Tess Cole Dooley- First year MES student

I am from Charleston, SC (but originally Colorado and Wyoming). I majored in Biology and minored in Math and Environmental Studies at the College of Charleston. I was drawn to the MES program because I knew I wanted to pursue something relating to the environment and sustainability. The truly interdisciplinary approach and the flexibility of the MES program appealed to me. I am interested in environmental justice, how we can influence individuals to change their behavior, and policy change. While in the MES program I hope to gain the tools I need to actively pursue my interests, as well as gain a stronger sense of what I ultimately want to do. I don't have a clear picture of that exactly (which is part of why I was drawn to a program: it would give me the flexibility to explore), but I do know that I want to fight to protect our planet and the people on it.