



August/September Spotlight

Alexandria Thompson, '20

Bachelor of Music - Music Education

As you may know, graduation ceremonies were not able to take place in May due to the pandemic, so for the next few spotlights we wanted to highlight some of those recent graduates.

Our first recent-grad spotlight is Alexandria Thompson, a native of Augusta, GA, who began her journey as a music education major in the fall of 2016. With her various involvement with the UofSC and local communities, Alex's experience here has been nothing short of colorful. She has served as a student government senator to represent the School of Music as well as a member of the Obama Foundation Community Leadership Corps. Alex co-founded the Black Honors Caucus, an organization that services high-achieving Black students in the Honors College, and served as its first president. Always reaching for new heights, these accomplishments, among others, have been an impetus for Alex to broaden her scope to reach those beyond her local community, both nationally and internationally. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Alex recently celebrated her graduation from the university as a member of both the South Carolina Honors College and the School of Music. Though a recipient of an English teaching assistantship by the Fulbright Germany Commission, Alex plans to decline the grant and begin teaching chorus locally at Ridge View High School. When we asked her what she is looking forward to most about beginning teaching later this month, Alex said "I am excited to embark on my music educator journey. I hope that my students will be able to find solace in my class, especially during this pandemic. I have high expectations for them and I can't wait to see what they will be able to accomplish during these unprecedented times!"