Matt Wall, a Citadel MBA student, who is also a U.S. Navy veteran assigned to NAVSUP, or the Navy’s Supply Corps, has recently been awarded a selective internship for aspiring Defense Acquisition Contractors. A Supply Officer Surface Logistician, his function in the military is to ensure that supplies are sent to their proper location in support of troops. As he points out, “Surface Supply Corps goes everywhere—the Blue Angels have a supply officer, the Navy Seals have a supply officer, we’re very versatile in that we go anywhere and everywhere they need...
Update From the Dean

Since January 2013 the CGC has been undergoing physical, operational, and programmatic transformation. Not only have we made a commitment to The Citadel’s core values as an operating mechanism that guides our decision making, we have also focused on the student experience. While marketing and advertising efforts are designed to drive prospective students to visit campus or the CGC website, once a student begins exploring the possibilities of applying and enrolling to the Graduate College, they become our responsibility. In the past sixteen months we have engaged in a thorough analysis of that process and how we can improve it. I am happy to report a number of examples of how we have made the student experience a more positive one.

One of the first steps was to hire an Associate Dean for Student Engagement, Dr. Zane Segle. This position is designed to handle almost any problem a current graduate student might encounter and provide continuity between the student, the graduate program, the faculty, and the College as a whole. While ideally no problems would exist, the reality is that CGC students need a place to go to have their problems addressed and resolved. Dr. Segle has done a tremendous job in this area, including enhancements to the student experience by launching an Office of Student Activities. Club or intramural activities have primarily been the domain of the cadet population, and while many students in the CGC may not be interested in pursuing extracurricular activities like club sports, there are many others who want to participate in campus life. Dr. Segle has been instrumental in addressing this student need and continues to serve as a role model for faculty and students in this area.

Similarly, our Evening Undergraduate Studies program continues to grow and include students from technical colleges all over the state. We have recently added a political science major to the list of evening undergraduate programs and we are working hard to deliver fully online programs of study in the near future. To give you an idea of the growth, in 2010 when the EUGS program began, we had about 40 students enrolled. Enrollments in Spring 2014 showed nearly 200 students—a remarkable feat in a very short period of time. We fully expect enrollments to continue to increase and are grateful for the partnerships with the 11 technical colleges in South Carolina.

On the operational side, we have hired an Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management and Technology, Ms. Michelle Clifton. Ms. Clifton’s experience and expertise have allowed the CGC to completely revise all aspects of our operations. We have also made a number of changes to the admissions protocol for students. For instance, we have eliminated the need for students to come to campus to register for classes, we have streamlined the number of items needed to complete an application, and we have created technological pathways to submit many of those items. As we launch our paperless system, we expect to be able to serve students much more efficiently than in the past. We have also streamlined a number of other protocols that typically delay an application’s approval. We have already seen an improvement in the turn around time for applications and the feedback from prospective students suggests they are getting the information they need as well.

Physically, we have moved the primary features of registration to the front lobby to better serve students and have created self-service kiosks for those who simply want to register for classes or walk through the abbreviated orientation process. By renovating the existing office space, we have improved all of our processing procedures, which reduces delays in the acceptance process. Further, we have created a communications plan for those students who have outstanding items to submit as part of their application. We have created Facebook and LinkedIn pages for better networking and interaction between the CGC and its students. Check them out to stay connected to campus at all times.

The CGC is also in the final stages of construction on two new lounges. One lounge, located on the first floor of Cadet and Evening Undergraduate Studies has been renovated, with a bit more furniture available to cadets, while in the evening it is primarily occupied by graduate and evening undergraduate students. The new lounge, located on the 5th floor of Bond Hall, had been delayed due to a moisture problem in the walls, but that issue has been resolved and we will continue to make cosmetic improvements, that lounge was christened in late Spring.

For those who have graduated from the CGC, we have begun a very intentional process to make sure their experiences with us have been positive ones and keep them connected to The Citadel family. The inaugural issue of The Citadel Graduate College Alumni Magazine was launched in May and a CGC alumni speaker series is being finalized. This series will invite CGC alumni to a reception and guest speaker each semester, with an eye towards topics that are relevant and applicable to those in the labor force. In all, it is indeed an exciting time at the CGC.

We are always seeking feedback from current students, so if you have suggestions or comments for our upcoming newsletters, please feel free to contact the CGC office at CGC@citadel.edu.

Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations to the growing number of CGC award recipients. We will have a separate section of the newsletter describing their achievements, but it is very encouraging to see a growing number of students recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Food service will now be provided on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00-7:30pm.

MENU for Student Lounge on 5th Floor of Bond Hall will include:

- Fresh Sandwiches & Salads
- Beverages

http://www.citadel.edu/root/studentactivities-news

Important Dates

November 24 - 28: Fall Break
December 8: Last Day of Classes
December 9 - 15: Exams
December 22 - January 1: College Closed
January 12: First Day of Spring 2015 Classes

CGC Lounge

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Bob McNamara
Associate Provost and Dean
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Lloyd “Chip” Taylor

CGC: Where did you receive your education?
Dr. Taylor: I received my Bachelor’s in Psychology and Life Science at The University of Tennessee and my Ph.D from The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

CGC: What makes The Citadel different from other Institutions?
Dr. Taylor: As a professor, The Citadel has a sense of home for me. There is a feeling of family because the faculty and staff truly care about each other and this shows to the students. Students also benefit from the diversity of our classrooms. We have students and professors from various backgrounds and life stages. This changes the classroom dynamics and enhances discussions and the overall student experience. When our students leave they are "top-notch", well trained graduates with a plan for the future.

CGC: Tell us about your current research.
Dr. Taylor: Currently, I am working with Dr. Saylor, Dr. Nida, and Dr. Fernald on research concerning bullying and heroism. We are looking at the importance of kids being heroes for other kids. I also involve my students in this research, especially those who are on the track for a Ph.D program. We have both clinical counseling and school psychology students participating.

CGC: In one sentence, describe what you would like our readers to take away from this interview.
Dr. Taylor: The classroom is only a piece of what we do as professors, above all else, we are mentors.

UPCOMING “WELCOMING DIVERSITY” WORKSHOP

The Citadel’s National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) Team invites you to participate in a “Welcoming Diversity” workshop for CGC, EUGS and Veteran students on January 31st, 2015. This workshop is unlike any other. You will learn about yourself and others through a series of engaging activities focusing on inclusion and respect for people of all walks of life. The workshop is designed to enhance your multicultural competency and leadership skills in diversity. More broadly, the process will assist in creating a campus environment in which everyone feels welcome. This work supports The Citadel’s Core Value of Respect. The workshop incorporates activities that promote awareness, knowledge, and skills that are useful in today’s diverse society. Feedback from previous participants has been overwhelmingly positive. They found the workshop to be informative, enjoyable, and practical. Please check out our website for additional information and to register.

This is an all day workshop offered at no cost to you. It is open to CGC, EUGS and Veteran students. It will take place in Bond Hall, Room 295. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The workshop will start promptly at 9 and will end by 5. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required. If you have any questions and/or would like to register, please contact julie.lipovsky@citadel.edu.

DID YOU KNOW?

SGA EVENTS

CGC Student Government Association will be hosting a bake sale and raffle this winter.
Event Details on Facebook.

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THE CGC LOUNGE

The CGC Lounge is now open and serving food. Stop by between 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for sandwich and snacks before you head to class.
Regular Hours:
M - Th 2:00PM - 9:00PM

“For there is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”
- Jiddu Krishnamurti

Nominate your professor for the “Faculty Spotlight”! Send us your story: cgc@citadel.edu
The Veterans Corner is a new addition to the CGC newsletter. The Veterans Corner will provide updates on the veterans program and will feature extraordinary veterans and their stories.

Veterans Center
Some veteran students may recall being a part of a series of on-going focus group interviews beginning January 2013. In those meetings, the CGC team learned more about the different constituencies of veterans on campus and how we can address their needs. A result of the feedback was the creation of a Veterans Center on campus.

The Veterans Center located at 204 Richardson Ave includes a kitchen, lounge, and study room. This location will serve as an anchor for our veteran campus community. The Veterans Center will also be the new home for the Office of Veterans Services (Paul Whitten and Sally Levitt’s office), National Guard office, and The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The Veterans Center opened in early November.

Faculty Workshops on Veterans Issues
In addition to the creation of a Veterans Center, efforts are underway to educate faculty and staff about the benefits and challenges of an increased number of veteran students on campus. In fact one expert on veteran students referred to them as “non-traditional, non-traditional students.” Given that The Citadel has not had a large segment of veterans on campus until recently, it makes sense to help all members of The Citadel family discover ways to help these students succeed.

In Fall 2014, a nationally recognized expert on issues relating to PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury held a workshop for faculty and staff. This was the first of a series of workshops on veteran students to be held each year. These will be recorded and posted on the Lesesne Gateway Portal so that faculty, staff, and students will be able to view them on a continual basis.

Student Awards for Veterans
Beginning Fall 2014, two awards will be created to recognize the extraordinary achievements of veteran students. While all students are currently eligible for the array of awards on campus, these particular awards will be focused on veterans and their experiences. A CGC awards committee has already been formed and a campus-wide notification for nominations will be sent at the beginning of the academic year.

versatile in that we go anywhere and everywhere they need us.” Lt. Wall began the MBA program in May 2012 and is scheduled to complete his degree this summer. He is currently assigned to the Weapons Station Supply Officer in the Brig, where he is responsible for a variety of tasks, including supervising a staff of 25 people.

This internship, which will take Lt. Wall to Point Loma, California for two years, was a competitive program: in his specialty area, contracting, only 8-10 students per year are selected nationwide. Upon completing the internship, Lt. Wall will be certified as a Defense Acquisitions Contractor and receive his government contracting warrant. This will authorize him to make purchases of $150,000 or more for the government. He says: “I didn’t get this the first time I applied for it, but I did the second time. And one of the factors I believe in getting selected was The Citadel experience. In the military, education is everything, but coming from a place like The Citadel, I believe it was one of the most important factors in getting selected.”

Lt. Wall began his internship responsibilities in August. His wife Heather, a nursing student at MUSC, and dog Brixsbys, will remain in Charleston until December when Heather graduates and joins him. Lt. Wall is a 2007 graduate of Oklahoma University, where he majored in journalism. Prior to his time at OU, he earned an Associate’s Degree in Business from Rose State College in Oklahoma, a junior college in that state system.

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

School of Education Mentor Program
Would you like a more personal look into the field of education? Would you like a supportive one-on-one relationship with someone who has experience in the education field? If so, you might be looking for a mentor.

The School of Education Mentor program allows students to form connections with professionals in the field of education. By participating in the program, students can gain support and assistance in achieving their future goals. Undergraduate education or teaching track majors, graduate teacher education majors, and graduate counselor education majors may participate.

If you are interested, please complete the program form. For more information, please email us at educationmentorprogram@citadel.edu or visit on the web.
2015 SUBMISSIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE GOLD STAR JOURNAL

All undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit their best academic writings and Citadel-related photos. Send all submissions to: gsj@citadel.edu

All written documents should be submitted as MS Word files, and all photos as .jpg files.

Deadline for Submission: December 19th, 2014

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