We would like to put the spotlight on one of our new students, Sofia Troya! Sofia started this semester after finishing her B.A. in Political Science with minors in Geology and Environmental Studies at the College of Charleston. During her undergraduate career, Sofia was an active member in the Center for Sustainable Development and the Student Government Association. She worked at the Center for Sustainable Development both as a Sustainability Literacy Ambassador and later on as a Climate Innovation Intern, compiling data for a report on the school's greenhouse gas emissions. She simultaneously served in the Student Government Association as an Executive Committee Director, where she and her committee passed a resolution in efforts to implement an Environmental and Sustainability Studies Major at CofC, as well as a resolution to ban plastic on campus.

Finally, she interned with Citizens' Climate Lobby and started a campus chapter at CofC-Citizens Climate Education (CCE). Because of her integral involvement at CofC, she was awarded the 2020 Excel Award for Sustainability. She decided to join the EVSS Master’s Program to continue her studies in sustainability and environmentalism. She is currently exploring graduate thesis topics related to translating science to policy on natural solutions to climate change. Sofia is one of the many students in the EVSS Program that have great aspirations to face the great challenges our society faces. We are so proud of our students and their impactful goals!