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Dear Friends of SEGL:

Exactly four months have passed since we published the first edition of CURRENT. In that time, the ethical leadership challenges that our nation faces have come into sharper focus. The midterm elections raised new questions about ethics and foreign policy; while the departures of Kofi Annan and John Bolton from the United Nations brought new possibilities for international diplomacy. The Iraq Study Group issued its recommendations, fueling a national conversation about American leadership in the Middle East. And an eclectic group of candidates began jockeying for position in the 2008 Presidential contest.

With all this news, I can't help wishing that our students were already here.

In this edition of CURRENT, you will learn about the progress we have made since October. You will hear about our new podcast series, the first two members of our Honorary Leadership Council, and the many relationships we are forging with schools and organizations.

You will also learn about our new fall, 2008 start date, and why that gives us a greater chance of success. As you read

It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

--Robert F. Kennedy

about these developments, I hope you will consider renewing your support for our endeavor. We have come a long way in four months, but there is still much to be done. Your help ensures that our mission will be successful.

Enjoy—and thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Noah Bopp  
Project Coordinator



P.S. There are many ways to keep up on SEGL's progress. If for any reason you would rather not receive email updates about SEGL, please send us an email at [info@schoolforethics.org](mailto:info@schoolforethics.org) with "REMOVE" in the subject line. Also, feel free to forward this to friends—we're certain we've missed a few supporters along the way. If someone forwarded you this newsletter and you'd like to be on our mailing list, please send an email to [info@schoolforethics.org](mailto:info@schoolforethics.org) with a subject line saying "ADD TO MAILING LIST." Thanks!

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**I. HIGHLIGHTS****A. First SEGL board meeting**

The SEGL Board of Advisors had its first official meeting on Sunday, February 11th. The board approved the SEGL bylaws, admissions policy, statement of nondiscrimination, and other key documents that will enable the school to function as a 501(c)(3) organization.

**B. 2008/9 applications now available!**

Visitors to the SEGL website ([www.schoolforethics.org](http://www.schoolforethics.org)) have already downloaded dozens of applications, which have been available since mid-November. You can help ensure SEGL's opening year (2008-9) is a success by encouraging promising students to download an application from the "Admissions" page. The Admissions page also includes a number of answers to frequently-asked application process questions. Note that the priority deadline for admissions decisions is March 1, 2008.

**C. Additional partnerships update**

The Cato Institute; the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; the Center for Global Development; the Atlas Economic Research Foundation; and the Center for Presidential and Congressional Studies and the Center for Global Peace at American University are just a few of the DC-area institutions that will begin working with SEGL students in fall, 2008. We are grateful for these connections, which will help ensure an unparalleled

opportunity for our students. At the same time, we are constantly meeting with other groups, and will announce further connections soon.

**D. Additional legal aid**

We're extremely pleased to announce the addition of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene, and McRae to the SEGL team. Led by attorney Jean Y. Lee, the firm played a key role in finalizing the school's bylaws and setting up its organizational structure. LeBoeuf will also help SEGL negotiate formal affiliations.

**E. Sending school update**

We are happy to report that St. Mark's School in Dallas, Texas has recently agreed to become a sending school for SEGL. St. Mark's, led by headmaster Arnie Holtberg, is one of the nation's leading independent schools. We are delighted to have them on board! Stay tuned for additional sending school news.

**F. New recruiting postcard**

Download the new SEGL recruiting postcard from the "News" page of the SEGL web site. Designed by St. Louis-area graphic designer Benjamin Shepard and vetted by dozens of students, the cards will be used at recruitment events, in mailings, and at fundraisers. Let us know what you think!

**G. SEGL podcast**

Check out the SEGL News page ([www.schoolforethics.org/news.html](http://www.schoolforethics.org/news.html)) this coming Monday, February 19th to hear our first SEGL podcast! The monthly interviews (conducted by Jenny Marder, an award-winning reporter and MA candidate at the Columbia University School of Journalism) will feature SEGL

Project Coordinator Noah Bopp and other members of our team.

#### H. New financial strategy PowerPoint

Click the link at the top of the “Support SEGL” web page to find detailed information about how much money we hope to raise, and our short and long-term budget projections. Please pass the link on to anyone who might be interested in SEGL’s financial numbers.



## II. TIMELINE UPDATE

In mid-January, SEGL Project Coordinator Noah Bopp announced a revised opening schedule for the school. SEGL will now open for the fall, 2008 (rather than spring, 2008) semester. This decision was made with the unanimous consent of the SEGL Board of Advisors.

Revising the start date will give the school more time to navigate the difficult task of finding a suitable facility, allow an entire school year for recruiting faculty and students, and provide more time for fundraising opportunities to develop. “It was a hard choice to make,” Bopp said. “But we just can’t squeeze the momentum we already have into such a short timeframe. If there’s one thing I’ve learned in this process, it’s that things just take time to get right.”



## III. HONORARY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

SEGL is pleased to announce the first two members of its Honorary Leadership Council (HLC), Carl Wilkens and Anne Stephens.

Carl Wilkens was Director of the Adventist Development and Relief

Agency International (ADRA) in Rwanda when the 1994 genocide began. He was the only American to stay behind during the massacre, and his efforts to transport food, water, and medical supplies saved hundreds of lives, including those of many children in Kigali’s orphanages. Wilkens is the recipient of several humanitarian awards (including the Medal of Valor from the Simon Wiesenthal Center), and currently serves as Pastor at Milo Adventist Academy in Milo, Oregon.

Anne Stephens is Director Emeritus of the Mountain School of Milton Academy, the oldest semester program in the country, and assistant director of the Vermont Intercultural Semester. Her distinguished teaching and administrative career includes serving as director of the Upper School at Lakeside School in Seattle, Washington, and director of the Washington State Governor’s School Citizen Leadership Program.

The HLC provides support and guidance to the Board of Advisors.



## IV. FURTHER READING

A. Peter Singer: “What Should A Billionaire Give – And What Should You?”

Thinking of giving to SEGL? At the height of the holiday season last year, the controversial Princeton philosopher Peter Singer wrote a stunning article in The New York Times Magazine. Singer used basic calculations to show how easily private philanthropy could wipe out the ethical challenge of global poverty (an issue SEGL students will study closely). You can read the entire article at: [www.utilitarian.net/singer/by/20061217.htm](http://www.utilitarian.net/singer/by/20061217.htm)

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