

## Seniors

Parents, congratulations . . .almost! We know how proud you are of all your Cadet's accomplishments over the past three and a half years. But, a word of warning: *Spring brings a great deal of distractions*, so tell your Cadet to remain focused on their academics through the end of the year. To help you with that conversation, here are a few topics we hope are conversation starters while they are home for Spring Break:

1. Academics. Here are four Graduation questions you should ask your Cadet. If they answer no, or give you a confused look, make sure they do them as soon as they return to campus.
  - Are you on track in your classes to have a strong finish this semester's courses?
  - Have you applied for graduation with the Registrar's Office?
  - Have you let the Registrar's Office know your father or grandfather (who is a Citadel graduate) will present your diploma?
  - Cadets are required to pull a Degree Evaluation from Lesesne Gateway each semester to ensure they are on track to meet their academic requirements for graduation. Ask them to provide a current report they can show you. If not, then ask them to pull one from home and explain it to you.
  - Bottom-line: No academic performance surprises at Graduation!
  
2. Discipline. Remind your Cadets that they will be Cadets and subject to the rules and regulations of The Citadel until the end of the graduation ceremony.
  - Let them know this is not the time to challenge the rules - this includes personal appearance (shave, haircut and uniform) for the commencement ceremony.
  - Every year at least one cadet starts the celebration a couple of days early, then ends up sitting in the stands while their classmates walk across the stage without them. Yes, it's heartbreaking, so tell them not to be that Cadet!
  
3. The Next Step. Hopefully your cadet has or is close to receiving an offer for employment, preparing for their commission or accepted for post-graduate studies.
  - If they haven't, then encourage them to go speak to our counselors at the [Career Center](#) when they return from Spring Break.
  - The employees in the Career Center take great pride in helping our Cadets and Alumni!
  
4. Alumni Association Life Membership. Because of the strong bonds that develop at The Citadel, your Cadet will become a member of the Citadel Alumni Association.

If you or someone in your family wants to give a gift they will use, recommend giving a Life Membership now while it can purchase it at a discounted price. You can find out more clicking [Life Membership](#).

5. If you haven't had a chance to review the schedule or order your invitations for Graduation, you can find the information by clicking on [Commencement 2017](#).
6. Commencement Week Events:

Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>

- Awards Convocation
- CAA Life Membership Ceremony and Lunch
- Baccalaureate Service

Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>

- Commissioning Services
- SCCC Legacy Photos
- Summerall Guards Performance
- Long Grey Line Parade
- Quarters 1 Garden Party

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>

- Commencement!

As always, if you have any questions please contact us at [parents@citadel.edu](mailto:parents@citadel.edu).

