

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HSS Scholar

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MAJOR: COMMUNICATION

MINORS: JEWISH STUDIES AND
PSYCHOLOGY

Educational Highlights: Throughout my undergraduate career I have committed to holding myself to the highest academic standards, while still being able to make an impact outside of the classroom. I am graduating *summa cum laude*, with a 3.944 cumulative GPA, and have maintained a position on the *Dean's List* all four years at the College. Additionally, I have been the recipient of the John and Kathleen Rivers Communication scholarship and the S.S. Solomons Jewish Studies scholarship. I am also a member of *Order of Omega*, the Greek honor society on campus.

Research Focus or Project: At the beginning of this year, I was appointed a Grinspoon-MZ Foundation Israel Advocacy Intern. Under the auspices of the Israel on Campus Coalition, I was responsible for establishing a positive image of Israel on the College of Charleston campus. As the Israel Advocacy intern for our campus, I met with and built relationships with campus officials so that they may have a better understanding of Israel, an understanding of Israeli politics, life, and culture that exceeds the limited view the media may provide. I also hosted a variety of Israel-related programs on campus. Most notably, I was able to bring a cast member from Israel's version of *Survivor* to the College, whereupon she gave an exciting and interesting presentation on life as an Israeli reality TV celebrity. I am also proud of my work in holding the College's first-ever Israel week, which included a Middle East Peace Night.

Future Plans: I have accepted a position with my fraternity, *Alpha Epsilon Pi*, as the international director of Jewish Programming. As the director, I will serve as the liaison between the national fraternity and our philanthropic and Jewish organizational partners. I will also be responsible for maintaining communication with individual chapters to promote Jewish philanthropy events, Jewish programs, as well as pro-Israel initiatives and programs.



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