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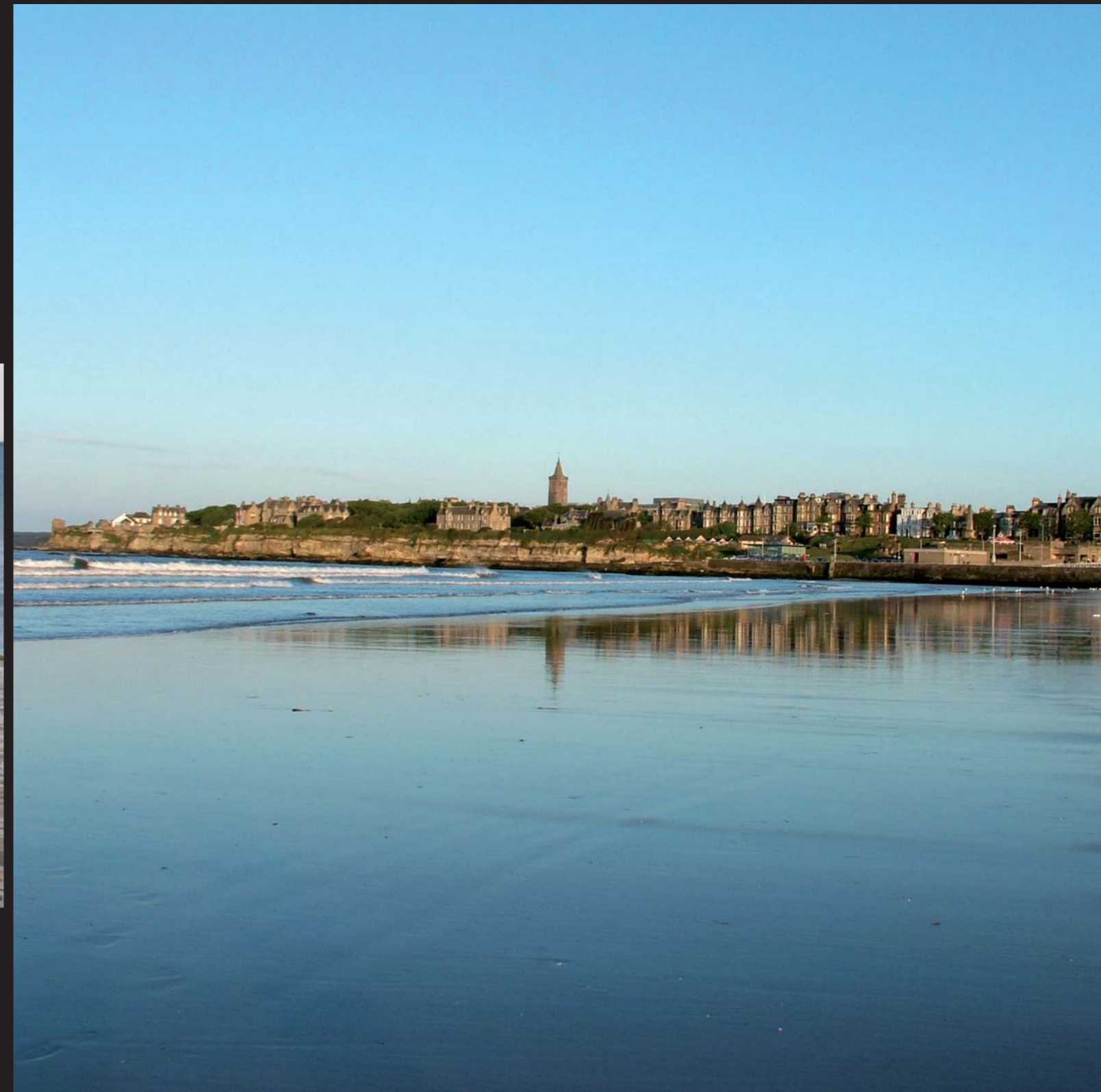
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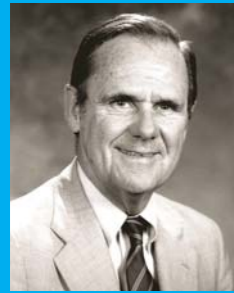
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*Each year Mrs Ransome and I go to St Andrews in the fall and invite all of the Ransome Scholars to join us for dinner. The dinner is one of the highlights of our year and we always look forward with delight to this, and to get to know these wonderful young people. It is evident each year that the people who have been selected are very special and deserving of the opportunity the scholarship provides for them.*

Dr Ernest L Ransome III, Honorary Trustee



## History

The Ernest L Ransome III Scholarship Trust was established in 1994, enabling the friends and associates of Ernest L Ransome III to recognise his commitment to philanthropy, education and athletics. The mission of the Ernest L Ransome III Scholarship Trust is to enrich the experience of deserving undergraduate and postgraduate students by affording them the opportunity to attend the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

Building on the strong relationship already in place between St Andrews and Pine Valley Golf Club in New Jersey, we hope this Scholarship fund will reinforce the strong links between these two prestigious institutions.

The University of St Andrews is Scotland's oldest University and the third oldest in the English-speaking world. For

centuries it has offered the best, most talented students the information, stimulation and freedom to develop.

Living and learning in St Andrews is a unique experience. It is a cosmopolitan centre of intellectual exploration, steeped in tradition, which equips students with the expertise, global outlook and confidence to be successful international citizens. Based in the Home of Golf, the University also offers students a chance to connect with Scotland's culture, sport, and spirit.

As the University's 600th anniversary approaches, and with plans for a packed programme of celebrations, there could be no better time for international students to follow in the footsteps of generations of St Andrews graduates, and to play a part in its seventh century of academic leadership and achievement.

## About the Scholarships

Ransome Scholarships are available to undergraduates entering the three, four or five-year Honours degree course and graduate students entering a one-year postgraduate course.

The Ernest L Ransome III Scholarship Trust provides scholarship support for:

- full tuition fees for each year of study;
- accommodation fees to cover university residential costs, and comparable fees to contribute towards private residential costs;
- a fixed book allowance;

- a fixed travel allowance, determined by area of residence in the United States.

The Scholarship is open to US and Canadian students who have been offered a place at the University of St Andrews, and is subject to satisfactory progress for the duration of the course of study. However, applications from residents of other countries will also be considered.

The Ransome Trust supports applicants who are academically qualified, well-rounded students, and who have demonstrated leadership skills.



# Student Profiles

**Michael Adams**  
MA (Hons) 2008 International Relations



I recently began my first year at the University of Maryland Law School. During the Orientation programme it is customary for all of the students in a class section to go around the room and introduce themselves and say where they have done their undergraduate studies. In my section, we had students who had attended Harvard, Princeton and Georgetown, but when I said: "St Andrews...in Scotland", people sat up and took notice. After class the other students asked me questions as though I had just returned from some great adventure, "How could you stay away from home for so long?", "What are the people like?", "Why would you ever go so far away for school?" It was then that I really began to understand what an incredible opportunity I had been afforded by the Ransome Scholarship.

I have the Ransome Scholarship Trust to thank for this incredible adventure. The freedom from financial burden that it provided allowed me to focus on my education and not wasting a single opportunity throughout my four years. For that I am extraordinarily grateful.

**Samantha Hufford**  
MLitt 2009 Marketing



I was privileged to be selected as a Ransome Scholar for my graduate studies during the 2008-2009 academic year. I earned an MLitt in Management: Marketing "with distinction" from the University of St Andrews.

Aside from receiving a first-class education from an elite university with professors at the forefront of their fields, I was able to travel to new places and make lifelong friends from all over the world.

My time at St Andrews was nothing short of incredible. I feel so lucky and am extraordinarily grateful to Dr Ransome and the Trust for providing me with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Not only was the cultural experience at St Andrews eye-opening, the academic experience was life altering.

**Max Adler**  
MLitt 2007 Creative Writing



I can not imagine where I would be now if it were not for the Ransome Scholarship.

I spent two postgraduate years at St Andrews, in the end gaining a Master of Letters in English Studies, and, in between, played for the University's Men's Golf Club as well as working as a caddy on the Old Course.

As a golfer, my life was full of 'pinch-me' moments; like playing a match against the University of Aberdeen at Royal Aberdeen, or sitting inside the Royal & Ancient clubhouse for the awards ceremony after the city amateur tournament, The Gold Medal. As a writer, I met people from all over the world and the Scottish weather provided many days in which the best option was to put on another sweater and hole up in front of the computer.

When it was all winding down, the two dream years of my life, I found myself interviewing the editor-in-chief of *Golf Digest* magazine, Jerry Tarde. Telling him about what I had been up to, Mr Tarde responded, "Oh sure, I know Ernie Ransome." Just one of many moments where I realised that anyone who is anyone in the world of golf knows Ernie Ransome.

I am now a staff editor at *Golf Digest* and a contributing writer for *Golf World*. This past spring I published my first book as the head editor of the story collection *Chicken Soup for the Soul: the Golf Book*. My best assignment of the year was travelling to New Zealand to write a profile on the then reigning US Amateur Champion, Danny Lee. I even got to tee up with him.

**Michael Woolslayer**  
MLitt 2009 International Security Studies



The Ransome Scholarship gave me an unforgettable experience that I would not have been able to enjoy otherwise. The scholarship allowed me to grow intellectually through study with distinguished scholars and interaction with a wide variety of students from the far-reaches of the globe. It broadened both the width and depth of my knowledge of politics in general

and international relations in particular over the year of study. I made close friends that I will have for the rest of my life. The atmosphere of St Andrews, both the University and the town, facilitated these studies like few other places in the world, while also providing amazing opportunities for breaks from the academic grind. I was able to participate in the University Boxing Club, the International Politics Association, the European Society, and the Postgraduate Society. Of course, I enjoyed the rich history, and became part of the town's long sporting tradition on the golf course.

The Ransome Scholarship gave me a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will never forget. The scholarship also helped me develop the tools necessary to succeed and, hopefully, make a positive impact on this world. I will forever be grateful to Dr and Mrs Ransome, the Ransome Trust, and all of the donors for the wonderful gift of this scholarship.



*In the beginning the Ransome Scholarship Trust was about honouring a remarkable man through the grant of one scholarship to St Andrews. But now it is about playing a role in the lives of seven remarkable young people by allowing them to live the St Andrews experience. And we hope that through our donors' generosity that number will grow.*

Edward D Slevin, President of the Trust



## Supporting the Scholarship

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As of June 30, 2009, fund account balances for the Ransome Scholarship totalled \$4,008,173, an amount made possible by the generosity of the Scholarship's many donors, as well as very favourable investment returns. Fund balances have almost doubled in value over the last seven and a half years. This has enabled the Scholarship to fund the tuition, room/board and travel expenses of seven to eight students per year at the University. Over the last four years, the annual total of student expenses paid by the Scholarship has ranged from \$182,556 to \$266,280, depending on the level of current charges and currency exchange rates.

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