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Dear Class of '55:

I would like to start by thanking you for the opportunity that you have given me by giving me the scholarship that allowed me to participate in the Block 4 Course, GER 265: Uncovering Germany's Past & Present with Dr. Tyler Carrington. I am a senior majoring in Sociology and Anthropology and German, with the hope of going into nonprofit work and possibly working in marketing. This course was the first one that the German department has taken during my time at Cornell College and it was something I was hoping to be a part of from the start. This scholarship made this experience possible and for that I am very grateful.

Throughout this course I traveled with 19 other students from Vienna, Austria to Munich, Germany and finally to Berlin, Germany. During our time in these three cities we used public transportation to travel around, seeing many different sources to look at Germany's past and present. Some of the places we visited would include; multiple palaces, museums and organizations. Many of the palaces have been converted into a museum of the people who have lived there, into art museums, or tours from the time period. These really help me transport to a period in which I had not known much about before but was able to learn about its history while actually standing where all of it had occurred.

In addition to the history that we were learning about the areas that we were living we were able to go to a service organization that was helping with Berlin's homeless population, called Berlin Stadtmission. This was one of the most interesting experience for me because this is something that I have been thinking about pursuing after I graduate from Cornell and this

brought my two majors together really well. I was able to see how they run these organizations in Berlin and what compares to the organizations we have here in the U.S.

Being able to experience the history of Austria and Germany where it occurred with my peers was an experience I could only dream about but with this scholarship it was made possible. Thank you for your contribution to my education and making my educational dream come true.

Isabella Blackburn '19



St. Thomas Kirche (Church) which I saw when we were on the Berlin Urban Safari.



Bethanien which was a hospital in the 19th century; the government later bought it and turned it into a place for culture and art. (Seen on the Urban Safari as well)



Graffiti is really popular in Europe. This is a piece I saw while walking through Berlin.



This is a Narwhal horn that I found at the Imperial Treasury in Vienna.



Schloss Belvedere



A group of friends in front of a Christmas tree in a local mall.
(L-R: Me, Aubrey Vojtek '20, Ryan Wiley '19, and Taylor Wussow '20)



The back of the Schloss Schonbrunn.



Brandenburg Gate, which I saw on my last night in Europe while it was snowing. Beautiful sight!



Ferris Wheel at the Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market) in Berlin.



Allianz Soccer Arena, where Bayern Munich plays.



Aubrey and I at a Christmas Market in Rosenheim, Germany, on our day off.



Me in the Bayern Munich locker room, in front of a player's locker.