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- Vida Steiro  ScB Geology/Biology
- Ethan Wold  ScB Geology/Physics-Math
Jake Acquadro

My favorite memories of the department are definitely the field trips and the department picnics. We were able to bond so quickly on the field trips and spend all day out in the field. I am grateful for the classes of 2017 and 2018 who made me feel so welcome at my first fall picnic. The first time I really got to meet people in the department was when Hunter invited me to throw the frisbee around with a bunch of upperclassmen at that picnic. I hope I was able to welcome people to the department in the same way!
Alex Alverson

SBFT 2019 at the Grand Canyon. On our brief hike up to Horseshoe Bend, we all wore our DEEPS Spring Break Field Trip shirts. Beloved friend Kate Scholz was unfortunately accosted by a flat-earther on our hike up, and we had to explain the physical phenomena (deposition, uplift, faulting and river meandering) that could have created the Horseshoe Bend. What a practical application of our DEEPS education!
Zihan Chen

Turners Falls at Connecticut River Valley is one of the stops at DEEPS Fall field trip. Here you can see sandstone, basalt, and arkose - the bands of rocks are like a cross-section of a history book telling stories about how a supercontinent Pangea formed and broke up around 200 million years ago. I went there twice during my time at DEEPS: once in my freshman year and the other in the senior year. Looking back now, the memories seem like a completed circle. Four years ago, I came to the U.S. alone and was stranded at Brown’s campus. It was DEEPS that welcomed me to a big family and took me to all the adventures, from the Connecticut River to the Grand Canyon. As a freshman, I felt like a small floating island that finally joined a vast continent. At DEEPS, I studied the rise and fall of mountains, the genesis and decay of storms, and the “permanent” cycle of ocean circulation. I re-learned about laughing, crying, and sharing through so many friendships along the way. Four years later, I came back to Turners Falls, telling stories about Pangea to freshmen. I feel like an island again, but not alone this time - a small piece of one supercontinent. I am ready to start off another journey, sailing to a new destination. I will never forget you because you have become a part of me. Thank you, DEEPS!
Will Evans

I've loved being an undergrad in the Geology department, whether in courses, on field trips, or with friends in 109. I look up to every professor I've had in different but overlapping ways. There are so many people I care so much about in the department, both current students and those who have already graduated. I'm so thankful for the time we had together, and terribly miss the time we have not. I wish the best for everyone and cannot wait to meet again in person in a year!
Ryan Finlay

The memories that I have include everyone, both students and faculty, being extremely friendly and helpful no matter how well you know them. This was most clear during both labs and before and after class, and it makes me wish I had gotten to know everyone a little better.
Dan Gates

Some of my favorite times in the Geo department were the field trips. Every trip was amazing and surpassed my expectations. The SBFT to the Grand Canyon particularly stands out as one of my favorite memories not just in DEEPS, but in all of my 4 years at Brown. I got to see some amazing sites and get to know the awesome people in DEEPS better. My geo courses always stood out among my other classes. I loved every professor and always felt the department was a great community.
Maya Glicksman

Thank you, DEEPS, for 3 years of wonderful memories. From kayaking together on the Narragansett Bay to picking forams together in a windowless room all summer to laughing over a big warm pot of chili, I appreciate every moment I've shared with you all in this department. I have learned so much in this too-short time together, and I can't wait to see each of you shine as we grow into our next chapters. Thank you for all of the laughs, the lessons, and, of course, the rocks. Be well, and see you soon!
Veronica Gordon

The DEEPS department had such a large role in helping me find my place at Brown, both academically and socially. I came into the department spring semester sophomore year, and since then every experience I have had with the geology department has played a role in the person I am as I graduate. As a student who didn’t come to college with much idea of what I wanted to study, I’m particularly thankful for how my interests have been shaped and inspired by classes and research to help me discover exactly what I am passionate about. My path post-undergrad hasn’t quite come together yet, but I am confident that DEEPS has prepared me for anything I choose to accomplish. Thank you for all the memories, and let’s never stop looking for cool rocks!
My first fond memory of the DEEPS department was during the Spring 2017 GEOL0230 field trip to Conanicut Island. Before we went and looked at rocks in the freezing coastal wind, we got to play with two adorable dogs and saw a bunch of cute cows. That was the moment that convinced me to become a geochemist.
Solana Huang

Departmental field trips have consistently been the events that bring me closer to the people in DEEPS. SBFT introduced me to friends I have had throughout my time at Brown - people have been there for me for some of my most emotionally fraught moments in college but also for some of the best, including several hair transformations. I would also like to shout out Geo dogs, including Daisy, Mia, Rosie, Pomchi, Mr Pibb, and of course, Maple, who helped me through probably 80% of my most stressful days in college.
Isa Lovelace

Department field trips created some of my memories from college. From recreating music videos in gypsum sand dunes, jamming to Cher’s ABBA album on our way to see garnets the size of basketballs, swimming in the ocean and finding small garnets in the sand, climbing tuff and taking pictures with our fingers for scale, and visiting the most random sites to see amazing formations (such as finding pillow basalts in a Target parking lot). These long drives, campfire games, and scientific discussions really brought me together with some of my closest friends. I’ve never met a group of people more caring, welcoming, and fun-loving. Thank you class of 2020! I can’t wait to see what we do next.
Leo Penny

My favorite memory... I have a lot of happy memories with the people of the department. Camping and field trips were some of my favorite experiences at Brown. I think my favorite thing about the department however was always the classes, they seemed to be very open and supportive environments. My favorite specific memory however does not involve anyone at all. I was pulling one of many all-nighters senior fall. I chose to undergo this ordeal in GeoChem after some thought. During the experience, I realized that the comfort I felt was because I felt like that was where I belonged. Its hard to describe except that it felt like my home at Brown. If I were to undergo something difficult, I'd want to do it in GeoChem. During the night it had snowed so I was the first one to be able to build a snowman. Picture is of me with my favorite mineral, water ice in the shape (taking some liberties here) of my favorite animal, the human.
Maria Salameh

Thank you to all of the Geo professors for making my experience at Brown so wonderful. I am happy that I got to combine my passion for teaching and interest in Earth Science through this department. I have a greater appreciation for the world and hope to continue a lifetime of learning. Special shout out to Jan Tullis for being my wonderful advisor and working with me on my capstone. Looking forward to where geology will take me next.
Kate Scholz

I've been so grateful for my time in DEEPS. While incredibly stressful in the moment, one of my fond memories is the week leading up to AGU Junior year. Like many of us, I had waited until the last moment to get my poster together so I spent essentially from 9am until well past midnight for the entire week in room 109 working, only leaving for classes, the occasional food run, and (not enough) sleep. What makes me remember it so fondly is how, no matter what time it was, I had people checking in on me and people to bounce ideas off of. There was always someone offering to go pick up coffee or just willing to goof around for a little bit. While that week was an extreme example, the people in GeoChem always made me feel more at home there than I ever did in my dorm.
Natasha Shatzkin

My friends and family keep saying that I must miss my friends and classes at Brown – and I do! But what I miss most is the geology department, and the community I found there. There’s no better place than the GeoChem basement!
Vida Steiro

My most special memories from my time in DEEPS are from the field trips that I attended. The field trips are really what makes this department unique from other departments, and really help build a community feeling for students. These opportunities have built many friendships, and taught me how to interpret the landscapes that I encounter. Discussing with peers and professors out in the field have made for fun learning experiences that have enhanced my understanding of what I learned in class. I will never forget watching the sunrise over the Grand Canyon, when the car key got lost at the volcanic crater and I tried (unsuccessfully) to look for it, tent conversations and ice-breaker games at camp, and the guided tour through Petrified Forest during the SBFT of 2019. Another thing that I really appreciated with DEEPS is GC 109, where students could just stop by and chat about anything, study, and help each other out. Gatherings like the picnics, ice cream socials, and Christmas parties are other memories that I appreciate from my time in DEEPS. I will miss it all.
Ethan Wold

Some of my best memories as a DEEPS student have come from being out in the field. I knew DEEPS was my home when I went on the spring break trip my sophomore year, and the fall trips just reinforced the relationships I had begun to build with other concentrators. Not to mention the learning that can only come from seeing rocks up close, linking the microscale processes we learn about in classes to the big picture that keeps us inspired.
Photo Gallery
Greece
Geo Pups!
JB Measuring His AGU Poster in 109
Seniors at Dinosaur Footprints in Holyoke, MA 2019
Mule Ears Spring Trail, SBFT 2018
Fall Field Trip, 2019
Dan Gates with a Fossil
Posing at White Sands National Park, SBFT 2018
You Did It! Congratulations, Seniors!