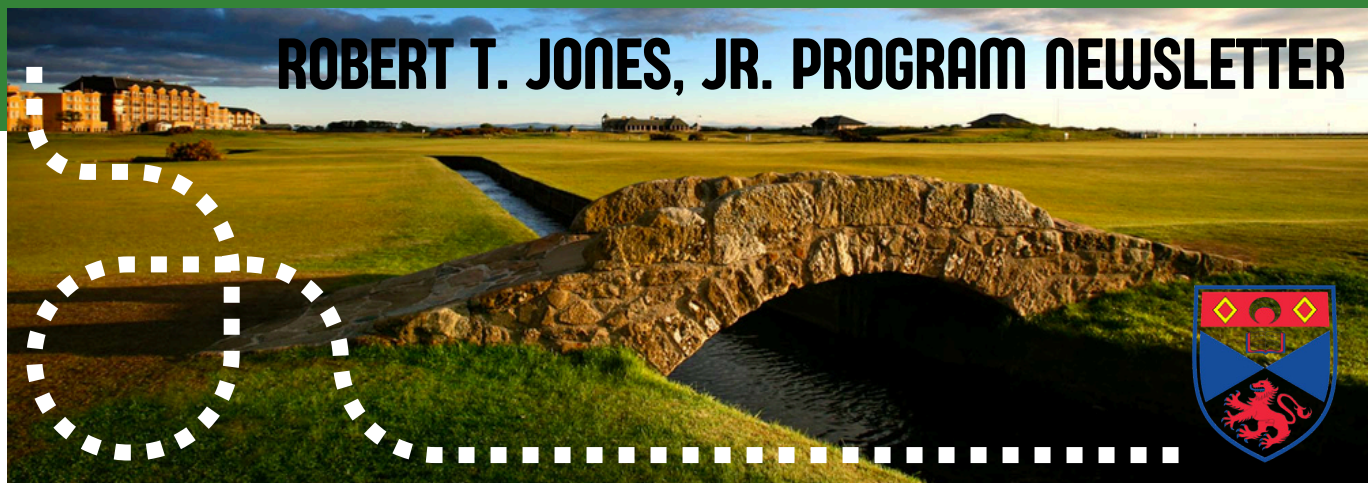
THE JONES NOTES



ROBERT T. JONES, JR. PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Thank you for reading the latest edition of the Jones Notes Newsletter! This issue features information about the 50th Anniversary, updates from our scholars at Emory and St Andrews, photos from the Fall Reception, and alumni updates. Enjoy!



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SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Hannah MacDonald, 27 BJS

It has been an incredible and jam-packed first two months in Atlanta. Everyone has been so welcoming, and I feel very lucky to have already had so many fantastic experiences.

Travel has been a huge highlight. I've loved exploring Georgia's natural scenery, from Tallulah Falls, Cloudland Canyon and Lake Lanier to an unforgettable Jones on the Road trip to New York and a visit to Nashville over Labor Day weekend. Next up is San Francisco over fall break, which has long been on my bucket list, with plans to explore the city and visit Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks.

There has also been no shortage of things to do in Atlanta. Visits to the BeltLine and Carter Museum have been particular highlights, while attending the PGA Tour Championship was the perfect introduction to golf for a novice like me! Between my Golf PE class and weekly trips to the Charlie Yates driving range with Elena and our classmates, I'm hoping to turn my enthusiasm into some actual improvement.

Academically, I've enjoyed continuing interests I developed at St Andrews through classes in American history, sociology and introductory politics. I've also been making the most of Emory's extracurriculars, attempting to translate my netball experience into club basketball and experiencing traditions such as Songfest, which was unlike anything I would have seen at St Andrews!

In the coming months, I'm looking forward to exploring more of the South, particularly Florida and Alabama, and getting involved with Emory Outdoors to discover more local trails and parks.

These first two months have only made me more excited to see what the rest of the year brings!






Left to Right: Hiking at Cloud Canyon State Park; A trip to Charlie Yates with Golf PE classmates; NYC Times Square

SCHOLAR UPDATES

ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Joelle Millar, 27 BJS

Since this is my first time in the USA, I've been enjoying everything being new. There have already been so many highlights, especially visiting East Lake Golf Club to watch the final day of the PGA TOUR Championship. We spent the day following Bob MacIntyre, Tommy Fleetwood, Viktor Hovland, and Rory McIlroy, and it was exciting to be there as Scottie Scheffler claimed his second TOUR Championship title.

The Coke Toast and Songfest during the first week of classes were a great introduction to Emory traditions. Another memorable evening was seeing the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra perform live in Piedmont Park. There was such a buzz in the atmosphere, and something special about watching them perform as the sun set.

I've been making the most of Emory's sports facilities and clubs, joining women's club basketball, the triathlon club, our intramural pickleball team, and, of course, club golf. Now that the temperatures are cooling down, I'm excited to play some of the many great courses around Atlanta. The bagpipes came with me too, and the Clairmont campus has already been graced with a few free concerts while I practice on top of the parking deck!

Academically, I've been enjoying my classes in Data Science and getting used to a different teaching style from St Andrews. There's been more focus on practical work and applying what we learn, with lots of interesting projects coming up throughout the semester. I recently joined a research group run by one of my professors, where I'll be working on various projects alongside my coursework.

Next up, I'm looking forward to heading to San Francisco for Fall Break, and hopefully making it to Boston and back to New York in the spring to visit friends from St Andrews.







Left to Right: At East Lake Golf Club for the TOUR Championship; Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performing in Piedmont Park; On the Staten Island Ferry in NYC!

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ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Elena Muyo de Bonrostro, 27 BJS

Sabah al-khair from Atlanta! We have been welcomed with such open arms since arriving, and I cannot thank the Bobby Jones community enough.

Academically, I have loved exploring subjects that are quite different from my mathematics degree at St Andrews. I have especially enjoyed the humanities side of my schedule, with Arabic, Introduction to the Middle East, and Philosophy giving me the chance to explore new areas and perspectives. I am learning a lot from Coach Sjoberg in my golf class and hope to get my first handicap this year. Piano has also been a wonderful complement to my schedule, and I have loved playing lots of Debussy and Chopin in my weekly classes.

Outside of classes, I have been making the most of the Clairmont pool and, of course, its diving boards. I am also looking forward to starting volunteering in pediatric wards with Project Sunshine at the Arthur M. Blank Hospital. I have joined intramural basketball and pickleball, with our pickleball team demonstrating remarkable consistency by losing all ten of our first ten games...

Dean Brzinski's directed study on the history of Atlanta has been a fantastic experience, taking us beyond campus with trips to Nashville, the Appalachian Mountains, and Talullah Gorge, alongside visits to some fascinating museums. My favourite trip so far has been New York, which had been on my bucket list for years. A trip to the Big Apple would not have been complete without a pastrami bagel, but the real highlight was watching an incredible sunset from the Staten Island Ferry as we passed the Statue of Liberty.

Looking ahead, I would love to visit Washington, D.C., with the Smithsonian museums high on my list. There is still so much left to discover, and I am looking forward to making the most of my time at Emory!



From left to right: Emory Coke Toast; First Golf Lesson at the AAC; Our first American Football game at Vanderbilt

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ST ANDREWS TO EMORY

Katie Riddick, 27 BJS

It's been two months since we arrived in Atlanta, and already I've travelled to four states, hiked in three state parks, visited two historic museums, and started a new Master's degree.

Having dusted off my dormant maths skills, I'm loving the change of pace that has come with starting my Masters in Management at Goizueta Business School. My classes in finance, accounting, marketing, communications and organisational management have given me a fascinating introduction to the world of business, and taking every class with the same close-knit cohort has helped me find my feet and given me a warm sense of community. I've also discovered a growing interest in the intersection of business and social impact, which I'm excited to explore by working with other specialised master's students to evaluate impact-driven start-ups in the Turner MBA Impact Investing Network and Training (MIINT) competition.

Outside of Goizueta, I've been trying my hand at pickleball (with limited success...), enjoying runs around Lullwater Preserve, and rediscovering my love of swimming at the Clairmont pool – so much so that I've joined the triathlon club and hope to sign up to my first triathlon this year. I'm also looking forward to starting my volunteering with Habitat for Humanity later this semester.

Weekends have been packed with exploring in and around Atlanta. Another particular highlight has been exploring these new places through the lens of my film camera, which was well-used in our recent Jones on the Road trip to NYC. Between hunting down the best bagels and cookies in NYC, I spent my time capturing rainy walks in Central park, the glow of Times Square at night, and the sun setting behind the statue of liberty from the Staten Island Ferry – a sight I don't think any camera could quite do justice. It's hard to believe how quickly the first few months at Emory have flown by, and I'm so grateful to the Bobby Jones community for making us feel so welcome – if these first few months are anything to go by, I'm going to need a lot more camera film!



Left to Right: The MiM cohort; surviving the Atlanta heat at a triathlon track session with Elena and Joelle; Times Square in NYC on my film camera

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EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Claire Burkhardt, 26C 27BJS

These past few weeks have been filled with so much variety: settling into Deans Court, starting to explore Scotland, building new friendships, and many, many hours of readings.

Academically, I love my course. I've especially enjoyed our seminars, which usually spill over into after-class discussions with my cohort. The course has brought together a super interesting group of peers whom I'm particularly excited to spend this next year learning alongside. Deans Court has also been a blessing. Whether it's long conversations over lunch, Friday semi-formal dinners, or informal Mario Kart tournaments in the common room, it's been such a joy to have a built-in social and residential community.

Outside of university life, I've found a new church home for my time abroad and joined the mountaineering club, where I'm learning to lead climb and training to be a Wall Officer. Golf lessons have also been a blast! This weekend, I lost far too many balls playing my first round of golf on an actual course (shoutout to Josh for taking me out!). It was so much fun, and I'm keen to keep at it.

I've also enjoyed hiking and making the most of the gorgeous Scottish outdoors before the weather turns (current Munro count : 6). Highlights so far include foggy views of the Highlands, wild blackberries, and Highland cows sunbathing on the beach! Scotland is ridiculously beautiful. Next on the list: a trip to Slovenia to explore the Julian Alps, and plucking up the courage for an early-morning North Sea swim!







Left to Right: Highland cows sunbathing; Bobbies at the Scottish Varsity rugby match! We won!; Hiking in the fog with Josh

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EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Josh Grand, 26C 27BJS

Golf, football, school — in that order. Kidding, kidding! These past two months have been quite the academic awakening. Coming from an undergraduate degree in philosophy, the quantitative side of my brain had languished in a deep four-year slumber ; now, it's reeling off Python code for our cost-benefit analysis course, regressions for causal inference, and economic modeling for micro. But, thankfully, it hasn't been all zeros and ones. I've been able to scratch my right-brain itch through weekly departmental policy seminars, Thursday night debating society events, and book talks at Topping & Company. The enormously impressive Dean's Court residents have also, for better or worse, made sure to turn every meal into a deep learning experience.

With all that being said, neither the golf nor the football have been in short supply. I will refrain from sharing how many rounds of golf I've already played out of fear of having my scholarship revoked, but it's enough that I think even Mr. Jones would be proud. The Eden Course, in particular, has been a favorite of mine. As for the football, I've already been able to experience some incredible matches: from the Old Firm derby at Ibrox, to Fergus' beloved Dundee United, to the true kings of Scotland, St Andrews United, they've all been cultural experiences in their own regard. While my perennially torn ACL has unfortunately kept me sidelined from playing myself, I've begun my coaching career with the under-14 boys at the St Andrews Colts FC. It's been a great opportunity to give back to the community, and I anticipate we'll be making a push for the Champions League in due time.

Before I sign off, I'd just like to say a quick thank you to everyone in the Bobby Jones community who make formative experiences like these possible. I feel almost overwhelmed with privilege every day, and I could not be more appreciative of everything y'all do for us.







Left to Right: A west sands bonfire with our MPP cohort; Working on my game with the Emory Golf team on the 19th hole; Catching up with some old friends from Amsterdam in London

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EMORY TO ST ANDREWS

Asmita Lehther, 24Ox 26C 27BJS

I am truly grateful to the Bobby Jones committee that have made this truly magical experience possible: from ancient castles, to balls, to what I can only describe as the most beautiful libraries I have ever seen (shout out King James and Martyrs Kirk). Like any good fairytale, my journey has not been without strife; namely, the wasp nest that has taken home outside of my window! Our communal vacuum, Henry, has already gotten some good use in this battle. At St Andrews, I have deeply enjoyed my time spent exploring. This fall, I joined the ballroom society (in preparation for the balls, naturally) and the Families First society. As part of the Families First program, I am paired with a young person from the community; I have enjoyed exploring the town through her eyes and learning more about the best (and worst) music to listen to while coloring.

Outside of St Andrews, my experiences have been equally story worthy. Thus far, I have travelled to the likes of Edinburgh, the Falklands, Glasgow, and London. In Edinburgh, I explored the Fringe Festival, and saw an American comic dissect European and American politics in one go—a true treat for my John Oliver-fanatic self. In Glasgow, my friend and I completed a quest to find every Matcha spot possible; a battle that my inability to process caffeine lost. Finally, in London, I became intimately familiar with the reasons so many flock to this eternal city; from the museums, the food, the history, the fashion, and its grit, I truly fell in love with the city. I have another trip booked to London in November, and I welcome any suggestions for future travel!

Any good story is incomplete without lessons, and, despite my many adventures, I have indeed enjoyed my MPP course work! I feel very fortunate to be a part of the inaugural MPP cohort, and our professors have ensured that we are never at a loss for material. I am especially keen on our Policy Ethics course, a natural continuation of my political science and public health studies at Emory!






Left to Right: First day of class; Trip to London; Dinner with Vice Provost Dr. Jane Gatewood in St Andrews. She served on the Selection Committee and it was great seeing her again!

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Yurok Song, 26C 27BJS

It's only been a month since I arrived at St Andrews, but I feel like I've already gotten to know the town and its people so well. My programme has been amazing, and I'm learning so much every day. My cohort is pretty small—there are only nine of us in the Mathematical Biology programme—which has allowed us all to get quite close. We've even built up a bit of a tradition of going to different pubs for a pub quiz every week (no wins so far, but we're working on it!).

The Deans Court community has been wonderful as well. Everyone I've met has been friendly and uniquely interesting, and I've grown quite fond of our weekly semi-formal Friday dinners, usually followed by some friendly Wii and card games. I also recently played my first game of croquet in the garden and found it surprisingly fun!

Outside of my programme and Deans Court, I've gotten involved through golf, football, and music. The Bobbys' golf set recently got an upgrade thanks to Jeff McKenna, and I've started to really grow fond of the sport. The Himalayas putting course is a mere five-minute walk from the mathematics building, so I've become a frequent visitor as I work on my short game and toward getting a handicap. On Saturdays, I've also been showing up to the recreational men's football sessions for some casual football.

Lastly, while I wasn't able to bring my cello with me, I was able to borrow one from the Music Centre and audition into the Symphony Orchestra. It's been great reconnecting with the cello and finding such a welcoming music community here, including being adopted into an academic family by fellow cellists!

Speaking of St Andrews traditions, I have (unfortunately) already managed to accidentally step on the PH. They really need to put barricades around that thing! So, it looks like I'll be taking part in the May Dip. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings.







Left to Right: Playing croquet in the garden; golfing with Josh; working on my short game

50TH ANNIVERSARY

JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2027

Support Fund Applications Now Open

Bobby Jones alumni who need assistance with travel and lodging costs are encouraged to request support from the Bobby Jones Scholarship 50th Anniversary Support Fund. Apply between October 2026 and February 2027 by completing this form. Requests, which are confidential and will be handled respectfully, will be reviewed on a rolling basis and responded to as quickly as possible.

APPLY NOW



Scholars and friends of the program are welcome to contribute to the Bobby Jones Scholarship 50th Anniversary Support Fund. If you would like to donate, please follow this link.

Golf Committee Update

The 50th Anniversary Golf Outing is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2027, at Atlanta Athletic Club. We are planning a full round of golf for those who would like to play, and we currently have just a couple of spots remaining in the field based on responses from the interest survey released earlier this year.

For those who would prefer something other than a full round, we are also planning an afternoon short-game clinic and Par 3 experience at the club. We think this will give more members of the Bobby Jones community an opportunity to participate in the golf portion of the anniversary celebration regardless of experience or playing ability.

Ian McNaught and Abeer Asrani have been doing a terrific job leading the golf logistics and are also working closely with Rebecca Rauh on the Emory team to coordinate our plans with the other 50th Anniversary activities. Following our next meeting with Bud Taylor and the Atlanta Athletic Club team, we expect to send a brief questionnaire to those interested in participating so we can gather handicaps, club rental needs, transportation requirements, food preferences and whether participants would prefer the 18-hole or Par 3 experience.

Stay tuned for more updates in the Winter edition of the Jones Notes!

FALL RECEPTION

OCTOBER 4, 2026

The Annual Jones Program Fall Reception was held at East Lake Golf Club and featured remarks from Emory President, Christopher Augostini, Jones Advisory Committee Chair, David Roemer, 02B 03BJS, and Senior Associate Dean, Joanne Brzinski. Over 60 attendees welcomed the newest St Andrews to Emory scholars. Due to rain, the annual Scholar Putting contest was moved inside and Elena Muyo de Bonrostro took home the trophy!








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ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

EMORY JONES ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEW MEMBERS

Caroline Paterson, OOBJS



Caroline Paterson is the Vice President of International Newsgathering for CNN, overseeing the four international news desks in Atlanta as well as CNN en Espanol's newsgathering operation. Before this role she was based in London as the Senior Director of Coverage for Europe Middle East and Africa, overseeing newsgathering from the new teams and bureaux in the region. Before that the Director of International Futures with global oversight for the planning of CNN's international coverage.

She got her start at CNN thanks to her Bobby Jones year (1999-2000) which allowed her to study journalism but also intern on the International Desk, which led to freelance work and then a full-time role. Since joining the network in 1999, Caroline has played a pivotal role in CNN's coverage of major world events from terror attacks to elections and disasters. As well as breaking news, she has planned major set-piece coverage from British royal weddings, the Olympics in London, Sochi and Rio, to war zone coverage in Iraq and Syria. She is both an Emmy and Peabody award winning journalist. She has a master's degree in English Language and Literature from St Andrews University. Caroline lives in Atlanta with her husband and two children.

John Murphy



John Murphy is President and Chief Financial Officer of The Coca-Cola Company, where he oversees the company's global finance organization, strategy, corporate development, investor relations, and enterprise services. Named CFO in 2019 and President in 2022, he is responsible for engaging with key stakeholders, including investors, lenders, and rating agencies.

Since joining Coca-Cola in 1988, Murphy has held senior leadership roles across North America, Asia Pacific, Latin America, and Japan, building extensive global experience in finance, strategy, and operations. Prior to Coca-Cola, he worked as an auditor with Price Waterhouse in Dublin.

Murphy serves on the boards of Vanguard, Coca-Cola FEMSA, The Coca-Cola Foundation, and Engage, and is a trustee of Atlanta's Woodruff Arts Center. He is also a member of the Jones Advisory Committee. Murphy holds a business degree from Trinity College Dublin, a diploma in professional accounting from University College Dublin, and is a Chartered Accountant.

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EMORY JONES ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEW MEMBERS

Richard Harker, 10BJS



Dr. Richard J. W. Harker is President & CEO of the Historic Oakland Foundation, the nonprofit conservancy that partners with the City of Atlanta to preserve and enhance historic Oakland Cemetery. Since joining the organization in 2017, he has led its growth and transformation, including the successful $15 million Living History capital campaign, the largest investment in the cemetery's 175-year history. Under his leadership, Oakland has expanded preservation efforts, community partnerships, educational programs, and cultural events, becoming a nationally recognized model for historic cemeteries as vibrant public spaces.

Previously, Richard worked with the Museum of History & Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University and Educational Cultural Exchanges in London. He holds a Ph.D. in History from Georgia State University, master's degrees from Durham University and the University of St Andrews, and was a Robert ("Bobby") Tyre Jones Jr. Scholar at Emory University. He lives in Atlanta with his son and serves on several nonprofit advisory boards.

Harris Siderfin, 24BJS



Harris Siderfin was born in Australia and raised in the Orkney Islands, Scotland. He studied International Relations and Psychology at the University of St Andrews, where he developed an interest in international security and space policy. During his studies, he gained experience working with the UK Cabinet Office and Foreign Office during the UK's COP presidency, working directly with Peter Hill, CEO of COP, and Sir Alok Sharma, COP President.

Alongside his academic work, Harris participated in the Royal Air Force's officer training pipeline, learning to fly at RAF Leuchars. Through his training, he also had the opportunity to attend military conferences and contribute to research related to the UK's space efforts with the newly formed Space Command.

Harris came to Atlanta as a Bobby Jones Scholar, taking classes at Emory's Laney Graduate School while also learning to love playing golf. He remained in Atlanta after completing the scholarship, joining fellow Bobby Jones alumnus David Roemer at Ideas United, where he served as Director of Partnerships.

In 2025, Harris was selected as a member of the inaugural World Leadership Fellowship organized by the World Affairs Council of Atlanta. He currently serves as Corporate Director of Strategic Partnerships for Emory Healthcare.

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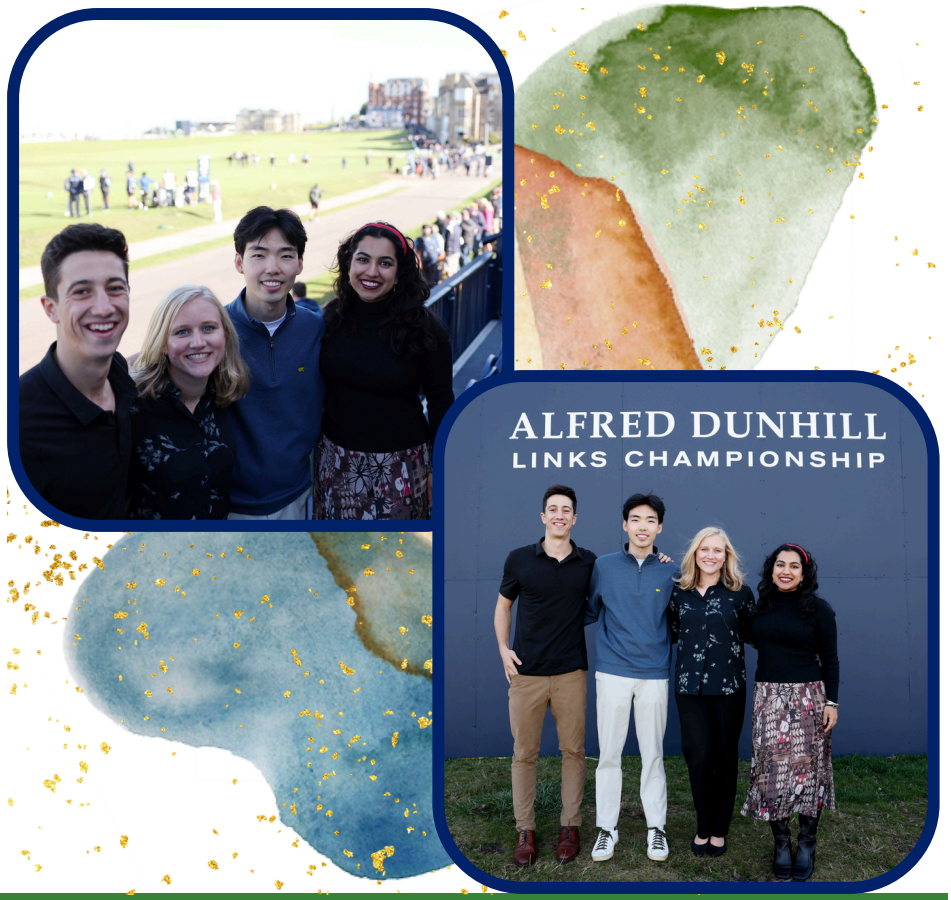
Annual Alfred Dunhill Links Championship

Supported by the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation since 2013, the Robert T. Jones exchange between Emory University and the University of St Andrews continues to provide life-changing opportunities for students to pursue graduate study while immersing themselves in a new culture. The Foundation's investment in international education helps foster academic growth, global understanding, and meaningful connections across communities.

Four recent Emory graduates, Josh Grand, Asmita Lehther, Yurok Song, and Claire Burkhardt, are spending the 2026–27 academic year at St Andrews pursuing advanced degrees in public policy, global health, mathematical biology, and international relations.

Each scholar shared how the experience is shaping both their academic interests and future career goals. Yurok is exploring the intersection of biology, mathematics, and medicine as he prepares for a future as a physician-scientist. Claire was drawn to a specialized security studies program that aligns with her interests in public service and international affairs. Josh described the opportunity as a chance to challenge himself, gain new perspectives, and embrace new experiences beyond the classroom. Asmita hopes to build on her background in public health and policy while learning from Scotland's healthcare and community systems.

A common theme throughout their reflections is the value of stepping beyond familiar surroundings to engage with new people, ideas, and cultures. The students highlighted the friendships, mentorships, and personal growth that come from living and studying abroad, as well as the opportunity to develop a broader understanding of an increasingly interconnected world.



Together, their stories demonstrate the lasting impact of international education and the ways in which support from the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation continues to help students expand their horizons, deepen their learning, and prepare for lives of global engagement and leadership.

For the full article, click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCOTLAND BASED EVENTS

Bobby Jones Alumni Gathering – Let's play some darts!

When: Thursday 12 November 2026 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm, with space reserved at the bar afterwards for anyone who would like to stay on for drinks.

Where: Flight Club Edinburgh, Level 3, St James Quarter, Edinburgh, EH1 3AE

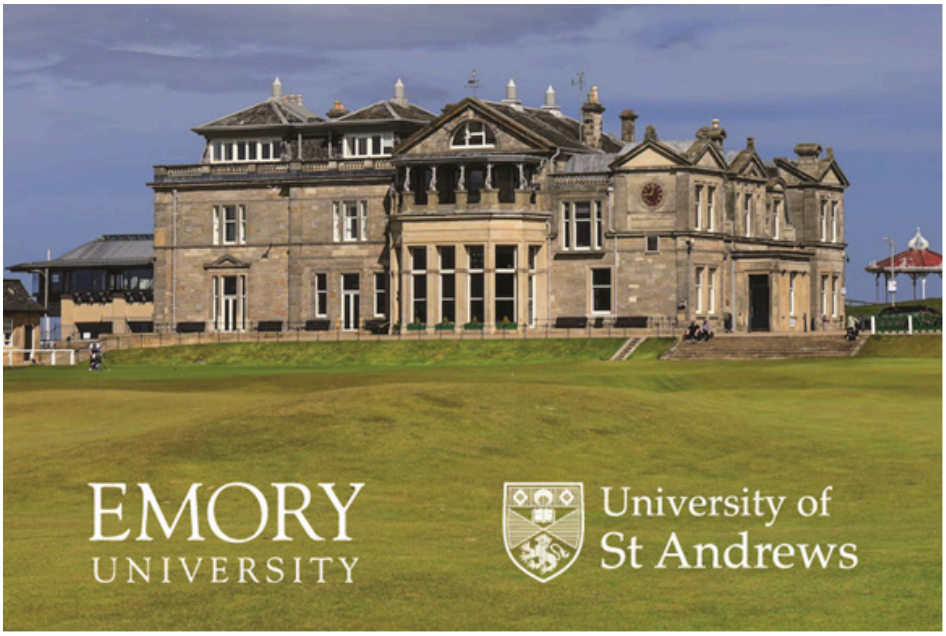
- Connect with fellow Bobbies
- Meet the new Emory to St Andrews Scholars
- Hear plans for the upcoming 50th Anniversary Reunion in 2027
- No previous dart-playing experience is required!

If you are able to join us, please confirm your attendance by emailing roberttjones@st-andrews.ac.uk.



Cocktail Party Celebrating 50 Years

SAVE THE DATE



Alumni and friends of the Robert T Jones Scholarship Programme are invited to join the St Andrews Board of Trustees for a cocktail party to celebrate 50 years of the Scholarship.

Date: Saturday 27 March 2027
Time: 6pm
Venue: The R&A Clubhouse, St Andrews

We look forward to seeing you there and will be in touch again with more information.

Pierre Bechmann
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Robert T Jones Memorial Trust

UPCOMING EVENTS



50th Anniversary and Program Reunion

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	
Day 1: Thursday July 29, 2027	Registration Golf Outing or Free Time to Connect Welcome Dinner & Speeches
Day 2: Friday, July 30, 2027	Alumni Speaker Series Campus Programming and Tours Reception and Dinner Optional Pub Crawl
Day 3, Friday, July 31, 2027	Atlanta Programming Farewell Photo Goodbye Dinner and Ceilidh
Day 4: Sunday, August 1, 2027	Brunch & Reminiscing

Visit the website to review FAQs





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PROGRAM UPDATES

FIRST YEAR-FIRST GEN STUDY ABROAD

Exploring Culture and Society in Scotland

This summer, students in the Emory Jones First-Gen College Program participated in a transformative academic and cultural experience at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Designed specifically for first-year, first-generation college students with limited international experience, the program combined rigorous coursework, experiential learning, and international travel, giving students the opportunity to explore how culture shapes identity, community, and everyday life.

Led by Dr. Timothy J. Dowd, the course Culture and Society introduced students to the field of cultural sociology through the work of influential scholars such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Ann Swidler, Max Weber, and Viviana Zelizer. Students examined how people collectively create meaning, develop shared identities, and make sense of the world around them. The course focused on Scotland and its popular culture, and student experiences in St Andrews contributed to that understanding.

Preparation for the program began before departure, as students completed readings and lectures focused on cultural sociology and the first-generation college experience. These foundational materials helped students connect their own life experiences to broader sociological concepts and prepared them to engage thoughtfully with a different cultural setting.

Once in Scotland, students immersed themselves in both classroom learning and hands-on exploration. Through lectures, discussions, guest speakers, and weekly field trips, they examined themes such as Scottish national identity, authenticity, cultural production, and participation in the arts. By using Scotland itself as a living classroom, students were able to see how culture is enacted, preserved, and transformed across time and place.

A key component of the program was a multi-stage research paper that encouraged students to connect sociological theory and research with their observations and experiences abroad. Writing workshops, faculty office hours, and individualized feedback provided support throughout the process, helping students strengthen their analytical and academic writing skills.

Outside the classroom, participants took advantage of opportunities to explore St Andrews and other parts of Scotland, deepening their understanding of the country's history, traditions, and contemporary culture. Students received a bus pass, allowing them weekend visits to various cities in Scotland; the students took full advantage of travel! Highlights included cultural excursions, frequent stops at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and a visit to the world-renowned Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

By the end of the summer, students returned home with a richer understanding of culture, greater confidence in their academic abilities, and a broader perspective on the world. Emory Jones First-Gen College Program continues to demonstrate the power of international education to foster intellectual growth, personal development, and lifelong curiosity. Please enjoy the following pictures from the summer!












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ALUMNI NEWS



Lydia King, Emory to St Andrews, 25C 26BJS

Lydia moved to Kigali, Rwanda and is working as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant. She will be helping students improve their English language skills while serving as a cultural ambassador for the United States. Lydia is also looking forward to becoming an aunt for the first time in December. Congratulations, Lydia!



Elizabeth Martin, Emory to St Andrews, 25C 26BJS

In early September, Elizabeth Martin summited Mt Kilimanjaro as part of a University of St Andrews climbing team. Supporting DigDeep, a charity dedicated to improving clean water access, safe sanitation, and good hygiene, Elizabeth raised £6,965 ($9223 USD), the second-highest amount raised by any of the 380 students across the UK taking part. Job well done, Elizabeth!



Jessica Leech, St Andrews to Emory, 22BJS

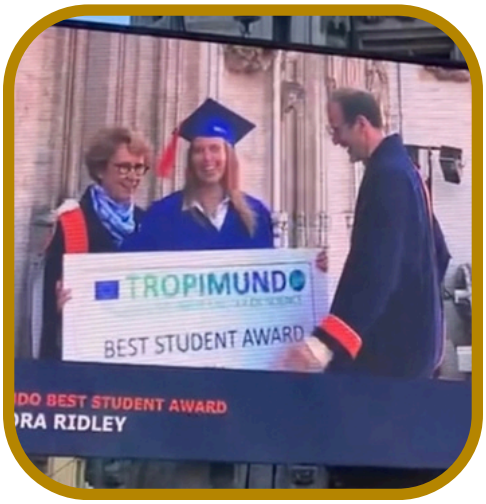
After two years at Water Witness International, Jess is excited to share that she's starting a new chapter at the University of Oxford, pursuing an MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine. She's enjoying transitioning back into student life and is keen to meet up with any alumni that live in or intend to visit Oxford.

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

Jonathan spoke at the Strauss Center at the University of Texas School of Law on Lawyers on the Front Line: How to Get Involved in National Security, Government, and Technology along with Adam Klein, Director of the Strauss Center on September 9, 2026 in Austin, Texas. The team introduced the Strauss Center and its programs, shared career advice informed by their experiences in the realm of U.S. national security, law, and technology, and answered students' questions in an informal format.



AJ Ridley, St Andrews to Emory, 24BJS

AJ Ridley completed her Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems, where she studied across Belgium, Malaysia, and Italy. She graduated with distinction, and achieved the 'best student award' for the highest grade in her cohort. Congratulations, AJ!



Laura Donnelly, St Andrews to Emory, 11BJF

Laura was recently promoted to Executive Director of the Harris Social Impact Fellowship at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. In this role, she oversees HSIF's programmatic direction, growth strategy, and institutional partnerships. As co-architect of the fellowship's curriculum, she collaborates with faculty to design the Fellows' academic coursework and applied training, while guiding their career strategy and work placements. Congratulations Laura!