

THE CITADEL | MATRICULATION DAY DETAILS FOR FAMILIES

Class of 2030 | Matriculation Day: Saturday, 15 August 2026

Welcome, Families of the Class of 2030

Matriculation Day, Saturday, 15 August 2026, is quickly approaching. We are excited to meet you and your Cadet-Recruit. This document will help you plan for Matriculation weekend, which includes several optional events and opportunities on Thursday and Friday.

If you have questions or concerns, please email CDR Kevin Adcock, Director of Parent and Family Engagement, at parents@citadel.edu.

Pay particular attention to the sections below covering Saturday's events in detail.

If you are unfamiliar with campus, use this [campus map](#) as an aid to navigation. The map reference numbers throughout this document refer to buildings shown on that map.

OPTIONAL EVENTS — THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 2026

Event	Time	Location
Women's Uniform Fitting (optional)	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Cadet Store Map #31

OPTIONAL EVENTS — FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST 2026

Event	Time	Location
Women's Uniform Fitting (optional)	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Cadet Store Map #31
Student Success Center (SSC) Open House	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	SSC, Thompson Hall Map #14
1842 Scholars Reception <i>Invite Only</i>	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) Map #54
Army ROTC Scholarship Information	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Mark Clark Hall Auditorium Map #9
Academic Schools Open House	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Business, Bastin Hall Atrium Map #57 Humanities & Social Sciences, Capers Hall American Atrium Map #49 Engineering, Grimsley Hall Lobby Map #15 Math/Science, Duckett Hall Auditorium Map #46 Education, Bond Hall (Room 295) Map #47
Women's Reception <i>Invite Only</i>	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) Map #54
The Gathering: Worship Service & Campus Ministry Intro	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Summerall Chapel Map #5

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Campus Ministry Open House & Meet-and-Greet	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Mark Clark Hall Auditorium Map #9
Honors Program Dinner <i>Invite Only</i>	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Location TBD
Citadel African American Alumni Association Reception <i>Invite Only</i>	7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) Map #54

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 13–14

- Administrative offices (Financial Aid, Admissions, and Student Business Services) will be open 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Cadet Store [Map #31](#) and Central Supply/Warehouse [Map #25](#) will also be open. If you shipped items to the warehouse, please claim them prior to Saturday.
- Female Cadets, Uniform Measurement: if available, you may visit the Cadet Store Thursday or Friday to have your uniforms fitted. This is not mandatory and does not require a special trip; it is offered as a courtesy to make Saturday more efficient.
- The Student Success Center will be open throughout the day to provide information about academic services, including Academic Coaching, Tutors, and the Writing and Math Labs.
- Army ROTC Scholarship Information Session (1:00 PM to 3:00 PM): if your Cadet-Recruit has or is interested in an Army scholarship, they should attend this briefing.
- Academic Open Houses (2:00 PM to 4:00 PM): our five schools will open for you to meet faculty and visit classrooms, including the Baker School of Business, Engineering, the Swain School of Math and Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Zucker School of Education.

Receptions You May Want to Attend

Women's Reception (invitation only): for all women reporting as members of the Class of 2030. Meet Citadel Women leaders and your classmates at the HAC at 3:30 PM. If you do not receive an invitation by Friday, 7 August, email [Abigail Crevoiserat](#) to RSVP.

The Citadel African American Alumni Association (CA4) Reception (invitation only): meet our active group of African American alumni who welcome incoming cadets and discuss their mentoring programs at the HAC at 7:30 PM. If you do not receive an invitation by Friday, 7 August, email [Robert Pickering](#) to RSVP.

Opening Worship Service and Campus Ministry Meet-and-Greet: the Chaplain's staff host a gathering in Summerall Chapel at 5:30 PM for a brief service and introduction to Campus Ministers. This offers a respite for families prior to Matriculation. Afterward, all are invited to Mark Clark Hall Auditorium to meet representatives from the different religious programs on campus.

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If your Cadet-Recruit is delayed unexpectedly, please email admissions@citadel.edu or call (843) 953-5230. Allow Admissions to be part of the solution and make arrangements for a late arrival. It happens to a few every year, so do the best you can to get in as soon as you can; everything will be fine.

The day has finally arrived when your Cadet-Recruit officially begins their Citadel career. Take a deep breath; it is going to be okay. Here is what to expect:

SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST: MATRICULATION DAY

Event	Time	Location
Class of 2030 Reports	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) Map #54
Information Fair for Families	8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	McAlister Field House (MFH) Map #21
Senior Administration Welcome	10:45 AM – 11:30 AM	McAlister Field House (MFH) Map #21

MATRICULATION DAY: STEP BY STEP

1. Your first destination is the Holliday Alumni Center (HAC, [Map #54](#)). To sequence arrivals, we form a serpentine (zig-zag) line starting at 7:00 AM in the football stadium parking lot that leads to the HAC. Join the line from Fishburne Street. [Click here for a map of the serpentine entrance and the HAC](#) (69 Hagood Avenue).
2. Approaching the HAC, members of the Citadel Family Association (CFA) will give parents a "SWAG" bag of information. This bag is for parents only, not for Cadet-Recruits.
3. At the HAC, your student must show a picture ID to the cadet on duty. This cadet will hand your Cadet-Recruit their company assignment and provide directions to their battalion. Guides will be stationed for support, so this is not something to worry about.
4. Once at your assigned battalion, look for people in Citadel blue shirts to greet and park you. They are the Citadel Family Association's "Blue Shirt Army," and they will help offload your Cadet-Recruit's gear. Once unloaded, your cadet will enter the battalion and check in while you move your car to a designated lot. Please help keep the lanes moving for arrivals behind you; you will see your son or daughter again after you park.
5. After your Cadet-Recruit completes check-in, it will be time to carry all their gear up to the third or fourth floor (except Regimental Band). The Blue Shirt Army will help you get it all in one trip; consider returning the favor for the Class of 2031.
6. After moving your Cadet-Recruit into their room and wishing them well, please report to the Information Fair in McAlister Field House (8:00 AM to 10:30 AM) to meet faculty, staff, and your fellow parents of the Class of 2030.
7. Suggestions for the Fair:
 - Meet the Citadel Family Association (CFA), of which you are now a member
 - Meet your student's school dean, the Career Center, and the Student Affairs team
 - Meet Student Business Services, Financial Aid, IT, and the Student Success Center
 - Drop off letters of encouragement for your cadet at the Post Office, at no cost
 - Explore campus activities, club sports, and religious programs

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- Ask ROTC and commissioning questions
 - Meet G4, The Citadel mascot
 - Learn more about study abroad opportunities
8. The President, Provost, Commandant, and CFA Chair will welcome you and share their thoughts beginning at 10:45 AM (expect to finish by 11:45 AM). Please sit in the section designated for your Cadet-Recruit's company; the CFA will have signs and will direct you. Building relationships with your fellow Class of 2030 parents starts here.

MONDAY, 17 AUGUST: OATH CEREMONY

Event	Time	Location
Class of 2030 Oath Ceremony	5:30 PM	Summerall Field Map #4

Monday's Oath Ceremony will be at 5:30 PM on the Parade Field. You can view the ceremony via [livestream](#).

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. If your Cadet-Recruit has outstanding issues that prevent matriculation, such as medical clearance, they will be redirected for resolution. Take care of these items well before Saturday to ensure in-processing is as easy as possible. If you have questions, we are here to help: admissions@citadel.edu or (843) 953-5230.
2. Matriculation can be a stressful day, so do what you can to reduce it:
 - If you are here by Friday, visit the serpentine entrance so you know where to go.
 - If you shipped gear, please claim it at the warehouse by Friday (9:00 AM to 4:30 PM).
 - If you want to purchase Citadel gear from the bookstore, do so on Thursday or Friday so your son or daughter can focus on Saturday, and you can leave them to it.
 - Make a plan for Saturday morning that your son or daughter is comfortable with. Get a good meal and rest the night before.
3. Most families choose to arrive early, with some in line as early as 6:00 AM. Be reasonable and patient. Arriving as close to 7:00 AM as possible will provide more time for your family and reduce stress. We recommend being in line no later than 8:00 AM.
4. You know your child better than anyone, so pay attention to their cues. If they want to get there early, do so. If they tell you earlier than expected that they are ready for you to depart so they can get on with the day, give them a hug and wish them luck. Remember, this day is for them.
5. If your student is coming by themselves via rideshare (Uber, Lyft), have the driver take them to 69 Hagood Avenue. They can be dropped near the HAC entrance and come straight to the front of the line with their gear. Cadets with golf carts will take them to their assigned battalion.
6. All parents and families must be out of the barracks no later than 10:00 AM. The right time to leave is when you have said all you can say. Remember, this day is about them. The more efficient and quicker you are with your goodbyes, the faster they can get on with their journey without distraction or hesitation. Hanging around the barracks for an extended farewell will not make it easier for them or you.
7. Cell phones will be turned in during barracks check-in and not returned until Sunday night, 23 August. No news is good news. Expect a call after "Beach Day."

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8. Suggestions on how to report: appropriate civilian attire is expected. Shorts or long pants are fine, but shorts are more comfortable in the heat. A respectful t-shirt or button-down is acceptable. Young men should arrive clean shaven, and jewelry should be packed away if possible. Hair should be natural in color. Running shoes work great and are one less thing to pack. Arrival in a uniform of any kind (JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, National Guard, etc.) is not recommended.
9. Matriculation events typically end before noon. The training cadre will begin training right away and need to stay focused. Your Cadet-Recruit needs to focus and commit, so a continued presence past this time causes not only a distraction but can lead to homesickness and second thoughts. We highly recommend leaving campus as soon as ceremonies conclude. This is their time; let them have it.

PLACES TO EAT AND WAREHOUSE HOURS

Location	Day	Hours
Cadet Store	Mon–Fri	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
	Sat, 8/15/26	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Bookstore	Mon–Fri	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
	Sat, 8/15/26	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
	Sun, 8/16/26	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Marketplace	Mon–Fri	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
	Sat, 8/15/26	7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Chick-fil-A	Fri, 8/14/26	7:00 AM – 2:00 PM
	Sat, 8/15/26	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Starbucks	Sat, 8/15/26	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
	Sun, 8/16/26	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Warehouse	Mon–Fri	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
	Sat, 8/15/26 only	7:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Warehouse / Central Supply point of contact: Glen Taylor, (843) 953-6865, Taylorg1@citadel.edu.