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William Scroggins President Mt. San Antonio College Founders Hall 1100 North Grand Avenue Walnut, CA 91789

Dear William,

It is my pleasure to invite you to nominate your academic officers and leading faculty to attend one of our summer seminars to be held on the Aspen Institute's beautiful Wye River Campus. Both seminars, entitled *Citizenship in the American and Global Polity*, focus on the contemporary challenges of fostering civil discourse for a vibrant democracy in a globalizing world. The themes of the seminars are particularly relevant this year as many campuses wrestle with contested legacies and the difficulties of thoughtful dialogue about past, present and future.

Sponsored by the Aspen Institute and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, these seminars build upon a 30-plus year tradition of professional development for academics. Our unique format uses a variety of classic and contemporary philosophical and literary texts as the basis for intensive, interactive roundtable discussions led by a skilled moderator in small groups of 15-20 participants—a liberal arts approach to advancing liberal education.

The **Wye Deans' Seminar**, June 5-9, is directed toward chief academic officers from a variety of liberal arts institutions. www.aspeninstitute.org/seminars/wye-deans-seminar

The **Wye Faculty Seminar**, July 16-22, is directed toward established and rising faculty leaders from across all disciplines, including business schools and the natural sciences. www.aspeninstitute.org/seminars/wye-faculty-seminar

Past participants have emphasized the following outcomes and impact of their participation in the Wye Seminars:

- Personal and professional refreshment, including opportunities to speak frankly with peers;
- Exposure to diverse professional and personal perspectives, both academically and in addressing the challenges of campus leadership;
- Concrete strategies for fostering campus change and being better intellectual leaders on and off campus.

Application deadlines are March 15 and April 15 respectively. Seminars fill early, so please apply as soon as possible. Further information and registration details are available at the links above. Feel free to contact me or Charlene Costello, Senior Coordinator: charlene.costello@aspeninsitute.org, 410-820-5374.

Sincerely,

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