



## **Student exchange programme honours legendary amateur golfer**

University of St Andrews students have the opportunity to take part in an exchange programme to the US through the Robert T Jones Memorial Trust.

The trust was established more than 30 years ago in memory of legendary American amateur golfer Bobby Jones, who completed his unique "Grand Slam" of the-then four major tournaments in a single calendar year at St Andrews in 1930.

Set up by his friends and family, the Robert T Jones Memorial Trust funds an exchange programme between scholars of the University of St Andrews and scholars of Emory University in Atlanta, where Jones was an alumnus. Since 2013, the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation has given grant money to this trust, which is administered through the university.

"Four students are selected from each university, to switch places essentially, and it is fully funded," said Heather Edie, Head of Campaign & Donor Relations at the University of St Andrews. "This exchange is at postgraduate level so the students we send to Emory will have completed their undergraduate degree at St Andrews, and vice versa. And the exchange students, on both sides of the pond, all tell us that have an amazing experience."

Jessica, a 2021-22 Robert T Jones Memorial Trust Scholar who is an MA (Hons) International Relations graduate, is a prime example.

"As a keen enthusiast of St Andrews University traditions, I was very eager to get involved in Emory's exciting student culture, through events such as Dooley week and homecoming," Jessica said. "This scholarship was an incredible opportunity for me, while I was also able to study Development Practice at Emory. I developed a passion for activism and humanitarian aid during my time as a student, not only through academia but through fundraising efforts. This opportunity provided ideal foundations to allow me to pursue a career in activism and humanitarian development."

**The University of St Andrews**

Founded in the 15th century, St Andrews is Scotland's first university and the third oldest in the English-speaking world. The University of St Andrews is one of Europe's most research-intensive seats of learning. It is one of the top-rated universities in Europe for research, teaching quality and student satisfaction.

Today, under the leadership of Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Sally Mapstone, the University's strategy is to broaden its global influence, with a focus on diversity, building a culture of entrepreneurship, research excellence and social responsibility. The University has set an ambitious target of carbon net zero by 2035, ten years ahead of the Scottish Government's 2045 target.

St Andrews is ranked as the top university in the UK in *The Guardian Guide 2023*, Scottish University of the Year, top in Scotland and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK in *The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2023*.