



# 2024 Steinmetz Fieldwork Scholarships for Active/Reserve Military or Veterans Report



# 2024 Donor Impact Summary

**2** Fellowship recipients

Luke Poutre, US Army  
Nathaniel Welch, US Marines

**\$4,000** Awarded

La Sierra University  
Montana State University-  
Northern





# Luke Poutre

US Army  
La Sierra University  
Site: Kurd Qaburstan, Iraq

Read about the site [Here](https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/kurd-qaburstan/) or visit:  
<https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/kurd-qaburstan/>

Luke Poutre is a current student working towards his Masters degree in Near Eastern Archaeology at La Sierra University. Prior to his entrance into the field, Luke served in the U.S. Army before working in civil litigation and tort law. He hopes to continue his involvement with projects in the Near East, and eventually pursue a doctoral degree in archaeology.



*"I am grateful for the opportunities that have been provided for me, as well as this opportunity to offset the costs of the project...I see this as an opportunity to grow not only as an archaeologist, but as a person and an inhabitant of a much larger world than what I have been exposed to thus far in my life. After years of confusion, I now have the ability to heed my true purpose."*

# Nathaniel Welch

US Marines  
Montana State University-Northern  
Site: Qach Rresh, Iraq

Read about the site [Here](#) or visit:  
<https://scholarblogs.emory.edu/rliim/home/>



Nathaniel Welch lives in northern Montana on the plains and just celebrated his 30th birthday in August—luckily his joints held together in the field. He has always been interested in history. Tied in with that is archaeology, which made his experience all the better. He hopes more opportunities like this will arise for him...but he fears his dog won't let him leave so easily next time.

*"It is appropriate now to confess that I loved every day I got to spend there and all the work that went into the project. My back and knees aching were small prices to pay, and I would gladly do it again."*

# FELLOWSHIP DATA

Over the past 6  
years the  
Steinmetz  
Scholarships have  
provided...

\$11,500 to

6 scholars at

6 different sites



# Lifetime Donor Chart Impact



Year	Recipient	Country	Project	Universities of Recipients
2019	Brianne Thoen	Cyprus	The Prastio-Mesorotsos Archaeological Expedition	University of Houston, Clear Lake
2021	Tamiya Bowden	Cyprus	Politiko-Trullia - Summer Stipend	Fisk University
2022	David Brown	Israel	Tel Dan Excavations	University of California, Los Angeles
2022	Nathan Lovejoy	Turkey	Kınık Höyük Archaeological Project	New York University
2024	Luke Poutre	Iraq	Kurd Qaburstan	La Sierra University
2024	Nathaniel Welch	Iraq	Rural Landscapes of Imperial Iron Age Mesopotamia	Montana State University - Northern

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archaeologists!

