Greetings, Emory Scholar Alumni!

We’ve been excited by the many ways that Scholars alumni have been involved with the Scholars program, our current and prospective Scholars, and each other over this past year. It is a goal for us to increase the level of connectivity between all parts of the Scholars network. We invite you to read on to learn about how Scholar Alumni were involved this spring and summer in selecting Scholars who are grounded in the Scholars qualities, how current Scholars are growing from interactions with alumni, and how Scholars have been giving back on campus and beyond, at times in cooperation with alumni.

We are also excited to share about some of the new programming and opportunities for Emory Scholars and to introduce you to our newest staff as well as some of the newest Scholar Alumni to join your ranks. We also would love to hear from you about how you might want to get involved and give back to the Emory Scholars Program. You can indicate your interest in everything from helping with recruitment to connecting with Scholars alumni in your area through the Scholar Alumni Interest Survey.

Alumni are as much a part of the future of the Emory Scholars Program as you are a part of our past. We encourage you to learn about the new initiative we call Scholars 2.0, which emphasizes a community of Scholars grounded in shared qualities, growing together, and giving back to Emory and their wider communities. We look forward to connecting with you as part of the Scholars community, whether it is back here on campus or where you live today.

Warm regards,

Lydia Soleil, Ph.D.
Director, Emory Scholars

Alumni Engaging with Scholars

MLK Day On
This year, 92 scholars were joined by 3 scholar alumni on various service projects throughout Atlanta. Benjamin Corley 07C performed trail maintenance for Friends of Kittredge Park while Ernest Brown 13C volunteered with Enroll America, calling local Atlanta residents to help them enroll in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act before the deadline. Finally, Jochen Chang 08Ox 10B worked with The NAMES Project Foundation Inc., which serves as the international custodian of the AIDS memorial quilt and seeks to raise awareness and continue the search.
AIDS memorial quilt and seeks to raise awareness and continue the search for a cure to this global epidemic. Having scholar alumni participation in these service events is rewarding and fun, and we hope you will join us for the next day of service. Look out for an email from ec.scholars@emory.edu to participate in Emory Cares Day November 12, 2016!

Scholar Alumnus Garrett Turner 11C with current Emory Scholars and Bobby Jones Scholars after his performance in Dreamgirls.

Scholar Alums Visit Atlanta

Current Emory Scholars and Bobby Jones Scholars teamed up with Dean Brzinski to attend a performance of Dreamgirls at the Atlanta Lyric Theater featuring Emory Scholar Alumnus Garrett Turner 11C. Garrett joined them for dinner after the show. While Garrett was in town, he also stopped by the Scholars Lounge for a casual dinner with current scholars.

Scholar Alumna Kelley Friedgen 99C 03L 03MPH, Senior Corporate Counsel for Genentech, also stopped by for a lunch with current scholars on a recent trip to Atlanta.

If your schedule brings you to Atlanta, please feel free to send us an email and we can set up a meal or informal meeting with current scholars who would be thrilled to meet you!

Recruiting New Emory Scholars

Emory Scholar Alumni were critical in helping us pull off yet another successful Emory Scholars Program Finalists’ Week for the group of 83 high school seniors invited to campus this spring. Scholar alumni participated as interviewers, joined us for the closing dinner at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, and made congratulatory calls to Finalists invited to be members of the Emory Scholars Program. Through all of their interactions, alumni played a unique role in explaining the value of Emory and the Emory Scholars Program to Finalists. Thank you to the 47 alumni who played a role in bringing 28 new first-year students into our Emory Scholars community. We would also like to thank the 22 Emory Scholars alumni who read applications for our newest class of 23 Dean’s Achievement Scholars! Learn more about our newest 4-year Scholars.

Senior Lunch Keynote

On May 7, senior Scholars, their families, and their faculty mentors gathered at the Emory Conference Center for a celebratory graduation lunch. Alumna Lexi Rothman 97C gave an inspiring speech on the importance of fostering long-lasting mentorship relationships after seniors graduate and leave Emory. Senior Scholars enjoyed spending time together before the commencement ceremony.

New Alumni Spotlight

In May, we congratulated 53 Senior Scholars on their graduation from Emory and while we are sad to see them go, we know they are off to promising futures as the newest Emory Scholar Alumni. Here we highlight four of our newest Scholar Alumni from the Class of 2016.

Mae Bowen

The Emory Scholars Program staff has grown this year to include our first-ever External Relations Postgraduate Fellow. Scholar alumna Mae Bowen 16C will be working on expanding our communications strategy and improving alumni relations and programming. Look out for even more exciting opportunities to engage with the Emory Scholars Program this year.
and please contact her at mcbowen@emory.edu with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

**MacKenzie Wyatt**
Woodruff Research Scholar MacKenzie Wyatt 16C graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology and received highest honors for her thesis. MacKenzie founded the Emory chapter of the Worldwide Orphanage Relief Coalition, served as President of Send-a-Smile, and sang with The Gathering A Capella. She also served on the Honor Council and the executive board of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society. You can learn more about MacKenzie's Emory experience in her profile in the Emory Report. This fall, MacKenzie will be starting medical school at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY in the hopes of becoming a pediatrician.

**Raj Tilwa**
Dean’s Achievement Scholar Raj Tilwa 16C graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Raj served as President of Emory’s Student Government Association and as an Orientation Captain. He was also the Social Service and Philanthropy Chair of his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, founded the SGA T-shirt exchange program, and danced with Emory SaRaas. Raj is taking his talents to Deloitte Consulting, working as a Business Analyst in their strategy and operations group in Atlanta, GA.

**Emilia Truluck**
Woodruff Scholar Emilia Truluck 16C graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and received highest honors for her thesis titled "Confronting the System v. Maneuvering from Within: A Comparative Analysis of Anti-Harassment Activists' Strategies in Egypt and Jordan." At Emory, Emilia led Students for Justice in Palestine and was involved with Volunteer Emory. She served as a Deacon for Emory University Worship, an ESL tutor, and interned at the Carter Center in their Conflict Resolution program. This coming year, Emilia will conduct research in Jordan as a Fulbright grant recipient, before continuing her education at Oxford University in England in their Refugee and Forced Migration Studies program.

We encourage Scholar Alumni in Kentucky, Atlanta, Jordan, and the U.K. to reach out and welcome these new alumni to your community!

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**Extra Edition**

Can't get enough Scholar News? Read our Emory Scholar Alumni Newsletter "Extra Edition" with information about "Scholars in the News" and "New Scholar Program Opportunities."

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**Get Involved!**

**Alumni Interest Survey**
There are many opportunities for our alumni to get involved in the Scholars Program, whether you live near Emory or elsewhere. We are working to expand opportunities for alumni engagement and look forward to your participation and input. We invite you to indicate your interest in various opportunities by completing our Emory Scholars Alumni Interest Survey and we will reach out when those opportunities arise.

If you want to share any feedback or suggestions about the Emory Scholars Alumni newsletter, we can
be reached by email at ec.scholars@emory.edu or by phone at: 404-275-7845.

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