Educational Highlights: I am scheduled to graduate Magna Cum Laude, graduate with a 4.0 GPA in the English major, and be inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society. I am a Golden Key International Honor Society member and Sigma Tau Delta English honor society member. Lastly, I was invited to present my bachelor’s essay at the College of Charleston’s English Day.

Research Focus or Project: In my bachelor’s essay, which is entitled “Fiction (Still) Fights the Civil War: The Literary Memory of a Nation Divided,” I examine the traditional paradigm used to make genre classifications of Northern and Southern-written Civil War literature. Within this paradigm, Northern Civil War novels tend toward realism, while Southern Civil War novels tend toward romantic tendencies. I contend this generalization to be inadequate, as it diverts focus from Northern Civil War authors’ romanticizing of the Union cause.

Future Plans: I have been offered a six-year, fully funded position at the University of Delaware’s PhD program in English, and remain on the waitlist at the City University of NY and the University of Maryland.