

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2019!

BY ASHLEY WESTBROOK

Approximately 150 students walked across the stage on May 4, 2019 at the John W. Swails Center with 132 earning a bachelor's degree and another 18 earning their associate's degrees.

- This year's baccalaureate co-valedictorians were Mr. Jack Fitzpatrick and Ms. Kylah Maxwell-Brown. Ms. Sydney Driver was the associate's degree valedictorian.
- Faculty Awards went to Ms. Rachel Burge and Ms. Alicia Phillips.
- The Lee H. & Lucille Firebaugh Memorial Award was presented to Ms. Cathy Acre and Dr. Blake Rackley.

- The Lorraine Wells Melton Support Staff Award was given to Ms. Ashley Westbrook, Director of Public Relations.

Co-Valedictorians Jack Fitzpatrick and Kylah-Maxwell Brown addressed the graduating class. Fitzpatrick began by sharing how God intervened through a chance meeting with the late Bob Rosene (father of EC Head Basketball Coach, TJ Rosene), who first told him about Emmanuel.

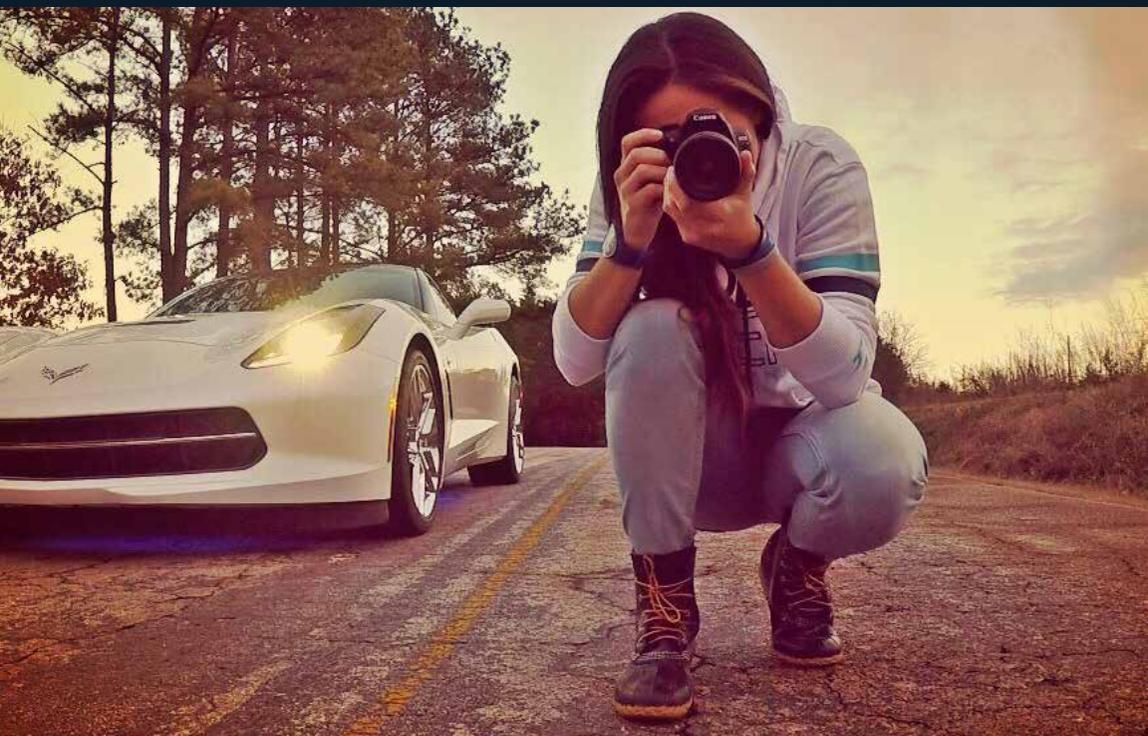
A native of Buffalo, NY, Fitzpatrick had applied to all of the Ivy League Schools in



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THERE'S NO DREAM TOO BIG

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT ON CALI JONES



It's all about making connections. This is a lesson EC Alumna Cali Jones ('18) learned early on during her time at Emmanuel College. That piece of advice is what she believes led her to her current role as a Live Content Correspondent for the National Football League.

Originally from Fernandina Beach, Florida, Cali's family moved around a bit as her father served in the Navy.

She lived in Guam for the majority of her life, crediting it as the place where she grew up and got into sports. One specific sport Cali enjoyed was Volleyball, which led her to Emmanuel College in 2013 on a Volleyball scholarship.

"I remember we almost didn't visit Emmanuel because I had a few other offers, but I had a good feeling about it," Cali said. "We took a campus tour and I immediately fell in love with it and had a feeling this was where I needed to be."

Cali's interest in photography and videography began at Emmanuel.

"I originally was a Sports Management major," she said. "When I found out about the Communication Department and the Digital Media Production pathway, I decided to make the switch. I've always been a fan

of movies and sports, so I was drawn to that area."

Immediately, Cali felt at home.

The Communication faculty, Jennifer Benson, Dr. Terilyn Goins, Paula Dixon, Anna Shelton and Clint Ross not only taught Cali the skills she would need to have a successful career in Sports Communication but acted as mentors to her by answering her questions about what she could do to stand out among the crowd.

One question Cali continued to ask of her professors is what type of internships she should be applying for, and when she should start looking.

"I took Mr. Ross's "Go and Get It" attitude back home with me to Jacksonville," Cali remembers. "I went out and asked questions, emailed people, and hounded them."

Cali eventually found her place with the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, a minor league baseball team, where she interned in the summer of 2017.

"It was such a cool experience to be gathering videos and photos of players, the stadium, anything they wanted each game to be used for their social media to help them gain exposure," Cali said. "You're helping them and are a part of that whole industry

there. I came back after that summer with more knowledge and a better idea of what's involved in sports communication."

After graduation, Cali moved back to Jacksonville, taking the skills and advice she had gained at Emmanuel with her.

After only a month, Cali received an email from her internship coordinator at the Jumbo Shrimp, with an opportunity she couldn't turn down.

"He said that someone from NFL had emailed him looking for people to fill a position," Cali remembers. "He asked if it would be okay if he mentioned me, and I said go right ahead! The job wasn't listed anywhere, it was based strictly off recommendations."

That month, Cali was hired as a Live Content Correspondent. Although she works directly for the National Football League, she spends most of her time covering the Jacksonville Jaguars and their opponents.

"We have two bosses from the NFL who communicate with us before every game on what the teams are looking for that day," Cali said. "We send whatever they need in live action, as soon as possible to them so that the Jaguars, the opposing team, and the NFL can post the content on their social media platforms."

Cali's work has even made it on ESPN and NFL Network in the form of highlight/promotional videos.

Although she arrived at Emmanuel knowing how to operate a camera, Cali credits her time in the EC Communication Department for helping her understand the technology behind videography and photography.

"I wasn't sure how to use the software, or how to edit videos or photos," Cali remembers. "My professors taught me how to do that and it really has helped. In my job, we're having to edit photos and videos, we have to know how to use these cameras correctly, edit sound and footage, and know how to upload our footage. I didn't know how to do these things until I arrived at EC."

What advice would she give students looking to enter the Sports Communication field?

"While you're in college, get involved in as many internships as you can," she said. "Even now, I'm on the phone with people from the Atlanta Falcons, New England Patriots, and Carolina Panthers, asking questions on how they got to where they are and what steps I should take."

Make connections. That is the greatest piece of advice Cali Jones has received in her short career, and for her, this focused attitude began with a professor who urged her to go and get it. Her time at Emmanuel led Cali to believe there's no dream too big, and she's just getting started.

To view Cali's work visit her website at <http://calibrookejones.wixsite.com/mysite>.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Sherm Smith Memorial Golf Tournament

Noon, Highland Walk Golf Course

Bring a team and come hit the links with us at the 3rd Annual Sherman B. Smith Memorial Golf Tournament at Highland Walk Golf Course in Royston, Ga. The entry fee per individual covers lunch, cart, and green fee for 18 holes of golf.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Vision 4 Education

10:00a.m. | Swails Center

Members of the Women's Ministries Department of the IPHC join us for the 72nd Annual Vision 4 Education (formerly the Feast of Ingathering). Vision 4 Education represents years of commitment and hard work by the Women's Ministries team to help provide scholarships for PH students to pursue a Christ-centered education at Emmanuel.

Swim Team Exhibition

3:00p.m. | Shaw Athletic Center

Come out to the Robert Roberson Aquatic Center and cheer on the top-ranked Emmanuel Lions in an exhibition meet!

Cookout on the Quad

5:00p.m. | Quad

Bring your family and join us for a Cookout on the Quad! BBQ, games, and inflatables, too! A great time will be had by all at the annual Dirty Pig Feast!

EC Fine Arts Café

7:00p.m. | Taylor Chapel

Join us for an evening in Paris at Emmanuel's Fine Arts Café! You'll enjoy coffee, pastries, and performances by several Music Department students and faculty members!

Athletic Events

7:00p.m. | Shaw Athletic Center

EC Basketball season is right around the corner! Join us for a first look at this year's Lions!

Historical Walk Down Spring Street

8:00/8:30/9:00p.m. | Shaw-Leslie Library

Take a stroll down memory lane with us as we walk through campus, sharing historical tidbits along the way! We may even be joined by a few familiar faces on our journey!

Alumni/Friends Bowling

10:00p.m. | Shaw Athletic Center

End an eventful evening at Emmanuel's own Rotondo Lanes! Let the good times roll!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Golden Grad Reunion (1969 and prior years)

8:00a.m. | Swails Center

Graduate in 1969 or before? This is YOUR time to shine! Join us for a time of fellowship with familiar faces and share stories of your time at Emmanuel!

School of Education Breakfast

9:00a.m. | Franklin Springs City Hall

Did you graduate from Emmanuel's School of Education? This is your time to reconnect with classmates and faculty members and share stories of your Emmanuel experience!

Centennial Historical Account

10:00a.m. | Franklin Springs PHC

Learn about Emmanuel's 100 years of service and the men and women who paved the way!

Annual Alumni & Friends Luncheon

11:30a.m. | Swails Center

Awards Ceremony and banquet to present the 2019 Medallion Award and the 2019 Alumnus of the Year Award.

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

1:30p.m. | Shaw Athletic Center

Induction of the Centennial class of the Emmanuel Athletics Hall of Fame!

Alumni Mixer

2:00p.m. | Erby Shaw Library Plaza

Enjoy coffee and conversation as you reconnect with friends from your time at Emmanuel!

Athletic Events

Show off your Lion Pride and cheer on Emmanuel to victory!

Alumni/Friends Bowling

2:45p.m. | Shaw Athletic Center

Let the good times roll at Rotondo Lanes!

Dedication of the 2018 Victory Memorial

3:00p.m. | Quad

Join us in dedicating a special Victory Memorial honoring the miracles performed for Emmanuel in recent years and culminating in 2018!

Dinner and Centennial Celebration (Singers and Historical Drama)

6:00p.m. | Swails Center

Join us for an Emmanuel Singers Reunion and Historical Drama to cap off an eventful day!

Fireworks

End the evening with a dazzling fireworks display over campus! You won't want to miss this!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Sunday Homecoming Service

10:30a.m. | Franklin Springs PHC

We will be joined by IPHC General Superintendent, Dr. A.D. Beacham who will leave us with an encouraging message to commemorate Emmanuel's Centennial year!

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search of an exceptional institution to attend but found his place at Emmanuel.

“Early on in my first semester, I began to realize that Emmanuel was a special place and that I had ended up at an exceptional institution after all,” he said. “I couldn’t ignore how great the people were at every turn. Being at a small school with people that care about you means that there’s a face for every position and a relationship for every face.”

Jack couldn’t understand what attracted a large group of exceptional individuals to a place he couldn’t find on Google Maps, but realized that everyone had a story like his.

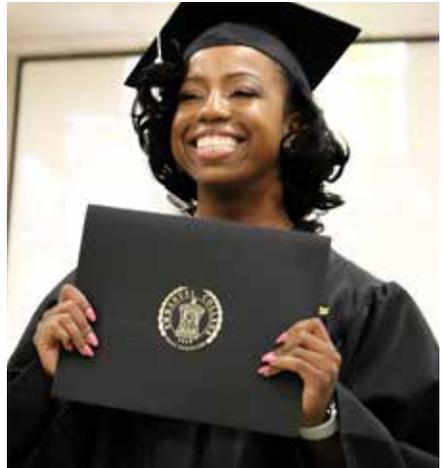
“We may have had other plans, but God had bigger and better plans,” he said. “Perhaps Emmanuel’s prestige doesn’t come from million-dollar endowments or single digit acceptance rates. Perhaps Emmanuel’s prestige comes from the type of people that choose to attend. Maybe that’s what we all have in common- God brought us here.”

He finished by stating that the people are what make Emmanuel special.

“Class of 2019, wherever your next destination is, go with confidence and a goal to make that place special, too. It wouldn’t be the first time that God used you to make a seemingly ordinary place, extraordinary.”

Co-Valedictorian, Kylah Maxwell-Brown also spoke on what makes Emmanuel unique.

“We are such a diverse school,” she said. “We attract people from all over the world and that’s what makes coming here so special.”



She shared that each member of the class of 2019 came to Emmanuel with a goal or expectation of what their four years on campus would hold.

“Some of us achieved the dreams we started with, where others saw them change,” she said. “As we cross this stage, we’re leaving with new dreams. Dreams that are as diverse as we are.”

She finished by reminding her classmates that although the future may seem terrifying, God knows what you can handle.

“We may experience trials, but he will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear,” she said. “We made it to this day which is already a huge accomplishment



that we all should be proud of. I can't wait to see all that we accomplish in the years to come!"

This year's commencement speaker was Emmanuel Alumnus, Dr. A.D. Beacham ('69), who currently serves as the General Superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Dr. Beacham began by sharing a little bit about the history of Emmanuel College and how far the college has come.

"Through the decades, one thing has remained constant, the commitment of individuals from decade to decade who were convinced that God had and has a purpose for this school," he said. "Through numerous trials and setbacks, those individuals including people who are with us today have never given up."

He encouraged the Class of 2019 to do the same.

"It's important that we remember that the name of this college is a primary reason why we don't give up," he said. "Emmanuel means God with us. It is only because God is WITH us that we are here today."

He finished by reminding the Class of 2019 that throughout their lives they'll experience great joy, blessings, and opportunities. With these joys, they'll also experience challenges and loss, but he urged them to never give up and to always remember that God is with us.

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EMMANUEL NAMED A BEST VALUE SCHOOL BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

BY ASHLEY WESTBROOK

Earlier this year, *U.S. News & World Report* released its list of “Best Value Schools,” with Emmanuel College breaking the top ten as the #9 Regional (South) Best Value School for 2019, adding to the growing list of accolades Emmanuel has received this semester.

Emmanuel College President, Dr. Ron White, says he is a firm believer in keeping private education affordable, something Emmanuel strives to do each year.

“We take pride that *U.S. News & World Report* recognizes Emmanuel College as having value,” he said. “Our generous financial aid creates so much value that many of our students are able to attend Emmanuel for about the same cost as public colleges and universities.”

Each year, more than 98% percent of students at Emmanuel College receive financial aid.

According to *U.S. News & World Report Best Value Schools Methodology*, Best Value Schools are “above average academically and cost considerably less than many other schools when financial aid awarded is taken into account.”

Emmanuel College was also named the #34 Regional College (South) for 2019 by *U.S. News & World Report* placing Emmanuel in the Top 50 for the seventh consecutive year.



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