

KETNER EMERGING LEADERS & KETNER-CRUNELLE LGBTQ+ 2022-23 Scholarship Recipients

The Ketner Emerging Leaders Scholarship supports high-achieving students with a strong record of working to achieve social justice so that they can continue their advocacy and activism, and promotes leadership that leads to social justice.

The Ketner-Crunelle LGBTQ+ Scholarship supports high-achieving students who demonstrate leadership in concerns related to LGBTQ+ persons, or who have worked to build coalitions to advance the full equality and dignity of LGBTQ+ persons.

These students are change agents committed to making a positive impact locally, nationally, and globally.

Ketner-Crunelle LGBTQ+ Scholar



Rose Dennis (she/her)

My love for activism definitely preceded my time at The College, but in my three years as a CofC student, I have worked to transform inclusion for Fraternity and Sorority life on campus. When I joined my sorority in my first year, I was welcomed with open arms. But as a queer person, I know that finding a home in Fraternities and Sororities is not always likely. Feeling passionate about strengthening Panhellenic inclusion, I joined the Panhellenic executive council my sophomore year and helped implement a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position within the council. As the Vice President of Programming, I work to ensure that all Greek events remain inclusive and welcoming for any Minority group on campus. Outside of activism, I study Arts Management here at the College, and I enjoy arts and crafts and meeting new people!

Ketner Emerging Leaders Scholars



Jody Bell (she/her)

I have always found myself at the intersection of business and impact. I released my first venture, In Case of Deportation, in 2017 as a tool to inform and support mixed-status families preparing for potential parental deportation. I built this organization using a foundation of entrepreneurship - leveraging a 12-week business plan, structured press release, and more. While the organization is not as active anymore, I still remain an activist for the cause, giving a TedXTalk on the topic this past March. After entering CofC in 2019 I continued this path of social entrepreneurship; I joined ImpactX the fall of my freshmen year and built MyCodely, a technical proficiency software that aims to eliminate bias in the tech hiring space. Now, I am entering the realm of ESG Investing (Environmental, Social, Governance) which aims to examine investment decisions with a sustainable lens. On campus I'm one of the Managing Directors of the Investment Program, and was able to create the first ESG role within the program. This past summer I interned with Blackrock in NYC, working within their Sustainable Investing group and creating investment vehicles that aim to allocate capital to sustainable initiatives and causes. Upon graduation in 2023, I will be working at Blackrock within this Sustainable Investing group full time.

Ketner Emerging Leaders Scholars, Continued



Dani Faulhaber (she/her)

I started my gun control advocacy at the ripe age of 15 upon facing the reality of gun violence when it struck my Jewish community in Parkland, Florida, and at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Throughout high school, I attended Atlanta March For Our Lives events, spent afternoons emailing senators and local officials, attended school walkouts, and helped my friends register to vote. At the College, I spent my first year in the Honors Engaged program researching gun violence prevention and understanding what steps need to be made. As a sophomore, I am now an Honors Engaged Project Mentor where I work with a group of first-year students in gun control advocacy and research. Our project is to revive Students Demand Action at the College. I'm excited that we've officially registered the College as a part of the Students Demand Action team! My goal is to have a sustainable Students Demand Action group here at the college so that even when I graduate, students will have an organization to be a part of that can provide some guidance in fighting this issue.



Marissa Haynes (she/her)

I am a graduating senior earning degrees in Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, and Spanish. My fascination with present and past societies along with my hope for humanity drive my passion for social justice activism. As a Feminist Self Defense teaching assistant at the college, I find inestimable value in the daily physical and mental empowerment of those who experience marginalization and injustice in our society. One of my many passions is working with the next generation of leaders. As some of the most vulnerable members of society, children from families of lower socio-economic status deserve better support and more effective systems that proactively and sustainably assist them and prioritize keeping families together. I plan to use my education to enter social services and fight for those too often forgotten. I truly believe in the power of education, and as a Ketner scholar, I have created and produced the WGS program's podcast, What IFF?, to grow as an individual activist and to expand my reach to past and future generations of activists.



Sara Solan (she/her)

I am a sophomore double majoring in International Studies and Political Science at CofC's Honors College. When I graduate, I'm hoping to work for the United Nations or U.S. government to support refugees through various humanitarian initiatives. I started on this journey during my junior year in high school when I worked as part of an interfaith refugee resettlement team to support a pregnant single mother and her six kids who immigrated to Nashville from a Tanzanian refugee camp. At CofC, I'm using the Ketner Scholar platform to help local refugees through the club I founded, Cougar Refugee Alliance. Our club helps to integrate newly resettled refugees into our Charleston community. This will help facilitate my skill sets and growth as I head toward a post-graduation advocacy career.