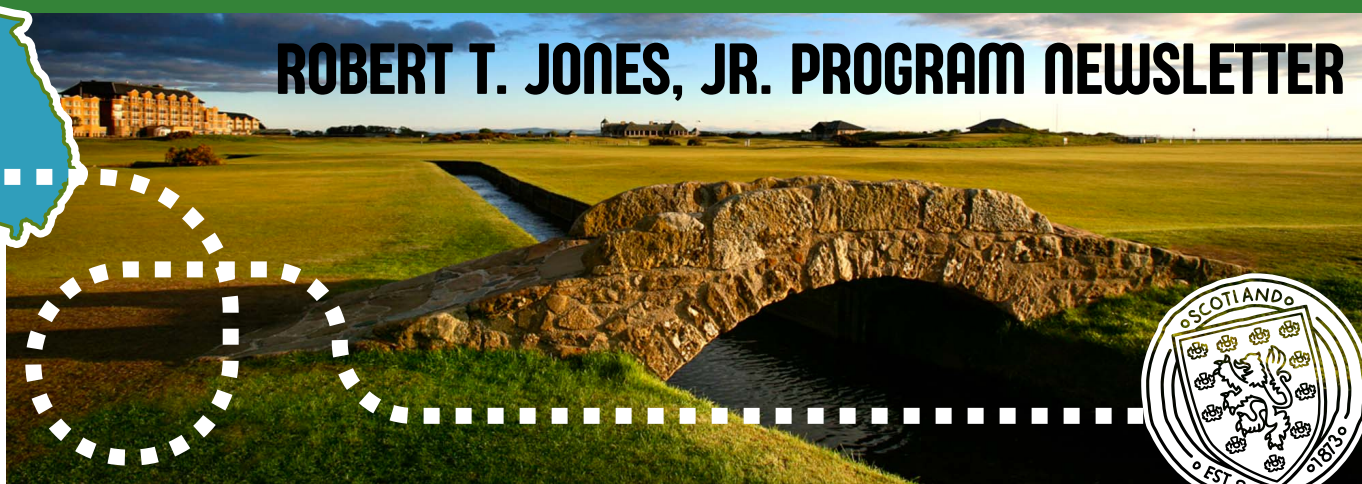


THE JONES NOTES

ROBERT T. JONES, JR. PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Thank you for reading the latest edition of the Jones Notes Newsletter! This issue features biographies for our newly selected scholars, updates from our scholars at Emory and St Andrews, highlights from the spring reception, the annual meeting at the Masters, and alumni updates. Enjoy!



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MEET THE SCHOLARS

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Hannah MacDonald, 27BJS
Glasgow, Scotland

Hannah studied Social Anthropology at St Andrews, where her interest in American culture led her to write her dissertation on the intersection of religion and politics in the United States. Alongside her studies, Hannah has enjoyed being involved with the university's recreational netball team and serving on the committee for the social and fitness society EmpowHER, as well as regularly engaging with locals and visitors to the town through her work at the university merchandise shop and tourist information centre.

At Emory, Hannah looks forward to furthering her academic interests by pursuing courses in American Studies, Sociology, and Political Science. She is excited to become involved in the Emory community through the university's extracurricular and volunteering opportunities, as well as by joining a new recreational sports team. With a keen interest in history, Hannah is eager to explore Atlanta and learn more about Georgia's rich culture and history through local museums and historical sites. Hannah is also looking forward to travelling more widely across the United States, visiting national parks and cities, meeting new people, and connecting with the Bobby Jones community.



Joelle Millar, 27BJS
St Andrews, Scotland

Joelle studied BSc (Hons) Computer Science at St Andrews. Originally from St Andrews, she attended the local high school, Madras College, before attending the University and has grown up playing golf on St Andrews Links. Alongside her studies, Joelle held the roles of Women's Vice Captain and Secretary of the University Golf Club, where she founded the Scottish Women's University Golf League and organised golf away days for up to 30 players. In her third and fourth years, she also served as the Chancellor's Piper, playing at key events throughout the year, including more than 16 graduation processions.

At Emory, Joelle plans to build on her Computer Science degree by pursuing a Masters in Data Science. She is looking forward to engaging with the Emory community and becoming involved in new societies. Joelle is excited to experience life in the United States, and in particular to playing new golf courses and embracing new opportunities.

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Elena Muyo De Bonrosto, 27BJS
Edinburgh, Scotland

Elena is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at St Andrews, with a focus on applied mathematics. She is completing her dissertation in physics-informed neural networks and has also volunteered within the mathematics department, supporting and tutoring younger students. At St Andrews, Elena was actively involved in the triathlon and hockey clubs, where she was vice-captain of the Women's 6s hockey team, she has also contributed to outreach initiatives, helping organise and deliver sports sessions for schoolchildren in the local community.

During her time at Emory, Elena looks forward to engaging with the university's diverse academic environment and exploring subjects beyond her current degree, including philosophy, history, and drawing, as well as taking a golf class. She is especially interested in opportunities with the Carter Center and its work in public service. Outside the classroom, she is excited to experience life in the United States, enjoy the warmer weather (a welcome change from Scotland), meet fellow Bobby Jones alumni, and take part in opportunities such as attending the Masters and Jones on the Road events.



Katie Riddick, 27BJS
Forres, Scotland

Katie is graduating with a BSc (Honours) in Sustainable Development and Geography, for which she received the Principal's Award for Academic Excellence. Her interest in environmental economics, climate, and sustainability has led her to pursue a Master in Management at Emory's Goizueta Business School, where she is excited to develop new management and leadership skills and explore how these can be applied to climate and environmental challenges. Throughout her four years at St Andrews, Katie has been actively involved in student life through the Netball Club, the Charities Campaign, and the Equestrian Club, where she served as Vice-President. In her final year, she served as Director of TEDxUniversityofStAndrews, leading a team in organising and hosting multiple conferences.

At Emory, Katie looks forward to getting involved in the student community through sports, volunteering opportunities and the Photography Club, where she hopes to further develop her interest in film photography. As a keen hiker and runner, she is especially excited to explore America's state and national parks with the other scholars, and looks forwards to improving her golf skills, connecting with Bobby Jones Alumni, and travelling across the US.

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Claire Burkhardt, 26C 27BJS
Reno, Nevada & Denton, Texas

Claire is graduating with a double major in Computer Science and Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies. At Emory, she has been a Woodruff Scholar and Fellow, an English language teaching assistant through the nonprofit Friends of Refugees, and an engagement manager for Consult Your Community. Claire studied abroad in Morocco, Jordan, and Spain, deepening her cultural and linguistic knowledge through homestay placements. Her honors thesis research on the history of Ahmad al-Sharaa--the former al-Qaeda jihadist who is now president of Syria--earned her a prestigious Fellowship at Emory's Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry.

Claire is pursuing an MLitt at St Andrews in Middle East, Caucasus, and Central Asian Security Studies. She's looking forward to joining the St Andrews Christian Union and exploring Scotland through the Mountaineering Club. She's also hoping to travel to London, Oslo, Vienna, and as many new corners of Europe as her Bobby year will allow!



Asmita Lehter, 24 Ox 26C 27BJS
Cedar Park, Texas

Asmita Lehter was a Robert W. Woodruff Scholar at Emory University, double majoring in Human Health and Political Science. Throughout her time at Oxford and Emory, she was actively involved in leadership roles with the Student Government Association, the Interdisciplinary Exploration and Scholarship (IDEAS) fellowship, Carlos Museum, the Sexual Assault Peer Advocates (SAPA), and as a research assistant with the Emory medical school and Laney graduate school.

An avid globetrotter, Asmita studied global health in India, South Africa, and Argentina as well as art history and ancient Roman history in Italy. Her professional experiences have spanned across public health and policy, including at the Governor's Office of Georgia and Department of Community Health, The Carter Center, in immigration law with New American Pathways, and as a policy analyst with the U.S. Department of Health Mental Health Technology Transfer Center in its School Mental Health Initiative.

At St Andrews, Asmita will pursue a Masters of Public Policy (MPP) with a health policy focus, building toward her career goal to be a leader in global health policy and advocacy for sexual assault survivors. She looks forward to joining Sexpression, an organization dedicated to sexual health and mitigating relationship harm. She plans to join the Highland Cow Appreciation Society, volunteer with the Wardlaw museum, and travel to Vienna, Paris, Budapest, Venice, Utrecht, Marrakesh, Athens, and, of course, Edinburgh!

MEET THE SCHOLARS



Josh Grand, 26C 27BJS
Arlington, Virginia & Atlanta, Georgia

Josh Grand has been a standout in the classroom and on the pitch as captain of Emory's soccer team, with his time at Emory centered around campus leadership, rigorous core liberal arts coursework, and a commitment to foster civil dialogue on campus. The Sonny Carter Scholar helped lead the Emory soccer team to back-to-back conference championships and an NCAA Final Four appearance. In addition to leadership in sport and with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, he was a Benjamin Franklin Fellow in Democracy and Citizenship and a Robson Fellow for Business, Public Policy and Government. Grand, who is double majoring in international studies and

philosophy, politics and law, also completed an honors thesis examining the moral and national responsibility for U.S. foreign aid.

Beyond Emory, Grand applied his interest in international affairs and dedication to public service through internships with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Atlanta Mayors Office, and the World Affairs Council of Atlanta. Having grown up in D.C., Amsterdam, and Atlanta, along with a study abroad experience in Argentina, Grand is looking forward to continuing to expand his worldview in Scotland. He will be pursuing a Masters in Public Policy at St Andrews, while hoping to join the University's Foreign Affairs Society and golf team. Grand is very open to any tips from former scholars to make the latter possible!



Yurok Song, 26C 27BJS
Phoenix, Arizona

A physics major and division chief of operations for Emory Emergency Medical Service (EMS), Yurok Song describes his time at Emory as "split between two worlds that seem unrelated from the outside: solving physics problems and answering 911 calls." Yet both, he says, require "turning messy situations into structured questions, revising hypotheses as new information arrives, and making decisions even when the picture is incomplete."

Song will pursue a Master of Science in Mathematical Biology at St Andrews as a step toward becoming a physician-scientist who uses mathematical models to understand

disease and improve patient care. Since his freshman year, he has conducted research in the theoretical biophysics group of Ilya Nemenman, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Physics and Biology, recently completing an honors thesis on mouse auditory cortex dynamics with highest honors and presenting this work at the 2026 American Physical Society Global Physics Summit. He also completed summer research at Stanford, where he used machine learning to improve MRI efficiency and presented that work at the 2025 MRinRT international conference.

Beyond research, Song has been an Advanced EMT with Emory EMS, volunteering nearly 2,000 hours on shift over the past three years, served for three years as a physics learning assistant, co-led the Society of Physics Students, and this May will represent Team USA at the 2026 International PLANCKS physics competition in Eindhoven, Netherlands.

SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Rosie McNaught, 26BJS

We're just back from The Masters and it's no understatement to say I had the time of my life. Sitting by patrons on practice days and chatting about everything from McIlroy's backswing to Sally Rooney's 'Normal People,' was great fun, and I found the Par 3 contest particularly endearing. By Sunday, I was holding my breath for Rose and Scheffler, though alas McIlroy's lead was too tough to overcome. It was a fantastic atmosphere, and I'd like to thank Jeff McKenna for welcoming us so graciously all week and his daughter, Lindsay, for cooking the most delicious Champions Dinner!

Over Spring Break, Robyn and I adventured to Puerto Rico for a few days, where we had some R&R on the beach and met with friends. A personal highlight was the bioluminescent bay kayaking; it was unlike anything I have experienced. We then headed to Chicago which was equally memorable. I arrived right on time to see the river dyed green and embraced all the city had to offer, sampling a deep-dish pizza, going to a Bulls game, and admiring the artifacts of both the Field and the Visual Art Museums. Robert Oh kindly hosted us for an ice hockey game too,, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Closer to campus, my classes this semester have kept me hooked from the outset, especially my 'Moon bound in the 60s' sociology class, which feels appropriate given the recent Artemis II mission. My classes in Linguistics, History, Golf, and Printmaking have been equally fulfilling, and alongside them, Emory Reads and my WMRE radio show have kept me busy. I feel I am leaving Emory more engaged in my curiosity than before, and am excited to further apply my interests in the future.

Before heading home, I'm keen to travel some more and plan to visit Nashville and Florida with my parents when they visit. The West coast is also calling me, and (time permitting!) I'm hoping to see some friends on the East Coast too. I'd like to end by thanking everyone who has made this past year possible. I've had the best year, and it's all down to the people I've met along the way. Thank you all!



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ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Christie Paul, 26BJS

This semester has flown by. Taking all of my classes at the Goizueta Business School has been amazing. Particularly content marketing, where I made a day in the life video, and consulted for Capital One on their Brand Strategy. Specialty Coffee is perhaps one of the most fun and interesting classes I've ever taken, tasting new varieties from South America each week.

January took me to the West Coast for the first time. Whilst in LA, I met up with my Dad, and we played Riviera, just a few weeks before the Genesis Invitational, which was immaculate and added to the many great memories I've made this year. Seeing Larry David on the driving range was an unexpected highlight. I recommend taking the Hollywood Hills Bus Tour!

Over spring break, I went to New York City. My friend there runs the Brooklyn Marina, and we took a boat across to Jersey, which had me holding on tight across the choppy waters, providing spectacular views of Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. For St Patrick's Day I was in Chicago, as part of our Jones on the Road trip, watching the Blackhawks at my first Ice Hockey game!

In the new year I began my internship at Atlanta Athletic Club. It has been a great privilege to experience working within the golf operations team, meeting guests and members and building lasting relationships alongside a wonderful team of people. I hope to continue working there through June. Most of all, I enjoyed attending the Masters Tournament at Augusta National, working as a Gallery Guard on Hole 2 and giving my speech to the wider Jones Community.



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Robyn Scott, 26BJS

Spring semester has been full of adventure and wonderful company. For spring break, fellow scholar Rosie and I headed to Puerto Rico, where we joined some Emory friends for a week that had everything. We wandered the colourful streets of Old San Juan, went horseback riding through the jungle, spent lazy days on the coast, and kayaked through a bioluminescent bay for night that I will never forget. The chicken empanadas alone in Las Croabas made the trip worthwhile.

In March, we headed to Chicago, generously hosted by Robert Oh, who took us to a Blackhawks game. Our arrival coincided with St Patrick's Day, and while I missed the famous green river, there was no shortage of celebration in the city. Despite temperatures that felt arctic, I loved every minute. The Bean, the Art Institute (particularly the extraordinary miniature rooms), and some excellent Chinese food made for a memorable few days.

Then came Augusta. Words genuinely cannot do justice to what it means to stand less than a metre from the world's best golfers as an honorary gallery guard. As a tennis fan I very nearly fainted seeing Rafa Nadal in the flesh. The Par 3 Contest was an adorable highlight, and the week as a whole was simply one of the best experiences of my life, thanks in no small part to the people, the atmosphere, and the generosity of Jeff McKenna.

Back in Atlanta, my courses are wrapping up beautifully. My 19th century American literature class has been a wonderful introduction to Henry James and Herman Melville, while my Irish literature class has taken me deeper into Heaney and Longley. I have also continued writing for the Emory Wheel, with student elections keeping things lively. Other highlights include Caroline and Gary Patterson's Burns Night (I made a considerable quantity of neeps and tatties), and a visit to the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival with Fiona O'Carroll. This summer I am looking forward to the road trip west, with Arizona and San Francisco top of the list, and perhaps a trip up the Pacific Northwest into Canada, too.



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Lydia King, 230x 25C 26BJS

It is so surreal that my Bobby year is coming to an end! I continue to enjoy my anthropology coursework, and I'm gearing up for an exciting month of fieldwork in Rwanda. I study the role of language translation in public health education efforts in Rwanda, specifically as they relate to One Health (an approach that unites animal, human, and environmental health). I'm looking forward to my dissertation process, even though I know I have lots of interviews and writing ahead.

While I have my big Rwanda trip ahead, I have also had some great adventures in the UK! My highlight was a spring break in Skye with my friends. We spent lots of time outdoors, and I hiked Old Man of Storr and the Fairy Pools. We also went crabbing, which was such a unique experience! I was also lucky enough to have some visitors during February and March, and we explored Edinburgh, Pittenweem, Anstruther, Crail, and the nearby town of Dunkeld. I think I will be thinking of Aran Bakery in Dunkeld for many years to come - its baked goods were so delicious! I have also traveled down to England a few times for frisbee. This past February I was in Coventry for indoors ultimate frisbee nationals, and I just got back from outdoors ultimate frisbee nationals in Nottingham. The weather in Nottingham was quite bleak (lots of hail), so it felt extra lucky to return to sunny skies in St Andrews.

Looking forward, I will either be starting Fulbright in Rwanda, or I will be in North Carolina starting my master's in public health. Wherever I am, I know that I will have such fond memories from the year. It has been such an incredible mix of things: from countless art society events to the founding and running of Highland Cow Society, I am so grateful for so many new memories. In my last months as a Bobby, I hope to push myself to make more art, and I plan to submit an art piece for our Art Society art exhibit in April. Lastly, a huge highlight of my year was our dinner at the R&A. It was so lovely to have time to reflect on my year and to chat with such incredible people. I feel so grateful to everyone in the Bobby community and can't imagine this year without any of you.



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David Lee, 25C 26BJS

My spring semester at St Andrews has flown by so far. I recently wrapped up one of my courses, "Global Theory," by submitting my final essay! All I have left for this semester is a final exam in early May. I have also been picking up steam on my dissertation research. I plan to write about the "access to civil justice gap" in the United States and how we can better support self-represented litigants who cannot afford legal representation. I meet with my advisor next week to flesh out the details.

I have also been traveling! In May, I made a three-day visit to Munich, Germany. Not for the museums (though the art museums were excellent), not for the food (though I still think about the sausages to this day), but for... a concert! I went to Munich to see the band "Geese" perform live, which has been a dream of mine since I started listening to the Brooklyn-based indie-rock band last year. The concert lived up to my expectations. Then in early April, I took a 4-day trip to Morocco with two of my Deans Court friends, Lydia and Charles. We explored the streets and night market of Marrakesh, made a ten-hour van ride to the western edge of the Sahara, rode camels, went sandboarding, and got drunk off of the beautiful dunes and landscapes of Morocco. It was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. I would go back to Marrakesh in a heartbeat. Three of my good friends from Emory planned a visit to explore St Andrews and a quick trip down to Faro, Portugal (my first time in Portugal!).

Lastly, I was accepted into the SEO Legal Fellowship in New York City! This program matches me to a big law firm in the city for around 2 months of work experience. It's highly selective, and it would give me a pretty big head start in my legal journey before law school starts!



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Elizabeth Martin, 25C 26BJS

What a fulfilling Candlemas semester! A big welcome to the new St Andrews to Emory scholars - what a pleasure to dine with the trustees and meet the new BJS cohort at the annual Royal & Ancient Golf Club dinner.

In January, I traveled to Nice, Cannes, and Marseille. I relished the slightly warmer climate, delicious food, and views of the Mediterranean Sea. I popped up to Paris to visit a dear friend from Emory. I particularly enjoyed Montmartre and its artist plaza, my first Parisian crepe, and Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris, where the children's choir was singing. The Netherlands were my last stop, and I spent time in Amsterdam and The Hague. The Van Gogh Museum, the National Holocaust Museum, Anne Frank Huis, and De Pier were my favorite excursions.

Back in the UK, the bobbies and BJS alum Sarah Hunter took a day trip to Pittenweem and Anstruther, enjoying the decadent Cocoa Tree Café and famous Anstruther Fish Bar fish n' chips. Over spring break during a trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland, I visited the Titanic museum and UNESCO world heritage site Giant's Causeway. Lastly, I was selected for the Women's Ice Hockey All Stars team and played in BUIHA nationals, which brought me to Sheffield, England on two separate occasions.

Alongside classes like clinical psychology and psychology data analysis methods, I am in the midst of data collection for my dissertation on autobiographical memory processing. Over the summer, I will continue this dissertation work and train to climb Mt Kilimanjaro for my September expedition.



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Lucas San Miguel, 25C 26BJS

The sun is here!! After my feeble Southern US heart faced a clouded, cold winter, spring in St Andrews has brought a vast array of outdoor experiences and travel. Before classes began in January I finished my solo travels since the winter newsletter adding on Egypt, Jordan, and Tuscany Italy. Once classes started I was back on campus and making the most of my time here. Over Chinese New Year in February I hosted a dumpling making workshop for 20 friends at St A which was a fun way to share my cooking with friends and one of my favorite hobbies.

Over reading week in March, Elizabeth and I, along with our friend Courtney, ventured to Northern Ireland which was a serendipitous adventure and very cool (thankfully we had lovely weather). In March I also played my first round of golf at The Old Course and hosted three friends who visited for weekends in February and March. I've loved showing people the home I've made in St A. I also visited a long-distance pen pal I made in high school who is from France. I spent a week with him and his family and traveled to Luxembourg, Germany, and across eastern France (Nancy, Lorraine, Strasbourg, and Alsace). Such a cool immersive experience in a foreign culture. Over April reading week (where I'm writing this reflection) I've been exploring the Azores islands of Portugal for a weeklong hiking trip with my older brother. The capital of the 9-island archipelago is San Miguel Island. I would be lying if I said I picked this destination not because of the name, but in addition to having a dapper title, it is actually breathtakingly beautiful.

This summer, I will stay in Scotland to work on my thesis and to enjoy the sunshine and toasties by East Sands. Starting in August, I'll be moving to Beijing, China for one year which I'm also very excited about. My Spring highlight, however, is that my favorite restaurant in St Andrews, The Cheesy Toast Shack, has officially named an order after me. I proudly eat there often enough that the seagulls see me coming and know what's up, but The Lucas Special has been the highlight of my spring and makes me feel more like a local, one buffalo chicken toastie at a time.



SPRING RECEPTION

SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2026

The Annual Jones Program Spring Reception was held at Convocation Hall at Emory University featuring remarks from Jones Advisory Committee Chair, David Roemer, O2B, Provost Badia Ahad, and Senior Associate Dean, Joanne Brzinski. Over 50 attendees welcomed the newest Emory to St Andrews scholars (left) and wished the current St Andrews to Emory scholars (right) well as they embark on the end of their Jones year.







MASTERS MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

This year, we were honored to return to the Press Building at Augusta National Golf Club for the Robert T. Jones, Jr. Program Annual Meeting. Gathering at Augusta National is a powerful reminder of the roots of the Scholarship and the standards Bobby Jones set on the course, in the classroom, and in life. It's a setting that connects our scholars directly to his enduring legacy.

Leadership from both Emory University and the University of St Andrews offered opening remarks reflecting on the importance and strength of our partnership, especially as we look ahead to celebrating the program's 50th Anniversary in 2027. Dean Brzinski then welcomed the newly selected 2026-2027 Emory to St Andrews Scholars into the Jones community. Finally, we heard from the 2025-2026 St Andrews to Emory Scholars during their annual Scholar Speeches. This year's reflections were thoughtful, personal, and inspiring, and video recordings are [available here](#).

We are deeply grateful to Augusta National Golf Club for its continued hospitality and for providing such a special place for our community to come together.



Left: St Andrews to Emory Scholars - Christie Paul, Rosie McNaught, and Robyn Scott

Right: Emory to St Andrews Scholars - Yurok Song, Claire Burkhardt, Asmita Lehter, and Josh Grand

UPCOMING EVENTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY SURVEY

Planning is underway for our upcoming 50th Anniversary and Program Reunion, and we need your input!

Please take a few minutes to complete [this short survey](#). Your responses will help the committees gauge interest in attending and shape the weekend to reflect what matters most to our community. We want to make this celebration meaningful, fun, and well-attended. Your input is essential!

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Do you have education, skills, and interests that align with the new scholars? Become a mentor for the 2026–2027 academic year.

About

The Bobby Jones Mentorship Program connects current Scholars with alumni to foster meaningful relationships. Mentors offer guidance on professional development, networking, and career planning while strengthening lifelong ties within the Bobby Jones community.

Mentors engage through regular meetings, program events, and a shared commitment to supporting the Scholar experience at Emory University and the University of St Andrews. These relationships create lasting impact for Scholars and reinforce the enduring strength of the Bobby Jones network.

Email lauren.cowan@emory.edu if interested!

ALUMNI NEWS



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

After 9 years at Emory with a COVID year and BJS year in between, David Kulp 20C 22BJS 26M is Boston-bound for the next chapter of his medical training. He will be joining the Harvard Medical School Combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, and Boston Medical Center (BMC) at the beginning of June. Though he will miss Atlanta (minus the pollen!), he is excited to be closer to family in the northeast as well as his partner who lives in Cambridge and attends HBS, and looks forward to connecting to Jones alumni in New England. He plans to pursue a career in pediatric and adult congenital cardiology, as well as pursue interests in health technology and venture capital tied back to his education in digital health at St Andrews. Pictured: David with friends and family on Match Day at Emory (including Carli Kovel 18C 19BJS).



David Walsh-Jones, St Andrews to Emory, 05BJS

David has started a new role as Global Head of BizOps at Uber, relocating from Amsterdam to New York City with his wife Colette and daughters Isobel and Philippa. The family is now based in Gramercy and looking forward to connecting with other former scholars in NYC!



Naomi Boon, St Andrews to Emory, 18BJS

Congratulations to Naomi and her partner, Jack Murphy, on their recent engagement! Jack proposed on February 21, 2026 on a beautiful spring day on Vancouver Island.

ALUMNI NEWS



Nicholas Barker, St Andrews to Emory, 87BJS

Thank you so much for your generous donations in support of the new JYA scholarship at St. Andrews, spearheaded by a group of BJS in the UK and U.S. (see last Jones Notes newsletter, Winter 2026). The Patti Schmid Scholarship endowment fund has now raised over \$100,000 towards our goal of \$145,000. But that's only part of the story. Good things keep happening, and it's heartwarming.

At a reunion lunch with fellow 1987-era BJ Scholars, Luke Porter (St Andrews to Emory, 87BJS), announced that he had recently published a book, *The Science of the Golf Swing* by Dr. David Williams, which featured Bobby Jones' golf swing as the exemplar. Because the author died shortly after the book's publication in 1969, it was never properly marketed, but Luke had found it to be "pure genius." He hired a genealogist to track down the author's surviving relatives and, after meeting with Dr. Williams' grandson, secured global rights to the book. At the end of the lunch, Luke said he would donate all proceeds from the book to the Patti Schmid Scholarship.

The PSS [webpage](#) includes US and UK/ROW donation pages, as well as Amazon links (UK and US) to Luke's book. For further information, contact Nick Barker (St. Andrews to Emory 87BJS) at [pattischmid scholarship@gmail.com]. Our goal is to launch the scholarship in September.



Fergus Neville, St Andrews to Emory, 06BJS

In February, the 2005-2006 St Andrews to Emory Scholars met up at Gordon's wedding to Lily in London. We hadn't all been together for several years, and of course raised a glass to Bobby!

Pictured left to right: Gordon Jones, David Jones, Harriet Andrews, Fergus Neville

ALUMNI NEWS



Leslie Johnson, Emory to St Andrews, 12BJF

The Grady T1D Integrated Care Team, led by Dr. Johnson, was awarded the Team Science Award of Distinction for Early-Stage Research Teams by the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance (CTSA). This award recognizes and promotes excellence in the development of multidisciplinary research teams within the Georgia CTSA and is presented annually to a team that demonstrates strong potential for innovative and impactful advances in clinical and translational science. The entire MQ Mental Health Research-funded project team received recognition for its success in advancing the integration of mental health services for adults with type 1 diabetes. Pictured left is Dr. Johnson accepting the award on behalf of the team.

Dr. Johnson will be promoted to Associate Professor in Family Medicine at Emory School of Medicine effective September 1. Congratulations!

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