Major: General Studies
Minors: Writing, Rhetoric and Publication Entrepreneurship

Educational Highlights: Reflecting upon myself during my freshman year, it became clear that I was eager to soak up knowledge like a sponge and that I was enthusiastic about exploring a variety of subjects. I was primarily focused on taking full advantage of a liberal arts curriculum because of my ever-evolving, widespread interests. The act of learning something new was (and still is) incredibly valuable to me. CofC has been instrumental in my development as both a learner and a thinker, and I have been able to investigate entirely new disciplines while cultivating my intrigue and skills in familiar subjects during my time at the college.

Research Focus or Project: During the first semester of my senior year, I completed a two-part project on a topic of my choosing, consisting of a research paper and a visual aid that would communicate the same ideas through a different medium. I centered my project around false information, exploring where it comes from, how it is spread, and why it is so hard to detect. I mirrored the ideas shared in the paper by creating a series of infographics containing charts and graphs that I designed, which helped put a lot of the information into perspective for my readers. I consider it to be one of my favorite projects because I could apply creativity to a topic of importance to me, and it gave me room to decide what I wanted to focus on, and how I wanted to convey my message.

Future Plans: I plan to use the knowledge and tools I have gathered during my time at CofC to propel me into the opportunities that lie before me. I remain an avid learner, aware that there are many doors before me that could lead down rewarding paths. At present, I am specifically most excited about pursuing a career in Biophilic design, which lies at the intersection of design, construction and environmental best-practices.

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