Educational Highlights: I have been a member of the Honors College since my freshman year at the College, maintaining a 3.6 overall GPA and a 3.8 GPA in my sociology major. I have been a Presidential Scholarship recipient for the past four years, as well as a member of the Honors Student Association. In addition, I enjoyed working for the Honors College as a Peer Adviser for the Honors First Year Experience course, Beyond George Street, throughout my sophomore year. During the summer of 2013, I completed an internship, working as a sales and marketing intern for Hospital Corporation of America, the largest corporate owner of hospitals in the U.S.

Research Focus or Project: I am in the process of completing my Honors Bachelor’s Essay with Dr. George Dickinson, using the sociological imagination to research and evaluate attitudes on the hospice movement. The purpose of this study is to gauge the attitudes of internal medicine doctors and registered hospice nurses in the Lowcountry on the hospice program and its referral process; the paper is titled, “The Hospice Movement: Attitudes of Physicians and Hospice Personnel.” The survey that I created was compiled of questions that were aimed to expose views on the following issues: 1) the level of control that hospice affords dying patients; 2) the importance of physician and hospice personnel education and communication involving the dying process; 3) participant satisfaction with and evaluation of the current referral process; 4) what constitutes a “good death” for patients with terminal illness.

Future Plans: I do not have concrete plans for the future. Although I am entertaining the idea of graduate school, I plan to move to a larger tourist city after graduation, where I would like to pursue a career in the hospitality and event industry. My strong written and verbal communication, paired with the numerous skills that I have acquired as a sociology undergraduate, leave me well-equipped to find a job.