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Congratulations

From: Dr. Joelle Neulander, Department Chair

As we complete a strange, socially distanced year, I am reminded that there are two yearly moments that any chair would consider the most rewarding: the day she meets the incoming freshmen and introduces them to the major and the department, when they are looking forward to their future classes and gained knowledge, and, at the yearly History Banquet, when she gets to celebrate the seniors the department has mentored and taught and look back at their academic accomplishments at The Citadel. Every year she has the privilege of knowing that she sends inspiring young men and women out from our gates and into the wider world.

This year, although the pandemic has forced us to spend this moment apart and online, my feelings as department chair are no different from past years. This moment is one I will always cherish as I see our graduates as cadets for the last time.

Congratulations to our award winners and new members of Phi Alpha Theta, who have excelled in their academic pursuits and made all of their professors exceedingly proud. Congratulations to our new military officers, who have chosen to take their education into the service of our country as members of the armed forces. And congratulations to all of our graduating seniors who have made the Class of 2021 one to remember. You have proven yourselves to be women and men of intellectual mettle, and we are looking forward to hearing of your future successes in the years to come. The classes that follow you have very large boots to fill.

Here’s to the history majors of the Class of 2021!

Sincerely,

Dr. Neulander
Congratulations

From: Dr. Nancy Aguirre, Faculty Advisor to Phi Alpha Theta Epsilon Lambda Chapter and Department Scholarship Chair

Dear History Students,

It has been a year of unprecedented challenges, adjusting to hybrid learning while dealing with personal and collective struggles brought on by the global pandemic. Despite these challenges, you have remained committed to your studies, leadership roles, and extracurricular activities. Although we are unable to celebrate your accomplishments in person this year, I want to congratulate you all for completing another year at The Citadel. I also want to congratulate four specific groups: graduating seniors, seniors who will be commissioned as officers in the United States Armed Forces, the six newest inductees to Phi Alpha Theta (the National History Honor Society), and our departmental award winners. You will find the names of these outstanding History students further below in the program.

Seniors—as I said to last year’s graduates, you are not ending your time at The Citadel the way you likely envisioned. Nevertheless, you are about to embark on the next chapter of your lives with a Citadel degree and shared experiences and memories that no one can take from you. Please stay in touch; your professors look forward to hearing about your future accomplishments.

I wish you all a healthy and restful summer!

Best,

Dr. Aguirre
Individual Departmental Honors

❖ Major Thomas D. Howie Award
  • William Connor

❖ H. L. Gary Award
  • Robert Clement

❖ The Captain Joe Wofford Eubanks Memorial Scholarship
  • Benjamin Stephens

❖ Daughters of the American Revolution Francis Marion Cup
  • Nicholas Fricchione

❖ CPT Christopher J. Kenny History Award
  • Nicholas Fricchione

❖ Harry S. Dent Americanism Award
  • Nicholas Fricchione
Congratulations to our Newest Historians

Graduating Cadets

2021

Robert Maxwell Brabston
David Charles Cable
Jonah Ashmore Crosby
William Houston Curtis
Nicholas Paul Fricchione
Caleb Mason Guerry
Harrison Wolff Hemminghaus
Patrick Jayroe Johnson
Jacob Spencer Moule
Hunter Lewis Neeley
Gerald John Perkins III
Chase Anason Silman
John Bascomb Sprinkle
Daniel Edward Wilkes
Congratulations to our Newest Armed Forces Officers

ARMY

Robert Brabston
David Cable
William Curtis
Nicholas Fricchione
Harrison Hemminghaus
Patrick Johnson
Erich McPhail
Hunter Neeley

Thank you for your service!
Department Scholarships & Awards

MAJOR THOMAS D. HOWIE AWARD

This annual award is given to the junior history major with the highest GPA in honor of MAJOR Thomas D. Howie (April 12, 1908 – July 17, 1944), a Citadel graduate, killed in action in the French town of Saint-Lô, during the Battle of Normandy, in the Second World War.

CPT CHRISTOPHER J. KENNY HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FUND

James L. Kenny and Jacqueline M. Kenny present $1,000 and a special gift — in honor of their son CPT Christopher J. Kenny who was killed in action — to the history major who has shown the most enthusiasm and love of history during their four years of study at The Citadel.

Images: Above, CPT Kenny; Right, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny with David Days, 2019 recipient of the CPT Christopher J. Kenny Award

FRANCIS MARION CUP

The Department of History faculty select the senior with the highest GPA in American History for The Francis Marion Cup, provided by the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution.

H. L. GARY AWARD

The Department of History faculty select the senior with the highest GPA in European History for the H. L. Gary Award, a scholarship provided by emeritus Gary Nichols.

THE CAPTAIN JOE WOFFORD EUBANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Captain Joe Wofford Eubanks Memorial Scholarship was initiated in 1976 as the result of a contribution from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Eubanks. The fund was named in memory of Captain Joe Wofford Eubanks, Citadel Class of 1969, who gave his life in service of his country in Vietnam. Scholarships are available to history majors with out-of-state residence and financial need who possess attributes in accord with the high standards of The Citadel. The first award was made in 1977.

GENERAL MARK W. CLARK DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR SERVICE AWARD

A General Mark W. Clark Distinguished Scholar Service Award recipient will receive a $500 check, award certificate, and his/her name added to the General Mark W. Clark Distinguished Scholar Service Award Plaque displayed in the Department of History. The General Mark W. Clark Distinguished Scholar Service Award was created by The Department of History in 2020 to recognize and reward worthy History Majors. Mark Wayne Clark (5/1/1896 – 4/17/1984) was a United States Army officer who served in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, and he was the youngest U. S. Army four-star general during World War II. In honor of General Clark’s service to the nation and The Citadel, this award is assigned when History Department faculty decide to recognize a History Major, any level, who has excelled academically and also distinguished himself/herself by performing worthy service to the History Department; however, the scholar’s service to the greater Citadel community may also be considered.
The Citadel Military College of South Carolina

Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society

Epsilon Lambda Chapter
2021 Initiates

Dr. Robert Blok, MA in Military History Program

Nicholas Fricchione

Samantha Nordhaus

Noah Plunkett

Samuel Sharnas

David Stringer

Phi Alpha Theta is an international honor society for undergraduate and graduate level students and professors of history. The society has over 400,000 members, with some 9,000 new members joining each year through 970 chapters nationwide. Students have the opportunity to become lifetime members through our Citadel chapter each spring. Additionally, the society offers scholarships, awards, and prizes for research, writing, and presentations.
Faculty
2020-21
Dr. Joelle Neulander, Department Head

Permanent Full Time Faculty

AGUIRRE, Nancy    Latin America, U.S.- Mexico Borderlands
BOUGHAN, Kurt M.  Early Mod Europe, Science & Medicine, Medieval Intellectual
GIBLIN, Daniel    Modern Europe, War and Society, Russia/Soviet Union
GRENIER, Katherine H. Modern Europe, Britain
HAGSTROM, Jacob   Atlantic World, U.S. Military, Native American
KNAPP, Keith N.    East Asia, Pre-Modern China
KNIGHT, Felice     African American, U.S. to 1877, Slavery
MADDOX, Melanie   Medieval Europe; Pre-modern Ireland
MUSHAL, Amanda    U.S. Old South
PRESTON, David L.  U.S. Military, Colonial/Revolutionary America, Native American
SINISI, Kyle S.    U.S. to 1877, Military, American Civil War
TAYLOR, Kerry      20th Century U.S., Labor, Civil Rights, Oral History
WRIGHT, Christopher Islam, Middle East

General Mark W. Clark Distinguished Chair of History

PRESTON, David L.  U.S. Military, Colonial/Revolutionary America, Native American

Adjunct Professors

FORDHAM, Damon    South Carolina, African American
MAYOR, Riley, Jr., Joe American Government & Public Policy
SULLIVAN, Larry    World Geography

The Johnson Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Johnson established the Henry and Jenny Johnson Endowment through The Citadel Foundation in 2007 to broaden and expand historical studies at The Citadel, to promote a better understanding of the human experience, and, thus, to prepare students to become more enlightened and effective public servants. Among the many types of sponsored activities are speakers’ series, academic conferences, student grants to present papers at conferences, and oral histories.