

2019 - 2020 Bobby Jones Scholars and Fellows



FARAH AL CHAMMAS - Scholar, Emory to St Andrews

Farah Al Chammas is a senior at Emory double majoring in Anthropology and Human Biology as well as Interdisciplinary Studies in Culture and Society. Farah was born and raised in Syria, then moved to the United States on asylum two years prior to embarking on her college career at Emory. There, she founded a student organization called Refugee Revive and was involved with Student Government Association, the IDEAS Fellowship, and the Emory Scholars Program. At the University of St Andrews, Farah hopes to pursue a MSc in International Development Practice, allowing her to enroll in psychology and business courses. She plans to join the Refugee Action Society, the St. Andrews Entrepreneur Society, the St. Andrews Adventure Club, and the Orthodox Christian Society.



CLAIRE BARNES - Scholar, Emory to St Andrews

While at Emory, Claire Barnes majored in Religion and Philosophy with a minor in Sustainability. She was involved in Residence Life and Housing as a Senior Resident Advisor, the Interdisciplinary Exploration and Scholarship (IDEAS) Fellowship as a teaching assistant and undergraduate fellow, and in Slow Food Emory as President. In addition, Claire was a fellow at the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry and elected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Theta Alpha Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Eta Sigma. At St Andrews, Claire intends to pursue an MLitt in International Political Theory in the renowned school of International Relations. She is excited about joining Transition, a student sustainability club on campus, as well as the Fine Food and Dining Society and The Foreign Affairs Society. While in the UK, Claire hopes to visit the Isle of Skye and London. She is also excited about traveling to Italy and Germany (to eat good food and practice her German!).



JOHN PRIDDY - Scholar, Emory to St Andrews

John Priddy is a Political Science and History double major from Lonetree, Colorado. He intends to pursue an MLitt in Legal and Constitutional Studies at St Andrews. John has devoted much of his time at Emory to on-campus leadership. He served as Executive Vice-President and President of the Student Government Association, a Resident Advisor, the senior diversity initiatives fellow in the Office of Undergraduate Admission, and as team captain of the Emory Mock Trial team. He also served on the search committee for Emory's newly appointed vice president for Campus Life. John is passionate about using politics to solve criminal justice and equal rights issues and has interned with both Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Senator Doug Jones (D-AL). His honors research, for which he received highest honors, centered on the factors that influenced public opinion of solitary confinement within the United States criminal justice system, and the impact of race and the nature of an offence on framing those opinions. John is excited to visit Scotland for the first time and to be a member of the vibrant St Andrews community.

CAMILA REED-GUEVARA - Scholar, Emory to St Andrews



Camila will receive a BA in Classics and Philosophy from Emory. She plans to pursue an MLitt in Classics at St Andrews in order to explore themes of slavery and education in stoic writing. A Woodruff Debate Scholar, Camila has spent time at working with the Barkley Forum Debate team and volunteering with the Atlanta Urban Debate League. She has also created a curriculum for debaters at U.S. Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta. She was the founder of Tesseræ, the undergraduate classics journal, and served as a Dean's Intern for the Commission on Racial and Social Justice. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Camila has been a member of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program researching the philosopher Seneca the Younger. She was awarded a Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry international grant to conduct field research on Roman slave and freedmen graves in Italy. While at St Andrews, Camila is excited to work with Volunteer Service in their Lift Off group which increases knowledge and preparation for high-school students interested in higher-education. As a radio host with WMRE at Emory, she hopes to join STAR (St Andrews Radio) in addition to the Union Debating Society.

MICHAEL KEEN - Fellow, Emory to St Andrews



A native of the Washington, D.C. area, Michael is double majoring in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies and Arabic. His work focuses on modern conflicts in the Middle East and northern Africa, and his senior honors thesis project drew on French- and Arabic-language sources to examine the use of social media communications by a contemporary secular rebel group in northern Mali. At St. Andrews, Michael will pursue an MLitt in Middle East, Caucasus, and Central Asian Security Studies, and he ultimately hopes to work in conflict resolution. At Emory, Michael is a longtime tutor at the Emory Writing Center and an Undergraduate Honors Fellow at the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry. He also serves as president of the Emory Shotokan Karate Club, and he looks forward to training with St. Andrews's storied Shotokan karate club as soon as he can.

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FIONA BLACKWOOD - Scholar, St Andrews to Emory

Fiona is a fourth year Geography student, specialising in Human Geography. Throughout her time in St Andrews she has particularly enjoyed studying topics relating to gender, but has also taken modules relating to borders, HIV/AIDs in sub-Saharan Africa, and segregation. Her dissertation is focusing on how gender is constructed and contested through the discourses around reality TV. Fiona has been involved with various groups relating to student wellbeing and experience: as an intern at Student Services; Deputy Director of St Andrews Nightline, a student run listening and information service; Student Ambassador; and having sat on the Students' Association Wellbeing Committee and committee for her halls of residence. While at Emory, she plans to continue her study of topics relating to gender, identity and politics, with classes across various departments, including the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. In addition, she looks forward to getting involved with extra-curriculars relating to social justice, hopefully including some of the projects within the Centre for Women, and the International Rescue Committee in Atlanta. Having never been to the USA before, Fiona is excited to travel and explore new places and cultures.



LIBBI CARRUTHERS - Scholar, St Andrews to Emory

Libbi is in the final year of her International Relations and Modern History degree. Her extra-curricular activities include working for the University as a Vice-Principal student ambassador, responsible for organising tours of St Andrews. She has also been involved with acting and singing projects, before moving towards production in her later years of University. This year she headed up the corporate relations and external affairs for the St Andrews Charity Fashion Show, the largest student-run fashion show in the UK. While she is in the United States she hopes to travel to as many places as she can, from New York to New Orleans, as well as getting involved in all aspects of the Emory community.



IAIN MILLAR - Scholar, St Andrews to Emory

Iain is in his final year at St Andrews studying for a Master of Arts (Joint-Honours) in French and International Relations. He spent his third-year teaching in a school in the suburbs of Paris as well as interning for four months in the finance industry. During his time at St Andrews, Iain has been actively involved in leading student involvement in the university's widening access to higher education initiatives in his role as deputy principal ambassador, as well as hosting his own student radio show. His teaching experience, as well as his involvement mentoring in St Andrews, has led Iain to develop a keen interest in public policy, in particular in the fields of education and social mobility. At Emory, he is keen to expand his knowledge of policy-making processes both domestically and internationally. Equally, he is looking forward to exploring wider aspects of political philosophy, such as the work of French philosopher Michel Foucault, which he has been introduced to at undergraduate level. Outside of the classroom, Iain hopes to volunteer as part of educational projects in the wider Atlanta community, as well as getting more involved with student theatre groups, both on and off stage.



IAIN SMITH - Scholar, St Andrews to Emory

Iain is a final year student of Geography and Sustainable Development. He competes in boxing and rugby and is looking forward to continuing both in Atlanta. He works as a cocktail bartender whilst studying and has started his own business where he bar-tends and provided bartenders for private parties and events. As well as this he is the head of sponsorship for the charity fashion show Sitara and has worked with several other groups such as the Kensington club and the Rector's Committee. He also loves cooking, singing at open mic nights and works as a brand ambassador for a local Gin Company. Iain is excited to start life in America and see as much of it as he can and looks forward to studying Economics, International Relations and Spanish.



RIKKE NEDERGAARD - Fellow, St Andrews to Emory

Rikke has completed her final year as an MA (Hons) student of Social Anthropology. Next to her studies at St Andrews, she is School President of Social Anthropology, Co-Editor-in-Chief of Ethnographic Encounters, Senior Student Ambassador, and Founder and Coordinator of the Social Anthropology Mentoring Scheme. Rikke also volunteers in a psychiatric hospital and has previously undertaken a paid research assistantship. At Emory, she will be studying for a Master of Public Health, specialising in Community Health Development, as part of her plan to enter into practically applied medical anthropology. Rikke has a long-standing interest in student representation and hopes to involve herself in Rollins' Student Government. She is also keen to join the Emory Mental Health Alliance (EMHA) and to undertake internships in Public Health whilst in Atlanta. On her holidays, Rikke plans to travel around the United States with stops throughout the South and the West Coast to experience as much as she can of this diverse and vibrant country.