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Dear Founding Members of the European Network of American Alumni Associations:

Congratulations on the formal establishment of your regional alumni organization. You are all shining examples of what alumni from the broad range of exchange programs sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State can do when you join together with a common purpose. You represent the best aspects of the U.S.-European relationship, and I want to thank you for embracing that role so enthusiastically.

Our exchange programs are proof that 21st century diplomacy comprises more than government-to-government conversations. People-to-people interactions through overseas study are at the heart of modern international relations and underscore the importance of exchange experiences. While on your programs, you and your American counterparts established bonds of mutual understanding and respect. Not only did you learn about American culture and values, you also taught Americans about Europe and its peoples. I am confident that you continue to carry with you the lessons learned and the friendships made during your time in the United States and that, together, you will continue to positively influence transatlantic relations.

We look forward in eager expectation to the achievements of your alumni network and to the seemingly boundless possibilities of what you can achieve when you link your individual passions guided by your association's shared purpose. On behalf of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the U.S. Department of State, I wish you all the best and I thank you for your commitment to exchanges and promoting mutual understanding!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Ereli", with a long, sweeping underline.

Ambassador Adam Ereli
Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Educational
and Cultural Affairs