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Dear Friends of SEGL:

What a month!

In the weeks since the last edition of *Current*, the SEGL project has seen extraordinary, tangible growth on a variety of fronts. Through the hard work of our friends and supporters, we have boosted our sending school profile, added several significant names to our board and Honorary Leadership Council, developed an unprecedented relationship with one of DC's leading foreign policy magazines, cemented a curricular partnership with one of the nation's leading think tanks, and linked with American University's renowned Center for Global Peace.

And the best news is, there is more good news waiting in the wings! In the next few weeks, we expect to add even more developments to the SEGL News page (www.schoolforethics.org/news.html).

Of course, there is still much to be done. In the coming months, our primary efforts will turn to fundraising, so that we can ensure SEGL is more than a great idea. (Thanks to the many of you who continue to be generous to SEGL.) We will also work hard to secure a facility that meets our pedagogical and residential

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

needs in a safe, accessible location. These are considerable challenges, to be sure—but the last few weeks prove more than ever that we will achieve our goals.

It is with great pleasure that we offer the latest edition of *Current* to you. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Noah Bopp
Founder and Director



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 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 with a subject line saying "ADD TO MAILING LIST." Thanks!

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I. HIGHLIGHTS

A. American University Center for Global Peace; Center for Global Development; and *The American Interest* join SEGL curriculum support team

In the last month, SEGL has gained three key curricular allies. “We are very encouraged by these positive developments,” SEGL Director Noah Bopp said. “Aligning with these three organizations helps to demonstrate the outstanding educational experience our students will receive.”



1. The AU Center for Global Peace is an internationally-recognized

institution committed to “the study and understanding of world peace.” The agreement will allow SEGL faculty to collaborate each semester with the Center on educational initiatives that increase students’ understanding of international peace issues and nonviolent conflict resolution. (See below for more information about the Center’s Director, Dr. Abdul Aziz Said, who has joined the SEGL Honorary Leadership Council.)



2. The Center for Global Development (CGD) is an

independent, nonpartisan think tank that works to reduce global poverty and inequality by encouraging policy change in the U.S. and other rich countries through

rigorous research and active engagement with the policy community. Each semester, CGD will partner with SEGL faculty to design exclusive student workshops with CGD experts that explore global development issues. These experts, who are leaders in their field, will engage students in conversations about a wide variety of cutting edge research findings and policy recommendations. “The Center for Global Development is one of the most respected think tanks in Washington, DC,” SEGL Director Noah Bopp said. “We are terrifically pleased that our students will benefit from the Center’s expertise.” “SEGL has set out to educate the next generation of global leaders who will one day be the decision makers that CGD seeks to inform,” said CGD Director of Communications and Policy, Lawrence MacDonald. “We look forward to interacting with SEGL students, helping them to understand the challenges faced by poor people in developing countries, and demonstrating that change for the better is possible when one approaches problems with a hard head and a soft heart.”

3. SEGL and The American Interest magazine have agreed to co-develop a unique online magazine, tentatively titled The American Student Interest.



The American Interest is an independent, nonpartisan bimonthly magazine dedicated to exploring America’s role in the world. AI’s editorial board includes Francis Fukuyama, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Walter Russell Mead and other leaders in international policy, academia and journalism.



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The new magazine will provide SEGL students, and students around the world, with a unique forum—the first of its kind—for learning, sharing, and discussing

cutting edge foreign policy ideas. SEGL participants will serve as the primary student editors and contributors to the publication, which will also draw input from interested students across the country.

"We are delighted to join with SEGL on this groundbreaking endeavor," said AI publisher Charles Davidson. "The American Interest has established itself as a must read for adults interested in foreign and domestic policy. With the students of SEGL, The American Student Interest will do the same for the young people who will be making those policy decisions in the future."

"AI is just the right magazine for our students," SEGL Director Noah Bopp said. "It mixes the academic and policy worlds in an accessible and fascinating manner, and it is committed to nonpartisan, editorial independence. The American Student Interest will become an essential, compelling facet of our academic program, and of our mission to the greater public. We are thrilled."

B. Additional partnerships update

At press time, the SEGL team is in serious discussions with four major organizations about significant collaboration.

For updates, visit the SEGL News page (www.schoolforethics.org/news.html), or wait until the next edition of the SEGL Current!

C. Sending school update



On March 16th, Concord Academy in Concord, Massachusetts, joined the SEGL team as an official sending school. Concord

Academy, a longtime supporter of semester programs, is led by Head of School Jake Dresden. "During my time at the Mountain School in Vermont, I could always count on CA to send bright, energetic, and reflective students to study with us," said SEGL Director Noah Bopp. "I look forward to the wonderful things that future generations of CA students will bring the SEGL campus."

At press time, SEGL is very close to naming additional sending schools!

D. SEGL podcast

Dozens of SEGL supporters have tuned in to the first SEGL podcast, which is available for download at www.schoolforethics.org/news.html. The interview was conducted by Jenny Marder, an award-winning reporter and MA candidate at the Columbia University School of Journalism. The next SEGL podcast will be online this Monday, April 2nd. Check it out!



II. NEW SEGL TEAM MEMBERS

It is with great enthusiasm that SEGL announces three new additions to its leadership team.

SEGL welcomes Gene Batiste as the newest member of its Board of Advisors. As Vice President for Leadership and Diversity at the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Batiste brings a wealth of critical knowledge and

experience to the board. He produces the annual People of Color Conference, the Student Diversity Leadership Conference, and the Summer Diversity Institute. Prior to working at NAIS, he served as Assistant Head of School and Upper School Director at Crossroads School (MO), and on the faculties of St. Mark's School and Hillcrest High School, both in Dallas.

Joining the SEGL Honorary Leadership Council is Dr. Abdul Aziz Said. Dr. Said is the senior-ranking faculty member at American University and Director of the American University Center for Global Peace. Dr. Said, who holds the Mohammed Said Chair in Islamic Peace at AU, is an internationally recognized scholar whose work includes over fifteen books on peace and conflict resolution. He was also instrumental in developing the Washington Semester program at AU and the Summer Institute for Teachers: Education for Global Citizenship. Visit www.schoolforethics.org/news.html to download a copy of Dr. Said's incredible letter of support to SEGL.

SEGL is also pleased to have Dr. James Thurber join the Honorary Leadership Council. Dr. Thurber is Distinguished Professor of Government and Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, where he has taught since 1974. He is nationally recognized for his work on the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, campaigns and elections, and ethics reform. (See below for information about his recent ethics reform testimony before Congress.) He is the recipient of the AU Scholar/Teacher of the year award, and a Fellow at the National Academy of Public Administration. Dr. Thurber's longtime leadership on these issues makes him an ideal resource for SEGL.



III. FURTHER READING

A. HLC Member James Thurber testifies before Congress

On February 13th, SEGL Honorary Leadership Council member James Thurber testified before the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee about ethics reform. His testimony is an excellent critique of existing legislative challenges and potential solutions, devoid of political spin. You can download the text of his testimony at <http://spa.american.edu/ccps/events.php?ID=524>

B. SEGL Director Noah Bopp makes brief C-SPAN appearance

On December 7th, SEGL Director Noah Bopp attended a forum (moderated by SEGL HLC member James Thurber) entitled "Congressional Leadership Summit: Advice for the 110th Congress" at the National Press Club in Washington DC. The event, which included former Congressmen Tony Coelho, Robert Walker, Robert Livingston, and Martin Frost, as well as Senior Brookings Institution Fellow Dr. Thomas Mann, aired that same day on C-SPAN television. To view the event, visit <http://spa.american.edu/ccps/events.php?ID=483>. (Don't miss Noah's question about ethics to Dr. Mann at 42:45 in the last clip!).

WAYS TO HELP

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