Elizabeth remembers a pivotal moment in her sophomore year: “Professor Pan was advising me about the classes I might take, and there was something he couldn’t answer. So, he called up the department chair, and before I knew it, there we were, the three of us, working on my schedule. We spent an hour getting it settled. That was an amazing experience. When you hear people talk about personalized education at the College, that’s really what it means.”

Along with her coursework, she has tackled an array of internships, from working on the reservations desk at a golf resort to acting as a concierge at a boutique hotel to managing upscale weddings. In addition, Elizabeth has also been mentored by one of Charleston’s renowned restaurateurs.

“I’ve had amazing opportunities in this major.” One of her most powerful experiences was spending a month in Costa Rica studying small-scale resorts involved in eco tourism.

“I’ve learned so much from my classes, but I’ve also enhanced my education by being involved in the Club for Hospitality and Tourism (CHAT). Through that, I’ve met and networked with business leaders. The connections that you make through extracurricular activities are invaluable. It’s a great way to really find out what you want to do. You can listen all day in class, discuss, write papers and take exams, but if you don’t experience it firsthand, you really won’t know the subject.” 🌱