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Dear Friends,

It has been a very active year at The School for Field Studies. I recently returned from our field station in Bhutan where students presented their research findings to an audience of government officials, academics, and local community members. I am pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with our partner, the Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment, to offer a spring term to students beginning in 2017. This Himalayan country — with soaring mountains, vibrant forests, and a distinct cultural heritage — is an increasingly popular destination for students.

I also visited our Cambodia site, where SFS hosted representatives from 20 colleges and universities from around the U.S. to learn about our Mekong studies program. It was exciting to see the program in action, and I was impressed by the depth and range of the research projects that our students are undertaking. Students participating in our Cambodian program will benefit in September of this year from greatly expanded new facilities, just 10 minutes by *tuk tuk* from downtown Siem Reap.

I look forward to traveling to our other new program sites in Peru and Panama in the coming year. On that note, our first summer program in Panama will begin in June, and we've already exceeded our projection for enrollment. Students in the program, *Tourism and Island Systems*, will be able to enjoy our new waterfront facilities in Bocas Del Toro, which opened their doors this past year.

It has been a tremendous amount of work, but over the last three years we have built our program portfolio; brought on top-notch staff; increased our visibility; and enhanced our academic and business models. We are well-positioned to build on the increased awareness of and interest in environmental education and conservation.

I look forward to meeting with alumni, parents, and friends of SFS this year to discuss ways to enhance our impact and to ensure a strong, sustainable future for SFS.

With best regards,

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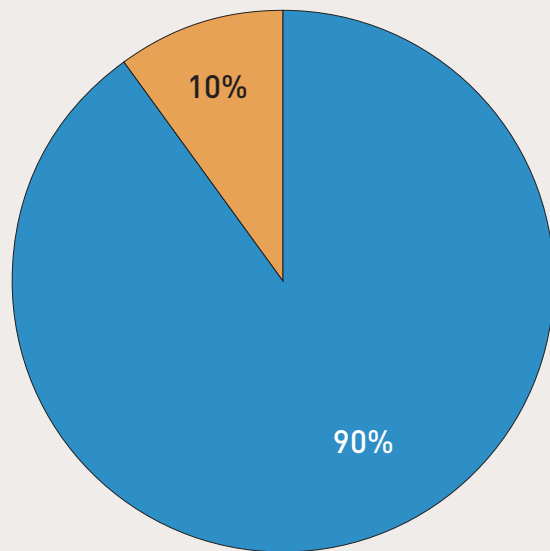
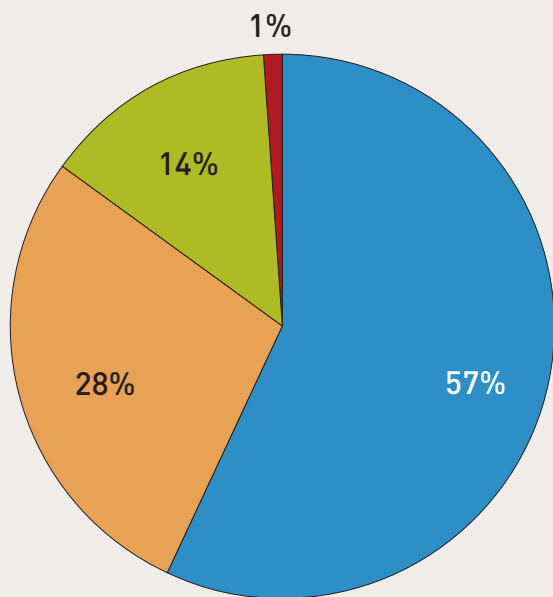
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● Gifts and Grants	\$803,066
● Other Revenues	\$(27,180)



EXPENSES

● Environmental Programs	\$4,878,261
● Program Support	\$2,410,094
● Administration	\$1,214,945
● Development	\$86,644
● Other Expenses	\$19,748





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SFS Cambodia changed my life. Coming home has been a cold (literally, it's been 20 degrees Fahrenheit) and hard reminder that I no longer live in a world of *tuk tuks* and spiral cut pineapple, of markets and monks, of "Arun Suasadei's" and respectful bows. But I come home with the knowledge that I can write a forty-page research paper and conduct interviews with a broad range of stakeholders; that I can make friends with amazing souls even if we don't share a language; that I can live and thrive abroad. I come home with perspective.

While I cannot claim to fully understand the challenges that Cambodian people face with regard to their natural environment and resources, this program helped me see specific regional challenges and begin to discern roots, driving forces, and potential solutions. It also helped me think critically about my nation's own foreign and environmental policy.

I observed an interesting phenomenon while I was abroad. Even as I learned so much from our amazing professors, interview subjects, and guest lecturers – the more knowledge I gained, the more I realized how little I understand about the complex ecological and social situation in Cambodia. At times, this frustrated me. I wished, and still do wish, I could understand how to stop rampant deforestation or how to solve the waste management problem in Siem Reap ethically, without threatening livelihoods. However, I am so grateful to SFS for exposing me to these issues, challenging my preconceptions, and pushing me to wrestle with hard concepts.

Before I participated in this program, if I wasn't good at something, or couldn't immediately understand a topic, I tended to write it off, either

considering the concept unimportant or leaving it for someone more qualified to ponder. However, living in Cambodian society, full of fascinating environmental challenges and complex human relationships, encouraged me to embrace the unknown. SFS taught me to seek answers myself, through primary and secondary research. It taught me that even if my efforts yield an incomplete answer, I should continue to pursue knowledge while accepting that it may take years to grasp a full understanding.

My relationship with the environment developed exponentially through my SFS study abroad experience. I was exposed to entirely new ecosystems, from the Melaleuca forest to the Mekong River, from lowland rice paddies to Phnom Kulen National Park, from the Can Tho University campus to the seasonally flooded forest of the Tonle Sap. I hiked, boated, and interviewed my way through remarkably foreign and eye-opening landscapes. I learned about the devastating impact humans can have on the environment through dams, deforestation, and pollution. But I met many inspiring educators, scholars, officials, and community members who seek to slow the overwhelming environmental degradation. I witnessed seventh graders delighting in the simple process of putting seeds in dirt, anticipating growth. I also gained firsthand insight into the complexities of environmental governance through my directed research in Phnom Kulen. I felt the frustrations of local citizens and government officials as they struggled to protect the forest effectively. I leave this experience with a love for the diverse ecosystems of the region, sorrow for the damage that's committed to the environment, but also hope for academic and social steps towards combatting environmental issues.

My learning didn't stop once I stepped off the plane. SFS instilled in me an itch to continue looking critically at what I see and hear in the news, how



my consumption affects the world around me, and what sort of oppressions both humans and natural agents experience daily. I also was bit by the Cambodia bug and will definitely be back to work on my Khmer, greet familiar faces, and experience more of this vibrant, loving, damaged, yet fascinating region of the world. Thank you, SFS and generous donors, for providing me with the spectacular opportunity to conduct world class research, make lifelong friends, and expand my comfort zones into the beautiful, dynamic world of the Mekong River ecosystem.

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