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Meet your ROME Site Director!

Name: Bailey McFaden

Hometown: Lexington, SC

Year graduated: 2018

Major/Minor: Arts Management and Dance with a minor in Spanish

Things I enjoy doing...

- Traveling
- Hiking
- Dancing - Modern, Ballet, Salsa, Swing, etc.
- Reading
- Finding hidden gems (ie coffee shops, parks, restaurants, museums, etc.)



Why did I want to be a Site Director?

- I was a Site Director in Dublin fall 2018. I wanted to be a Site Director because I find that being a student abroad is such a unique and wonderful opportunity to not only be an ambassador for our school but also our country as a whole. Studying abroad allows for students to become more independent, engaged and open-minded in both their academic and everyday lives. Through being a Site Director, I get to continue being a resource for these students as they approach their undergraduate careers, no matter how daunting it may seem to each of them now.

Things I did in college to prepare myself for the Site Director position:

- Resident Assistant in both freshman and upperclassmen halls
- Teacher's Assistant for the "Dancing Through Europe" study abroad program
- Studied abroad as often as I could!
- Stage Managed a CofC dance concert

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Department of Theater and Dance Recruitment tours in October of 2014, 2015, and 2016

Specific study abroad experiences I have had:

- Paris, France
- London, England
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands,
- Edinburgh, Scotland
- Italy (Sorrento, Rome)
- Spain (Trujillo, Madrid, Sevilla, Granada, Córdoba, Mérida)
- Havana, Cuba

What I am most excited about regarding iCharleston 2019:

- I find myself most excited about exploring Italy, both the country itself as well as the culture with this incoming iCharleston 2019 cohort. Traveling is one of my most significant passions and I am excited to share that with the students in order for each of them to have the most fulfilling study abroad experience possible.

Favorite memory as a CofC student:

- While I have an abundance of wonderful memories from my undergraduate career at CofC, one of my favorites was being able to utilize one of the college's affiliate programs in London and conduct my own project of exploration through dance and photography. This led to going to one of their affiliate schools in Southern Mississippi to produce a gallery installation of the work that I did abroad. The study in London was my first long term trip abroad with a small group of dancers of whom helped in my capturing of movement in places in which I felt the most peace, as well as architecture found that is extremely unique and artistic. Through this travel and exploration, I was able to learn a lot about myself through walking and creating within a place that is so historic in the creation of original works of art. This is truly something that only a study abroad education can give you and I'm excited for this next iCharleston cohort to find for themselves.