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iCHARLESTON

*Meet your LONDON Site Director!*



**Name:** Maddie Fink

**Hometown:** Mount Pleasant, SC

**Year graduated:** 2019

**Major/Minor:** BA in Arts Management with a double minor in both History and Theatre

## **Things I enjoy doing...**

- Traveling
- Playing card games
- Drinking coffee
- Performing in Musicals
- Reading

## **Why did I want to be a Site Director?**

- Being raised a military brat, I was fortunate enough to travel abroad with my family at a young age. My adoration of other cultures and places has continued throughout my life and I was thrilled to hear about a job that would take me overseas. Most of all, iChareston Site Directors get to lead new college students on an incredible journey. I hope to inspire and guide them through this incredible academic experience and help them to grow as both students and individuals.

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

- I was a Peer Academic Coach (PAC) for two years, where I mentored students with time management, utilization of college resources, and overall adjusting to life at CofC. Additionally, I served as a Student Site Director in Lugano, Switzerland for the HSS

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Fellows Program - a first year study abroad opportunity for students in the spring semester. The Switzerland program paired with my summer study abroad session in France made for two international academic experiences to help prepare me for iCharleston. I also had other jobs and internships throughout my college career of which taught me great time management skills.

### **Specific study abroad experiences I have had:**

- Lyon, France
- Lugano, Switzerland
- Amsterdam, Netherlands

### **What I am most excited about regarding iCharleston 2019:**

- I truly cannot wait to meet all of the students. I want to inspire them to succeed both abroad and at the College of Charleston and see them transform from high school students to independent undergraduates. I also can't wait to explore as much as I can of London itself. The city is bustling with the arts and fun cultural experiences that I hope to take advantage of.

### **Favorite memory as a CofC student:**

- My favorite memory at the college was probably graduation but not for the reason you may think... Looking out at the gorgeous Cistern yard with everyone in white I genuinely began to cry on stage! They were of course happy tears, shed because of how much I love my school. It was a bit embarrassing in the moment, but I couldn't help it. Graduation at College of Charleston is gorgeous, and it was surreal that my time as a student was now complete. I was quite sad to leave but also incredibly happy to have chosen this school and made the most fantastic memories. I hope I can help my iCharleston students also recognize what an amazing school they have chosen!