



# THE CITADEL'S MANY FACES

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The Citadel strives to prepare leaders. We welcome all students willing to rise to the challenge of the Fourth Class System and prepare for a lifetime of leadership — males and females, Americans and internationals, and students of all ethnic and religious backgrounds.

The Citadel epitomizes the very best of democratic principles. All Cadets face the same challenges as their classmates and have access to the same opportunities. Through the rigors of the Fourth Class System, you will be measured by the grit and determination you exhibit, not by your background. You will earn respect for qualities that go much deeper than skin color or gender or nationality. You will be ready to lead.

*The first women entered the Corps of Cadets in August 1996. Today, women represent 6% of the Corps.*

*The Corps includes Cadets from almost all 50 states and 22 countries. Fifteen percent are minorities. All major religions are represented.*

*“There has been nothing more challenging in my life than my four years at The Citadel. I have achieved what most would not dream of in a lifetime. I created bonds with my classmates that no one will ever break. The opportunities I received at The Citadel prepared me for the demands of the real world.”*

*Clarrisa Lugo Poston  
Class of 2002*