Educational Highlights: I was accepted into the College of Charleston as a Presidential Scholar and have maintained an overall GPA of over 3.7 throughout my time at the College. I am a member of two honor fraternities on campus, Psi Chi (Psychology) and Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology). Also, I have maintained over a 3.9 GPA in both of my majors and my minor.

Research Focus or Project: Over my past four years, I have written several major papers for various classes. One of the papers, “If You Saw Horses, Then You Missed The Point” concerns the drinking culture that surrounds the spring horse race, Carolina Cup. Its focus was on the rituals, traditions, and values that the annual event embodies. The paper analyzed the expected dynamic and gender roles between fraternity men and sorority women during the event itself and in the weeks leading up to the race. For my Sociology Capstone, I wrote a paper centered on another viewpoint of the perceived differences between men and women. It focuses on the different types of vocabulary and language used on cemetery’s headstones for men and women. This is only a small-scale study, but it has shown some significant differences in what characteristics are historically valued in both men and women. However, the most interesting part is that, culturally, it appears as though the idea of the ideal man and ideal woman has not drastically changed over the past century.

Future Plans: For the next year, I plan to take a break from academics and focus on gaining some experience in the real world. I am currently looking and applying for jobs, internships, and research positions in several cities. The positions I am applying for mainly fall in the realm of criminal justice and psychology because I hope to return to school to work toward a degree in forensic psychology.