly in rural schools. Under her leadership Citadel students have gained their first access to sustainability coursework and experiential learning through container-based hydroponic gardens that generate fresh produce for both campus and community.

Her leadership, vision, and creativity have geometrically multiplied our campus community impact in STEM, STEAM, and teacher development. Besides serving as the co-leader of our annual "Storm The Citadel" events which bring thousands of K-12 students to our campus for hands-on engineering and science activities, Dr. Albert has co-led a summer STEAM camp with top level instruction and activities, always protecting a number of slots for scholarship students from under-represented populations. Her new grant projects are engaging high risk youth in holistic integration of STEM concepts, community advocacy, and hands-on research based around themes of flooding and community awareness. She leads by example in a way that engages increasing number of students in STEM outreach with the populations who need it the most.





# SC CAMPUS IMPACT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL AWARD CAMPUS NOMINEE

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.

# **GERVAIS DEL PORTO**



Gervais is an excellent role model of a lifelong engaged citizen. She lives in a very diverse neighborhood near campus and has already turned her energy to supporting our "low achieving" neighborhood schools. She founded a program pairing members of her Toastmasters club with a local Title I school to help middle school students find their voice. This "Citadel Speak UP" outreach initiative is finishing its second year.

Gervais holds a B.A. in Psychology from Vanderbilt University and a Master of Business Administration from The Citadel. After working in nonprofit management in California, Gervais studied journalism at UNC Chapel Hill to become a broadcast journalist. She wrote, reported and produced for both radio and television newscasts in both North and South Carolina. Prior to joining the lab, Gervais worked as a communications strategist for The Citadel's Office of External Affairs.

t is hard to imagine a more meaningful impact one can make than that of helping people find their voice and tell their stories. Our nominee, Gervais Haggerty Del Porto, is the director of The Citadel's Public Speaking Lab. The lab doubles as a recording studio and training room where she coaches Citadel students, faculty and staff to become effective speakers. She teaches Leadership Communications and is the faculty advisor to the popular campus public speaking club, the El Cid Toastdawgs (a Toastmasters Club).

Every member or our service learning and civic engagement (SLCE) team- faculty, staff, VISTAs, graduate students, and students engaged in committed service to the community-has had the experience of working with Gervais and her trained team of student leaders to bring their oral presentations to life. Our LDRS211 service learning class instruction, symposium panels about SLCE, and now outreach to high risk youth in nearby middle schools have all been enhanced by her generous and impactful work with us.



# SC CAMPUS COMPACT COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD FOR SERVICE LEARNING CAMPUS NOMINEE, STATE WINNER

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.

# **SWEETGRASS GARDEN**

**S**weetgrass Garden is a long-term partner who has collaborated with us to grow produce and grow leaders. Founded in 2010, this farm embodies all of the elements of a sustained, reciprocal, mutually beneficial partnership. The mission of the Sweetgrass Garden Co-op, as a 501 (c) 3 Not-for-Profit Corporation, is to provide free, fresh, naturally grown, local produce to charitable food distribution agencies in South Carolina and to support that effort by growing a portion of the produce for income to sustain the enterprise. They cultivate a variety of fruits and vegetables, using sustainable methods and good agricultural practices, as they educate the public about farming, composting, and distributing food to people in need and the organizations that serve them.

Sweetgrass Garden is run by Dale Snyder and Jennifer Wicker who are graduates of the Clemson South Carolina New and Beginning Farmers Program, recipients of the Charleston Soil and Water Conservation, District 2012 Soil Conservationists of the Year Award, published researchers on fish composting techniques and practices, and SC Bee-Keepers Association Journeymen Beekeepers. Their Sweetgrass work is entirely volunteer based. In their "other lives" Dale is an Instructor at Trident Technical College and Jennifer Wicker is an Assistant Principal at Liberty Hill Academy, one of Charleston County's alternative programs for students with significant behavioral needs.

Jennifer and Dale are especially effective in the educational component of college student service experiences. Students who regularly volunteer are guided through all the steps of food growing and distribution. They get to meet and hear from local residents whose lives were impacted by Sweetgrass. Citadel cadets enjoy hundreds of hours serving at the farm each year, but other colleges benefit as well, including Clemson, College of Charleston, Trident Tech, and other colleges whose visitors and ASB groups learn by serving at Sweetgrass.



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

58 Bogard Street Garden 9/11 Heroes Run Agape Senior Living **Alternative Spring Break** American Red Cross Audubon Society **Backpack Journalists** Bikes for the World **Bishop England High School Burke High School Camp Happy Days Camp Rise Above Cannon Street YMCA Charles Towne Landing Charleston Animal Society Charleston Catholic School Charleston Charter School for** Math & Science **Charleston County School District Charleston Development** Academy Charleston Habitat for Humanity **Charleston Miracle League Charleston Parks Conservancy Charleston Progressive Academy Charleston Promise Neighborhood Charleston Screams Charleston STEM Festival** 

**Charleston Wesley Foundation Citadel Eagle Scout Association Citadel Rotaract Club Citadel Toastmasters Citadel Young Life City of Charleston Unified Sports Colleton County Citadel Club** Cooper River Bridge Kids Run Dana Fields Law Firm Don Gibson Law Firm Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry **Dragon Boats Charleston Dream Center Medical Clinic** Early College High School at **Trident Tech** East Cooper Habitat for Humanity East Cooper Meals on Wheels **Emerald Empire Band FIRST Lego League** Follypalooza Cancer Benefit FreshStart Gadsden Green Housing Authority Gavalas Kolanko Foundation's JI **Connector Run** Happy Feet **Healing Farms** Hope for Healing Walk I Heart Hungry Kids

James Simons Elementary School John's Island Rural Mission Junior League of Charleston **Keep Charleston Beautiful** Liberty Hill Academy Light the Night Lowcountry Food Bank Lowcountry Furniture Coalition Lowcountry Heart Walk Lowcountry Orphan Relief Medical University of South Carolina Metanoia Military Magnet Academy Nicosia Mercy Center North Charleston High School **One80 Place** People Against Rape Pet Helpers Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center Ronald McDonald House S.C.O.R.E Salvation Army Toy Sort Sanders Clyde Savannah Place Scottish Games & Highland Gathering

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity Seacoast Church Senator Kimpson's Youth Civic **Engagement Council** Simmons Pinckney Middle School **Soldiers Angels** SPANN Elementary Special Olympics St. Andrews Parks & Rec St. Thomas & St. Dennis Church Stewards of Hampton Park Storm the Citadel Summerby Senior Living Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Sweetgrass Garden Tony Skole Baseball Camp VA Caribbean Healthcase System Vets on Deck Walk to End Alzheimers Warrior Surf Foundation Water Missions We Are Charleston 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 **saylorc@citadel.edu** or **Christina Soyden Arnold** at **Christina.arnold@citadel**.