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Mr. Eli Segal
Director
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The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Eli Segal,

A belated mazel-tov and congratulations on your appointment as Assistant to the President and Director of President Clinton's Office of National Service. Your appointment further reinforces my support for the President's programs as well as for the guiding ethical spirit of his administration. But I feel the closest personal connection to the idea of National Service. The success of this visionary concept will serve as a beacon of hope to our nation. Therefore it is both an inspiration and a confirmation of our shared "politics of meaning" that you have been chosen to lead and give substance to the vision of National Service.

A Brandeis University education at the start of the 1960s has been the greatest opportunity and privilege in my own life. It served as the keystone solidifying the values of learning and service I received from my immigrant grandparents and artist-educator parents. My great Brandeis teachers included not only distinguished faculty, a Peace Corps founder among them, but also the humane and nurturing administration and the friendship of my fellow students.

One semester I and my parents could not afford the tuition for my return to Brandeis. It was the beneficence of Jacob Hiatt and his award of a scholarship that kept me at school and enabled me to be a student in the first years of the Hiatt Institute in Israel. In the twenty-eight years since Brandeis, every phase of my life and work has been reinforced by the quality of that education.

One of my key commitments as an educator has been in the creation and development of the Gallatin Division for individualized study at New York University. Since its inception the Gallatin model of individualized learning has integrated course work, independent study, tutorial, internships and life experience credits to emphasize the necessity of community service. At NYU I've had the opportunity to conjoin the Brandeis tradition with the vital community service commitments of our President, Dr. L. Jay Oliva.

mailing list
return

Susan

Looks good.
Needs follow
up.

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With support from the new Dean of Gallatin, Dr. Richard J. Koppenaal, I look forward to developing our flexible learning model along lines that can contribute to the work of national service. Our unique learning model, a synthesis of flexibility and rigor should be made even more supportive of the foundations and practice of national service. I hope that our more than two decades of success can contribute insights toward an individualized learning component as part of this nation's National Service program.

We at NYU look forward to working together in whatever partnership you believe might be beneficial to your work. I would appreciate being on your mailing list so we can remain current and learn where we might assist you in this calling.

Best Wishes,



Professor Laurin Raiken
Director
Arts and Society Programs

Brandeis University
Class of 1965

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