

Dear Class of '55,

I would like to thank the Class of '55 for having an interest in off-campus studies for humanities studies. I would also like to thank the committee or the person who believed in my abilities enough to award me the scholarship. Due to your faith and belief in my capabilities as a student, I was afforded a wonderful opportunity in experiential learning in the Bahamas. I not only made life-long friends, but I developed research skills and explored writing in ways that I never knew existed.

I am no longer on a direct path to law school; I have decided instead to seek out doctoral programs in history and without this experience of experiential learning, I may have never taken my passions as seriously. I am on the road to complete my honors thesis by returning to San Salvador. If it were not for this course, I may not have found that road. This scholarship not only assisted me in a financial aspect, but it changed my life. I can honestly say that if I would not have received this scholarship, the likelihood of me participating in the HIS 260 course would have been extremely low.

Thank you not only for providing me with a financial means to attend the course, but also for changing my life.

Sincerely,

Ariel Harris

