



# College of Charleston HONORS COLLEGE

Exploring Mind, Self and Society

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## Honors College advantages:

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- **Graduate or professional school.** Close to 90 percent of recent graduates intend to pursue graduate or professional school within five years of graduation.
- **Mentoring.** All students are provided with mentoring opportunities. They are assigned an Honors College professor to serve as their four-year advisor and mentor. They are also paired with a peer mentor in the Honors College during their first year, and have the option of participating in a thematic mentoring cohort that gives them access to professional development opportunities.
- **Service learning.** All students participate in Honors Engaged, a service-learning experience, in their first year. Through this program, they learn more about the Charleston community and how to engage with critical social issues facing the city.

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