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Annual Report for the Society for Archaeological Sciences

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SAS Student Ambassador Program

The program, launched in 2019, is part of our new professional development and outreach programs. We currently have three ambassadors: Jayde Hirniak (Arizona State University), Rachel Johnson (Tulane University), and Emily Kate (Penn State University). They held Skype meetings and discussed about how we can promote SAS and recruit more students. They proposed a budget of ca. \$1,300 to create more giveaway items with SAS logo, which was approved in the Executive Board meeting. As an initial experiment, they created pens and notepads and distributed them at an event at Arizona State University (ASU) on Feb 22, 2020. Below is a report by Jayde:

“ASU Open House is an annual event that focuses on outreach and teaching the public and future students what ASU is about. Often times, this event will attract prospective students because each department has various tables and activities to demonstrate what kind of research is being done. At Open Door this year, Andrew Zipkin and Jayde Hirniak set up a table for SAS. Unfortunately, there was bad weather and the turn out was not that great, however, there were many things we learned from this experience. We still had a range of people who were interested in SAS and what we were about. From undergraduate students to people just interested in science, a variety of people visited our table. We set up flyers, magnets, pens and notepads. Items that were most attractive were the pens, notepads and flyers. One thing Jayde noted was that many tables had something interactive that attracted people. This might be something to consider for next time and the Ambassadors of SAS are working on expanding this idea.”

R.E. Taylor Student Poster Award Competition at the SAA 2020 and ISA 2020

We raised the award money from \$100 to \$200 (and \$100 for honorable mention) to attract more students. We also discussed and decided a new evaluation procedure (e.g., choose a few finalists and announce them in advance of the conference). However, as both SAA annual meeting and ISA were cancelled due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, we could not implement those new procedures.

New Membership Benefit Flyer

With the help of Board members, I created a new flyer summarizing membership benefits (http://socarchsci.org/docs/Flyer_benefits.pdf), which is attached below.



The Society for Archaeological Sciences (SAS)

is a non-profit organization for students and professionals working with physical and natural science applications in archaeology, paleoanthropology, and museum conservation, and for anyone who supports such research.

Join us

in our mission to understand the past using the tools of the future!!

SAS will help you:

ADVANCE YOUR RESEARCH

Members are eligible for the Student Research International Travel Award (up to US\$ 1000; twice a year).

NETWORK WITH THE RIGHT PROFESSIONALS

SAS partners with the biennial International Symposium on Archaeometry (ISA), the annual meeting of the Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS), the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA), and more to promote or co-sponsor archaeological science networking opportunities.

GET RECOGNIZED

Student poster awards (up to US\$100) at the SAA, ISA, and other conferences.

PROMOTE YOUR RESEARCH

All SAS members can leverage our social media network to showcase their latest publication to an engaged international audience through the SAS Spotlight program. SAS also seeks to recognize excellence in research by young professionals with the SAS and Journal of Archaeological Science (JAS) Emerging Investigator Award. The winning article will be given free access for a year in JAS and the lead author will be awarded US\$500.

KEEP UPDATED

The latest archaeological science news are published online in a timely manner (<http://socarchsci.blogspot.com/>) and are then summarized in quarterly SAS Bulletin.

CONNECT TO THE WORLD

SAS provides multiple social media channels, including [SAS Facebook group and page](#), [SASnet.listserv](#), and [LinkedIn group](#), with opportunities for members to develop new outreach and communications strategies.

BECOME A LEADER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

[SAS Student Ambassador program](#) offers an opportunity for students to plan and carry out events and promote archaeological sciences.

ACCESS INFORMATION

18 months of free access to the SAS-sponsored [Encyclopedia of Archaeological Sciences](#) (which retails for US\$875) & discounted rates for journal subscriptions (*Journal of Archaeological Science*, *Archaeometry*, and *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences*).



To complete the [online membership application](#), go to the SAS website (<http://socarchsci.org/memb.html>).
Membership fees are US\$30 for regular members and US\$20 for students.

