

Dr. James Martin Hayes, Jr., is a primary care physician revered in the health care community and among his legions of patients for his leadership, dedication and compassion.

In 1960, Dr. Hayes graduated from The Citadel and went on to attend the Medical College of South Carolina. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Hayes spent two years as a physician in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, including a year in Vietnam as commanding officer of the 332nd General Medical Dispensary, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. A former board member of the Medical Society of South Carolina and Roper Hospital, Dr. Hayes played a pivotal role in the 1997 merger of St. Francis and Roper hospitals. After more than 35 years in private practice, Dr. Hayes began working as a volunteer physician at the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic, where he also serves as chair of the board. The Johns Island clinic provides free medical services to people who otherwise could not afford health care.

For his unwavering support of the sick and uninsured, and for his many contributions to the medical community of the Lowcountry, The Citadel Board of Visitors is proud to award Dr. James Hayes the honorary Doctor of Humanitarian Service degree.