

St Andrews To Emory



Kyle Blain – I have taken a number of classes within the linguistics department, including one on how and why language changes over time. I am also enjoying my class on the sociology of happiness. This semester I am doing an internship at The Carter Center and also with the admission office at Emory. After travelling to Savannah and Tybee Island with the other scholars recently, I can't wait to see more of America over the next few weeks and months.

Sophie Cadden – Since arriving in August, it has been a whirlwind. I have met many incredible people related to the scholarship and had many interesting experiences. I have been enjoying my classes in African American studies: particularly Black Images in the Media and Art and Social Change, where I have even went a field trip to see a wonderful African Art exhibition at Spelman College. My fellow Bob-

bies and I have been exploring Atlanta, enjoying some of the Southern cuisine and nightlife, and getting involved in extracurricular activities. I have joined Emory Reads, where I have been tutoring elementary school children in reading. Further, we have even ventured to the South Carolina border where we spent the day with a friend. I have also been to see my first American Football game, the Falcons v. the Panthers. I was lucky to witness the Falcons winning by a mile! The highlight so far was the golf championship at East Lake and the drinks reception afterwards. I look forward to more events with those related to the scholarship.

Max Graham – While I feel I could spend every free moment in Atlanta just enjoying the fantastic climate and cuisine, there is so much to be involved in. I have joined the Philanthropy Committee of the Latino Student Association to combine charitable work with practising my Spanish - I've also been taking advantage of the events hosted by the Spanish Department and Casa Emory to do the same. As a beginner studying Arabic, I've found it very useful to go to events hosted by the Arab Cultural Association too. Of course, being in the USA for this extraordinary election season is fascinating, so I'm getting involved in some political campaigning too. Another event I attended which was unlike anything we have in the UK was Dragon Con - a huge convention for science fiction and fantasy fans, which was great fun. Atlanta really does have something for everyone and I feel privileged to be able to call this my home for the year.

Natalie Jones – My year has been wonderful so far. I have taken advantage of a wide array of classes ranging from Nutrition to Photography. This semester I am also doing an internship at Ideas United working on sales growth and putting my golf knowledge to good use! I have taken full advantage of the opportunity to travel which has included D.C, Charleston, New York and driving the Pacific Coast Highway with my sister. I have also been enjoying playing tennis with the Emory Club and trying to improve my game at East Lake.

Bethany Sikes – My first year of the Bobby Jones Fellowship has been a whirlwind of classes, internships and travel! I am thoroughly enjoying my classes in the Masters of Development Practice program. I am doing a concentration in disaster preparedness and management and have particularly enjoyed my classes Logistics Operations in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies and Public Health Consequences of Disasters. As part of the Masters program I will be working in Haiti this coming summer for 10 weeks with J/P Haitian Relief Organization, so a lot of the last semester has been spent preparing for that! I have also had the privilege this semester to intern at The Carter Center as the research intern and I have worked on a vast array of projects, from archival research to helping prepare a research memo for one of President Carter's lectures. I had the honour of meeting President and Mrs Carter with the Carter Center interns and again with the scholars, which was a very humbling and informative experience. Alongside all of this I have been cramming in as much travel as possible, and have reached my goal of visiting 10 states by the end of my first year!

Callum Woolley – The first half of this year for me was very much thesis-oriented. It has been a formative experience to say the least, and I am nearly at the end of the process! This year I have also begun working with a startup here at Emory that I've become increasingly passionate about. The idea is a small drink - called Nerv - formulated to relieve anxiety and stress. I've been working with a really inspiring team at Emory to bring Nerv to life. This process has been very exciting for me as we move towards the official launch phase. Initial trials were successful, and we've been getting some excellent feedback! Finally, I'm looking forward to immersing myself as much as possible in the Emory community before I graduate this May!

