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KNOB KNOWLEDGE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A LADY OR GENTLEMAN?

It is to be honest, to be gentle, to be generous, to be brave, to be wise and, possessing all these qualities, to exercise them in the most graceful outward manner. (*The Guidon*, 2000-2001)

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Suggestions for Effective Career Choices

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The Important Questions. What can your cadets do to gain the maximum benefit from The Citadel experience? What will be expected of them as they graduate and compete for the best careers? Recruiters who come to The Citadel to find the strongest candidates for employment select top interviewees based on their answers to the following questions: Why did you select your particular major area of study? What are your career goals? Why are you interested in our firm and how have you researched our company? What are your strengths and what can you do to help our organization? Are you able to show us samples of your work in demonstration of relevant skills? Why should we hire you rather than all the others who want this position?

These questions and their answers are critical in the competition for the best jobs. Students can strengthen answers to these questions by using the many resources offered at The Citadel and by speaking with the many alumni mentors in the professional areas of greatest interest, available via The Citadel Career Services Office. These alumni, members of the Career Network Volunteers, stand ready to give career-related advice as part of Citadel efforts to help students make logical choices.

Finding FOCUS. To help students determine an appropriate career path and select the appropriate major, The Citadel provides the FOCUS Program. This program allows students to identify and analyze the occupations that best match their interests and work-related values, and to determine the experiences and education needed to achieve their career objectives. FOCUS helps students to avoid wasting effort changing majors and helps to match students to appropriate alumni mentors for advice. FOCUS is available in The Citadel Career Services Office at 573 Huger Street. For an appointment to use this program and receive assistance in the interpretation of results, call 953-1617 or 1618.

Preparing to Succeed. All of the support services of The Citadel, including Career Services, the Writing Center, Daniel Library, the Counseling Center and many others, are available to students as they plan and prepare to succeed. In addition to the FOCUS Program, students have access to counseling on individual employment campaigns, assistance in the construction of academic and professional portfolios (for which The Citadel has received favorable national attention), a variety of seminars and workshops regarding interviewing skills, how to research organizations, how to target organizations geographically, how to construct winning resumes, how to write effective cover letters, how to negotiate salary offers, how to use the Internet to support employment searches, how to access and use The Citadel Alumni Career Network, how to access and evaluate advertised positions, and how to find and compete for the great majority of positions which are not advertised. Additionally, The Citadel provides *The Citadel JOB SEARCH HANDBOOK* to all interested students, which outlines policies for on-campus interviewing and identifies the many resources available to students.

The Citadel Career Fair. Early each academic year, The Citadel hosts a large Career Fair for all students. This event provides an excellent opportunity for students early in their programs to confirm their career track by speaking with over 200 recruiters who visit The Citadel for the Career Fair. The Fair also provides the opportunity for seniors and graduate students to meet the recruiters who will be conducting on-campus interviews during the coming year.

Some Specific Actions for Students. As freshman, students should use the FOCUS Program to determine the best major for them, and they should start compiling their academic portfolios and visit the Career Services Office to become familiar with the resources available.

As sophomores, students should more fully research career options and speak

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CFA Annual Meeting: March 16

The Citadel Family Association meets once every year to conduct business and renew friendships among the parents and families of our Citadel cadets. The Annual Meeting takes place on Corps Day Weekend, according to the CFA Constitution and Bylaws. This year's meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m.**, place TBA.

We invite all Citadel Family Association members (that's all of you parents!!) to come join us, learn about what projects we already have going, and let us know what else you need or want to do!

The bulk of this year's official

business is the election of officers (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary) and ratification of a Constitution and Bylaws. Nominations for officers is still open. Persons eligible for nomination are those current members of the Steering Committee. Officers may be nominated by any current member of the CFA until January 10, 2000. Make nominations to any current CFA officer (see page 3).

We look forward to seeing everyone for the meeting and encourage everyone to volunteer some time or talent as we get ready to bring 2000-2001 to a close and begin planning for 2001-2002.

GARDEN SPOT

By Norwood Grinalds

August, September, and October have passed and the holidays are approaching. I smile inwardly and happily anticipate a replay of the holiday traditions that make The Citadel the special place that it is.

Thanksgiving will be celebrated in the mess hall on November 20. The turkey and dressing will be delicious, but the centerpiece of the evening will be the hats that the knobs make for the upperclassmen. The hats are remarkable in their originality. Pilgrims, Indians, and bulldogs will be in evidence everywhere, as well as replicas of barracks, cannons, and cadets in full-dress, all carefully balanced on upperclassmen's heads. Some hats are so tall that ceiling tiles must be temporarily removed in order for upperclassmen to sit in chairs at their tables and be covered while eating turkey and cranberry sauce. It is great fun, and I am glad the cadets invite me to this wonderful celebration.

The Christmas tree will be lit at the edge of the parade field, in front of Padgett-Thomas Barracks on November 30. It will light up the night until cadets depart on holiday furlough.

The first weekend in December brings a gift of music from the cadets to Charleston and The Citadel community. On the evenings of December 2, 3, and 4, Summerall Chapel will be filled with candlelight, evergreens, and harmony. The cadets that make up The Citadel chorale, chapel choir, and brass ensemble as well as the ushers, Colonel Mark Bebensee at the organ, Mrs. Nancy Lefler, the director of choral music, and Major Herb Day, director of the ensemble, will all be in their places at seven o'clock on Saturday evening, the second of December, as the Candlelight Service begins. As always, it will be a standing-room-only event.

The Angel Tree, a Christmas tree covered with paper angel ornaments indicating the gifts that needy, local children would most like for Christmas, is a reminder to all of us that Christmas is a time for us to be centered on giving thanks for the inestimable gift of Jesus.

While we light the tree, raise the tune, buy the gifts and make and wear hats, I hope that you at home will pluck the duck and stuff the turkey in anticipation of your cadets' coming home. I am proud of each and every one and delight that they will join you soon, but don't have so much fun that you forget to send them back to us. Happy holidays!

Who Ya Gonna Call?

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B—Jim & Ann Pinson 843-889-6109

C—Frankie & Shirley Cook
803-791-1860

D—Stan & Dianne Townsend
843-881-6590

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K—Jack & Dorothy Skipper
803-366-0665

L—Thom & Debbie Brandon
843-889-6366

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O—Elaine Glass 919-846-4715

R—Robert & Pamela Wilson
904-673-5485

T—Jim & Lynda Dunn 843-795-8889

Your CFA Company
Representatives have been
where you are. Let these
parents be your support system
for getting through your cadet's
first year at The Citadel.

Basketball Program 101 Years Old

11/8	All Air Force (Exh.)	7:15	1/8	Western Carolina	7:15
11/18	Methodist College	1:00	1/13	VMI	7:15
11/20	Limestone College	7:15	1/27	UT-Chattanooga	1:00
11/27	Ferrum College	7:15	2/3	Wofford University	1:00
12/5	South Carolina	7:15	2/12	Col. of Charleston	7:15
12/9	Ogelthorpe	7:15	2/24	Furman University	6:30
12/18	SC State	:15	Only home games listed here.		
1/3/01	UNC-Greensboro	3:00	Ticket Office 843-953-5121		

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to alumni mentors for advice on preparing to be the strongest possible competitors upon graduation, including the types of summer jobs that provide the best foundation for competing in their chosen professional areas. Constructing a resume before the end of sophomore year will provide the student a distinct advantage in competing for summer employment. Multilingual students are encouraged to produce a resume in each language in which they are proficient.

As juniors, students should focus on particular industries and the best firms in those industries, participate heavily in the Career Fair, meeting recruiters and exploring the best summer employment possibilities, and continue to develop their academic portfolios, updating the portfolios as they continue to produce reports, papers and presentations for their classes. All students should have their resumes written and reviewed by the be-

ginning of Fall Term of their junior year, and should participate in the seminars on letter writing, interviewing skills, researching firms, and other career-related topics. They should continue to build relationships with appropriate alumni mentors. Juniors should also participate in the practice interview sessions offered in Spring Term to prepare juniors for the coming year.

As seniors, students should pursue internships within their majors where possible, to build the practical experience that firms seek. The internship final reports are significant components of their academic portfolios. Seniors should participate heavily in the Career Fair and in on-campus interviews, starting their Senior Resume Files in Career Services by mid-September. They should also identify and speak with the faculty members and past employers whom they will ask to serve as references. Any questions that arise as they go through the interviewing process

should be discussed with Career Services as appropriate, including how to handle difficult interviewing questions, how to handle salary negotiations, and how to decide among employment offers.

Looking Ahead. As Alumni, Citadel graduates are also welcome to use the resources in The Citadel Career Services Office for the rest of their careers.

Parents, we look forward to working with you to ensure that your cadets take advantage of the opportunities available through The Citadel. Your encouragement and advice to your cadets is especially important in helping them start the career planning and preparation process early. This early start will help them be as successful as possible. Would you please call The Citadel Career Services Office at 843.953.1617 or 1618 with any questions or comments? Thank you very much for your support.

Student Publications

El Cid

Founded in 1993, *El Cid* is an annual, undergraduate and graduate journal that publishes original works in Spanish by students from colleges and universities across the United States and Canada. Distribution is national; works are selected by an editorial board consisting of professors from The Citadel, Furman and University of California-Berkeley. For a subscription form, visit our website at www.citadel.edu/citadel/otherserv/mlng/tauiota/journal.html. The cost is \$8 per year.

—Mark P. Del Mastro, Director, *El Cid*

The Gold Star Journal

The Gold Star Journal, which was founded in July 1996 by Dr. Suzanne Mabrouk (Chemistry Department), includes nonfiction papers written by both undergraduate and graduate students for any discipline at The Citadel. The purpose of the journal is two-fold: to elevate the importance of good writing and to encourage the pursuit of academic excellence. *The Gold Star Journal* is published each Spring. <www.citadel.edu/citadel/otherserv/goldstar/goldstar.htm>

The Brigadier

The Brigadier is the cadet newspaper of the Corps of Cadets. Features, sports articles, editorials, and cartoons make this paper interesting not only to cadets, but to parents and alumni who may keep an account of events at The Citadel by subscribing to *The Brigadier*. This award-winning publication provides an excellent opportunity for cadets to familiarize themselves with newspaper work. *The Brigadier* is a member of the South Carolina Press Association. (*The Guidon* 2000-2001)

The Shako

The Shako captures the musings, wonderings and paper caught inspirations of a few, select, expressive members of the cadet corps. In all its various forms, it has been this much needed voice, this vent through which has passed the fears, inspirations, dreams and visions of many an inspired student. All submissions are compiled, edited and published annually by cadets for their classmates, colleagues and supporters. <www.citadel.edu/citadel/otherserv/shako.shakohome.htm>

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Citadel Family Association
Calendar-At-A-Glance
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CFA Chairpersons Committee
Winter Retreat
January 20, 2001
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CFA Steering Committee
Winter Retreat
February 10, 2001
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Corps Day Weekend
Annual Meeting
March 15-17, 2001

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THE CITADEL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The Citadel Family Association (CFA) is composed primarily of parents or guardians of current cadets. Its mission is threefold:

1. To provide information to and support for the families of current cadets;
2. To provide the families with a forum for discussion of common interests; and
3. To take reasonable steps to support College initiatives.