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To the members of the Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences
(AAPS),

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I am writing to express my most sincere gratitude for awarding me with the
A. Allen Graffham Paleontology Research Grant.

Brennan Martens
Undergraduate Student

I plan to study gross dental pathology in mosasaurid marine reptile teeth. Tooth pathologies occur as a result of trauma, disease, diet, and feeding biomechanics. While tooth abnormalities are well-documented in mammals and some selachians, reports in extinct non-mammalian vertebrates are scarce. In coordination with the AAPS fossil dealers, I will build a sample size of both pathologic and physiologic mosasaur tooth fossils for comparative study. I plan to study and document the various types of mosasaur dental pathology. Further, I hope to determine if these examples of pathology have any implications on mosasaur behavior and diet.

Kaleb Thomas
Undergraduate Student

I am truly honored to be recognized for the A. Allen Graffham Grant. Your generous support will allow for the collection, preparation, and research of a plentitude of rare pathological vertebrate fossils. I look forward to providing updates to the members of the AAPS as the project progresses.

Sincerely,

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