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Scholarships
Awarded

Colleges & Universities of Recipients:

Université Paul Valéry Montpellier
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Texas, Austin
University Francisco de Vitoria
Suffolk County Community College
Austin College
San Damaso University
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Ecole du Louvre
Princeton Theological Seminary

Excavation/Fieldwork Sites:

Tel Hazor (6 scholarships)
Tel Dan
Birsama
Huqoq
Tel Abel Beth Maacah
Tel Shimron



PAULINE ALLAIRE

Université Paul Valéry Montpellier
Excavation Site: Tel Hazor



Pauline Allaire completed her undergraduate degree at the Ecole du Louvre in Paris and is currently studying for a master's degree in the history and archaeology of the ancient worlds, specialising in Egyptology.



Archaeological excavations are always a significant step in the training of an archaeologist. I already had the opportunity to participate in several excavation campaigns but only in France, that's why I was very elated to be able to participate in this excavation campaign in Israel, on the famous site of Hazor. This experience was rich and exotic in many ways.



I am very grateful to have been able to participate in this experience thanks to the ASOR association and my benefactor Mr. Stevan B. Dana. I would also like to thank my various colleagues on the dig for their good atmosphere and their motivation, as well as the people in charge of the dig for their transmission of knowledge and their patience.



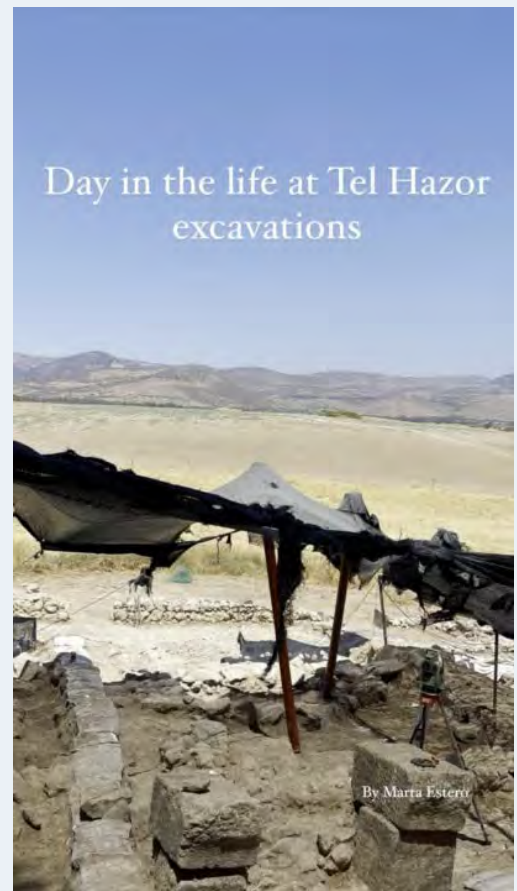
My name is Marta Estero, I am 18 years old, I was born in Xinyi, China but I've always lived in Spain. I'm a student of Audiovisual Communications in Madrid but I've always wanted to do something related with archeology and findings, and this summer that dream came true.



MARTA ESTERO

University Francisco de Vitoria
Excavation Site: Tel Hazor

I learned a lot during my stay at Tel Hazor, and one of the first things was the need to push yourself mentally, to be strong and trust that the work you are doing is good work. I've also learnt that teamwork is the way to go, I knew this to be true before this experience, but seeing it on the field really pointed it out to me.



Watch Marta's "Day in the Life" video

This experience has really left a mark on my life and I will always remember it filled with happiness, knowledge, new experiences, and amazing people.



EMILY FEHR

Suffolk County Community College

Excavation Site: Tel Hazor



Emily Fehr is a student from New York who just enrolled in Stonybrook University in the graduating class of 2024. She is going for her Bachelors Degree in Creative Writing, and plans to get her Masters in Archaeology.



My experience in the beautiful and kind country of Israel has taught me so much more than I ever had imagined. I got off the plane in Tel Aviv not knowing what to expect, it was in fact my first time being across an ocean from home. The dig site at Tel Hazor, which is nestled far up into the northern part of the country, had views like I have never seen in my life. The archaeology work was hard, but rewarding.

It was definitely an experience that I am so glad, and appreciative to have had. I would like to thank Mr. Stevan B. Dana for making the opportunity possible to attend such a once-in-a-lifetime excursion.

MARTA FERNÁNDEZ

University Francisco de Vitoria

Excavation Site: Tel Hazor



Marta Fernández is an Audiovisual Communication Student from Madrid Spain



This experience has changed me forever and I feel very lucky to have met an amazing group where everyone was kind with each other. It was a pleasure to be part of the archaeological world for three weeks, putting myself in the shoes of an archaeologist, living their work life.

Watch a short clip about Marta's experience entitled "Three Weeks in Holy Land"



CAYETANA JOHNSON

San Damaso University

Excavation Site: Tel Hazor

Cayetana H. Johnson is a Lecturer for San Damaso University and Invited Lecturer for Francisco de Vitoria University, both in Madrid (Spain). Her research field and publications include comparative studies on religion, anthropology and archaeology, Jewish Culture, Hebrew, Aramaic, Biblical and Rabbinical hermeneuticals



I would like to thank very much the ASOR grant. After two years of interruption due to the Corona virus, returning to Hazor and picking up where we had left off in 2019 has been like coming home after the odyssey. So many details are what leave us an indelible mark of the fieldwork of an excavation like the one at Tel Hazor.





BENEDICTE LHOYER

Ecole du Louvre

Excavation Site: Tel Hazor

Benedicte Lhoyer, PhD, is a French Egyptologist who teaches Archaeology and Art History in the Ecole du Louvre, Kheops Institute and the Conservatoire National Supérieure de Musique et de Danse de Paris. She digs at Hazor since 2016.



At last, after two years away from the field because of the pandemic, I can finally return to Tel Hazor! You can imagine my joy and my relief to be back, able to participate in one of the greatest archaeological adventures in the Levant. With the support of the Steven B. Dana Scholarship and the help of ASOR, I stayed five weeks in July-August to work with colleagues that I missed a lot and meet the new leading team.

ANDREW BOCK

University of California Los Angeles

Excavation Site: Tel Dan



Andrew Bock is a doctoral student in the Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC) department at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) who specializes in the Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitic inscriptions. His research interests include prophetic literature and phenomenon in the ancient Near East, scribal revision techniques in the Hebrew Bible and Akkadian literature, Ugarit, and the intersection of material culture and textual evidence.



The hands-on learning at Tel Dan helped me better understand the concepts I learned in my archaeology seminars (especially pottery typology!), the tools and methods used on archaeological digs, and how archaeologists make decisions in real time about what they are finding. Overall, I learned many things about archaeology and archaeological methods while on the dig that I never could have learned in the classroom.



I would like to thank the generous donations of Stevan B. Dana who made this extremely educational trip possible for me. With his support, I had the opportunity to excavate at Tel Dan for the 2022 dig season.



ERIN BRANTMAYER

University of Texas at Austin

Excavation Site: Birsama

Erin Brantmayer is currently a doctoral student at the University of Texas at Austin's Department of Classics. Her research has two foci: exploring how past societies have understood and made use of their natural landscapes and applying digital tools and techniques to archaeological fieldwork. When Erin isn't studying the ancient Mediterranean or fieldwalking, she can be found walking her dog, Juno, and cooking.



At the Roman and Byzantine site of Birsama, a fort nestled into the region where the Mediterranean coastal plain meets the arid Negev Desert, I and four other sure-footed archaeologists spent two weeks walking survey transects and recording pottery. But fieldwalking wasn't our only survey component – we also did extensive aerial mapping. Using a drone equipped with an RTK (real-time kinematic) module, I took over 2,500 pictures to create an orthomosaic of the study area. This is awesome because an RTK DGPS is a type of global positioning system that is accurate at the sub-centimeter level – for reference, your phone is only accurate within five meters! So, a drone with RTK is about 1,000 times more accurate than your average GPS app.

CAYDEN GRIFFITH

Austin College

Excavation Site: Huqoq



Cayden Griffith is currently a senior at Austin College where he is majoring in Classics, Anthropology, and History.



Being a student of Koine Greek, it was amazing to visit and see some of the places which I had only read about. This gave me a deeper appreciation and understanding of these stories as it left me in awe, as simply looking off into the distance at our excavation there were sights of important historical events or locations of biblical stories.

I would like to thank both ASOR and the donors who provided this scholarship I would not have been able to have this great experience without their support.

THEO KASSEBAUM

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Excavation Site: Tel Abel Beth
Maacah



Theo Kassebaum is a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is interested in questions of animal management, multispecies care, and the more-than-human world.



While I have previously worked on the bones from ABM in the lab, I had never visited the field site before! I spent one week during the excavation season at the site, and this provided a great opportunity for understanding the layout of ABM and the different contexts that I was working on in the Haifa lab.

The research this summer was foundational to shape the direction my dissertation will take. I'm grateful for the support of ASOR, and the Stevan B. Dana scholarship which made this work possible.

TARA WOODWARD

Princeton Theological Seminary

Excavation Site: Tel Shimron

Tara Woodward has a Dual Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education and Formation from Princeton Theological Seminary, as well as a Master of Arts from Western Theological Seminary (MI). She is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church of America.



In July, I had the privilege as the recipient of a 2022 ASOR Dana Scholarship for Fieldwork Participation to join my alma mater, Princeton Seminary, on an archaeological dig in Israel at Tel Shimron. We discovered a perfectly preserved arch that could be the entrance of the city gate (and only the second of its kind) and cobblestone streets fit for kings (up until this point unmatched throughout Israel).





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