Educational Highlights: A valuable part of my experience at the College of Charleston has been the opportunity it has offered me to expand my engagement beyond my coursework. I am a member of both Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, and Eta Sigma Phi, the Classics Honor Society, in which I have also served as both president and vice-president. In addition to having been on the President’s List three times, I have also been awarded the Presidential Scholarship and the Harold A. Mouzon Scholarship. Most importantly, my engagement at the College of Charleston has allowed me to gain valuable experience in leadership and peer education positions. I have twice served as a peer facilitator to a First Year Experience course through the History Department and I have worked for the Center for Student Learning for three years as both a peer tutor and a supplemental instruction leader with our Greek and Latin programs. This involvement has given me experience which I can use for the future but also the chance to make invaluable personal connections with other students from all around campus.

Research Focus or Project: My double-major in Classics and English has allowed me to develop a greater understanding of language and literature which has informed my independent research interests. The depth and breadth of these two departments and programs has led me not only to experience a wide range of theoretical approaches and analytical frameworks but also to apply these across a variety of authors and literary styles and genres, from Renaissance drama to contemporary writers such as Margaret Atwood. I have also been able to pursue my own independent research. I was able to expand my independent study concentrating on Plato’s Phaedrus into a bachelor’s essay project examining poetry as a positive epistemological model and effective force for facilitating philosophical understanding within Plato’s dialogues.

Future Plans: In the fall, I am excited to be starting my master’s degree in classics at the University of Georgia. After I finish my master’s degree, my goal is to continue on to earn my Ph.D. and eventually become a professor of Classics.