PMGT 672 Students Conduct Executive Interviews in Fall 2017

Project Management students enrolled in PMGT 672: Applied Leadership Concepts, conducted three executive leadership interviews during the Fall 2017 semester. Pictured below are students in the City of Charleston Council Chambers with John Tecklenburg, Mayor of Charleston. Also interviewed during the semester were Lieutenant General John Rosa, US Air Force (Ret.), President of the Citadel; and Myra Frailey, V/P for Corporate Project Management Office (PMO) at Benefitfocus.

From left to right (on platform): Andrew Sharp, Antonio Mole, Matt Bowers, Chris Johnson, Mayor John Tecklenburg, Evan Kellinger, Anna Greeley, Michael Willis, Leslie Bishop, and Terri Kaiser-Parlette.

From left to right (front row): Yubiza Escartin, Nicole Stroble, Christina Bowman, Danielle Dillahey, and Mackenzie Kelley.

These interviews provided the students with an exceptional opportunity to interview a diverse sample of highly successful local executives regarding their leadership behaviors and experiences in the workforce. The students were required to compare and contrast the results of the interviews with applied leadership concepts and techniques presented in the PMGT 672 course material.
Citadel Undergraduate Engineering Students partner with Water Mission

On November 14, 2017, The Citadel School of Engineering cadets and veteran students partnered with Water Mission at Water Mission's North Charleston facility. Water Mission is a locally-based nonprofit that works to provide water and sanitation solutions to transform lives throughout the developing world. This project, led by Citadel faculty members Dr. Jeff Plumblee (Engineering Leadership and Program Management Department) and Dr. Michael Grayson (Civil and Environmental Engineering Department), determined the strength of concrete mixes using two different types of reinforcing fibers. The concrete mix is used for constructing Water Mission's Healthy Latrine, which has been installed in over 16,000 locations throughout Central America. Citadel students mixed and poured concrete cylinders for the testing and generated a report for Water Mission, International. Terracon, Inc. donated testing services for the project. This project will help Water Mission determine the most appropriate fiber additives based upon cost, availability and structural integrity, and provided students with an excellent opportunity to use their technical skills learned in the classroom to provide real-world help to others.
On 2 October, 2017 MSPM Students enrolled in PMGT 653-81/82 (Technical Project Support and Operations) visited the Clemson University Energy Innovation Center in North Charleston, SC. Mr. Jim Tuten, Director, Facilities Systems, and the Project Manager for the construction of the facility hosted a tour along and provided a formal presentation on the many construction and project management challenges that came with the project design, build and operation. This state of the art facility is capable of full-scale, accelerated testing of next-generation wind turbine drive-train technology. One of the highlights of the tour was seeing the Duke Energy eGRID, a 15 MW Hardware-In-the-Loop (HIL) Grid Simulator which allows wind turbine generator (WTG) manufacturers to test both mechanical and electrical characteristics of their machines in a well-controlled and calibrated environment.

From left to right: Danielle Caradine, Jim Tuten (Facility Systems Director), David Hines, Zach Liollio, Eva Singleton, Cynthia Lanzing, Ahmad Al Mashhadani, James Shanks, Shaina Salomon, and Meredith Berlinsky.

MSPM Students Receive A Guest Lecture On Stakeholder Management

On 19 October, 2017 MSPM Students enrolled in PMGT 653-81 (Technical Project Support and Operations) received a guest lecture on Stakeholder Management presented by Mary Graves, MSEE, MSPM, PMP. Mary is the Chief Systems Engineer, Amphibious Assault Vehicle Survivability Upgrade Program, for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). Our students received a very engaging and entertaining lecture on the importance of project stakeholder identification, analysis and managing. Mary provided many interesting anecdotes and shared her experiences in managing the stakeholders for an ACAT I, DoD weapons systems program.

From left to right: Ahmad Al Mashhadani, Mark Nguyen, Matt Bowers, Mariann Martaus, Mary Graves (SAIC), Matt Hewitt, Charles Compton, Mary Aiello, and Brittany Hoisington.
Dr. James “Keith” Plemmons Elected to National Office

Recently, Dr. James “Keith” Plemmons was elected as the Chair-Elect of the Continuing Professional Development Division (CPDD) of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). This puts Dr. Plemmons in a six-year CPDD leadership rotation of two years as Chair-Elect, two as Chair, and two as Past-Chair.

CPDD is the preeminent organization for individuals and organizations involved in providing continuing professional development for practicing engineers and technical professionals worldwide. Its members include a broad spectrum of industry organizations and academic institutions. Membership includes representatives from North Carolina State University, Mississippi State, Purdue, John Zink Institute, and Rolls-Royce Corporation.

From left to right: Outgoing Past-Chair, Mr. Paul Jewell (Director of Industry Relations for Iowa State University College of Engineering); Past-Chair, Dr. Mitchell L. Springer (Executive Director, Polytechnic Institute at Purdue University); Chair, Mr. Marty Ronning (Assistant Director, University of Maryland Distance Education Technology and Services); and Chair-Elect, Dr. Keith Plemmons (Associate Professor, The Citadel Department of Engineering Leadership & Program Management).

Technical Project Management (TPM) Certificate Graduation Dinner: 13

On 13 December, 2017 in The Altman Athletic Center, Project Management students who completed the 4 courses of the Technical Project Management (TPM) Graduate Certificate program attended a graduation dinner in their honor. The students presented their Capstone Projects to the guests and industry professionals, and then dinner was served. All present then were treated to a terrific talk by the Graduation Speaker, Myra Frailey. Myra, the V/P Of Corporate PMO at Benefitfocus was able to connect the need for Project Management and Leadership skills in an entertaining and enlightening speech. After the dinner, students were presented with their TPM Graduate Certificates by Ron Welch, Dean of the School of Engineering at The Citadel.

From left to right (back row): Zachary Liollio, John Semsar, Matt Hewitt, Charles Compton, Ahmad Al Mashaddany, James Shanks.

From left to right (front row): Cynthia Lanzing, Brittany Hoisington, Eva Singleton, Danielle Caradine, Mary Aiello, Meredith Berlinsky, Mark Nguyen, Mariann Martaus, Matt Bowers.
Lt. Col. Linda Riedel assumes command of the first Cyber Protection Battalion in the South Carolina National Guard

“Technology is no longer just a tool but a way of life,” Riedel (MSPM 2012) said. “As we become more dependent on technology, our vulnerabilities grow. I am confident that all present and future soldiers in this battalion will take our nation, state and military to new heights on and off the battlefield.”

Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston Jr., the adjutant general for South Carolina, said that this is how wars will be fought in the future. “There is a lot that goes on in the cyber world to create misinformation or to disrupt our ability to communicate with each other and to convey information or acquire information,” he said. “That can be a fleeting superiority. It is going to be up to these guys to keep up that superiority.”

The Citadel’s Project Management Degree Program took my knowledge, skills and abilities to the next level, said Riedel. As the Battalion Commander for the 125th Cyber Protection Battalion, it’s a pretty exciting time. We have reached a monumental point in the SC Army National Guard with the activation of the cyber battalion. When asked the question what has prepared me for this new assignment, it’s not only my background as a career signal officer, but also the education I’ve received at The Citadel in Project Management. My work is about people, time and resources. The ability to manage increasingly complex projects effectively and timely is huge in this environment. I use my project management education in every aspect of my new position. I’m grateful for the knowledge, collaboration and mentorship I’ve gained from being a part of the Citadel family. My job as the Battalion Commander is not to sit behind a desk, but it’s to lead, plan and take care of my Soldiers. A Master’s Degree in Project Management from The Citadel has more than prepared me for this new role.
Graduation Dinner: May 2nd, 2018

May 2nd, 2018 featured happy and excited students who completed the ten courses of the Master of Science in Project Management (MSPM) Graduate Degree program, the four courses of the Technical Project Management (TPM) Graduate Certificate program, the four courses of the Systems Engineering Management (SEM) Graduate Certificate Program, and the four courses of the Technical Program Management (TPgM) Graduate Certificate program. The TPM Certificate students presented their Capstone Projects for review. All were honored at a Graduation Dinner in the Club Level of Johnson Hagood Stadium. The Graduation Speaker was Mr. Tom Leonard, Owner of Leonard Strategic Advantage.

Master of Science in Project Management (MSPM) Graduates

From left to right (back row): Joshua Davis, Matt Bowers, Leslie Bishop, TJ Marlatt, Jeffrey Washington, Roy Gardner, James Moore, Evan Kellinger, Andrew Sharp, Todd Collier, and Benjamin Worsham.
From left to right (middle row): Rebecca Cook, Gigi Manning, Jamar Williams, Raschonda Frazier, Meredith Berlinsky, Dupree Moseley, Michael Willis, Kay Schroeder, Kelly Murphy, and Christina Bowman.
From left to right (front row): Danielle Caradine, Yubiza Escartin Zarate, Eva Singleton, Anna Greeley, and Mackenzie Kelly.

Technical Project Management (TPM) Graduates

From left to right: Robert Morris, Erin O’Kane, TJ Marlatt, Teresa Hensley, Hayward Woodard, Terry Kaiser-Parlette, Kendra Smith, Bill Serencsits, Gigi Manning, Mason Bond, David Hines, Jamar Williams, Megan Taylor, James Moore, Joshua Davis, Homar Marval, Andrew Preuss, Ray Bocook, Andrew Sharp, Warren Mercado, Tristen Trivett, Laurae Zealy, Anna Greeley, Christina Bowman, Jonathan Detrich, and Danielle Dillahey.
Congratulations to ALL our Graduates!

Systems Engineering Management (SEM) Certificate Graduates

May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2018 found a gathering of very happy students who completed the 4 courses of the Systems Engineering Management (SEM) Graduate Certificate program.

From left to right: Jeffrey Washington, Dupree Moseley, Michael Willis, Roy Gardner, Andrew Sharp, Ben Worsham, and Mathew Bowers.

Technical Program Management (TPgM) Graduates

May 2nd, 2018 saw our fourth group of graduates who completed the 4 courses of the newly established Technical Program Management (TPgM) Graduate Certificate program.

From left to right: Yubiza Escartin Zarate, Leslie Bishop, Jamar Williams, Todd Collier, Mackenzie Kelley, and Evan Kellinger.
Elated MSPM Graduates of the Class of 2018 gathered at the Bulldog outside McAlister Field house for the traditional class photo. The picture was taken immediately after Citadel Graduate College Commencement on May 5, 2018.

From left to right: Meredith Berlinsky, Dupre Moseley, Christina Bowman, Todd Collier, Lauraie Zealy, James Moore, Anna Greeley, Eva Singleton, Evan Kellinger, Gigi Manning, Mackenzie Kelley, Kelly Murphy, Kaye Schroeder, Rebecca Cook, Dr. David Greenburg, and Matthew Bowers.