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Dear Class of '55,

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks for this scholarship, which gave me the opportunity to study the Psychology of the Holocaust with Professor Carol Enns in Eastern Europe. I am a Junior History major, hoping to someday start a career in either Library Science or Museum Studies. I knew I wanted to take this course because of my interest in the Holocaust, but I was surprised by how much I gained from it. The course perfectly combined my love of History and my interest in Museum Studies, and I learned more than I could have hoped.

Throughout the course, I traveled to Austria, The Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary. In each country, we visited a variety of museums and memorial sites, including concentration camps. Although much of what we learned was difficult and uncomfortable, each course trip started an important conversation. It was incredibly impactful to talk through everything I was feeling and hear about my classmates' experiences as well.

In addition, I was able to learn more about museums and how they function. We visited so many that I began to look at each exhibit as if I were a curator. I learned about the process of exhibit design and solidified by plans to pursue a career in Museum Studies.

Being able to study the Holocaust in the environment where it happened along with my peers and my professor was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I am so grateful that I was able to go on this trip. I will never forget the amazing experience I had in Eastern Europe, thanks to the Class of 1955.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Coghlan '19



Outside of the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria, with friends



Enjoying a Chimney Cake in Prague, Czech Republic at the Easter Market