



"I am Hispanic. I was born in Managua, Nicaragua. I lived there for 13 years before emigrating to the United States for political reasons. I owe my band of gold to the kindness and brotherly love of my classmates and especially to my roommate (a Southerner to the bone) since I had no money of my own to pay for my ring. Some people may want to call me color blind, but I only see one color - Citadel gray."

Istvan A. Urcuyo, Ph.D.
Class of 1994

"The main reason I came to The Citadel was the opportunity to grow spiritually, mentally and emotionally. My experience has been challenging, but I never questioned nor doubted my purpose for attending. I have gained much from The Citadel; however, it is not for everyone. For those who are willing to challenge themselves, The Citadel offers an unbelievable experience."

Olivia L. Perry-Smith
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel
Third Battalion Commander
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