

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HSS Scholar

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MAJOR: COMMUNICATION

MINOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Educational Highlights: While balancing a demanding Division I Women's Track & Field schedule, internships, work, clubs, and a social life, I have maintained a 3.6 GPA. I have been recognized on the All Academic All Conference team each year as well as on the Department of Communication's honor roll.

Research Focus or Project: During my senior year, I focused on learning to become a valuable employee in an overseas workforce. In the classroom, we analyzed the importance of diversity in our own country and others. Our final research project was creating a manual for an employee who would soon be moving to Saudi Arabia, a country far different from our own. The expatriate manual would provide all necessary information for successfully conducting business there, including information on what to do: (1) prior to landing in Saudi Arabia; (2) upon arrival in the country; and, (3) before returning to the United States. Not only is the manual for the employee, but for the family the employee may have as he or she considers the assignment. Millions of dollars go into sending an American to a foreign country with high expectations of continuing and strengthening business overseas, and too often these expatriates fail. This project has increased my knowledge on the importance of preparing American expatriates to succeed in another country, and I hope my future employer will feel I am a valuable asset by giving me the opportunity to work overseas.

Future Plans: I am currently working as an ABA Therapist for Carolina Autism in Charleston. I plan on moving to San Diego, California, where I will start the next phase of my schooling and search for a job as a therapist.



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