Dear Class of '55,

Thank you so much for helping me to have the awesome experience that I did studying applied anthropology in the Bahamas. This was one of the best experiences of my life in so many ways. Not only did I get to see first hand the things we were studying, like the impact of tourism on small scale culture, I got to participate in community events like the fish fry, visit the local schools and churches and learn the history of the island of San Salvador and its culture. I was also able to participate in some activities with the other classes, like snorkeling on the reef, seeing the San Salvador iguana in one of its two remaining natural habitats, swim through a tidal cave and explore tide pools at night.

This course meant so much to me, not only in the incredible learning experiences that it provided, but also as an opportunity to grow as an individual and a student. I learned to think on my feet and go with the flow while traveling and got to try many new things – like eating conch fritters – while on San Salvador. Thank you again for helping make this possible for me.

Sincerely,

Erin McNeill



ANT 222 class photo from the remains of the Pious Pirate's lighthouse on San Salvador.