

As a Citadel graduate and a prominent attorney, F. Xavier Starkes, is a loyal steward of the college and a celebrated community leader whose impact is far reaching.

A scholarship basketball player, Mr. Starkes earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from The Citadel in 1984. After graduating from the University of South Carolina School of Law, Mr. Starkes began an extensive law career that has spanned more than three decades and includes service as an assistant United States attorney for the state of South Carolina. Today, he manages his own law firm where he practices both civil and criminal litigation. In addition to serving on the boards of numerous community organizations, Mr. Starkes is a dedicated supporter of his alma mater and continues to be an example of The Citadel's core values of honor, duty, respect. In 1999, he was appointed by South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges to the Board of Visitors, where he served for four years. He has also served on The Citadel Foundation Board of Directors, and he recently completed his term as president of The Citadel Brigadier Foundation Board of Directors.

For his wise counsel and his commitment to his alma mater, The Citadel Board of Visitors is proud to award F. Xavier Starkes the honorary Doctor of Laws degree.