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Meet your DUBLIN Site Director!



Name: Jule Lane

Hometown: Chester, New Jersey

Year graduated: 2017

Major/Minor: Religious Students

Things I enjoy doing...

- Yoga
- Beach time and ocean swimming
- Biking
- Live music concerts
- Creating fresh and dry tea mixtures
- Making music playlists for myself & events

Why did I want to be a Site Director?

I was a Site Director for the iCharleston Program in London in 2018. I wanted to be a Site Director to integrate my personal transformational experiences of mentorship, study abroad, and my own first year experiences into future cohorts of CofC. My various mentors at CofC ensured my transitions and situational stress as growing experiences, while my study abroad experiences provided me with

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valuable new techniques that enhanced my ability to soak up knowledge. As the first year, and particularly first semester of a college student's career is a pivotal period, my goal is to share integrative approaches to learning abroad with the 2019 iCharleston cohort. This will be my fourth full year working with first year students, and I hope to continue to co-create an open-minded, multifaceted learning environment with the Class of 2023.

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

- FYE Peer Facilitator
- FYE Team Leader
- Study Abroad
- Charleston Bridge Mentor
- High School focus group Leader

Specific study abroad experiences I have had:

- Religious Diversity and International Development/ Globalization, India (Ladakh, Dharamsala, & New Delhi)
- International School for Jain Studies, New Delhi, India
- Eco-Village Study-Away, Black Mountains, VA

What I am most excited about regarding iCharleston 2019:

I am most excited to meet the students, in order to understand the various learning styles represented in the cohort. iCharleston is the perfect opportunity for students to find the best way of individualized learning, and by harnessing this understanding as a Site Director, I will be able to enhance the learning career of the entire group. I am looking forward to using Dublin and the surrounding areas as a classroom, which will strengthen the open-mindedness and broaden the worldly perspectives of both the students and myself. I am also excited to see the personal transformation & individual growth students will undergo during their time abroad.

Favorite memory as a CofC student:

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My first study abroad trip allowed me to understand the value of education in such a way I would not know existed if not for my CofC experience. My favorite memory as a student was hiking through the Himalayan mountains in Northern India, approaching historical religious sites I had seen in so

many presentations, books, and nights of research during previous semesters. Upon finally witnessing the ancient cave drawings, I realized how much my love for learning could thrive in location-specific circumstances. I have been inspired to encourage first year students to further explore the world in pursuit of knowledge, knowing I could trust that real-life-experiences could teach lessons the classroom might not be able to reach.