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**Carolina Scholar Cary Johnstone (Class of 2021) has guest column in The Daily Gamecock**

. . . . Enjoy “Majoring in art is a worthwhile pursuit.”

**Carolina Scholar Alumna reviewed in the New York Times**

. . . . Sarah Hammond (Class of 2002) is playwright, and collaborated on a stage production of Pete the Cat, “But Sarah Hammond, who wrote the book and lyrics, does have fun with the allergy Pete causes in the Biddles’ cat-loving preschooler, Olive (Brandi Porter), and the panic he inspires in her brother, Jimmy (Adante Carter), a studious second grader.”

**McNair Alumni Patrick Kelly (Class of 2003) blogs for EducationPost.org**

. . . . Patrick Kelly is a 2014 Finalist for South Carolina State Teacher of the Year and a U.S. Department of Education Teaching Ambassador Fellow. He teaches at Blythewood High School outside Columbia, South Carolina. He blogs for Education Post, and one of his blog links appears below.

**Carolina Scholar Alumni (Class of 1990) shares opinion piece on FitNews.com**

. . . . Marie-Louise Ramsdale is an attorney practicing in the South Carolina Lowcountry.