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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND
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2021 HSS Scholar

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Majors: Anthropology and International Studies

Educational Highlights: I began my journey at the College not knowing exactly what I wanted to study. All I knew was that I loved people, had a passion for learning, and wanted to study abroad in Europe. In the Spring of 2018, I took an Intro to Anthropology course with Dr. Foley, where I became captivated by the study and how it expanded my worldview. I knew that this was the perfect major for me as I was able to take classes in all of my favorite subjects, including religious and cultural studies. In the Spring of 2020, I spent 2 months living with a beautiful host family in Viterbo, Italy where I studied food, culture, and the Italian language. Though brief, this incredible experience allowed me to apply my educational background into real life circumstances. Now, as I prepare to go out into this big, wide world of ours, I cannot help but feel an abundance of gratitude for the Anthropology department, my professors, and peers who have guided me along this path.

Research Focus or Project: The majority of my research has focused on cultural and applied anthropology. In the Fall of 2019, I got involved with CofC Model United Nations. This experience and my participation in the South Regional Model UN conference, where I was awarded Best Diplomat in my council, helped me to discover my passion for diplomacy and mediation. I found that applying anthropological theories to political discourse allowed for more effective policy decisions. Therefore, my research aims to find the intersection between the institutions which create policy and those who are impacted by it. The current project I am working on, is about gender mainstreaming in the United Nations.

Future Plans: Once I graduate, I will be staying in Charleston for a year while interning with Artisan Global. This organization is a non-profit that develops sustainable jobs and workspaces alongside artisans in Gulu, Uganda. I will also be using this time to save for graduate school in Europe, where I plan to study Peace and Conflict Studies.

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