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2021 HSS Scholar

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Major: Communication

Educational Highlights: I volunteered as a transfer student mentor and soon after became part of Tau Sigma honors society where I held the title of secretary of CofC's Alpha Rho Chapter and held that title until my graduation. After declaring a major in communication, I was accepted into the mentor protégé program where I was mentored by Carrie Kurlander (Vice President of PR at Chick-Fil-A). The following year, I was accepted into the Martin's Scholars program and was further mentored by Tara Stewart (Associate Vice President of PR and Communications at HCA). I became a member of CofC's Xi Chi chapter of Lambda Pi Eta communication honors society. I completed 2 independent studies while at CofC. One in mismanaged crisis communication and another in the effects of social media. In 2020, I received the Lindner Family Scholarship. During my senior year, I held an internship with the Joe Cunningham campaign as well as a marketing internship with Pet Helpers non-profit.



Research Focus or Project: During my senior year, I was enrolled in a leadership capstone in which I expanded on my already prominent desire for leadership. During this capstone class, I worked adimentally on a Linked-In article that shows the positive influence that humor can have on a leader and their leadership style. It is in my findings that humor enhances the core values (confidence, optimism, resilience, engagement) that a leader should possess. My passion for humor in all aspects of life collided with my desire to be the best leader I can be. I feel that this project helped me not only become a better leader, but allowed me to share that growth with others who read the article.

Future Plans: I plan on getting a summer internship in public relations before diving into my career. I will also continue my current marketing internship at Pet Helpers non-profit to enhance my marketing skills while I help animals in need. I will then use these experiences to decide on a career that will allow me to use my creativity, excellent writing skills, and passion for storytelling to succeed.

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