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James McCranie

McCranie Assumes Role as Online Student Ambassador

Sophomore James McCranie is Bolles' Global Online Academy (GOA) Student Ambassador. In this position, he is responsible for promoting the virtual classes and serving as a resource for his peers enrolled in GOA courses. McCranie pursued the position as part of his leadership project for the Bolles Global Scholar Program: a new academic track designed to teach students global leadership and competence skills.

"My role is to mentor people, assist them with their Global Online Academy journey and provide them with information that I didn't know, that would have been helpful to know before taking a [GOA] class," he said.

Bolles has partnered with GOA since 2017, offering students courses from schools across six continents and more than 30 countries. The virtual classes span a wide range of subjects, including Entrepreneurship in a Global Context, Filmmaking, Fiction Writing and Bioethics. McCranie took a health science and physical education course this past summer through GOA with a teacher based in Bogota, Colombia. He worked alongside peers in China and India to complete his coursework.

Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges said he is a strong supporter of GOA as it expands available electives and helps students develop virtual interaction skills.

"Almost every college student these days is taking at least one online course during their college experience – and often several – so this is a great skill to learn," Hodges said. "You have to learn how to interact [virtually] and make sure you're able to share your ideas really well with your peers and instructor online, which isn't always the easiest when you're used to doing it in person."