Career exploration is an essential element for the job search. Join us and discover how these professionals set themselves up for success in careers that focus on influencing policy and community engagement.

Ron Hanna III - Newly appointed Assistant City Administrator for the Isle of Palms
Trevor Jones - Special Assistant to the Executive Director of Emily's Place
Marla Robertson - MPA Program Coordinator and Director of the Community Assistance Program, C of C
Ali Titus - Policy and Communications Director, ACLU
Ron Hanna:

Ron is a Charleston native who has been involved in public service since childhood. He started with community service projects in Boy Scouts before volunteering as a sheriff’s deputy with Richland County and a member of the South Carolina State Guard. He is a two-time graduate of the College of Charleston with an undergraduate degree in Political Science, minoring in Crime Law and Society, and a Master’s degree in Public Administration. After attaining his MPA, Ron worked with the City of Aiken as an urban planner before returning to the lowcountry to work as a project manager for economic development for Berkeley County. He recently accepted a position as assistant city administrator for Isle of Palms.

Trevor Jones

A proud 2016 graduate of the College of Charleston, Trevor joined EMILY’s List as the Special Assistant to Executive Director in 2019 with over three years of experience on Capitol Hill. Trevor began his career in politics as an intern for the House Majority Whip, Congressman James Clyburn (SC-06). Fueled by a passion for public service and policy making, he went on to serve as a Legislative Aide in the offices of Congresswoman Kathy Castor (FL-14) and Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-09), where he managed a legislative portfolio which included the policy areas of education, transportation, veteran’s affairs, and healthcare.

Marla Robertson

Marla is a 2006 graduate of the English Department and a 2019 graduate of the College of Charleston’s Master of Public Administration Program. She has spent the last 12 years working on campus in the Academic, Student, and Business Affairs divisions. Marla is a board member of the Post Landfill Action Network (PLAN), which focuses on educating campuses and students on zero-waste and landfill aversion initiatives. She has served as the Black Student Union staff advisor for the last 6 years. Marla also serves on the executive board for the Gender Sexuality and Equity Center (GSEC) at the College of Charleston. She volunteers in other capacities as needed across campus and remains vehemently dedicated to the support, encouragement, and advancement of underrepresented and marginalized students.

Ali Titus

Ali is originally from West Columbia, SC and received an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Presbyterian College followed by a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from College of Charleston, where she focused on nonprofit management and social justice. Over the past ten years, Ali has served in various nonprofit roles, including Director of Development for the ACLU of SC and Program Officer at the Coastal Community Foundation of SC where she facilitated the awarding of more than $1.5M annually across a nine-county service area. Before returning to the ACLU of SC, Ali worked for the Master of Public Administration Program at the College of Charleston, where she directed a learning incubator of MPA students who provided research and capacity to nonprofit organizations and local governments.