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Dear Noah:

I write to offer my full support to The School for Ethics and Global Leadership (SEGL). I also write to demonstrate my commitment, and the commitment of the American University Center for Global Peace, to helping you provide a unique, outstanding educational experience for your students.

There are many key ways in which the Center for Global Peace can benefit SEGL. The Center is an internationally recognized leader in nonviolent conflict resolution and international peace studies, with a long history of supporting endeavors such as yours. Our Academic Council includes many of Washington's greatest academic minds, and we cooperate extensively with several university programs that will be of use to you, including the International Peace and Conflict Resolution program, the School of Education, Teaching and Health, and the Washington Semester undergraduate program.

There are also many key ways in which SEGL can benefit American University. Working with your diverse group of intellectually motivated students each semester will benefit our efforts to recruit outstanding applicants, create potential teaching opportunities for our undergraduate and graduate students, and further the University's mission to turn "ideas into action...and action into service."

With this in mind, we welcome the opportunity to collaborate with SEGL on educational programming each semester, and are happy to give you permission to share this special arrangement on your web site and in your admissions materials. As further demonstration of my commitment, I am happy to accept your invitation to serve on the SEGL Honorary Leadership Council. I hope you will not hesitate to ask for my advice and counsel at any time.

As you know, I am the longest-serving faculty member at American University; this year marks my 50th year of teaching here. I can say without question that The School for Ethics and Global Leadership is one of the most exciting and viable ideas I have seen.

I hope we are at the beginning of a long and productive collaboration.

Peace be with you,

Abdul Aziz

Abdul Aziz Said
Mohammed Said Farsi Professor of Islamic Peace
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