

Assalamu Alaykum

Dear TISA Supporter,

We, the faculty members of The Islamic Seminary of America (TISA) have been blessed to work with Muslim students from a variety of backgrounds over our first four semesters. This community of remarkable individuals is working to reimagine and put into action their vision inspired by the Prophet (saws) for a positive future for Muslims in North America. TISA aims to enable new and established leaders to lead ethically and effectively. Therefore, **it's our duty as an institution to encourage our students to be change agents for their communities and the world at large.** Our intellectually provocative classes reflect the best of our classical Islamic heritage, while engaging the most critical contemporary issues that we're facing. We believe that this is a unique educational opportunity that is available nowhere else.

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In the face of adversity that includes the current pandemic and a racial reckoning, TISA has taken to the web. Our dedicated staff and students are collaborating with us, the faculty, in order to develop solutions to real issues; whether through virtual classes, TISATalk webinars or workshops to certify Muslim professionals and community leaders in Youth Mental Health First Aid. In addition, TISA recently signed an agreement with the United Theological Seminary of Twin Cities to provide prospective Muslim chaplains the opportunity to acquire an accredited degree in Interreligious Chaplaincy with an Islamic Focus. This is yet another example of the strategic collaborations that are the hallmark of TISA's successful journey to date.

TISA also demonstrated its willingness to serve non-degree learners by launching its Center for Ethical & Effective Organizational Leadership (CEEOL). Our students are not just students--they are the present leaders who have taken the initiative to improve themselves in order to make a real positive difference.

As a testament to the firm belief in the abilities of its student-leaders, TISA's policy has been to **never** turn away an applicant for financial reasons. As faculty we need your help. Please donate to TISA's scholarship campaign and become part of an **essential** initiative for the positive future of Islam in North America.

Warm regards,

Professor. James E. Jones

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