

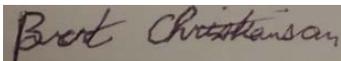
Dear Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship Committee,
in July of 2018 until August of 2018 I participated in the Kissonerga-Skalia Archaeology Project with the aid of the Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship to help pay for the overall expenses of the field school. The archaeological sites being excavated on this project contain the remains of a Cypriot settlement that was occupied from at least 2500 BC until 1600 BC – the Early Bronze Age to the beginning of the Late Bronze Age. As a student, I participated in the project for 5 weeks, learning practical applications of archaeology that cannot be taught in a university setting. The sites I helped excavate are located in the southwest region of Cyprus in Kissonerga, near the larger city of Paphos.

Each day during the project, students, including myself, would be assigned to an excavation pit every day depending on what we had and had not yet participated in. Generally, we would travel to the Kissonerga-Skalia archaeological site that was being researched and would then be divided into different groups overseen by various specialists to assist in the archaeological activities that needed to be performed on any particular day. The archaeological and anthropological methods that I gained experience in during the weeks I was on this project are human and faunal remains identification, drawing, dumpy level recording, flotation, digital photography, and, of course, excavation.

Once it was time to wrap up the five weeks I was able to participate in, various artifacts, including lithic flakes and tools, ceramics, various bronze tools and jewelry, and even a game board had been discovered and recorded. Multiple burials were also uncovered during this excavation.

My participation in the Kissonerga-Skalia Archaeology project in Cyprus has granted me with crucial knowledge and experience I need to continue to pursue a career in Archaeology. My abilities and confidence as an aspiring archaeologist have been greatly heightened do to this opportunity. I would not have been able to participate in this project without financial support from the Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship.

Thank you for your support of my participation in this project.



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Pictures at the Excavation Site:

