

Rachel LeCates

Class of 2017



Major: Marine Biology

Heritage: Honduran and American

Hobbies: Jamming to my favorite tunes, enjoying the sunshine, being outside in general, binge-watching Netflix, and laughing.

Study Abroad:

Galapagos Islands and Quito in Ecuador

Organizations Involved: SGA, CHE, MI CASA, Plastic Ocean Project, Marine Mammal Stranding Program

Where do you work?

My freshman and sophomore year I worked for the Honors College.

What are your top 3 accomplishments?

1. Senior Medallion recipient.
2. Rachel Freeman Service Leadership Award recipient.
3. Studying abroad. I put off graduating early to study abroad, and I have absolutely no regrets. It was an incredible experience. I have never felt so connected to my surroundings.

What's after college?

Director of Galapagos National Park or stand-up comedian... who knows.

Any advice to the generation rising at UNCW?

Take little moments every day for reflection and appreciation of the world around you. Watch the sunset, close your eyes and listen to your favorite song. Focus on the songs of birds as you walk to class and gaze at the night sky. Your existence is extraordinary and everything about the world is fascinating when you acknowledge that.