Educational highlights: I began college as a Spanish Major and decided to pursue a Religious Studies degree when I realized how much I was learning in my Philosophy and Religion courses and how important that knowledge felt to me. I am a member of National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) and was asked to join several other honor societies, including the Honors Fraternity on campus. I have been a Highly Distinguished student for most of my semester’s here at the College and have maintained a GPA above 3.86 throughout my college career. The accomplishment that feels most important to me is the degree to which I have been able to expand my wealth of knowledge and understanding of the world by studying Religion.

Research focus or project: Within the diversity of the Religious Studies major, I was able to focus my studies to my liking. I chose to spend my time studying Eastern Traditions. During my freshman year I took Philosophy of Eastern Religions and followed that interested into Asian Studies where I was able to study these religions more deeply. I have focused on such traditions as Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, and popular Chinese religion as they exist in both their country of origin and in America. I have explored these religions via scripture, practice, worldview, philosophy, psychology, and history.

Future plans: My long-term goal is to become a practitioner in the field of Alternative Medicine, although I have not yet decided exactly what or how I would like to practice. Upon graduating, I plan to move back to Raleigh, NC and work in the field to get a better feel for the community and to decide what direction I would like to go. When I decide exactly what I want my focus to be, I will go back to school and eventually open my own practice.