

Dr. Joseph M. Salley, '89

President and CEO,

Milliken & Company; Spartanburg, S.C.

Tango Company, B.S. in Chemistry

Studying chemistry at The Citadel helped Joe Salley learn to time all of his reactions right, chemical and otherwise. Highly active as a cadet, he earned the prestigious four-year Star of the West Scholarship, served on the Junior Sword Drill Platoon, received the Distinguished Military Student Award and was named First Honor Graduate.

After The Citadel, Salley attended Stanford University, where he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in chemical engineering before continuing upon a path of distinction with a career at Milliken & Company, a diversified, technology-based company headquartered in South Carolina. Since starting with the company in 1994, he has held a variety of positions including research and development engineer, strategist, process manager, vice president and chief operating officer.

Earlier this year, he was appointed to serve as president and CEO of the company, which *Ethisphere Magazine* ranks as one of the “most ethical companies in the world,” and *Fortune Magazine* ranks among its “best 100 companies to work for,” citing its employee satisfaction and sterling safety record.

Salley's own impressive record of service extends far beyond the corporate realm. He is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization and a former member of the Industrial Research Institute and the University of South Carolina Chemical Engineering Industrial Advisory Board. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the University of South Carolina Research Foundation and the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance.

He was also selected as a member of South Carolina's Class of 2006 Liberty Fellowship, the esteemed statewide leadership initiative sponsored by Liberty Corporation, Wofford College and The Aspen Institute to empower future leaders to realize fully their potential. This inaugural class consisted of 20 young executives deemed by the fellowship's directors to be “secure, articulate and flourishing in their fields.”



David L. Rawlinson, II, '98

Attorney, 2008 White House Fellow; Rock Hill, S.C.

2nd Battalion Commander, B.A. in Political Science (Law/Criminal Studies)

In the space of only 10 years, David Rawlinson graduated from The Citadel, earned a law degree from the University of South Carolina and received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School. Along the way, he extended the Long Gray Line into the White House, where he has recently been appointed to serve as a 2008-2009 fellow and special assistant to the White House chief of staff.

A native of Rock Hill, S.C., Rawlinson has always been intrigued with the intersection of politics, business and law. He practiced law for five years in Dallas, representing Fortune 100 companies before domestic and international agencies and courts. After practicing law, he pursued his business degree at Harvard where he served as the editor-in-chief of the *Harbus*, the historic business school weekly. As a result of an intense juried speaking competition, he was selected to give the commencement address to his graduating M.B.A. class during the 2008 ceremonies. A Leadership Dallas graduate and a Truman Scholar, Rawlinson has held many volunteer leadership positions, including service on the board of directors of Bryan's House, a pediatric HIV/AIDS organization.

No stranger to Pennsylvania Avenue, Rawlinson was appointed in 2007 to the White House Conference on Youth, Drugs and Violence, and has drawn upon his legal expertise to submit testimony to the U.S. Congress. As a 2008-2009 White House Fellow, Rawlinson represents The Citadel in the nation's most prestigious fellowship program for leadership and public service, following in the path of fellow alumnus Lt. Col. Robert Smullen, '90, an active duty Marine Corps officer who served in the 2003-2004 class.

