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THE SCHOOL FOR ETHICS AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP (SEGL) REVEALS ACADEMIC FACILITY; HIRES ACADEMIC DEAN

Washington, DC (January 27, 2009): The School for Ethics and Global Leadership (SEGL), a DC-based new program to educate future American leaders, announced today the signing of a five year lease on its academic facility and the hiring of its Academic Dean.

“These two events are significant milestones in the history of our organization,” said SEGL Board Chair J. Matteson Ellis. “We look forward to welcoming our first cohort of students in fall, 2009.”

Academic Facility

SEGL’s academic facility will be at 1528 18th Street NW in Washington, DC. The building is less than two blocks from Dupont Circle, Embassy Row, and dozens of think tanks.

“We are thrilled to have secured such an ideal facility in such an extraordinary location,” said SEGL Founder and Director Noah Bopp. “This achievement, which reflects the hard work of our top-notch facility team, will place SEGL students in a safe neighborhood, just steps from international policymakers and those who influence them. I could not be more pleased.”

SEGL received *pro bono* legal assistance from Arent Fox LLP in its lease negotiations. “Having worked with many developers and real estate clients, I was very impressed with SEGL’s diligence and patience throughout this process,” said lead attorney Morgan Foster. “SEGL waited for the right property and negotiated the right price - this was a financially sound move by the administration and a fantastic move for the students. Students and faculty will enjoy a prime location in the center of the city. I am thrilled and feel fortunate to have been a part of this process.”

James Connelly, Vice President (Nonprofit Services Division) at Lincoln Property Company, assisted with SEGL’s strategic facility plan and with the negotiations that ultimately secured the site. SEGL will lease the property from the American Political Science Association.



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Academic Dean

SEGL's Academic Dean will be Gray Pedersen, who has taught history at Lakeside School in Seattle, Washington since 1975. "We simply could not have dreamed up a better person to lead our academic program," said SEGL Founder and Director Noah Bopp.

A graduate of Reed College and Wesleyan University, Pedersen is an experienced, well-known educator who has taken a leadership role nationally with the College Board AP program.

His work with the College Board includes serving on the AP Government and Politics Test Development Committee, and as national Exam Leader for the AP Government and Politics examination. He also has extensive experience training other educators to teach AP courses.

Among many teaching awards, Pedersen was the recipient of a William Robertson Coe Fellowship at Stanford University in 1980, and was named a Most Influential Teacher by the Presidential Scholars Program in 2005. He was head of Lakeside's History Department for 15 years.

"I am delighted to join Noah Bopp and the SEGL Board of Trustees as part of this exciting new school endeavor," said Pedersen. "SEGL will offer its students a remarkable range of opportunities for intellectual growth in the midst of Washington's vital political culture. I can't think of a more unique and stimulating environment for both students and faculty than this."

Pedersen taught Bopp in American Studies at Lakeside School during the 1990-91 school year. "It was certainly one of my most memorable courses in school," said Bopp, who has taught history for eleven years.

About SEGL

SEGL is a semester-long college-prep opportunity for 32 students who reflect the diversity of the United States. The program selects geographically, racially, and socio-economically diverse students who have shown outstanding character, promise for leadership, and scholastic ability and provides them with a unique curriculum that emphasizes ethical thinking skills, leadership development, and literacy in international affairs. The school will open for the fall, 2009 semester. More information is available at www.schoolforethics.org.

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