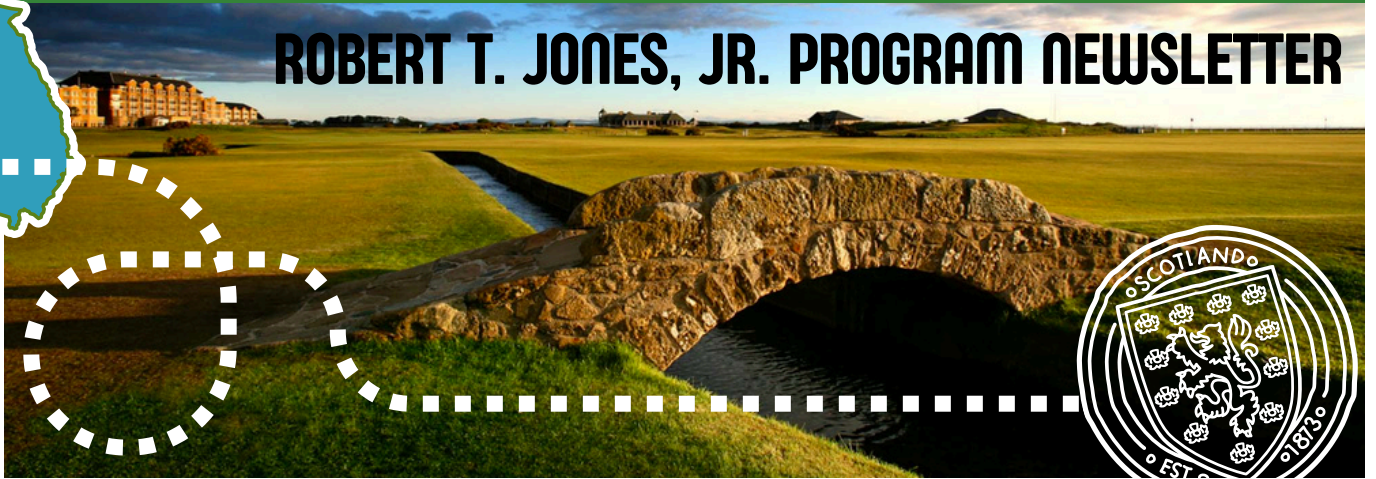


THE JONES NOTES

ROBERT T. JONES, JR. PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Thank you for reading the latest edition of the Jones Notes Newsletter! This issue features updates from our scholars at Emory and St Andrews, a tribute to President Carter, and alumni updates. Enjoy!



Oliver Gregory O8BJS and President Carter

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SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Alex Hargreaves, 25 BJS

I thoroughly enjoyed my classes last semester and was particularly proud of a documentary I co-created with another student for my film class. I would never have imagined doing this kind of project before, but it turned out to be such a rewarding and enjoyable experience and is a perfect example of why the Bobby Jones Scholarship is so special.

Since our last update, I traveled to Nashville for a weekend with Harry and Magnus. Nashville has been at the top of my list for a long time, and it certainly did not disappoint. Some personal highlights were the Country Music Hall of Fame and experiencing the incredible live music scene that seems to exist 24/7 on Broadway. In October, the four of us took a trip out to Savannah, which of course involved a spooky ghost tour of the town (in full Halloween costumes). We headed to Tybee Island for the afternoon on our way home which was gorgeous. I have always lived by the sea, so it provided me with some much-needed beach time. I have also loved getting out and playing more golf this past semester. I certainly have a long way to go, but I feel like I'm improving and discovering a real love for the game. Magnus and I have enjoyed playing at Charlie Yates, and also took a trip down to Bobby Jones Golf Course which was stunning.

Left to Right: Golf at Bobby Jones Course; View from the Pier at Tybee Island; Getting thrown off a mechanical bull in Nashville



Victor Mendoza-Galvis, 25 BJS

The study of computer science continues to captivate me, and I eagerly anticipate delving deeper into machine learning, building upon the foundation established during the first semester. The allure of Savannah during Halloween proved irresistible. Its enchanting beauty, interwoven with a tapestry of rich history, left an indelible mark. Christmas break offered a cherished opportunity to reconnect with my family in Colombia, it was the first December in over a decade that I was able to share these festive dates with them. I'm particularly excited to visit New Orleans in the coming term, with the hope of indulging in its renown culinary scene, perhaps even experiencing the flavours of Mardi Gras.

SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Magnus Burnet, 25 BJS

Reflecting on my first semester at Emory, I am amazed by how quickly it flew by. Academically, I have thoroughly enjoyed my classes, particularly Marketing Management and Photography, which have challenged me to think more creatively and strategically.

Beyond the classroom, this past semester has been filled with incredible golfing opportunities. A huge thank you to David Roemer for an unforgettable round at East Lake, and to Bruce Barfield for introducing me to the stunning Highlands course at Atlanta Athletic.

During the winter break, I took the chance to travel back home to Kenya, where I spent a sunny Christmas with my family and then spent a few weeks camping in Northern Kenya to bring in the New Year.

Now, as I write this from my plane seat back to Atlanta, I am feeling very revitalized and excited for the second half of the year. One of the key highlights for this semester will be starting an internship at the Carter Center, working in their major gifts department. In the light of President Carter's recent passing, this feels like an important and particularly meaningful time to contribute to the organization and his incredible legacy.

Looking ahead, I'm determined to make the most of this semester before it flies by. I'm eager to explore new places, embrace new opportunities, and connect with even more incredible people in the Bobby Jones community.



SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Josh Rankin, 25 BJS

My time so far on the Bobby Jones program has been fantastic. I have been studying a variety of subjects, from the history of partition in India to Anthropology and performance. Throughout my studies here I have written on fascinating subjects such as the absence of disability study in anthropology, conducting an ethnographic study with disabled students and creating an anthropological play about their experiences and the struggles of being young and disabled. This study helped me open my eyes to new forms of academic expression and data analysis. Alongside that class I have been having a great time in delving deeper into my academic interests and preparations for later study.

Taking a break from my studies, I went home for the winter break to spend Christmas and Hogmanay with my family in Glasgow, where I had the pleasure of taking care of 10 little German Shepherd puppies and getting to meet a lot of friends from St Andrews. On the way to and from Glasgow, I spent a great week in London exploring the city and catching up with friends, including going to the Winter Wonderland.

Outside of academics and winter break, I have been getting involved in the wider Emory community, I joined LTE, or Liberation Through Education and the British society here. Through both of these, I have been able to meet a ton of people and make fast friends. Meanwhile, I've taken the chance to explore more of Atlanta, having gone to the Martin Luther King Museum and the Aquarium for the first time. Speaking of first times, I had my very first Thanksgiving with the Woodruff Scholars hosted by the amazing Scholars Associate Director, Janet Gonzales! We were also privileged to attend the St Andrews Society, invited by the wonderful Alan and Melanie Pinkerton, where we had a great night of dancing, food and good company! Outside of Atlanta, Victor, Magnus, Alex and I had a wonderful Halloween in Savannah; we explored the city, went on a ghost tour and had a great night meeting people from the city. While we were in Savannah, we stumbled across a red-carpet event at Savannah College of Art and Design; we got to see a bunch of stars on the red carpet, including Sebastien Stan! In terms of places I'm hoping to visit, I'm really looking forward to the trip to DC and am hoping to maybe even travel to the Kentucky Derby.



SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Amelia Andujar, 24C 25BJS

So far so great in St A! I have absolutely loved applying the concepts I've learned through my program in Global Social and Political Thought to my desired area of research focused on Latin America. I've written on topics ranging from border conflicts between the Dominican Republic and Haiti to analyzing the political legitimacy of Hugo Chavez. My professors have really encouraged me to dive into this work and have expressed interest in how I've managed to locate my scholarship into a region that the program often overlooks. It's been really fun to work with different professors on a weekly basis, but especially rewarding to be mentored by one of our program directors as I refine my writing and research skills.

My primary involvement on campus has been through the Deans Court Committee where I serve as both our Media and Merchandise Officer and interim Secretary, as well as my participation in the Blue Angels competitive dance team. For the first time ever I'm technically a student athlete (I have the Saints Sport jacket and everything to prove it) and I'm giddy about it. I am due to arrive early in St Andrews for our pre-season as we prepare to compete all around the UK for nearly every weekend of the Spring. I've made so many friends on the team, and I can't wait to represent the Saints. In terms of traditions, I participated in Raisin weekend, celebrated Guy Fawkes Night, went to the Welly Ball and the Christmas Ball! It's been a pleasure to partake in all of these with my friends from Deans Court. My favorite travel experience was a trip to Paris and Amsterdam with nine of my friends before we all left for break. I had dreamt of seeing Paris since I was a little kid, and being able to see the city with people that I love meant the world to me. Over the break, I've been bouncing all over the place! I went home to the Dominican Republic to see my family (and defrost from a very Scottish winter), and have since stopped by Miami, Boston, New York City, and Atlanta visiting friends from college. Once I'm back in St Andrews for the semester, I hope to visit Vienna and Marrakech, and to go see some friends in Madrid and Munich!



SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Grace Johnson, 210x 23C 25BJS

Winter in Scotland has been such a cozy time to spend with new friends and enjoy the holiday season. The short days aren't so bad in a place that takes decorating and Christmas cheer so seriously! I was able to go on a hiking trip in the highlands and several other hiking day trips that have been incredible. One of my favorite St Andrews traditions was the South Street Ceilidh on St Andrews Day. My family also got to visit over winter break, and even though Hogmanay was canceled due to weather, I enjoyed showing them around a place that has already become so special to me. Mainland Europe is so close, so we also made a trip over to Germany to do a history tour of Nurenburg, Berlin, and Munich!

In November, the Gender Studies cohort presented final projects in a full-day symposium. I loved getting to see a semester's worth of theory applied to current gender controversies. My work centered around gender and sex education in children's TV shows. I am also currently brainstorming for my thesis and have met with several medical school faculty to discuss integrating both gender and health into my research.

I am also trying to expose myself to as many new experiences as I can. In December, I completed a weekend-long racetrack training for medical professionals, did a full day of car crash scenarios, and was able to network with many healthcare workers in Scotland. Although I have worked on an ambulance for 5 years, putting out fires was not in my job description- so that was new! I cannot wait to see what next semester holds.



SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Shreyas Rajagopal, 24C 25BJS

St Andrews has become my second home these past few months, and I cannot believe the year has already wrapped up. I became an adventurer the second half of the Martinmas semester, traveling around Europe on trips to Copenhagen and Sweden, Mallorca and Southern Spain, Central Europe (Vienna, Budapest, and Bratislava), as well as Paris and Amsterdam. Each of these has been indescribably special, especially as I jet-set with my Bobby Jones and St Andrews friends, taking countless pictures and forming lifelong memories. I've also embarked on a couple road trips to the Highlands with my course mates, exploring Fort William and the views of Ben Nevis. After spending Christmas in London, I am back home for a few weeks in January but excited to continue traveling this upcoming semester!

Though I've been exploring the world, I have also simultaneously been immersing myself in the St Andrews community. I attended the Welly Ball as well as the Christmas Ball with Deans Court friends and had an amazing time at these events. As the social convenor, I recently organized and hosted our very own Deans Court Christmas Ball at the Rusacks Hotel, which turned out to be a smashing success. I have expanded my academic horizons, attending presentations in international relations, even getting the opportunity to meet the German ambassador to the UK. I keep busy, but I also never miss out on a walk to the Scores or a drink at Central, two of our classic evenings in St Andrews. I truly can't wait to see what this new year and next semester brings to my time in Scotland!



SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Amelia Tamez, 24C 25BJS

In my first semester at University of St Andrews, I have made the most amazing friends and have had the most unforgettable experiences. I spend my days attending research meetings, eating meals with my fellow Deans Court mates, walking along the beach, reading, and enjoying the company of all my amazing friends from all around the world.

I am continuing my research, working towards writing my dissertation for the MSc(Res) under the Earth and Environmental Sciences department. I work closely with the archaeological team at McMaster University on the Stelida Naxos Archaeological Project (SNAP) to further the study of the peak sanctuary at Stelida, Naxos, specifically in the reconstruction of its socio-religious 'catchment area'. My field season in Naxos, Greece will be this February and March, where I will travel to Naxos for 3 weeks to collect data that I will then take back to St Andrews to analyze for my dissertation. I will spend my time there collaborating closely with members of our research team, uncovering ways to involve petrological and geochemical methodologies to the lithic artifacts at the Greek archaeological site. To get involved outside of my personal research, I have joined the Geological Society and the Paleontological Society, joining in on social events and pub quizzes with various undergraduates and postgraduates. I have also participated in a program that connects university students with the local children's nursery, where I have read and played with the kids for many hours.

Over the semester, I have traveled to five separate countries including Denmark, Sweden, Spain, Holland, and France. All my adventures have included my Bobby Jones peers, Amelia and Shreyas, whom I have grown very fond of this semester. I have found joy in discovering the ease of inter-European travel and plan to visit many more countries in my second semester, especially with friends from my accommodation and fellow Bobby Jones Scholars. At the end of the semester, I went to Edinburgh for two days, experiencing the rich history and fun Christmas markets that the city had to offer. After the semester wrapped up, I have spent my Winter Break with my parents, two brothers, grandmother, and dog in Seattle, WA for some much-needed family time.



TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT CARTER

WRITTEN BY DEAN JOANNE BRZINSKI

On December 29, 2024, President Jimmy Carter passed away at his home in Plains, Georgia. A devoted public servant with an international legacy, President Carter nevertheless maintained deep roots in his home state. He was University Distinguished Professor at Emory for more than 40 years and, in 1982, established The Carter Center with Rosalynn Carter to advance international human rights. National and local memorials have enumerated the impact of his presidency and tireless post-presidential work.

President Carter also had a long relationship with the Bobby Jones Scholarship. For more than 30 years, President Carter met every spring with the St Andrews to Emory Bobby Jones Scholars and Fellows. This tradition began shortly after he was appointed University Distinguished Professor and continued until President and Mrs. Carter took a step back from their commitments in spring 2018. I was lucky enough to attend those meetings for 15 years.

No matter the invariable weight of his other commitments, President Carter always came prepared. Without referencing any notes, he knew each Scholar by name and had tailored questions for each of them. He asked about the Scholars' academic and personal interests, and their experiences living in the United States and attending Emory. He told stories about his own life and responded to Scholars' questions. At various times, he talked about his family, his love of fishing, his writing, growing up in Plains, traveling the world, his faith, and his relationship with Rosalynn. He also appreciated and commented on the many Scholars who served as interns at The Carter Center, supporting his work. He even occasionally talked about current politics.

I remember those meetings fondly – filled with humor and meaningful conversations. The exchanges were not the same from year to year, and I don't remember him telling the same story more than once (though I did get to hear about guinea worms frequently!). I admired how those meetings showcased his interest in and love for every individual he met. Like Bobby Jones and the many Jones Scholars who have received the scholarship over its rich history, President Carter was a community leader dedicated to international collaboration. I am thankful for the enduring impact of his presence and honored to count him as a member of the Bobby Jones Community.



Left: 1989-1990 St Andrews to Emory Scholars (L-R): John Ingersoll, Vivienne Musgrave, President Carter, Maxine Pritchard, and David Walker.



Right: 2017-2018 St Andrews to Emory Scholars (L-R): Naomi Boon, Fiona Pollock, Georgia Spencer-Rowland, Bethany Sikes (Fellow), Naomi Marshall, Rebecca Spens (Fellow)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN THE SCHOLARS IN WASHINGTON, DC

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**THE BOBBY JONES PROGRAM
INVITES YOU TO**

LUNCH WITH THE SCHOLARS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
11:30 A.M.

FOUNDING FISHERS & BAKERS
3000 K St NW, The Washington, Harbour at
The Georgetown W, Washington, DC 20007

RSVP to Allison by February 14
allison.mehlman@emory.edu



JOIN EMORY EVENTS IN THE UK

The Bobby Jones Program
invites you to

**Brunch
with the
Scholars**

Sunday, March 9, 2025
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Hotel Indigo, 20 Princes Street
Edinburgh, EH2 2AN, UK

RSVP to Allison by March 3
allison.mehlman@emory.edu





The Bobby Jones Program
invites you to

**Alumni
Meet Up**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Kings Arms - Mayfair
2 Shepherd Market
London, W1J7QA, UK

RSVP to Allison by February 26
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UPCOMING EVENTS



THE BOBBY JONES PROGRAM
INVITES YOU TO THE

ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

4:00PM - 6:00PM
EMORY CONVOCATION HALL

REGISTER

ALUMNI NEWS



Alan Jenkins, St Andrews to Emory, 10BJS

Alan was recently included in an exhibition which looks at how pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds have gone on to excel in their chosen careers. The exhibition called "Possible Paths" is on show in Fife and Alan was incredibly proud to be a part of this, encouraging people from his hometown to dream big. In high school Alan never thought he could end up being on screen as a television correspondent. He hopes that is where he is now is proof it can happen and will hopefully inspire others!



Dave Kirkpatrick, Emory to St Andrews, 95C 96BJS

Dave is happy to share that his daughter, Amara, is starting her academic career at Oxford Emory this spring (B Jones scholar of 28?). She's interested in continuing the work she's been doing in genetic cancer research at a biotech firm. In other news, David was asked to lead his firm, Marathon Capital, an investment bank focused on clean energy. Finally, the family got a chocolate lab rescue named Chewie over the holidays. If you're ever in San Diego, come by their place to meet him and eat some great fish tacos.



David Walker, St Andrews to Emory, 90BJS

David has been based in Tokyo for a year now working with Citibank. If any Jones alumni or program staff are coming through Tokyo, he would be glad to connect and welcome them with lunch or dinner there. David's wife, Dr. Catherine Walker, works at the University of Tokyo teaching life sciences.

ALUMNI NEWS



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

Jonathan was named for the second year in a row in the publication “Super Lawyers” for the State of Texas in the area of technology law and intellectual property. Congratulations Jonathan!



Kendall Chan, Emory to St Andrews, 20C 22BJS

In November, Kendall wrapped up her role as IE Regional Research Director at the House Majority PAC, where she contributed opposition research and strategy for over 25 battleground congressional races in the 2024 U.S House elections. Post-election, she was able to take a long-awaited trip to Scotland and St Andrews, where she got to reunite with Sarah Hunter (Emory to St A, 2022), and even got to see old friends and new Bobbies in Edinburgh thanks to the St Andrews team. Now back in DC, she is looking for new roles furthering justice and accountability utilizing her research background— feel free to reach out to connect!



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Tracey Horn, St Andrews to Emory, 92BJS

Tracey graduated from the University of Cambridge in May 2024 with an Executive MBA. Her individual project was on gendered conflict in the workplace and she has been asked by the management school to contribute a chapter to a forthcoming Inclusive Leadership practitioner book on conflict resolution in the workplace. Congratulations Tracey!

ALUMNI NEWS

Lilias Bell, St Andrews to Emory, 84BJS



Lilias was attracted to Emory because of the research undertaken at the Yerkes Regional Primate Centre and had a fascinating year working with Professor Kim Wallen and his research team on a project exploring the impact of a contraceptive implant on a rhesus monkey hierarchy. While she enjoyed this work she realized that her heart was not in academia; not enough to invest in the cost of a Masters! Through a series of happy circumstances, when she returned to London she fell into a career in Executive Search and proved to have a knack for getting senior appointments right. Lilias used to have a chuckle when people heard she had a degree in psychology and suggested this might be why she was talented with selecting leaders. If only they knew that she had watched a lot of monkey business rather than people! Lilias moved to New Zealand in 1994 and built a successful boutique business which she sold to a Nasdaq quoted company in 2010. Her year at Emory was extremely helpful when it came to connecting with her US owners. Since retiring from Search she have taken up golf and wishes she would have played whilst at St Andrews. Lilias is addicted to golf but a poor player. She has been involved with philanthropic roles for the past ten years but now fully retired and hoping to get to grips with the 60 years of diary writing that her mother left to her. Lilias will make the Jones 50 year reunion in July 2027 the focus of her international travel that year and looks forward to returning to Emory. In the meantime, any Jones scholars that travels to New Zealand are welcome to get in touch!



2004-2005 Jones Scholars
at Emory (L-R) Derek
MacLeod, Annette
Jeneson, President Carter,
Alison Pollard, and Ben
Spiers