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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 five ambassadors: Ahana Ghosh (Indian Institute of Technology; Lead ambassador), Iride Tomažič (University of Michigan), Alana Pengilley (University of Texas at Austin), Panagiotis Koullouros (The Cyprus Institute), and Cleopatra Chatzipetrou (Groningen Institute of Archaeology). Alana, Panagiotis, and Cleopatra joined the program this academic year.

They are planning to organize a virtual event to celebrate the SAS award recipients of the academic year 2023-2024 via Zoom. They are also planning to initiate a journal club as a new forum for SAS members and the public to discuss archaeological science topics, themes, and new methods.

R.E. Taylor Student Poster Award Competition at the SAA 2024

We held R.E. Taylor Poster Award at the 89th Annual Meeting of the SAA in New Orleans, April 17-21, 2024. We received nine applications. Following the last year's practice, we implemented a judging procedure consisting of two rounds: We selected three finalists before the SAAs and announced them broadly through social media; then our judges interviewed the finalists and selected the winner and an honorable mention. This year's winner is Samantha Mahan (University of Missouri), and her poster is entitled "Microanalysis of Late Stone Age Rock Art Ochre Pigments in Eswatini." An honorable mention went to Nadia Neff (University of New Mexico), whose poster is entitled "Tracking the Origins of Animal Management in a Neotropical Foraging-to Farming Population using Carbon Stable Isotope Analysis of Lysine."

R.E. Taylor Student Poster Award Competition at the ISA 2024

We have received 12 applications and plan to select finalists to be judged on the ground at the 44th International Symposium on Archaeometry in Melbourne, May 27-31, 2024.