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Jen O’Meara named first Baker Scholar

Jen O’Meara (AE ’02) was recently named the first Dr. E. Joe Baker President’s Scholar. Jen came to Tech from Roanoke, Virginia, in 1997, and she immediately became involved with both athletics and music. She joined the crew team, rowing as a novice for a year before joining the varsity team. She also joined the Georgia Tech Orchestra, playing flute and piccolo. During her sophomore year, Jen founded a flute choir which still exists today, three years later.

Also during her sophomore year at Tech, Jen had the rare opportunity to participate on the flight crew aboard the KC-135, better known as the Vomit Comet, that simulates zero gravity. Jen, and her team, including former PSs Karen Feigh (AE ’01), Sarah Graybeal (AE ’01), and Becca Karns-Cohran (AE ’01), submitted a successful proposal to NASA to study acoustic control of a fluid in microgravity. When asked about her experiences on the Vomit Comet, Jen said, “Microgravity was amazing - for the first couple of parabolas. After that, I was so sick that I would have jumped out of the window into the Gulf if I’d been given the option. It was an unforgettable experience, but not one I particularly want to repeat.”

After that experience, Jen got a summer internship working for Boeing in Houston where she did work relating to the International Space Station.

Jen spent her junior year studying abroad at the University of Limerick in Ireland where she took classes in Irish Studies, including Irish language and Irish traditional music. She also studied traditional Irish flute with a graduate student and continued her crew involvement by rowing and coxing for the University of Limerick Rowing Club.

Following her year of study, Jen returned to Ireland and secured a five-month internship with Hewlett-Packard near Dublin.

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