Kelsey Grant started as an Undergraduate Academic Advisor (UAA) in the College of Arts and Sciences in January 2018. She is a three-time UofSC alum and anticipates earning her fourth degree, a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, from the University in December 2022. Kelsey works as an advisor for the undergraduate Psychology major. Prior to joining the University Advising Center as a UAA, Kelsey worked as a high school Social Studies teacher for five years working primarily with seniors.

In describing her experience, Kelsey said, “I assisted them in completing their college applications, and then would talk through their acceptance letters with them in the Spring while they made a decision of what school to attend. Through these conversations, I realized I wanted to transition to the higher education level and work with students while they transition from K-12 to higher education.”

Kelsey has built an exceptional reputation for herself at the University among faculty and staff and is beloved by her students. Patrick Crawley, a senior Experimental Psychology major says, “Kelsey is like my lifeline at this school. Whatever problem I’m having, school related or not, I know I can always go to her for guidance. I can say with full confidence that I wouldn’t be the student or person I am today without Kelsey. She is always there to give out assistance to whoever needs it, not just her students. This school needs more Kelsey grants because I know she makes, not just mine, but everyone’s college experience better. She is not just my advisor, but she is also one of my closest friends.”

Sophomore, Michael Stone, described how Kelsey has helped him navigate his path at UofSC. “When I came to the University of South Carolina I had my heart set on being a physical therapist and fully believed that I was gonna do that with my life. But going into my second semester I came into Kelsey’s office full of tears because I realized I didn’t want to be that anymore and I didn’t know what I wanted to do. After going to a meeting and talking with her about all possible professions for me, we decided on counseling and I’ve been happy ever since. Kelsey always gives me great advise and guidance when I need it. She really has helped me greatly throughout my college career so far and I am so thankful that she is my advisor.”

Sully Hutto, a junior Experimental Psychology major, met Kelsey when she was just a sophomore in high school while on a tour of UofSC’s campus. “I showed up to my first tour not expecting to fall in love, but after the tour realized there was nowhere else on earth I could go to school. Overeager to get the ball rolling, I walked into the Department of Psychology and asked if there was an advisor I could speak to. Kelsey wiped her hour clean and sat with me talking about all the steps I needed to take over the next two years to ensure I was more than ready to be a Gamecock and thrive as a Psychology major. Neither of us knew then that two years later I’d land right back at her desk as an advisee, but I am so grateful that’s the way it played out.”

Sully continued to share, “In my two years at Carolina, Kelsey has been such a standout advisor to me. She answers my millions of questions about my plans long term and short term regardless of if my advising appointment is tomorrow or if it was three months ago. She looks at my millions of spreadsheets with so much patience and somehow tames the worry that seven plans at once will with my head. Aside from academics, though Kelsey has been so much more: she has kept in touch with what all I’ve involved in both on and off campus, she’s checked in on my friendships, she has held me accountable to goals and dreams for college and for far beyond. She has been a part of my high schoolwhen I was on a tour of UofSC’s campus, a heart that welcomed me here and made my own heart beat like a true Gamecock. I am so thankful for the role she has played in my college experience; she has a heart for serving in this capacity, and I am just grateful that our paths got to cross in this way!”