



DONOR IMPACT REPORT  
**2022 Fieldwork  
Participation  
Scholarships:  
Strange/Midkiff  
Families  
Fellowship**



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# Donor Impact: Summary

**\$8,000**

awarded to  
students in  
2022

**4**

students on  
international  
excavations

**Colleges & Universities  
of Recipients:**

*University of Evansville*  
*University of Michigan*  
*University of Crete*  
*University of Central  
Florida*

**Excavation/Fieldwork  
Sites:**

*Shikhin Excavation Project - Israel*  
*Tell el-Hesi, Israel*  
*Vayots Dzor Fortress Landscapes  
Project - Armenia*  
*The Kerkenes Project - Yozgat  
Province, Central Turkey*

**Scholarship Recipient  
Names:**

*Chloe Burns*  
*Allison Densel*  
*Sofia Kane*  
*Jessica Robkin*



# The opportunity of a lifetime.

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*"Not only did I learn a lot about the process of archaeological research, but I also grew as a student and person, as cliché as that sounds. Because of the work our team accomplished, we will be able to excavate at Hesi next summer. I plan on being there as a junior staff member. This was truly a life-changing experience, and I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to Carolyn Strange-Midkiff and ASOR. **Without all of your support, I would not have had such an amazing and transformative experience.**"*

*- Allison Densel, Tell el-Hesi*

# Returning to research after the pandemic.

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*"My field season, made possible in part by the 2022 ASOR Strange-Midkiff Scholarship for Fieldwork Participation, was full of takeaways and moments that will be remembered for many years to come. **With excavation halted since 2020, and so much time spent in a digital world, the value of being physically within the space to improve my understanding of the site on a deeper level, was immeasurable.** Further, and equally important to my future work in cultural heritage, was the continued opportunity to collaborate with village excavators and with our house crew, that offered unique learning moments about excavation, the site and its impacts on the region, and also about local and regional culture.*

*- Jessica Robkin, The Kerkenes Project*

# Exploring new cities and cultures.

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**Chloe Burns**  
**Shikhin Excavation Project - Israel**

"On the weekends, we took field trips to different sites in Israel, and we were given a great amount of detail by the supervisors. With all these trips and lectures, I had the opportunity to learn even more about the surrounding area and Jewish culture, which put the site I was working on, and the area I was working in, into a much greater perspective."

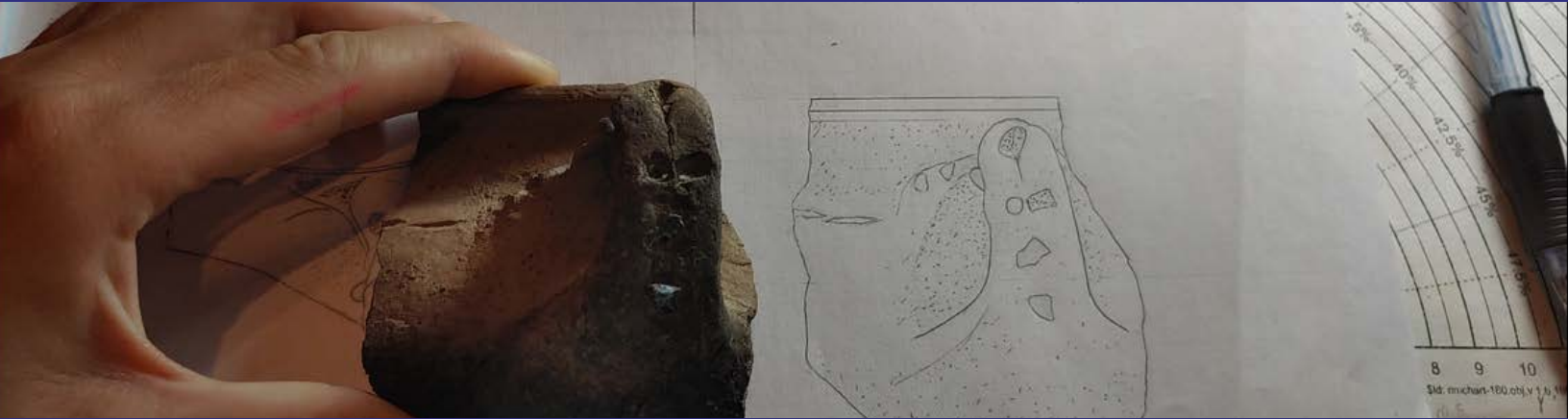
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**Sofia Kane**  
**Vayots Dzor Fortress Landscapes Project - Armenia**

"In the morning, we would wake up and have a filling breakfast prepared by our host. This started with lavash (soft flatbread), cheese, and fresh herbs such as basil and chives, which were combined together into a rolled sandwich. This staple of Armenian cuisine was accompanied by eggs, tea, and honey."



# Learning and building new skills.



## 1 Sofia Kane Vayots Dzor Fortress Landscapes Project – Armenia

"Towards the end of the season, we took final photos of the trench in the early-morning light, and I drew a top-plan of the trench. Drawing the top plan required about five hours of carefully measuring and sketching, because every rock and other feature of the trench needed to be plotted accurately in relation to the rest of the trench."

## 2 Jessics Robkin The Kerkenes Project

"At our mountain-top site in central Turkey, the Kerkenes Project uses of the unique nature of the site as a stage to combine cutting edge methods with traditional archaeology and the 2022 field season allowed for both geophysical survey and traditional excavation. Our project, ongoing for almost three decades, brings together an international, interdisciplinary team that includes local stakeholders who have excavated at the site since the 1990s, students from Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, and the United States, and Turkish experts from across the country and world."

## 3 Allison Densel Tell el-Hesi

"From a previous survey from several years ago, we started with a set of GPS points that had a high potential EBA yield. We spent the first few days of the trip driving to these points and conducting a basic cardinal survey at each one. Based on the quantity of EBA artifacts we found on the surface, such as characteristic potsherds and lithics, we will now be able to identify the most promising locations for potential EBA settlements."



*Thank you for all you do to support the next generation of experts.*

