

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

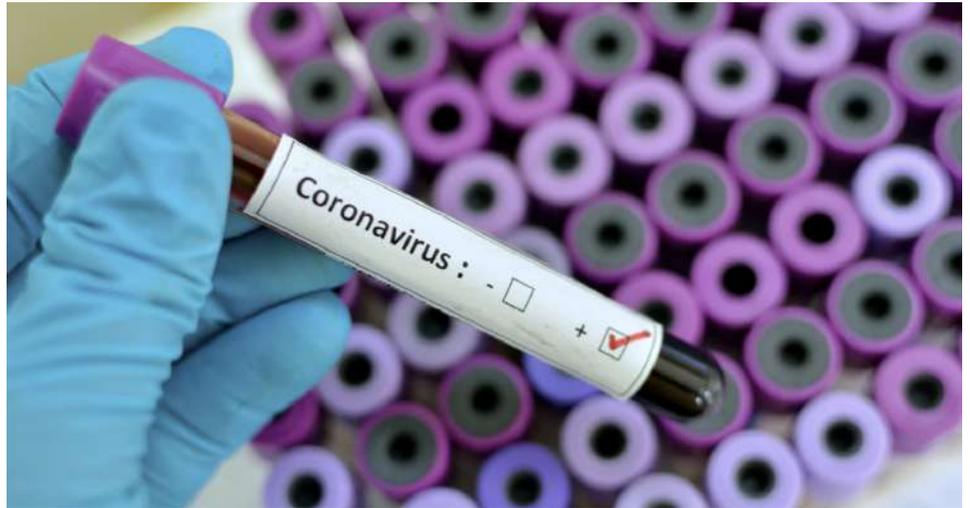
By Shelton Williams

### Coronavirus Affects Osgood

**Dear Friends of Osgood:**

The outbreak of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) has caused educational organizations to cancel their programs temporarily and face multiple challenges. In our case, it is pretty simple: Many Osgood programs depend on international groups coming to DC. Osgood has announced that the next set of programs will be offered online through Zoom.

We have the opportunity to have low-cost housing in July and August, if the crisis has abated by that time. While this opportunity exists, our organization has to address other situations. Annually, German, Chinese, and Filipino students and their professors attend Osgood programs. Our newest partner is in Mongolia. Since Osgood also welcomes



students from American institutions, the health crisis has affected its efforts to serve students domestically too. Our organization has suffered already: attendance has been and will be affected by the global challenge of combating the virus. It is hard to estimate how severely the decline will be, but I hope you can help us make it through this difficult time.

We want to ensure that Osgood can continue offering its programs to students and educators from all

around the world. Usually we ask for help with scholarships and we hope that this will be our biggest need. However, we may need help just keeping the doors open.

Meanwhile, between coughs and sneezes, can you donate to Osgood to give us some breathing room for 2020? It is our hope that we will continue helping students even in this unprecedented situation.

## How can you help us get through this?

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Write a check and send it to:  
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If you want to wire transfer, please contact Shelton Williams at [swilliams@osgoodcenter.org](mailto:swilliams@osgoodcenter.org)



Meet  
**Dylan Walsh**

As a native of Washington, D.C., he enjoyed the opportunities to meet people from backgrounds and cultures different from his own. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University, graduating cum laude with a double major in Latin American Studies and Spanish.

His undergraduate studies, focused on Latin America, provided him theoretical exposure

and practical applications, and, fostered a passion for this region. He launched his career with WorldTeach Colombia, as a volunteer teacher. He stayed in Colombia and was selected to teach and serve as an English coordinator at a bilingual school.

Upon returning to D.C., his interest in international development and education led him to the Osgood Center for International Studies. As one of its Program Associates, he attended seminars, lectures, and conferences on internationally-themed topics. While he attended the Summer Symposium, he applied and got a position as a Research Assistant in the Latin American Program.

**Dylan believes that in addition to the exposure to diverse international issues, Osgood programs provide highly practical knowledge about graduate schools and their curricula.**

At the suggestion of Dr. Shelton Williams, he evaluated various schools including Dr. Williams' alma mater, Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In this process, he learned about the Latin American Studies Master's Program at SAIS. Dylan recently applied and was accepted for the Fall 2020 class. His experience as a Program Associate was very relevant to his professional and academic career.



Meet  
**Rida Sarwar**

Rida Sarwar is a Program Associate at the Osgood Center for International Studies.

She is conducting research on human rights issues. Before joining the Osgood Center, she worked for Tahirih Justice Center, a national organization committed to supporting female asylum-seekers fleeing gender-based violence and persecution.

Rida is a third-year honors student at the University of Houston, C.T. Bauer College of Business, where she is pursuing a degree in

accounting and a minor in politics and ethics. At the University of Houston, she serves as the President of the Pre-Law Society as well as the Treasurer for the United Mission of Relief and Development, a non-profit organization that builds humanitarian coalitions to tackle developmental needs. After her graduation, she plans to attend law school with a concentration in international or human rights law.

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July 26th – August 6th

## Summer Symposium on Foreign Policy



The 39th Summer Symposium meets at the International Monetary Fund.

December

## De La Salle College of Saint Benilde



The College of Saint Benilde annually brings its export and human resources majors to the Osgood Center.

January 5th-January 18th

## Leadership Program

For the January Leadership participants, the issue was not whether they can contribute to discuss continuity and change in American leadership, but how.



February 7th-February 9th

## Texas Model UN



The sixth Texas Model UN was held in the University of Houston, Honors College. Nearly 100 delegates from 10 different universities attended.



## Going forward

Stay tuned for announcements about the Professional Development Program, the Summer Symposium on Foreign Policy, and the De La Salle College of Saint Benilde Immersion Program.