

Alexis Collins, PWC Family Member Scholarship \$1000

Alexis is the daughter of retired ATCS and PWC member Lori Collins who brought Alexis to her first of many PWC conferences at the early age of 8 months old. Alexis is a junior at her dream school, the University of South Carolina in Columbia, where she is studying Hospitality Management. She was chosen to be one of twenty Ambassadors of the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sports Management (HRSM) where she gets to represent her program and volunteer at alumni events, homecoming parties, and welcome new students into the college. In this position she has the opportunity to share her passion for hospitality with incoming students and alumni as well. One of Alexis' greatest accomplishments in college occurred last April when she also selected out of many applicants to represent the University of South Carolina to work at the Master's Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA. She worked 12-hour days for 9 days straight, but she says the experience was worth it and plans to return this year to experience it all again. During a career fair at her school, Alexis was able to network with companies wanting to hire summer interns. As a result, she was able to get an internship at Marriott Vacation Club in Hilton Head, SC last summer and used her experience to get another internship with Marriott Vacation Club this upcoming summer in Newport Beach, CA.

Alexis' letters of recommendation described her as determined to succeed, a quick learner, knowledgeable, great aptitude for learning and as an "unforgettable student because of her integrity, character, and devotion to self-improvement." PWC is very proud to award this scholarship to one of our youngest conference attendees ever.