

## Department of Anthropology

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the [Department of Anthropology](#) at Stony Brook University!

I want to share with you the news about one of our majors, [Lydia Myers](#). She had a remarkable time in the field in Kenya with the [Turkana Basin Institute](#) and is working closely with two of our faculty, [Elisabeth Hildebrand](#) and [Gabrielle Russo](#)...from archeology to functional morphology! I'm happy to share the news about her accomplishments.

On Lydia's achievements working in the field, Dr. Hildebrand comments, "This past spring at the TBI field school, Lydia mastered the use of the total station, which is used to collect provenience information for artifacts in an excavation, and this past Summer she used it to collect spatial data for artifacts at the early pastoral site of Nakwaperit in Kenya. She did a fantastic job and her work will help us understand how the site formed. She also trained many of the other field school students in total station use - an extremely valuable skill!" On her plans for lab research this upcoming year, Dr. Russo adds, "Lydia has been a great asset to the Functional Morphology Lab. She is currently working on a project that examines growth-related changes in the internal bony structure of the vertebral column."

Read more about Lydia's achievements here: [Undergraduate Researcher of the Month for September](#).

Please send us your updates so we can include them on our forthcoming Alumni News page!

Warmly,  
Frederick E. Grine  
Professor and Chair





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Your generosity, whether it's the renewal of your support or the decision to give for the first time, allows us to do what we do best – innovative, creative research and teaching that's the hallmark of a great public, research university. I hope you'll consider investing in our faculty and students by making a gift today or speaking with the College's advancement representative, Assistant Dean Rebecca Bair, [rebecca.bair@stonybrook.edu](mailto:rebecca.bair@stonybrook.edu), or (631) 632-6178.

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