

Dear Class of 1955,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your wonderful contribution to Cornell College. Your Class of '55 Award has made it possible for many students to take courses off-campus that they would have not been able to otherwise.

I applied for this award because a course was being offered in the Bahamas that focused on slavery and the environment. I am a history major and this course was not only something that interested me on a personal level, but on an academic level as well. Without your contribution to the school, I would most likely not have been able to go on this trip.

The Award is one of the very few awards which allows students to get aid for off-campus courses for a single block. I did not have the time or money available to look into a semester-long program, and so this Award allowed me to have the amazing experience of traveling, as well as studying history in a different country without sacrificing an entire semester of my college experience.

This trip was more than I could have dreamed of. It was the most amazing and influential experience of my life so far. Your class' contribution has opened my eyes up to other cultures, history, and opportunities. Not only did I learn so much more about history, different cultures, and the environment, but I made friendships that mean so much to me. This trip truly showed me the importance of experiential learning, which as a secondary education major in history, I very much believe in.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for making the Class of '55 Award available to me.

Sincerely Yours,

Kirstin Anderson

Class of 2013

