

# The Four Pillars

## CITADEL BUILDING BLOCKS

The Citadel's history of molding leaders dates back to the time the first cadets arrived in 1843. The challenge of an education built on the four pillars of learning—academic instruction, military training, physical readiness and character development—has produced generals, governors, CEOs, *New York Times* bestselling authors and college presidents.

The following four articles illustrate each of the pillars beginning with Cadet Robyn Gratic's description of an academic quest that took her to South Africa. A Citadel Scholar and a member of the honors program, Gratic is a senior English major. A feature on Rikki Felts, a 2004 graduate, highlights the impact of military training on a female cadet. Felts, who majored in criminal justice, is preparing for a career in the Marine Corps. J.D. Driscoll, a former wrestler and also a 2004 graduate, describes the sport of wrestling at The Citadel in an article on physical readiness. And Jeff Wright, a former intern with the Public Affairs Office and a 2003 graduate, describes how cadets, active-duty students and recent graduates are building character through their community service work with LeadAmerica, an educational organization that teaches high school and middle school students about leadership.

As these articles demonstrate, the four pillars remain the foundation of a Citadel education that is clearly producing leaders of the 21st century.

