

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HSS Scholar

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MAJOR: COMMUNICATION

MINORS: SPANISH AND STUDIO ART

Educational Highlights: As an honor student at the College of Charleston, I have maintained above a 3.8 cumulative GPA and have been accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the *Phi Eta Sigma* Honor Society as well as the *Sigma Delta Pi* Spanish Honor Society (Nu Zeta Chapter) at the College of Charleston.

Research Focus or Project: In 2011, I spent an amazing semester in Trujillo, Spain, where I conducted an independent study entitled, “My Experiences in Service: An Exploration of International Non-Profit Work.” This study served as an exploration of the business side of the non-profit sector. I compared and contrasted my experiences as a volunteer for Caritas Interparroquial in Trujillo, and as the Faith and Ministry Partnerships Intern for Charleston Habitat for Humanity, while also conducting outside research on both of these organizations. This year, I designed my Bachelor’s Essay to be a cultural study of my place of employment, a local for-profit business. The study is entitled “Coffee and Craft Beer: The Culture of Success.” This study, much like my independent study, served as an attempt to define one organization’s culture and how it translates to the overall financial and social success of the business.

Future Plans: As of right now, my future plans include remaining in the Charleston area. I hope to apply the practical knowledge I have acquired at the College of Charleston to serve the greater Charleston community at large. Whether that is through starting my own business, serving my local church, or helping an existing business further its vision, I look forward to the future as I continue to learn and grow.



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