We are lucky enough to be students at the College of Charleston. We are lucky enough that our administration understands the value of language and communication. We are lucky enough to have an opportunity to see the world. When I transferred into CofC the last thing I thought I would have time for is a semester abroad. My one and only goal was to get in and get out. But as my Spanish Language skills progressed I began to run into multiple professors; who did not ask me IF I was studying abroad, but instead, WHEN I was going and WHERE.

**ROAR SCHOLAR EARNS I’M FIRST SCHOLARSHIP**

ROAR Scholar Michael Faikes, from Irmo, South Carolina earns one of 8 scholarships from the I'm First Organization working to help provide access for First Generation College Students. Michael is a freshmen ROAR Scholar, Honors Student and SPECTRA summer bridge program participant. I'm First winners uniquely share their story at I'mFirst.org.

Our school is one of the few with enough to foresight to encourage its students to get out and see the world. Charleston is a beautiful city, but four years is a long time to spend in any one location. Use the ferocity of our faculty and staff to spread your wings and fly away. Indulge your adventurer spirit. You won’t be sorry.

Branch out. Broaden your horizons. Next semester I am traveling to the Island Nation of Cuba. I will be about as far away as 90 miles could get me. I am excited to experience the people, taste the food, smell the air, and live the Cuban life. I have no experience on which to draw. I am thriving on the un-known, and chomping on the bit to leave. However, I am mostly excited to return to Charleston, my home, with a diverging perspective, and a renewed world view.