

## Mills Hayes | UofSC Student Body Vice President

Mills Hayes, the current student body vice president, is a senior broadcast journalism and political science major from Lexington, South Carolina. Growing up in S.C., Mills originally planned to travel further away for college. However, with a passion for journalism, she recognized the incredible opportunities that the University of South Carolina (UofSC) had to offer and quickly made the decision to stay. Daughter of Glenn Hayes and Ashley Williams, Mills contributes her resilient, energetic and passionate nature to her close family and friends.

In her freshman year at UofSC, Mills joined Student Gamecock Television (SGTV), UofSC's student-run broadcast television station. She quickly proved herself through various positions in the news department, eventually working her way up to news director. Mills additionally served two semesters as SGTV's station manager which involved managing a general staff of over 100 people, coordinating coverage of major campus events, and ensuring 24/7 programming on the campus news channel.

As a member of the sorority Zeta Tau Alpha, Mills has previously served as the co-philanthropy week chair and media chair. Through these positions, she had the opportunity to organize numerous campus events for breast cancer education and awareness. Mills' off-campus experience includes two summer internships in Washington, D.C. where she interned for Congressman Joe Wilson and a public affairs firm. This past year, she also worked as a reporting intern at WIS-TV in Columbia. Mills has gained exceptional experience and will continue to work diligently to achieve her dream of covering the White House or Capitol Hill for a major news network in D.C.

As student body vice president, Mills intends to work tirelessly to empower the student voice. She plans to make student government more inclusive and bring passion, excitement and determination to the vice president's office. Through energizing UofSC initiatives and events such as Carolina Closet and Cockstock, she wants to ignite the student experience through tradition. With the addition of the communications team to the vice president's staff this year, Mills will also work to initiate a stronger relationship between student government and UofSC through social media. She encourages her peers to use her office hours as a way to chat about the everyday college struggles, possible ideas for improving campus life or even just to hang out. Just make sure to bring her a cup of coffee!