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Dear Class of '55,

My name is Elizabeth and I'm a senior studying Chemistry. I am writing today to thank you for your generosity which has allowed me to attend a class in the Bahamas. I'm from Florence, Colorado and found out about Cornell because one of my high school teachers is an alum. I chose Cornell because of the unique opportunities that One-Course-At-A-Time offers, like studying off campus, and I've very grateful for the help you've provided.

My favorite part of the trip was the snorkeling. I have never been snorkeling before and have never seen reefs, but through this trip I saw many amazing coral and sea creatures. I even was stung by a fire coral and saw a lion fish, which is an invasive species and can shoot poison darts when threatened. The most amazing thing I saw while snorkeling was a sea turtle that was simply gliding through the water much faster than I could follow, though I did try.

Another of my favorite things was our visit to Iguana Island. It's a tiny island off the edge of San Salvador, where the research center we stayed at was based, and is covered with iguanas. There was also a perfect place to jump off the cliffs into the ocean and then get picked up by the boat, and that was a lot of fun too.

I really enjoyed the history of the island and learning about Christopher Columbus's landing from another perspective. It was a wonderful trip and really nice to be out of the cold of winter and on the warm beaches of the Bahamas.

Thanks again!

Elizabeth MacGregor