Welcome to iCharleston On-Campus Orientation

July 25-26, 2022
• The next two days…
  – The iCharleston Program
  – Partner presentations
  – CofC presentations
  – Site Directors and Interns
  – Questions & Answers
• History of iCharleston
  – 2014: first cohort in Kelowna (Canada), Dublin, London
  – 2019: Rome replaces Kelowna
  – 2021: iCharleston 2.0
  – 350+ students have completed program since 2014
  – 92% - average fall/spring retention for seven cohorts
  – 87% - average first year retention for program participants
• Why iCharleston
  – High Impact Practice of study abroad results in…
    • higher retention rates among student participants
    • higher persistence/success towards graduation
    • students report more connected to their academic experience and institution
• iCharleston partners at orientation you will meet…
  – London: Foundation for International Education (FIE)
    • James Cameron-Cooper (Senior Director, Student Life)
  – Dublin: FIE & Dublin Business School
    • Emma Byrne (Residence Life Supervisor for FIE)
  – Rome: American University of Rome
    • Edgar Barrales (Student Life Coordinator)
• College of Charleston presentations at orientation…
  – First Year Impact Program
    • Cathy Ficzner (Director) & Morgan Mann (Coordinator)
  – First Year Experience Program
    • Dr. Sarah Owens (Director, Faculty - Hispanic Studies)
  – Academic Advising & Planning Center
    • Dr. Bill Church (iCharleston Academic Advisor)
• How we select our Site Directors…
  – Knowledge of the College of Charleston
  – Personal abroad & study abroad experiences
  – Success in working with first year students
Site Directors 2022 - 2023

Katie Phillips - London

Charlotte Marchell - London
Tyler Futrell - Dublin
Site Directors 2022 - 2023

Corey Chamberlain - Rome

Alli Kuralt - Rome
The Role(s) of the Site Director…

- Support the transition from high school to college to CofC
- Schedule one-on-one meetings routinely with students
- Work closely with faculty advisor at each location
- Develop and implement programs specific to iCharleston
- Mentor and guide participants throughout the academic year
• What the Site Director Doesn’t Do…
  – Complete homework or assessments for students
  – Fix or maintain residence halls or apartments
  – Cook, shop for food, or clean for students
  – Make administrative decisions such as grades, living situations, or admissions to CofC
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• iCharleston Academic coursework…
  – Class options; how they transfer; ‘C’ grade or higher
  – Schedules at each location: Dublin, London, Rome
  – Academic support & resources at our partner locations
  – The value of study abroad…especially as a first year!
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