Congratulations: **Arianna Goss**, Health Care Management (HCM) student, has been selected as a recipient of a Research Enriched Academic Challenge (REACH) award for the 2021-2022 academic year! Arianna plans to graduate in May of 2023 with her B.S. in HCM and with minors in Long Term Care Administration and Health Information & Informatics Management. Following graduation, Arianna is interested in pursuing a career in health law or public health.

When asked why she chose HCM, Arianna stated that it allows her to combine all of her interests into one area as health care management is a unique hybrid of law, politics, business, management, human resources, epidemiology, and organizational behavior. With the assistance of HCM instructor Jessica Cataldo, Arianna has taken these interests to the next level this year when she applied for the REACH research competition. REACH encourages and supports undergraduate SIU students, working with a faculty mentor, to create original research projects/activities. REACH recipients are provided with a research budget and stipend for the upcoming academic year to support their research endeavors. For this project, Arianna and Jessica will study the use of virtual reality in long term care facilities for residents’ mental health. The project is set to begin July 1, 2021.

Outside of her research and academic studies in the HCM program, Arianna continues to excel as she is actively involved around campus as a member of the Honors Program, the Honors Assembly, the Chancellor’s Scholars program, Undergraduate Student Government, the Student Health Care Management Association, and Delta Zeta. She holds various leadership positions in several of these organizations.

Congratulations, Arianna! We are excited to see where this research takes you!