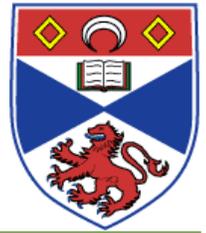


THE BOBBY JONES PROGRAM

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Alumni Highlights

Lilias Bell, BJS 1983-1984

How has the Bobby Jones Program made a difference in your life?

The biggest difference the scholarship made in my life was giving me the opportunity to follow one track (animal behaviour and primatology) and then decide to take another but still benefit from all I had learned. It also gave me the opportunity to broaden my studies and open new vistas (literature) that have continued to enrich my life.

What do you consider the best thing about the Bobby Jones Program?

The Scholarship helped me build an understanding of the American culture and an appreciation of the USA education system, which has helped me professionally as I went into executive search and have recruited senior managers from the US into New Zealand. I then sold my business to a US based company and the US connection helped me to assimilate.

What advice would you give current and future scholars and fellows?

My advice to scholars is do not lose touch. With Facebook, LinkedIn, email and text it's so much easier these days than writing letters. I do regret not persisting and thus losing that thread in my life. I also regret that I did not keep in touch with the students I met and befriended. I did maintain a wonderful correspondence with Floyd Watkins until his death and that was a treat but I no longer keep up with other US based Emory friends. However, I am now in touch with two of my fellow St Andrews scholars and that has been wonderful to rekindle through social media.

Zoe Ashwood, BJS 2014-2015

How has the Bobby Jones Scholarship made a difference in your life?

I am currently writing this note whilst basking in the California sunshine and I certainly would not be here doing my current job, had it not been for the Bobby Jones experience. Through participating in the Bobby Jones year, I was able to explore subjects and ideas that I had never before contemplated. As a result of being part of the Emory community, I found my current job.

What is the best thing about the Bobby Jones Scholarship?

Through living with the other scholars and participating in the scholarship's events together, Oscar, Claire and Michael became some of my closest friends. I also valued the opportunity to think about my priorities, as well as my future goals - through living in a different county, through learning different subjects, and through Bobby Jones' example. I am still trying to form my future; but if I could discover my passions, dedicate myself to them, whilst also devoting myself to my friends and family, and do it half as well as Bobby Jones managed to do so, I think my life would be very full and entirely satisfying.

And I will never forget sitting in front row seats with Claire, Oscar and Michael at the 17th hole at the Masters, and being within arm's reach of Jordan Spieth and Justin Rose as they came around the circuit on the last day. We saw history being made, with Spieth's victory, and we were broadcast on televisions throughout the world in the process.

What advice would you give current and future scholars and fellows?

Dive in! Get involved! Seize every opportunity presented to you through the scholarship; whilst also being alert to the exciting things happening on Emory campus and in the broader Atlanta community too. The Bobby Jones Scholarship was a year of new and once-in-a-lifetime experiences for me and I relished being able to study new subjects, travel to new places, meet new people and take part in some truly unique one-off events.

You should also set yourself the challenge of finding the only replica cottage, in the entire world, of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns.