



# WES JONES

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## STRONG ROCK CLASS OF 2019

### WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE GRADUATION?

Since graduation, I have been at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. I am a student at the Brock School of Business, where I am double majoring in Entrepreneurship and Management.

### IN WHAT WAYS DID YOUR ACADEMIC PURSUITS AT STRONG ROCK PREPARE YOU FOR THE ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS AT COLLEGE?

Academics at Strong Rock greatly prepared me for the academic expectations that have been set for me at college. I credit a lot of this preparation to Dr. Kerce's dual enrollment classes that I took my Junior and Senior years at Strong Rock. He taught those classes as a professor at a university would have.

### WHAT ARE YOUR UPCOMING PLANS?

My plans as of now are to graduate a semester early in December of 2022. I hope to obtain my real estate license before I graduate and hope to go into construction management and managing rental properties.

### WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE/LIFE EXPERIENCES?

My favorite part about college has been the people. I have enjoyed all the new people that I have met at Samford. I have met many people who I hope to be lifelong friends. I have also enjoyed growing many relationships that began at Strong Rock. Lee Wall and I met in Ms. Deanna Smith's class in third grade and are living together at Samford.





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### LOOKING BACK, HOW DO YOU FEEL YOUR TIME AT STRONG ROCK PREPARED YOU FOR COLLEGE AND FOR YOUR CAREER AHEAD?

I believe that the greatest benefit that I ever received from Strong Rock was relationships. I believe that this is what has most prepared me for the next steps in life. I met many people my age that I strive to be like, and also met many mentors that have guided me in my life. One that specifically comes to my mind is Jesse Adams. He has been a mentor in my life from my very early days at Strong Rock, and I believe that through him, and many other people I met at the Rock prepared for the next steps in my life.

