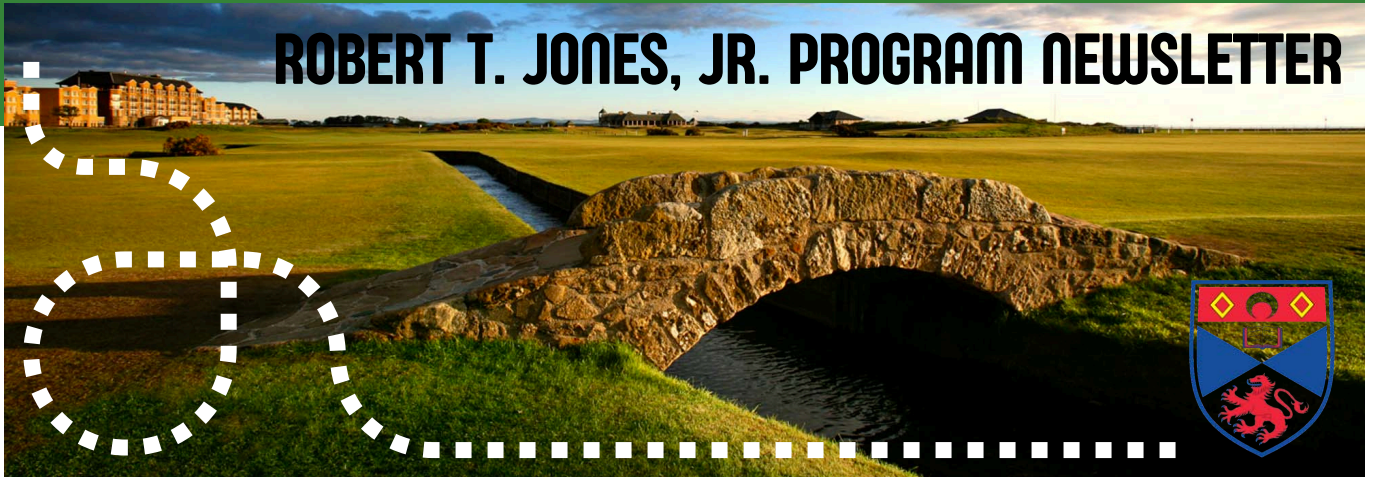


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THE JONES NOTES

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, photos from the Fall Reception, and alumni updates. Enjoy!



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COMMITTEE UPDATE

A LEGACY OF CHARACTER, A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITY

David Roemer reflects on the transformative power of the Bobby Jones Program and shares his vision as the new Emory Jones Advisory Committee Chair

If you're anything like me, you read more news than you probably should – and get more alerts than you might want – about the state of the world.

That's especially why stepping into this role as Emory's Chair of the Robert T. Jones, Jr. Advisory Committee has been such an energizing reminder of what's good and true: intellectual excellence, leadership grounded in integrity, and character that stands the test of time. To be part of a community defined by these ideals – and inspired by Scholars who embody them so brilliantly – is a profound honor.

It doesn't seem that long ago that I arrived at St Andrews with half as many clothes as I needed but more than enough golf clubs. Like it has for so many others, the Bobby Jones Program changed my life forever. It opened my eyes to the world beyond the familiar, introduced me to lifelong friends, and shaped the way I see purpose and possibility. Now, to help lead this program forward – building on the extraordinary foundation laid by so many before me – is one of the greatest privileges of my life.

The years ahead offer us a remarkable opportunity: to expand the reach and relevance of this extraordinary program, to amplify the good our community can do in the world, and to deepen the bonds that unite us. Together, we can ensure that the spirit of Bobby Jones continues to inspire future generations—not just as a legacy to honor, but as a living force for greatness, empathy, and impact.

And what better moment to celebrate that shared vision than at our 50th Anniversary Reunion in Atlanta in Summer 2027—a milestone that will honor our history and launch us boldly into the future.

But first, I'd love to hear from you. In your wildest imagination, what do you hope the Bobby Jones Program becomes? Or what are some small steps for improvement? How would you like to be involved in the next chapter? Please reach out to me at droemer@ideasunited.com, as I'd be thrilled to connect and begin this journey together.

With gratitude, optimism, and excitement for what's ahead,
David Roemer



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SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Rosie McNaught, 26 BJS

I'd like to begin by thanking the many supporters, alumni, and friends of the program who have facilitated our warm welcome in Atlanta. Your kindness and hospitality is much appreciated, and it has been a pleasure connecting with you all through the spirited legacy of Bobby Jones. Dr Bob IV fondly recounted anecdotes about his grandfather to us during a particularly memorable visit to Atlanta Athletic Club, and the privilege of hearing such personal stories brought to life is a moment that will always stay with me.

Academically speaking, I have loved settling into my Linguistics, History, and Dance classes, and uncovering unexpected areas of overlap between my studies at Emory and St Andrews has brought me great delight. I hadn't considered, for example, that ballet was such a robust vehicle of geopolitical tensions during the Cold War aftermath – who would've known?! Equally engaging have been my discussions of gender and linguistics, an intersection in which I have long held interest, and similarly, studying the Civil Rights Movement within the historic landscape of Atlanta has been a deeply resonant experience.

Over the Fall Break, I had a wonderful time in Washington D.C., balancing culture with catchups. Between visiting the National Museum of American History and the National Museum of Natural History, stopping by the Capitol Building and The White House, exploring Georgetown, and meeting with friends and alumni along the way, it was a busy trip! Ahead of Winter Break, I'm currently planning a visit to Nashville and am eager to see more of the East Coast, too. In the meantime, I intend to maintain my busyness as I begin volunteering for Emory Reads (where I'm sure the fourth-graders will teach me a lesson or two!), while also keeping up with my golf practice. It is safe to say that our year is off to a fantastic start, and I keenly await to the months yet to come.



SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Christie Paul, 26 BJS

It is hard to believe a whole two months have passed since arriving to the US! I have been thoroughly enjoying my classes, taking a Masters course in Marketing Management has been insightful in deepening my existing knowledge from my Management degree at St Andrews. The opportunity to take business elective classes such as Product and Brand Management and Negotiations have been useful and fun. I am also taking a Sociology class, where we visited the High Museum, exploring their Civil Rights exhibit, and are eagerly in the planning and pre-production stages to create our own shadow puppetry performance which we will perform live to a public audience in Atlanta this December!

Aside from classes, I have been active in seeing more of Atlanta. Attending my first football game, watching the Falcons play the Tennessee Titans at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium was an awesome start to the year. Watching the final day of the Tour Championship at East Lake from the first tee hospitality box was very special and would not have been possible without the generosity of David Roemer. One thing I did not anticipate but am delighted to be doing again is swimming, having the outdoor pool beside the scholar apartment has been so convenient to use regularly and has been a great way to switch off after classes. I took part in the 'Shoot the Hooch' event (tubing 2.5 miles down the Chattahoochee River) alongside other Emory Scholars and partook in jumping off the embankment cliff with some fellow adrenaline junkies! Lastly, I have been playing a lot of golf. On my birthday I played my first round of golf at AAC and played for the Club the following day in a Ryder Cup styled match-play event against visitors from the R&A, Muirfield and Gullane. I was happy to be in the company of other Team Europe supporters in the clubhouse afterwards to see Europe dramatically clench that nail-biting victory!

Over Fall Break, I explored New York City and Long Island, connecting with St Andrews alumni and close friends.



SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Robyn Scott, 26 BJS

My time at Emory so far has been absolutely wonderful! Academically, I've made quite the shift from chemistry to the humanities, and I'm loving every moment of it. I'm currently taking The Russian Anti-Novel, Modern English Literature, Issues in Art Conservation, and Roman Law. The literature classes have me reading about two books a week, which is challenging but incredibly rewarding – I'm discovering so many authors and perspectives I'd never encountered before. The variety of courses available here has really allowed me to broaden my academic horizons in ways I couldn't at St Andrews.

I've also gotten involved on campus by joining the editorial board of the Emory Wheel, and I've really enjoyed contributing to the newspaper. Beyond campus, I've been making the most of being in the States! During fall break, I went on an incredible road trip with other international students to Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon, and Las Vegas – seeing the Grand Canyon in person was truly breathtaking. The weather here has been gorgeous, and I've taken advantage of it by starting to play golf (how fitting for a Bobby Jones Scholar!). We've been incredibly fortunate to meet loads of fabulous alumni and attend some amazing sporting events, including the East Lake Championship and an NFL game. I'm really looking forward to our upcoming Jones on the Road trip to Boston and continuing to explore more of this wonderful country (San Francisco and San Diego are now definitely on my bucket list). A huge thank you to everyone in the Jones community for making this experience possible!



SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Lydia King, 23Ox 25C 26BJS

I am absolutely loving my course, social anthropology. I double majored at Emory, and the course has been such a great opportunity to be more rooted in the discipline of anthropology. My cohort is quite small; there are just fourteen of us. We grab coffee together, get feedback on our essays from each other, and are constantly texting each other with random questions. When I'm not in the classroom, I've loved getting involved at St Andrews. I spend a lot of time playing frisbee on the St Andrews frisbee team, Saint's Ultimate. I am also a publicity assistant for Art Society, and a tour guide here! It's been loads of fun, and I get to wrap up my week by gardening at our Dean's Court garden on my Friday's.

I have definitely had lots of new experiences in this first month at St Andrews! We (all the Bobby's) went to Loch Ness the other weekend! I loved doing a boat tour and seeing the beautiful loch. I'm hoping to go to Loch Lomond for our next trip, since my dad used to sing me a song about it. Additionally, I'm part of an academic family here, which is a big tradition here at St Andrews! Freshers (or anyone new, like postgrads) get "adopted" by upperclassmen, and then you do events together as an academic family. It's been very wholesome; so far, we've done a potluck and a murder mystery dinner together.



There is lots of fresh fruit around St Andrews right now! Elizabeth and I found some free pears on a walk together.



I have really been leaning into my love for highland cows while here. My friends and I are tentatively thinking about starting a highland cow society. I saw this cow on a 5k that ended at a farm!



Here's me gardening at Dean's Court! It's been nice to have a low-stress way to keep gardening here at St Andrews.

SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

David Lee, 25C 26BJS

It has been a little over a month since I arrived at St Andrews, and I have already felt so much joy and social abundance in this short time—not only with the other Bobbies, but with the broader Dean's Court community as well! I particularly adore the weekly semi-formal tradition on Fridays; I find myself looking forward to this time of the week, when we all put on suits and dresses to dine and socialize. It is a structured but organic way for students in Dean's Court to get closer as a family. I also serve as the Secretary of Dean's Court. I am excited to work closer with the community to enhance our tightly knit postgraduate living experiences.

Outside of Dean's Court, I found community in the Sub aqua society, where I am currently in training to obtain my scuba diving license. I also tried out for and made the St Andrews Fashion Society, which was a big step outside my comfort zone. I have been attending rehearsals every week in preparation for the Spring 2026 fashion show! On Thursdays, I attend golf lessons with the Bobbies (my goal is to get good enough to play on a course by the end of the semester) and play pickleball at the Madras College Community Use center. Finally, I found a recognizable and comforting group of friends in the St Andrews Korean Society, where we regularly meet up for potlucks and game nights!

My academic experience has been equally fulfilling. A departure from my empirical research and skillset, my coursework in Global Social and Political Thought has pushed me to think critically about history and the theoretical discourse around economics, global inequality, and human rights. I am constantly looking to attend academic workshops, seminars, and luncheons for novel topics to expand my horizons.

Lastly, it has truly been a joy growing and spending time with the Bobbies. We had our first official Bobby trip in September to Loch Ness, and we will certainly have more in the near future. I cannot imagine spending time here with a more genuine, purposeful, or bright group of peers than Lucas, Lydia, and Elizabeth.



SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Elizabeth Martin, 25C 26BJS

The past few weeks have been incredible! I've settled into St Andrews and my modules nicely. Already I've experienced traditions like the pier walk, St Andrews vs Edinburgh rival rugby match, Deans Court semi-formal Fridays, and the Alfred Dunhill Tournament. I'm pursuing the Psychology (Conversion) MSc course, most enjoying my Conceptual Issues and Theoretical Perspectives class with formative assessments like 'favorite psychologist,' and 'what is a human?' Outside of class, I play on the Typhoons Ice Hockey team, attend Foreign Affairs Society programming, and, in the spirit of Bobby Jones, take golf lessons!

I've already taken advantage of the travel opportunities we are provided! In my first weekend, I took an overnight to Edinburgh. Soon after, the four Emory to St Andrews scholars took a day trip to Loch Ness. Most recently, I spent four days in Copenhagen enjoying the food, architecture, gardens, and canals. Upcoming (confirmed, booked!) travel includes a stint in Naples, Italy during independent learning week and London over Christmastime. I hope to travel to Amsterdam, Lisbon/Portugal more generally, and the Isle of May, once it's optimal puffin-viewing time.

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Beginning of the
Pier Walk on St
Salvators Quad;
Rugby match at
the Hive - St
Andrews vs
University of
Edinburgh;
Urquhart Castle
and Loch Ness



Bottom Left to
Right: Selections
from Copenhagen.
(1) View from
Christianshavn
Canal (2) View of
Amalienborg
Palace and
Frederiks Kirke
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Nyhavn Harbour.

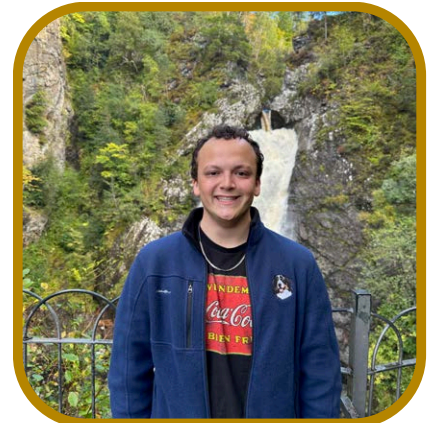


SCHOLAR UPDATES

EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Lucas San Miguel, 25C 26BJS

The last two months have been full of new friendships, exciting adventures, and academic discovery. My courses for the Global Sustainable Development degree have been very intriguing and forced me to think about development from a variety of new perspectives. My classes are full of international students and perspectives that I've never learned from before, so I'm really excited for the continued academic growth this year. In terms of societies, I've joined the Surf Team and the Scuba Diving Sub Aqua Society which has allowed me to spend plenty of time in the icy North Sea. When not surfing and diving I enjoy swimming at sunset for as long as I can last before I crave a hot chocolate from Cafe Nero. If I could describe the last two months in one word I'd use "Community." Deans Court surprised me. Seeing the same group of 60 people at 3 meals a day in our intimate dining hall has been so refreshing. I'll see some of these people more often than I did my best friends in undergrad. I already feel I've made such close friendships and love learning about everyone from the rugby-playing South Africans to the local UK students. Speaking of which, I attended my first and second rugby games. Josh Rankin, BJS alum St A-Emory last year, invited us over for a home-cooked Scottish meal which was a warm welcome to St Andrews. David, Lydia, Elizabeth, and I have made great use of the Bobby Mobile. We went on a road trip searching for the Loch Ness Monster (we saw him but don't ask for a photo) and hiking near Inverness. I also had my first Afternoon British Tea which was a stressful but exciting experience (apparently the Brits don't put their pinkies out). I can't wait for all that's to come in the year ahead and am so grateful to be here.



Left: the Scholars at Josh Rankin's 25BJS flat for dinner.

Right (top to bottom): waterfall; Dean's Court semiformal with friends Virginia and Tea; Sea Dip in the North Sea at Castle Sands.

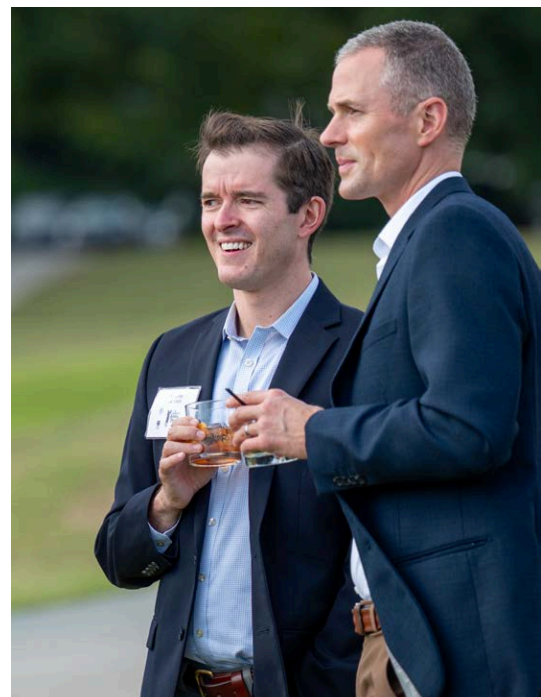
FALL RECEPTION

OCTOBER 19, 2025

The Annual Jones Program Fall Reception was held at East Lake Golf Club. This was a lovely event that featured remarks from Emory College of Arts and Sciences Dean Barbara Krauthamer, Jones Advisory Committee Chair, David Roemer, O2B O3BJS, and Senior Associate Dean, Joanne Brzinski. Over 50 attendees welcomed the newest St Andrews to Emory scholars and Rosie McNaught took home the Scholar Putting Contest trophy.

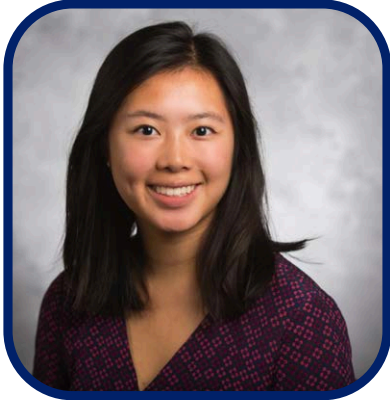






ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

EMORY JONES ADVISORY COMMITTEE



This fall, Kendall Chan joins the Emory Jones Advisory Committee as a Young Alum Member. A Bobby Jones Emory to St Andrews Scholar from 2021-22, Kendall was one of the first cohorts to attend St Andrews during the pandemic and subsequent trials of online learning. She graduated from Emory with a double major in History and Political Science, with a focus on racial and ethnic politics, and filled her semesters with activities such as Residence Life, student theater, Asian American student activism, and the Emory Helpline. In addition to serving as a tutor for refugee students in the greater Atlanta metro, Kendall also interned at a local women's political organization and the US Government Accountability Office in Washington, DC. At St Andrews, Kendall earned an MLitt in Peacebuilding and Mediation, a program offered under the School of

International Relations. She particularly enjoyed the course's emphasis on feminist and decolonial theory, as well as opportunities such as the chance to attend the COP26 in Glasgow with coursemates to serve as volunteer mediators during the historic climate conference. Along with thoroughly enjoying life at Dean's Court, Kendall spent her BJS year participating in student theater, attending weekend ceilidhs, working a part-time job on South Street, and attending a weeklong music festival. She took advantage of summertime and school breaks to travel to the Highlands, the Isle of Skye, Budapest, Lisbon, Galway, and the Greek islands. She wrote her dissertation on changes to child social policy in the US during the pandemic, and leveraged a new international lens gained at St Andrews to pursue a job in international development and human rights in Washington, DC. Kendall remains based in DC, where she is now conducting oppositional research for the upcoming elections cycle. She loves exploring the city's museums, dance, and food scene, especially with a surprising amount of St Andrews friends scattered throughout DC.

FALCONS GAME



The scholars were graciously hosted by Doug Hertz for an Atlanta Falcon's preseason game on August 15 - their second day in Atlanta!

They were joined by Jones Advisory Committee members and Emory staff to welcome them to Atlanta.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE



50TH ANNIVERSARY

Bobby Jones Program Reunion

JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 2027

ATLANTA, GA

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Moore, Lucas San Miguel

If you want to help shape the 50th
Anniversary, it's not too late to
join a committee!
[Complete this form.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST ANDREW'S ANNUAL BOBBY JONES

Alumni Gathering



THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

BREWHEMIA - EDINBURGH

drinks and nibbles provided

03.22.26

Save the Date

Spring Reception

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

ALUMNI NEWS



Gordon Tughan-Jones, St Andrews to Emory, 06BJS

Gordon is engaged to be married to Lily Campbell on 14 Feb 2026 (better known as 'Calcutta Cup day' - i.e., Scotland v England at rugby). They both recently founded and hosted a new annual piping recital entitled 'The London Recital', that was held at Dover House on Whitehall, London, on 25 Sept 2025, with highland dancing and piping from the 1st Battalion Scots Guards and solo piping from two of the world's top pipers, Iain Speirs and Angus MacColl. Created as a showcase for both light music and piobaireachd, the recital's aim is to encourage more involvement in piobaireachd, the ancient 'theme and variations' pipe music that is the highest form of the art of highland piping, and in canntaireachd, the traditional method of teaching it using singing. It brought together an audience comprised of many of the top organisations in solo piping and was hosted primarily by the piping society in London that Gordon is the Convenor of, the 'Pinstripe Highlanders'.



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

David and his family dropped off his daughter at the University of Pennsylvania to start her Masters in Nursing. While in town they had the chance to reconnect with fellow Jones Scholar, Bimal Desai, 95C 96BJS. Thanks for hosting us Bimal!



Amanda Ridings, St Andrews to Emory, 82 BJS

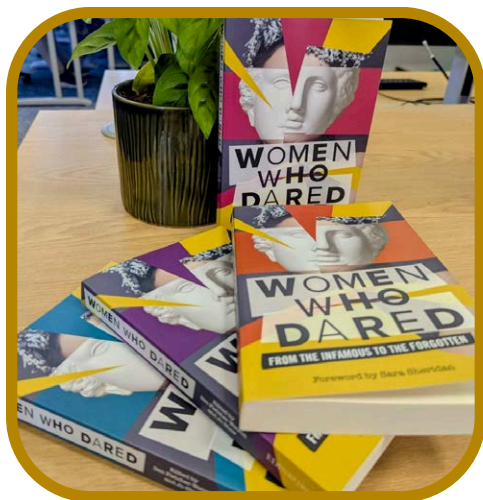
Amanda is preparing to publish her third book entitled, *Approaching Difference Differently*, at the end of November. Building on her previous work, *Pause for Breath*, this new book focuses on how we can change our practice in our leadership conversations and work skilfully with our body and mind to navigate the way that difference activates our fight/flight system. Amanda will share the cover art on LinkedIn once it's available. Her previous books can be found on her [website](#).

ALUMNI NEWS



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

Jonathan has received two legal awards from Super Lawyers and from the American Lawyer Organization. He was also appointed to the University of Texas System's Chancellor's Executive Council and was recently inducted at their September meeting in London. Congratulations, Jonathan!



Ben Fletcher-Watson, St Andrews to Emory, 05BJS

Ben has published the third book in a series about feminist issues. *Women Who Dared: From the Infamous to the Forgotten* is out now from Edinburgh University Press, with 45 essays from writers around the globe exploring the lives of monarchs, prophets, suffragists, soldiers, scientists, activists and artists over the past 2,000 years. Available from [EUP](#) and at all good book shops.



David Kulp, Emory to St Andrews, 20C 22BJS 26M

David was recently honored with a Young Investigator oral presentation at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) National Conference in Denver, recognizing his research contributions in pediatric cardiology. He presented on the current efforts at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) to integrate machine learning in prediction of pediatric deterioration in the cardiac acute care unit. He was joined in Denver by many other current trainees, graduates, and faculty of Emory and CHOA. He was also selected for the inaugural pipeline program of the AAP Section on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, an initiative designed to connect rising physicians with mentorship and opportunities in the field. David will be graduating from Emory School of Medicine in May 2026 and has recently applied to residency in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics.

ALUMNI NEWS



Trisha Nain, St Andrews to Emory, 07BJS

Trisha recently moved to Geneva, Switzerland from London with her husband and daughter for a new job with The World Economic Forum. Pictured left, is the family at the lake in Geneva with the Jet d'eau fountain. They are enjoying exploring a new city and eating lots of Swiss chocolate!



Carli Kovel, Emory to St Andrews, 19C 19BJS

Carli recently published a paper focusing on the development of renewable polyurethane thermoplastics and thermosets from hydroxy-terminated polycaryophyllene. These materials exhibit promising thermal and mechanical properties and can degrade in the presence of metathesis catalysts—offering a path toward more sustainable and potentially recyclable polyurethanes.



Balwant-Amrit Singh, Emory to St Andrews, 23C 24BJS

Balwant-Amrit started their first-year of medical school at the University of Massachusetts Chan School of Medicine. Pictured left is a photo of Balwant-Amrit and their family during the white coat ceremony. Congratulations!

COMMUNITY UPDATE

WITH GRATITUDE AND REMEMBRANCE

Dean Joanne Brzinski honors the memory of Tom Cousins, Marty Elgison, and Charlie Harrison

In recent months, the Bobby Jones community has mourned the loss of three cherished supporters of the Scholarship.

Tom Cousins was the chair of Emory's Bobby Jones Advisory Committee between 2005 and 2008. He stepped into this role after the death of Charlie Yates, who held the position since the beginning of the Scholarship program. Tom Cousins had a particularly deep connection to East Lake and Bobby Jones. He established the East Lake Foundation and played a pivotal role in the redevelopment of the East Lake community. As part of this effort, he purchased and redeveloped the historic East Lake Golf Club, ultimately bringing the Tour Championship to East Lake.

Martin (Marty) J. Elgison was an attorney at Alston and Bird and served as legal counsel for the Bobby Jones family. He was a member of Emory's Jones Advisory Committee during its first two decades and provided important support and advice to the Bobby Jones Scholarship program. Mr. Elgison served as president of the Bobby Jones Golf Course Foundation, a non-profit organization established to save and transform the facility, and he became its CEO when it re-opened in 2018.

Charlie Harrison was an award-winning amateur golfer and a mentee of Bobby Jones. He played golf at Georgia Tech, one of Bobby Jones' alma maters, and went on to have a distinguished career as an amateur golfer. Charlie Harrison helped establish both the East Lake Junior Golf Academy and The First Tee of East Lake. Mr. Harrison was a Friend of Bobby Jones, and a promoter of a strong relationship between the Scholarship and East Lake Golf Club. He was a regular attendee of receptions at East Lake and proudly won the coveted putting contest trophy in its' second year.

The Bobby Jones Program is deeply grateful for the enduring support these men provided and honors their lasting legacy with both the Scholarship and the East Lake Community.

