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Dear Class of 1955,

Your generous donation towards my education made my adventures in Scotland and England that much more possible. I recently returned from a trip that led me all over the United Kingdom with Cornell's English 240 class. Professor Kirilka Stavreva and Professor Michelle Mouton were our guides as we trekked through the Scottish Highlands, roamed the narrow, stone passageways of Oxford, and strolled along London's Southbank. I saw several wonderful theatre performances—including The Royal Shakespeare Company's rendition of Macbeth, where I had the opportunity to meet and spend an entire evening with the cast!

As an English Major, this trip was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget. Touring Shakespeare's, Wordsworth's, and Burn's old haunts and homes was completely eye opening. I felt very in touch with the region's literary roots. And, as I returned home, I felt as though I was bringing a little of that immense history, artistry, and culture back with me.

I would like to wholeheartedly thank you for your generous gift. I used it to pursue a dream I have had since I was a little girl. There is so much to see in the United Kingdom, and I experienced so much of it in just three weeks. I hope to return very soon.

Cheers!

Olivia Long '19



My view of Millennium Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral in London





Holy Trinity Church exterior, where Shakespeare is buried in Stratford-upon-Avon





Shakespeare's Burial Site in Stratford-upon-Avon