

Juniors

Congratulations for making it through Junior year . . . almost! A word of warning: *Spring brings a great deal of distractions*, so tell your Cadet to remain focused through the end of the year. To help you with that conversation, here are a few topics we hope you will address while they are home for Spring Break:

1. Academic Classification. Your Cadet should have a good understanding of how they will finish the semester academically. They should also be able to tell you what they believe their Academic Classification will be at the beginning of the Fall Semester.
 - Remember class standing is based on credit hours and key to receiving privileges and participation in the Ring Ceremonies during Parents' Weekend.
 - If they believe they are going to be close or would like to get ahead, encourage them to take some courses during Maymester and/or the two Summer School sessions. Many courses are offered online and can be taken wherever they are this summer.
 - If they aren't sure or you think they should take some courses, then encourage them to discuss this with their Academic Advisor during required advising sessions which occur the week after they return. Cadets are directed several times during the year to pull a "Degree Evaluation" from Lesesne Gateway to ensure they are on track to qualify for graduation. They can also do this from home, so ask them to show you the latest report.
 - If they don't have it or is out of date, get them to pull the report and explain it to you.

Bottom-line: there should be no questions about their academic standing when they return to school in August.

2. Post-Graduation. At the end of this semester your Cadet should have an idea of what they will be doing after Graduation. "A good idea" means going into the military, attending post-graduate school, joining the work force, etc.
 - One of the goals for Senior Year will be to solidify those plans. For example, those headed to post-graduate school will want to take the required entrance exams, submit their applications and get accepted to the school of their choice.
 - The tasks for entering the workforce are no fewer. One of the most effective things they can do this summer is to participate in an internship. It is no secret that Cadets not only get good experience, but many also complete the internship with a job offer.

- If your Cadet isn't sure about what he would like to do in the future, encourage them to visit our [Career Center](#) when they return to campus. They also offer good advice on writing a resume and how to go about an effective job search.
3. Leadership. Your Cadet should know what rank they will hold in the Corps next year. Regardless if they will have a formal leadership position or not, they will be leaders.
- Senior Privates probably have more influence in the Corps than anyone else. Their level of support for their classmates is reflected in how well each company and the senior class performs overall (which is reflected in the performance of the three lower classes).
 - Between now and the end of classes your Cadet will be attending the Commandant's Leadership Academy. We hope part of your conversations will be to ask them what they learned and how they see themselves leading the Corps next year.
 - We hope you will share examples from your own life's experiences that reinforce what we are teaching them.
4. Physical Fitness. The Corps completed their [Physical Fitness Assessment](#) the week prior to Spring Break. Ask them how they did.
- If they did well, ask them how they plan to stay in shape over the summer.
 - For those who were close or did not pass, then ask them what their plan is to improve over the summer.
 - Remember, participation in the Ring and Commencement Ceremonies requires proficient performance across the Leadership Pillars – Academics, Military, Moral/Ethical and Physical Fitness.
5. Key Dates:
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| Class of 2021 Reports: | 12 August 2017 |
| Upperclass Cadets Report: | 20 August 2017 |
| Parents' Day Weekend: | 6-8 October 2017 |
- Commencement Class of 2018: 5 May 2018**

We hope you and your families have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back for your Cadet's Senior Year! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at parents@citadel.edu.