

# THE JONES NOTES



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## WELCOME

Thank you for reading the latest edition of the Jones Notes Newsletter! This issue contains plentiful updates from our scholars at Emory and St Andrews as well as many alumni updates.

Enjoy!

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# SCHOLAR UPDATES

## St Andrews to Emory

Ross Barclay, 23BJS

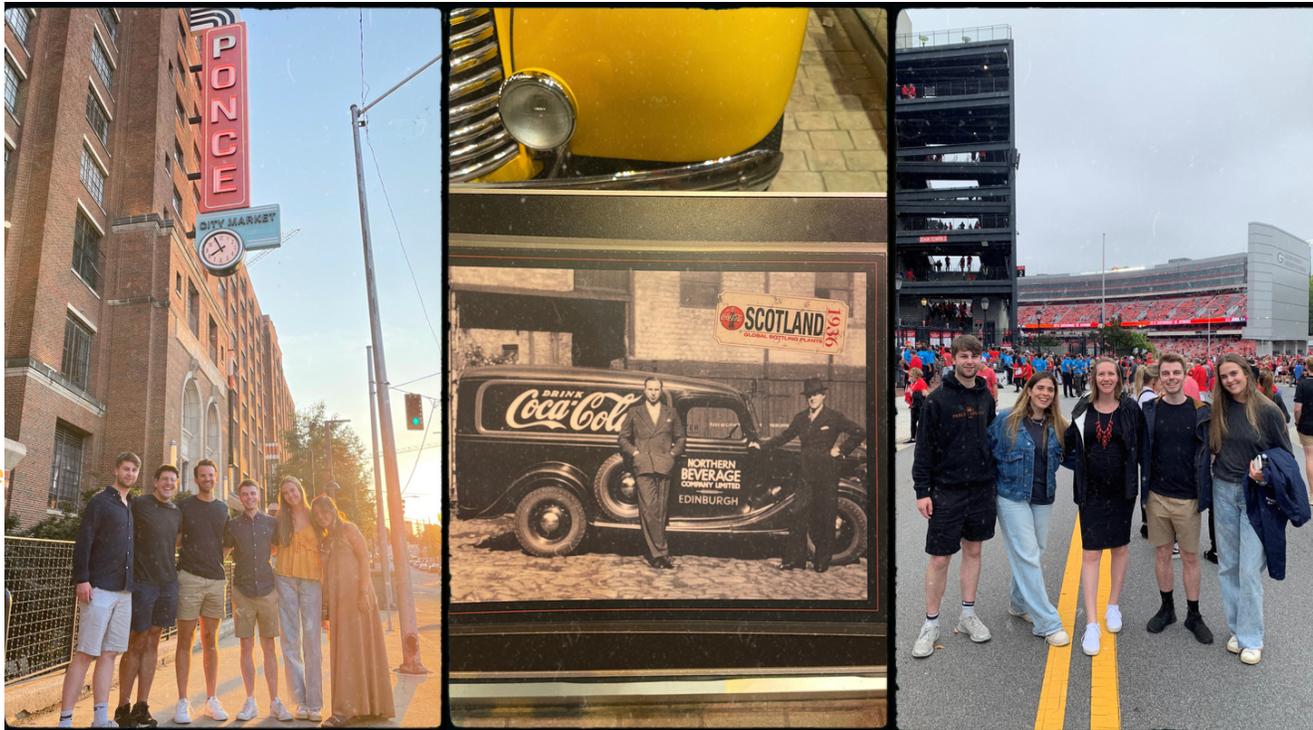
My time at Emory so far has been filled with new experiences, both inside the classroom and outwith (a word I hope to teach my American classmates)! My classes in global human rights, urban geography, and German literature are allowing me to explore new fields of study from a US perspective. Alongside watching Songfest - and contesting the result - with the other Scholars, I also attended the new Gate Crossing and traditional Coke Toast to see in the new academic year. Finally, I've joined the German Culture Club to improve my language skills, meet new people from across the world, and enjoy the complementary Ritter Sport.

We haven't traveled too far from Atlanta yet: the furthest I've been is Athens, GA, to watch a Georgia Bulldogs game (thank you Lauren and Andrew for having us and explaining how the game works!). For Fall Break I'm visiting a friend in Toronto before Winter sets in. I'm very happy to avoid the cold weather, which I'll experience in abundance when I travel home for Christmas. We're also looking into weekend trips to Nashville and a potential December trip to New York to see the city in the festive spirit. Internships for next semester - and, dare I say it, careers options after next summer - are also on my radar, and I am making applications to the Carter Center and other policy/research institutions. It's been great to meet with alumni throughout the semester and at the Fall Reception at East Lake and to have been so warmly welcomed to the States!

The 4 current scholars visiting Ponce City Market with David Kulp ('21 Emory to St Andrews) and Ben Goldfein ('19 BJS Emory to St Andrews).

Scottish representation at the Coca Cola Experience in Atlanta!

Georgia Bulldogs game.



## Sam Goldsmith, 23BJS

It is strange thinking back to my first full day in Atlanta, when Toco Hills felt alien to me, and I couldn't believe I was in America. Now I know Toco Hills like the back of my hand, after several frozen yogurt and Publix trips!

Aside from these trips, I have been immersing myself in classes and extracurricular activities. The highlight so far for me is working at The Carter Center, which I now am so thankful I accepted, given that I was hesitant to take it on. The internship has given me a great opportunity to meet and work alongside like-minded individuals in a casual work environment as well as being able to see, first-hand, the impressive work that the Carter Center carries out. My role has been to assist the health development team, and I have already completed a donor prospect research project.

Outside of my internship, I have complemented this health interest by studying global climate change. Additionally, I have branched out to accounting, which is certainly harder than I thought! I also have been taking guitar lessons as well as attending B-team tennis training. It's fair to say the standard of social tennis is far higher at Emory compared to St Andrews!

Finally, it would be wrong for me not to mention golf - which I have started to pickup again. I had my first full round with my mentor, Gene McClure, at the Atlanta Athletic Club and, although my swing was ropey, I had a great day out and developed a love/hate relationship with the lakes on course!



Sam with the Program Development team from the Carter Center

The 4 scholars at the Tour Championship



## Lucia Guercio, 23BJS

It is hard to believe that two months have already passed since the day I first stepped foot in Atlanta. From wandering around campus eager to discover the novelty of the place, to confidently running from one class to another, I believe that this time at Emory as a Bobby Jones Scholar has definitely toughened me (surely at least from running between the opposite sides of campus for back-to-back classes!). This is the longest period I have been away from home since before Covid, and at times it has been hard. However, I am glad I am managing to make new experiences while still feeling linked to my home.

I have thoroughly enjoyed trying the most eclectic courses on campus. I am finally pursuing my passion for Spanish and Latin American Studies academically, studying two advanced courses in Spanish and writing in the language for the first time. I hope to improve my abilities while also deepen my interest in the area, in sight of my future master in Latin American Studies. I am also enjoying deepening my knowledge of art history from a social science perspective through my course on Sociology of the Arts. Such intellectually challenging class are also paired with some more fun courses, which fully enrich the American college experience. In Italian and Sustainable Food, I am enjoying cooking classes and setting up a food fair with my class. In golf, I go on a weekly basis to a driving range. In Europe, cooking and PE classes definitely do not count toward credits!

Aside from my classes, I am thoroughly enjoying immersing myself in the broader student culture. From going to Maggie's on Friday nights to endless hours spent in Kaldi's Depot, I am finally living that American experience that I yearned so much for as a child watching Disney Channel shows. Meeting new people has been exciting, but nothing compares to the feeling of seeing the old friends who have left an indelible mark on my heart. Thanks to the travel fund, I have been able to travel to New York, Boston, and DC to visit many of my friends from St Andrews who moved back to the US. This scholarship is providing me with a chance to keep my ties to St Andrews, while exploring new chances for my future. I have also had the chance to play a round of golf with my oldest friend from St Andrews, thanks to the helpful lessons between Emory and East Lake. In the future, I will hopefully be able to play an alumni game at the Old Course, too!



Golf lessons at East Lake



## Sarah Millar, 23BJS

So far, I have had a great semester at Emory and have been adjusting well to life in the US! It is hard to believe we have been here for two months already!

I have really enjoyed my classes thus far, most notably my American history class, where I have been able to apply my background of American politics from my International Relations Degree to my (somewhat limited) history knowledge. The way classes work and are taught here are quite different from the style I had become used to after four years in St Andrews, which has been a challenging but also refreshing change! I have really enjoyed taking golf lessons, both through Emory and East Lake Golf Club thanks to Jeff McKenna. As a competitive person when it comes to sport, I can say with confidence that golf is not as easy as people make it look! Because of this I am determined to vastly improve my golf skills by the end of my year in Atlanta! I have also been taking yoga as a class here at Emory, which has been a helpful and relaxing edition to my academic schedule.

We have immersed ourselves in different aspects of life in Atlanta, trying Southern food and exploring new parts of the city like the Beltline and Ponce City Market. I have also had the opportunity to volunteer with Slow Food Emory, cooking surplus produce from local farmers to make meals for a local-access fridge - which has been a great way to connect with and give back to the local and wider Atlanta community. We have also attended a Georgia Bulldogs game at UGA in Athens with Lauren, our program coordinator, and her husband Andrew. We had a great time experiencing what an American Football Game is like for the first time! Attending the Fall Reception was an exciting time to meet some of the Bobby Jones Network, having the opportunity to connect with alumni and committee members on this side of the Atlantic.

Our next adventure will be to New York City for fall break, to experience life in another US city for a few days, meet up with some old friends and hopefully meet some new ones!



# SCHOLAR UPDATES

## Emory to St Andrews

### Sojourner Hunt, 22C 23BJS

My first month in St Andrews was full of new friends, windy beaches, dancing, and museums. Moving into Deans Court has been a quick and convenient way to meet people in St Andrews. From eating in our dining hall together to hanging in the common room, Deans Court has already become a strong community for me.

I have also found a community within my course. My favorite module, which is on global perspectives of museums, facilitates exactly the conversations I am interested in having and I am loving being in classes with 20 other people excited to read and think about these questions.

Outside of the classroom, I became a student ambassador. I also joined a dance club and take advantage of the impressive number of classes they offer across dance styles every week. I've had a lot of fun dipping my toe into Scottish dances. Sean and I go to reeling practice where we learn 1-2 new dances each week and look forward to showing off our skill at the culminating ball.

Lastly, I have fallen in love with the stars in St Andrews. Growing up in cities, seeing stars was never a part of my daily life, so I am mesmerized by the sky every night in St Andrews. Before the end of term I hope to go stargazing in the Highlands.



Left: Reeling practice with the Caledonian Society with Deans Court friends



Right: Our first walk down the street, right after we got dropped off from the airport

## Chanelle Russell, 22C 23BJS

For Chanelle, the transition to Scotland and life at St Andrews has been a rocky one. Between missing her flight, losing her AirPods, living without luggage for the first few days, and breaking her phone and laptop within two weeks of each other, her time here has been fraught with the pitfalls of digital life—but living without has taught her the joys of enjoying life in the moment. Also, it was her birthday in September and she had a wonderful time turning 23! Caught by an itching desire to travel, Chanelle has found a home in Dundee, a bigger city located 10 miles from campus filled to bursting with culture, good food, and kind Scottish people. She is excited by her ability to further travel Scotland, the UK, and Europe as a whole. Entering her program in Creative Writing, Chanelle has found purpose and grown expansively as a creator just in the space of a month, inspiring a further love for writing which has prompted her to apply for a prestigious joint MA+MFA program back in the states. The scenic and sleepy town of St Andrews has provided respite from the go-go-go culture of a big city, allowing Chanelle to hunker down and devote her energy to a novel-length project exploring the realities of life in simultaneously racialised and feminized bodies, the lingering traumas of colonialism, and those terribly beautiful things that haunt us.

October marks the beginning of Black History Month in the UK, and Chanelle is excited to attend forthcoming events hosted by the BAME Students' Network and the Afro-Caribbean Society, such as an upcoming takeover of the Wardlaw Museum. In her short time here, Chanelle has made meaningful connections and thrown herself into St Andrews' unhurried but loving social community. While Chanelle wishes things stayed open a little later (she's a night owl), this opportunity to reflect and grow has been a cherished and generative time. When she finds time, Chanelle is excited to explore London, Paris, and Amsterdam—and, of course, to discover all that life in Scotland has to offer.



## Bryn Walker, 200x 22C 23BJS

I have immersed myself into life in St Andrews and Deans Court. I helped throw several successful birthday parties for fellow residents, including Chanelle! Being from Indiana, an almost entirely land locked state, I am making every effort to go to the beach multiple times a day. I love visiting East Sands, West Sands, Castle Sands, and have even discovered a secret rocky beach. Every Saturday, I join a group of postgrads for swimming and then mac and cheese toasties from the Cheese Toasty Shack. I thoroughly enjoy my time, despite freezing! I will probably need to invest in a wet suit soon because I don't know how long I am going to last without one.

Another hobby I have enjoyed during my time in St Andrews has been going to local charity shops and thrifting some incredible clothes. I managed to find a black dress for 10 quid and evening gloves to wear to the Kate Kennedy Opening Ball. I have even been recruited by several different charity shops to come and volunteer. Follow me on Instagram @bryninscotland if you want to see my latest thrifting hauls!

Even though I have been keeping myself busy with hobbies and trying to stay on top of my coursework, I have been in poor health since my arrival in St Andrews. My rheumatoid arthritis flared up upon arrival and I have had to seek treatment. I have become the resident American expert on the NHS and am glad I figured it out! My treatment is in Dundee, so I have been taking the bus, which is comforting as it reminds me of when I used to take the shuttle from Oxford to the Atlanta campus. I am happy to report that my rheumatoid arthritis is now manageable, and I look forward to all the new things that still lay ahead at St Andrews.



Left to Right: Bryn at the beach, before the Ball, and on the Pier

## Sean Woo, 22C 23BJS

Although I have only been at St Andrews for a month, it has already begun to feel like home! Each day here, I am increasingly captivated by the beauty, history, and tradition of the town. I have been taking advantage of the lovely weather we have had as of late by going for many dips in the North Sea and walks along the Fife Coastal Path.

I have joined the laboratory of Professor Rebecca Goss, a brilliant scientist who combines biology and chemistry for medicinal purposes. Getting involved in the St Andrews School of Chemistry has shown me just how interconnected the chemistry world is, as I continue to discover ties between the faculty here and my beloved professors in Emory's Chemistry Department.

Outside of classes, research, and applying to medical schools, I have kept myself busy with Reeling practices for the Caledonian Society, exploring the outdoors with Breakaway (the Hillwalking Club), and various events with the Catholic Society. I have also found great joy in attending céilidhs and evening Compline with my Deans Court friends!

While most of my month was spent getting to know St Andrews, I did make my way to some of the nearby fishing towns. My coursemates and I ventured out to the nearby fishing towns of Anstruther and Pittenweem to try the best fish and chips in the UK and to see the Caves of Caiplie. I hope to soon explore the North Coast 500 to see the Highlands as well as make my way over to mainland Europe for the first time ever!

The nearby Jones alumni have been so supportive and welcoming during the past month as we have been settling in. It has brought tremendous comfort and peace to know that we have such a great support system surrounding us!

My first month has already been filled with so many unforgettable experiences; I am excited to see what the rest of the semester has in store for me!

Left to Right:  
Sean and a Deans Court friend at the first pier walk of the semester!

Admiring the beautiful stone that makes up the Caves of Caiplie!

Sean's first walk along the Fife Coastal Path towards the Maiden Rock!



# FALL RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Bobby Jones  
Program  
Alumni



Left: Lucia's  
winning putt as  
Sarah watches on.



Right: Alum, Steve  
Cannon, presents  
Lucia with the  
annual Putting  
Contest trophy.







# ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI

## Emory Advancement and Alumni Engagement



### July Trip to St Andrews for the 150th Open

Katie Busch, Lauren Cowan, and David Roemer traveled to St Andrews in July for the 150th Open and other events held in and around the University of St Andrews. Lauren and David golfed with Chris Norch and Rebecca Munro 22BJS at Kingsbarns Golf Links in a tournament sponsored by St Andrews (top). The weather was beautiful and the companionship was tremendous. Later that night, they attended the awards dinner in Lower College Hall and sadly did not take home any prizes.



On Tuesday July 12th, they met up with new JAC member Robert Oh to attend the Freedom of the City event. They had amazing seats in the third row to watch Jack Nicklaus become an honorary citizen of St Andrews (middle, left) joining the ranks of Bobby Jones and Benjamin Franklin. Also at the event, Honorary Degrees of Doctor of Laws were presented to Lee Trevino, José María Olazábal, Catriona Matthew, Sir Bob Charles and Sandy Lyle. It was quite marvelous to see!



Katie and Lauren also had the opportunity to meet up with different sets of scholars for various meals around town. They grabbed breakfast with 22BJS alums, Jessica Leech, Rebecca Munro, and Robin Legg at Northpoint and lunch at Hotel du Vin with 22BJS alums Sarah Hunter and Kendall Chan along with incoming 23BJS scholar Ross Barclay. All were happy and well fed!



On their last day in St Andrews Katie, Lauren, and David attended the Open on the first day of the tournament. They were hosted by Robert Oh in the Doosan Corporation tent, a presenting sponsor of the Open (middle, right and bottom). The time spent connecting with Robert was great!

# ALUMNI NEWS



## Jonathan Lass, Emory to St Andrews, 94BJS 95C

Jonathan was named a recipient of the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award by the Student Bar Association of the University of Texas School of Law for the 2021-2022 academic year. The award recognizes Jonathan's excellence in teaching and service. Congratulations Jonathan! [Read the press release here.](#)

## Garrett Turner, Emory to St Andrews, 11C 12BJS

Garrett is playing Ike Turner in the first national tour of TINA the Tina Turner Musical. Click here to [view the schedule](#). Consider seeing Garrett in February when TINA is at the Fox!



## Alan Jenkins, St Andrews to Emory, 10BJS

Alan was one of the journalists outside Balmoral Castle in Scotland to help break the news of the Queen's passing. He spent three hours live broadcasting across Channel 5 News in the U.K as the story went from doctors being concerned about her health to the sad news she had passed away.

## Alistair Hicks, St Andrews to Emory, 79BJS

Alistair's new book, *Urban Mirrors*, published by Yapi Credi will be released in December 2022. He is also curating two shows of Paula Rego, one opening at the Kestner Gesellschaft in Hanover on October 29, 2022 until January 23, 2023 and the other at the Pera Museum in Istanbul which will open on December 21, 2022 until April 21, 2023.



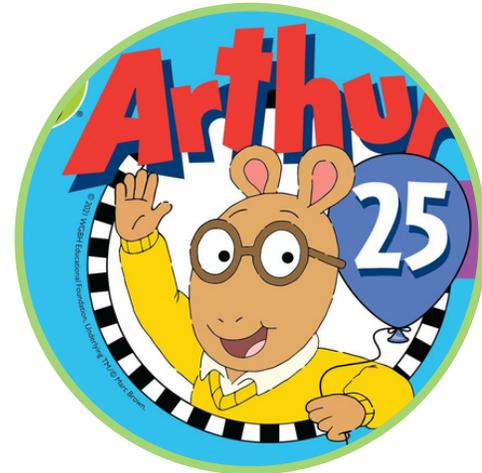


**Philip Paty, Emory to St Andrews, 78C 78G 79BJS**

In June 2022, Philip was awarded the Talcott Chair for Clinical Excellence, an endowed chair, awarded for outstanding contributions in clinical care and translational research. Philip has been on the surgical faculty of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for 30 years. Congratulations Philip!

**Holly Gregory, Emory to St Andrews, 96C 97BJS**

Holly is proud to announce the launch of a new Arthur podcast this fall. She has been showrunning the children's podcast for PBS and is excited for everyone to give it a listen. Look for it everywhere you find your podcasts!



**Uriel Castaneda, Emory to St Andrews, 08C 09BJS**

Uriel and Ashley welcomed Leandro Juan Castañeda into their family on August 19th, 2022. Big sister Itzel and big brother Urielito could not be happier to have a baby brother. They look forward to the weather cooling down in Arizona to spend more time outside!

**Frederick Chen, Emory to St Andrews, 90C 91BJS**

Dr. Frederick Chen is the Chief Health and Science Officer for the American Medical Association. Prior to joining the AMA, he was Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Services in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Chief of Family Medicine at Harborview Medical Center. He continues to be based in Seattle, WA, where he lives with his wife Michelle and their kids Chelsea (17) and Theo (14).



# BOBBY JONES IN THE NEWS

Sarah Millar, 23BJS, was recently featured in The Times' article [Hard Putt to Beat the Royal and Ancient St Andrews](#). Read an excerpt below and [click here](#) for the full article.

The prestigious Bobby Jones scholarship, as students of both seats of learning call it, is named in honour of the most successful amateur in the history of golf – the tenth hole at the Royal and Ancient is also named after him.

The fraternal scholarship between St Andrews, where Jones shone on the golf course, and Emory University, where he excelled in the law tutorials, was set up in 1976. It offers students 12 months of all expenses-paid study and travel. And golf.

"I don't play golf," Millar said, smiling. "And I didn't lie in my application. It's an academic scholarship."

