

KETNER EMERGING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2021-22 Cohort

The Ketner Emerging Leaders Scholarship was established to reward students with a record of working to achieve social justice, to encourage students to become integrally involved in activities to promote social justice, and promote leadership that leads to social justice. The intent is to inspire and financially aid students who are actively engaged in creating and promoting social justice locally, nationally, and globally. It is the Donor's wish that through this scholarship, and the experiences that recipients have at the College, that Ketner Emerging Leaders will be change agents who identify social problems and devise steps to ameliorate those problems. Ketner scholars are not simply volunteers. They are change agents that are committed to making a positive impact locally, nationally, and globally.



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. After entering CofC in 2019 I continued this path; 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 invest in the companies that are producing the technology and solutions we need to have a sustainable future. This summer I'll be interning with Blackrock in NYC, working within their Sustainable Investing group and this coming March I'll be a TedX speaker discussing my initial venture (In Case of Deportation) along with my experiences as an activist. Regarding my specific initiatives, I'll be working on microaggression training for the School of Business, and next year, I will be doing an in-depth analysis of stakeholder versus shareholder theory.



Sara Solan
(she/her)

I am a first-year student majoring in International Studies at CofC's Honors College. When I graduate, I'm hoping to work overseas for the United Nations or World Health Organization 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 start the Cougar Refugee Alliance, where we can help integrate newly resettled refugees into our Charleston community. This will help facilitate my skillsets and growth as I head toward a post-graduation advocacy career.



Marissa Haynes
(she/her)

I am a senior Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies major at the college with a minor in Spanish. My fascination with present and past societies along with my categorical love 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 a lower socio-economic status deserve better support and more effective systems in place that proactively and sustainably assist those in need and prioritize keeping families together. I have goals to use my majors and minor to enter the social services and fight for those too often forgotten in the heightened political, economic, and social discussions throughout our country and the world. I truly believe in the power of education, and as a Ketner scholar, I hope to use this opportunity and training to not only grow as an individual activist but also to begin expanding my reach to the next generation of activists.