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Dear Class of 1955,

I want to thank you for the amazing trip your scholarship allowed me to participate in. The off-campus courses were a major reason why I first became interested in Cornell. Since I first heard about the Tropical Conservation course in Costa Rica my freshman year, I was determined to take the class. Thanks to your donations, I was able to study conservation in one of the most biodiverse countries in the world.

My month in Costa Rica taught me more about conservation than I had ever expected. By visiting multiple conservation organizations, we were able to work with a number of different projects and learn what approaches work best in different situations. I was also able to see a variety of amazing wildlife. Just some of the incredible things I saw were an entire troop of squirrel monkeys passing through our research station, the beginning of the Olive Ridley arribada when thousands of these sea turtles come up to nest, and the tracks of a jaguar.

This trip was, by far, the most influential and memorable course that I have taken at Cornell. I was able to see and learn and have the overall experience that I did because of your donations. I can never say thank you enough for your scholarship that allows dozens of students, like myself, to have the experience of their college career.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Huff
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