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Dear Class of 1955,

Hello, my name is Caleb Blair, I am a current sophomore majoring in Archaeology and minoring in Classics and History. I would like to express my gratitude for the Class of '55 Award, and how it allowed me to travel to Greece to study archaeology. This scholarship really made the trip possible, without it I doubt I would've been able to go. As someone who had never been out of the country before, and had only been out of the Midwest once, it was a very eye opening experience.

Thanks to this experience, I was able to see how different time periods all interacted together at one site. The stratigraphy of a site is often ignored, so it was a pretty eye opening experience, especially at Corinth. Being able to actually see and feel different parts of each site, such as the Tombs of the Armeni at Crete is an experience that simply could not be replicated in the classroom to nearly the extent it was in person. Visiting the Acropolis in Athens, Mistra, and the panhellenic sanctuaries of Olympia, Delphi, and Epidaurus are experiences that I will remember for the rest of my life.

The ability to study abroad was one of the biggest factors in my decision to come to Cornell College in the first place, and now after studying abroad, I am glad that I made the decision I did. This trip definitely reassured me that I want to continue to study Archaeology. From this experience, I now feel the desire to travel more and explore different parts of the world. I hope to be able to study abroad again later in my education.

Sincerely,

Caleb Blair '21

