



2023

ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



For the 37th year, the Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee is pleased to announce awarding \$8,450 this spring to a field of 12 Scholars consisting of seven Undergraduates, two Masters Candidates and three PhD Candidates.

It is a Scholarship requirement that students be enrolled with at least half-time course load at a Colorado institution of higher education in archaeology or related field. Awards are made on the quality of the application and worthiness of the project as it pertains to the enrichment of the field of archaeology, with an emphasis on Colorado, Southwestern or Rocky Mountain archaeology

All of this year's applicants were well qualified and were supported with Letters of Recommendation from top archaeological educators and researchers. The Committee is pleased to report that these Scholars attend seven different Colorado institutions, and projects involve research into the prehistory of the Southwest, Great Basin, Great Plains, Caribbean, Mexico, Belize and Romania.

The Scholarship fund monies are generated by an allocation from CAS dues, donations and through fund-raising activities at the State and local Chapter levels. \$1,000 is the maximum award allowed to any one student in any year. Since Scholarship inception in 1987, CAS has now awarded 292 scholarships totaling over \$118,000.

The 2023 Alice Hamilton Scholars are:

Kelsey Hoppes, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado – Boulder **\$1,000**

For lab analysis/testing: Funding for two (\$450 each) radiocarbon dates of organic samples on the ceramic assemblage from the Phipps Site, a large 13th and 14th agricultural community in northeastern Nebraska, from which pottery styles from the Great Plains and Midwest may be blended. The existing pottery collection consists of recovered artifacts from the 1930's Works Progress Administration (WPA) excavation, still in storage.

Erik Jurado, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado – Boulder **\$1,000**

For dissertation research: Partial funding for travel, lodging and food expenses for three month excavation of three elite residential mounds at San Ignacio, a Classic Period (300-600CE) regional center in the central highlands of Mexico. The research will indicate how rural households at San Ignacio interacted with Teotihuacan in terms of their social, religious, and political-economic lives. Erik is a twice previous awarded scholar.

Nicholas Puente, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado - Boulder **\$1,000**

For dissertation research: Funding for travel and food expenses for field work, as well as two sets of rechargeable portable floodlights to conduct two cave surveys at Punta Laguna, Yucatan, Mexico. Survey includes traditional mapping methods supplemented by photogrammetry and surface collection to provide insight into Mayan ritual responses, such as rain petitioning ceremonies, to climate change during the Classic-Postclassic transition.

- Gabrielle Perry, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado – Boulder \$1,000**
 For dissertation research: Pilot study focused on the role of climate change in the Classic-period collapse in the lower Rio Verde Valley on the Pacific coast of Oaxaca, Mexico with funding request for submersible utility pump and gas-powered generator to excavate an artificial depression, near a residential platform, down to sediments below the water table.
- Andrew Rogers, Masters Candidate, University of Denver \$ 750**
 For thesis research: Partial funding for travel, lodging and food expenses for fieldwork at the Sage Hen Springs Site on the Massacre Rim near Surprise Valley, located on the border between northwest Nevada and northeast California. Project includes survey, excavation, collection of primarily obsidian lithics, and ethnographic/oral history interviews with local indigenous communities culminating in public educational outreach materials.
- Linnea Baldner, Undergraduate, Western Colorado University – Gunnison \$ 600**
 For field school expenses: Attend Summer 2023 Maya Archaeological Field School in Belize at a small prehistoric farming site called the Medicinal Trail Community.
- Jessica Freeman, Undergraduate, Colorado Mesa University – Grand Junction \$ 600**
 For field school expenses: Attend Summer 2023 Wichita State University Field School in Arkansas City, Kansas on the Etzanoa Project. Etzanoa is the focus of a major public archaeology project that involves the town, local conservancy, community college, school district and the Wichita Tribe, based at the protohistoric town of 20,000 residents in the area of Kansas named Quivira by the Coronado Expedition in 1541.
- Aidan Keener, Undergraduate, Colorado State University – Fort Collins \$ 600**
 For field school expenses: Attend Summer 2023 Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Field School at the Haynie Site near Cortez.
- August Mrakuzic, Undergraduate, Fort Lewis College – Durango \$ 400**
 For field school expenses: Attend Summer 2023 Blue Creek Archaeological Project Field School in Belize sponsored by the Maya Research Program.
- Ana Nemeth, Undergraduate, University of Northern Colorado – Greeley \$ 400**
 For field school expenses: Attend Summer 2023 Adult Osteology Laboratory Research Workshop, Photogrammetry Workshop, and funerary excavation with the Medieval Cemetery Funerary Excavation Project in Transylvania, Romania.
- Hunter Sims, Undergraduate, Colorado State University – Fort Collins \$ 400**
 For field school expenses: Attend Summer 2023 Maritime Archaeology Field School in the Turks and Caicos Islands, emphasis underwater archaeology.
- Caitlyn Young, Undergraduate, University of Denver \$ 700**
 For independent capstone project: Partial funding for travel, lodging and food expenses for a site visit to complete her project titled: GIS Paleo-Environment Reconstruction of the Surprise Valley Resource Area. Goals of visit include attaining sediment samples and meeting with local tribal communities in the Great Basin.

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all students who applied, and to the many educators and other professionals who wrote letters of recommendation for the applicants. Scholars are encouraged to apply again in subsequent years if they still meet the eligibility requirements.

C.A.S. requires that the Scholars submit a brief written summary on how the monies were used. They are also strongly encouraged to present their research findings or a progress report at the C.A.S. annual meeting, or at a local Chapter monthly meeting or newsletter, as appropriate. Completed papers may also be submitted for publication in C.A.S.' respected quarterly journal, Southwestern Lore. This dissemination of our funded research results is of significant benefit to the C.A.S. membership, to the individual Scholar and to the profession.

This report is being sent to all Scholars, their references, C.A.S. Chapters and to

various Colorado public and educational entities as a press release. C.A.S. members who are interested in reading applications in future competitions may contact the Committee via email, phone or mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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