Bryce Deskins
College Student, Houston, TX
Austin Montessori School, 2002-2011

Austin Montessori alum Bryce Deskins is a senior at Rice University, where he is double majoring in Classical Studies and Art History, with a minor in Museums and Cultural Heritage. Bryce began at AMS in the children’s house community and attended through the second year of the adolescent community program (kindergarten through 8th grade). After AMS he went to St. Andrew's Episcopal Upper school for high school, and then to Rice where he is about to graduate.

Bryce has more than made up for missing the AMS 9th grade class trip to Rome, having gone to Rome three times during his time at Rice. The first trip was for three weeks in the summer of 2016 studying the evolution of the city from Ancient Roman times to today. He next spent the spring of 2018 in Rome studying ancient Roman art, history, culture, and language through the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies. Finally, he spent the summer of 2018 on an archaeological dig just outside of the Roman forum (link).

Asked about his primary memories of AMS, Bryce responded this way:

“I mainly remember how free our choices were. The freedom to study whatever I wanted was a privilege, one that I did not experience again until I came to college and could choose my area of study. This freedom engendered a great love of learning as a whole, rather than a love of specific subjects leading to narrow specializations. AMS gave me a true love of a liberal arts education, and I thank them immensely.”

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