Awards and Honors

Academic Awards

• **Dean’s List** is a recognition given for the work in a semester to those students registered for 12 or more semester hours whose grade-point ratio is 3.200 or higher, with no grade of I and no grade below C. The medal is worn on the cadet uniform during the following semester.

• **Gold Stars** are awarded to those students on the Dean’s List who have made a grade-point ratio of 3.700 or higher for the work of a semester. Stars can only be worn on the cadet uniform if the cadet earned them in the previous semester.

• If a student is participating in the Study Abroad Program (or some other program that causes the student to be away from campus for the award semester), the student may pick up the award at the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Bond 369.

Commencement Honors

Commencement Awards are restricted to those graduates who have earned and are using to satisfy graduation requirements a minimum of 90 semester hours.

Annually, the Board of Visitors recognizes the two top graduates of the Corps of Cadets by presenting at Commencement the David Shingler Spell Honor Graduate Awards, honoring David Shingler Spell, Class of 1950. The First Honor Graduate receives the traditional Scholarship Medal and both the First and Second Honor Graduates receive an appropriately inscribed plaque and a stipend to be used for educational expenses at the graduate level or at the discretion of the recipient. These honors are awarded to the cadet graduates whose grade point ratios at The Citadel are highest and second highest among the graduating cadet class. In case of a tie, grades in courses taken under the Pass-Fail option are included in computing the grade point ratio. In those cases where the grade point ratios are still identical, the total number of quality points earned is used to break the tie.

To be eligible to graduate with honors and to be eligible for departmental honors, a student must have earned at The Citadel at least half of the semester hours required in the major course of study.

• A degree *summa cum laude* is awarded to those students in the graduating class who have achieved a grade point ratio of 3.900-4.000.

• A degree *magna cum laude* is awarded to those students in the graduating class who have achieved a grade-point ratio of 3.700-3.899.

• A degree *cum laude* is awarded to those students in the graduating class who have achieved a grade-point ratio of 3.500-3.699.

*School/Departmental Honors* are awarded on the recommendation of deans/department heads to those students of the graduating class who have earned a grade-point ratio of 3.500 or better in at least 36 hours of work in the major completed at The Citadel.