Educational Highlights: I have been a member of the Honors College at the College of Charleston since my freshman year. Entering into my final semester this spring 2015, I have a 3.93 overall GPA and a 4.0 GPA in my Sociology major. I have met the 122 credit minimum and other graduation requirements in just three years at the College. In fall 2013, I joined Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. In spring 2015, I joined Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honor society.

Research Focus or Project: Throughout this past year I have been working on completing my Honors Bachelor’s essay with Dr. Deborah Auriffeille, examining the challenges facing children of military families with a focus on their resiliency opposite of these challenges. While adding a distinctive voice to the limited body of research on military childhood, I hope to make practical recommendations for limiting stress on military children and to make recommendations for reinforcing and enhancing sources of strength and resilience. Because this study is focused on improving the lives of military children, and because military family life has been linked to the effectiveness of military personnel, this research is also contributing to the larger body of knowledge necessary for the success of our military and nation’s security.

Future Plans: This June I am embarking on an exciting new chapter in my life: I am getting married in Virginia before moving across the globe to Ramstein Air Base in Germany! From there, I have been looking into and considering Social Work and Marriage & Family Therapy master’s programs. I am hoping that my career leads me to a job working for the U.S. Air Force or another government organization or a nonprofit to help improve the lives of military families.