



Anonymous \$10 million supports faculty excellence

In May 2002, The Citadel Foundation received from an anonymous donor a pledge of \$10 million—the largest single cash gift in the history of the college. Originally scheduled for payment in five annual installments of \$2 million, the gift was instead paid in full by the donor in 2003, expanding the foundation's holdings while expediting the long-term impact of this extraordinary contribution.

The gift established and endowed two new funds that are dramatically enhancing the college's ability to attract the finest faculty members and students most firmly committed to the college's mission. Of the total contribution, \$7.5 million has been allocated to create The Citadel Faculty Excellence Fund, which provides vital resources to support the ongoing education, research and retention of faculty members. The balance, \$2.5 million, goes to The Citadel Leadership Scholars Fund, an endowed scholarship fund that offers tuition assistance to cadets who demonstrate principled leadership and a profound commitment to The Citadel's core values and vision.

The Faculty Excellence Fund was established to enhance the effectiveness of faculty members in teaching, enable professors to investigate innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and promote academic scholarship through research and publication. The income from this endowed fund enables the college to recognize and retain outstanding faculty by augmenting their salaries, encouraging academic endeavors and supporting ongoing professional and intellectual development.

With enhanced faculty support, The Citadel is far better equipped to attract the brightest professors and retain those who best provide the individualized, small-class approach that is the hallmark of a Citadel education. To compete with leading institutions in an increasingly competitive academic market, it is essential for the college to have resources available to recruit the most talented professors and promote their continued success.

Ensuring faculty excellence is a vital component but still just a part of the equation for long-term success. Hand in hand with faculty excellence is a distinguished Cadet Corps. The Citadel Leadership Scholars program is a scholarship fund dedicated specifically to identifying and recruiting those students who best embody the character traits of a successful cadet. True to its mission, The Citadel awards these scholarships to applicants who have demonstrated the qualities of leadership, academic achievement, self-discipline and service—qualities that will enable them to excel in The Citadel's unique military environment.

Each year, many excellent candidates choose not to attend The Citadel because the college is unable to provide adequate financial aid or a student receives a more generous award package from another school. By offering several partial scholarships to outstanding prospective students, the Leadership Scholars program enables the college to enroll the most qualified students from an increasingly competitive pool of applicants. Each Citadel Leadership Scholarship requires an endowment of \$100,000 to generate sufficient

Additional gifts to The Citadel Leadership Scholarship Fund and The Citadel Faculty Excellence Fund may be made to support the excellence of The Citadel through a gift to The Citadel Foundation. For more information, contact the Foundation at 703-684-2222. Your gift at any level will help the college fulfill its vision.