Hello and welcome to The Citadel Graduate College newsletter! My name is Dr. Bob McNamara and I’m the new Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate College. Thank you for choosing The Citadel as your educational provider. If you are a recent or distant graduate of the CGC, please know I hope to meet you in the very near future and discuss the transformation that is taking place at The Citadel Graduate College. There are many new initiatives, with more planned in the future. Perhaps the best way to understand them is to consider three dimensions: Continued on Page 02...
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operational changes, meaning the hiring of new staff, re-tasking of existing personnel, remodeling the space in the office, and an overall assessment of the admissions process. A second dimension involves improvements to the quality of student life on campus, including advising, student services availability, the creation of a CGC lounge, and other efforts. Finally, the third area of transformation relates to the development of new programs and opportunities to grow the Graduate College. For the purposes of this newsletter brief, I will focus on the efforts to enhance the educational experience for current CGC students.

One of the most significant improvements to the CGC is the creation of an Assistant/Associate Dean for Student Engagement. The person occupying this position will serve as the main area for the lounge, with additional space identified for student study rooms across the hall. Renovations and modifications of the lounge are expected to begin in the coming weeks.

CGC LOUNGE
Another issue mentioned by students for many years is a non-cadet study area or lounge for CGC students. Focus group interviews were conducted with CGC, EUGS, and veteran students to identify potential features, use patterns, and locations. The Faculty/Staff lounge on the 5th floor of Bond Hall will be the main area for the lounge, with additional space identified for student study rooms across the hall. Renovations and modifications of the lounge are expected to begin in the coming weeks.

GrADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL FUND
A recent addition to the enhanced educational experience for CGC students, a graduate student travel fund was created in the Spring 2013. This fund provided resources to an increasing number of CGC students who wish to attend a professional conference to present the findings of a research project. A committee was created to evaluate student proposals and an online form was created and added to the CGC website.

with The Citadel. To address these and other issues, we have created the Student Services Directors Working Group, a forum that allows problems, challenges, ideas for improvement, etc. to be discussed at a strategic level. In addition, I have asked the directors of student services offices to visit selected evening classes to gain a better sense of students’ needs, preferences, and suggestions.

Research Conference for Graduate Students on Campus
Plans are underway to offer the conference in Spring 2014. Included in these poster sessions and demonstrations are workshops for graduate students on issues relating to research methodology, ethics in research, grant writing, career development, and other topics.

Additionally, all CGC, Registrar, Financial Aid, and Treasurer’s Office staff recently received Leadership training conducted by the Krause Center for Leadership. The rationale behind this decision was to underscore the importance of The Citadel’s core values to employees and to help them reflect on how those values should translate into their everyday behavior. One cannot set an example for students, other staff members, or faculty, on the importance of living by a set of standards unless one has been exposed to them. This training, combined with the existing training for cadets, sends an important message to the campus about being a member of The Citadel family, about sharing our unique culture, and the comprehensive way we train and encourage principled leaders.

Another leadership initiative involves Citadel graduate students. Beginning in August arriving graduate students will complete a leadership workshop as part of a new student orientation. This is a pivotal piece of the transformation of the CGC since it will serve as a defining feature of being a Citadel graduate student.

As you can see, there has been a flurry of activity going on at the CGC, with many more to come. If you wish to learn more about all of the changes taking place, look for the podcast coming in May 2013. Of course, if you have thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc. you can always email me at Bob.McNamara@citadel.edu. Know that I am committed to improving the experience for graduate students at The Citadel as well as developing ways to position the College to be successful in the future. I look forward to meeting you in person in the very near future.

Bob McNamara
Associate Provost and Dean

CGC Alumni Podcast
A podcast was distributed by email, in May addressing the transformation of The Citadel Graduate College. We encourage all alumni to listen and learn more about the exciting updates and changes happening in the coming months. These changes are significant and important to the future of the institution. We urge alumni to become active participants in the process.
**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**Katherine Scott Crawford**

This Citadel Graduate College alumnus and South Carolina native is making big moves. Her debut novel *Keowee Valley* has been gaining the praise of readers and published veterans alike.

Katherine developed a passion for reading and writing early on. She recalls childhood memories of becoming lost in the story lines of novels, but it was not until she read L.M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables* and Pat Conroy's *The Prince of Tides* that she knew she was destined to become a writer. Her published work has been featured in local newspapers and graduated to regional and national competitions.

Before she was an author, Katherine was an outdoor educator, newspaper reporter, and a college English teacher. It was her love for the outdoors and adventure that inspired her to write. When she decided to take writing to the next level, she moved to Charleston to complete her graduate studies and pursue her dreams.

The long standing reputation of The Citadel led her to enroll in Master's level courses. Katherine graduated from The Citadel Graduate College in 2004 with a Master of Arts in English. She thoroughly enjoyed her time as a graduate student at The Citadel and fondly remembers her professors and their encouragement of her writing. When asked for her best memory as a student, Katherine says, “It would have to be the days when The Citadel bagpipers would play. My professors would open the windows and let that gorgeous music in while we learned. I was in heaven.”

Her time in Charleston, along with her childhood memories, gave Katherine inspiration for her First Novel. *Keowee Valley* is set during the Revolutionary era in the Carolinas. The story follows a young heroine, Quinn, along her journey into the wild Appalachian frontier. She is resolute to save her cousin from certain death and to build a community of her own.

When the novel was published by Bell Bridge Books, Katherine felt her dreams had come true. It was a surreal experience. She had been waiting for that day since she was a child. Since its publication, *Keowee Valley* has received praise from critics.

These days, Katherine spends most of her time in North Carolina, where she is a mother, teacher, and continuing her education in her spare time.

Katherine's advice to young authors is “if you love writing, and you know this now, start doing all the things that will aid you in becoming a writer: take classes, talk to smart people, look for jobs and internships, and above all else, read everything.”

You could be in the next CGC “Alumni Spotlight”! Send us your story: info.cgc@citadel.edu

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**CGC MOBILE APP**

The Citadel Graduate College is set to launch a new mobile app for students. Mobile users will be able to stay current on CGC news, tour the campus and access important phone numbers. The app will be available in both the Android and Apple app stores.

**RECEPTION**

We are proud of our Citadel employees who are completing or have recently completed degrees and/or certificates through The Citadel Graduate College (CGC). There was a reception for them, in collaboration with the Daniel Library, in the Museum Reading Room on April 10th.

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**MBA Student Earns Gold Star Award**

**Thomas A. Gorman, Jr.**

Thomas A. Gorman, Jr. is currently a student in The Citadel's MBA program and an alumnus of the Evening Undergraduate Studies Program. His paper, entitled *Capitalism: If History Has Taught U.S. Anything*, earned a Best Paper Submission award from The Citadel's student publication, The Gold Star Journal.

The paper describes Roman economic policies as a reflective tool for our current economic situation in the U.S. Included in this paper is a comparison of the benefits of socialism and capitalism as models for the U.S. economy.

Thomas is one of only three graduate students to have ever been published in The Gold Star Journal.

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**First Criminal Justice Grad Makes History**

**Heather Love**

In, 2011 The Citadel Evening Undergraduate Studies launched a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice. This year marks the first time a student will graduate from The Citadel Evening Undergraduate Studies with this degree.

The degree was created as part of a “Two Plus Two” program. Students complete the first two years of their higher education at a technical college and then transfer to The Citadel to complete the remainder of their degree requirements.

Heather Love will walk across the stage in May as the first recipient of a CGC Bachelor’s of Arts in Criminal Justice. She hopes to become a law enforcement officer with the Charleston Police Department and one day work in a federal law enforcement agency.
At The Citadel Graduate College commencement exercises Saturday, May 4, 2013, in McAlister Field House, more than 330 degrees were conferred and awards were presented. State Superintendent of Education Mick Zais delivered the commencement address and was presented an honorary doctorate of public education.

During the ceremony students were honored for outstanding leadership and academic achievements.

The Hirshey award is named for Charles Hirshey who served as head of education from 1969 to 1979. Hirshey was a pioneer in graduate education for the Lowcountry and a founding member of the graduate college.

This year’s award recipients are Lindsay Bowman Hoffman who earned a master’s degree in counselor education, Whitney Anne Malone who earned a master’s degree in educational leadership, and Gregory Webster who completed a master of arts in teaching in social studies.

Hoffman completed her counselor education practicum at West Ashley High School and 600 hour internship at the Charleston schools. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Chi Sigma Iota honor societies. She has demonstrated an exceptional record of academic achievement and principled leadership within the School Psychology program. This year’s recipient was Jennifer Meehan.

Meehan has consistently been lauded by faculty and peers for her level of conscientiousness, her work ethic, and her dedication to service in the classroom as well as within the school systems she has served while training to become a school psychologist.

The J. Patrick Leverett award honors Professor Pat Leverett, a beloved faculty member and a devoted mentor whose 10-year service to the department of psychology ended abruptly when he died in a plane crash in Alaska.

This year’s award was presented to Ashley Gruber for her outstanding graduate work in the clinical counseling program. Her perfect 4.0 grade point average across her program of study exemplifies her dedication and commitment.

The MBA outstanding student of the year award was presented to Clay Scott Gaillard. Selected each year by faculty, the award is presented to a graduate student who has demonstrated an exceptional record of academic achievement and principled leadership within the MBA program.

A 1994 graduate of Texas Christian University, where he served as opinion editor and an award-winning columnist for the TCU Daily Skiff newspaper, Gaillard was also an active member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He entered the MBA program in the summer of 2010 and has been active in The Citadel MBA Association. He was inducted into The Citadel chapters of both the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, which recognizes top students from all academic disciplines, and Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for business students.

Michael McKanna was recognized as the Business Evening Undergraduate Student of the Year. The award is presented to an undergraduate student who has demonstrated an exceptional record of academic achievement and principled leadership within the program.

McKanna, a native Rhode Islander and a 10-year veteran of the United States Navy, moved to Charleston in 2005 to begin employment with Scientific Research Corporation, a defense contracting firm where he continues to support military communications projects across the country and overseas for the Space and Naval Weapons System Center. In 2009, McKanna enrolled in courses at Trident Technical College and quickly discovered the 2+2 partnership program with The Citadel. Since then he has balanced a career, school, and family to achieve his goals through hard work and dedication to success.

Jeremy P. Williams was presented with the Charles Lindbergh award which is given annually to an undergraduate evening student in civil and environmental engineering for outstanding academic achievement, service to the engineering profession and to the community. The award honors Charles Lindbergh, Citadel class of 1938, who served as head of the civil engineering department from 1981 to 1993.

Williams received the award for his hard work, academic success, his high degree of collegiality, dependability, and his positive influence upon others. Williams is currently a project manager with S&ME in Charleston where he has worked since 2005. He has performed numerous Industrial hygiene projects for various public and private entities, including local, state, and federal governments, as well as large multinational corporations.
Online Store Supports CGC Students

John is a busy working professional, husband, father, and a CGC student. For John, there are never enough hours in the day and convenience is essential to keeping him on track. He would love to purchase Citadel Graduate College merchandise, but he can never find it.

To address this need an online store has been created.

Welcome to a new retail trend where convenience and quality meet.

The online Store, a division of The Case Hartmann Foundation, a nonprofit organization, will offer products from T-shirts to bumper stickers, all adorned with the CGC logo. The store features the convenience of at-home shopping with a money back guarantee.

The online only store is set to launch May 4 and will feature tons of great specials.

“Like” their Facebook page, facebook.com/TheUniverstiyStore, to be eligible for fantastic giveaways and promotions.

Store patrons will be giving back to The Citadel family because proceeds from the purchases will go directly to The Citadel Graduate College scholarship fund.

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