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Dear Friend of the World Youth Alliance,

My name is Juan Miguel San Luis and I am 23-years old. I was born in the Philippines but moved to Norwalk, Connecticut after graduating from college. I am a Multi-Media Arts student from the De La Salle College of Saint Benilde. There, I was a member of a volunteer group called Student Trainers where I trained students to develop their skills as student leaders. It has always been my passion to help people, especially those in need. My family is one of the biggest parts of my life. I treasure and cherish them because I believe that the family is the basic and most important element of society.

I found out about the World Youth Alliance through a friend who also did her internship at the Asia Pacific office. When I first looked into the organization, I didn't think there would be an opportunity for me to showcase my skills as an intern but learning that WYA is an organization that values the dignity of the human person encouraged me. After learning a little bit more about WYA, I decided to apply for an internship in the Asia Pacific office during my last semester in college. During the course of my internship, WYA helped me to become more creative. They gave me a chance not only to be a multi-multimedia artist in practice, but also a project head of various activities where I was able to contribute and improve my skills as a volunteer and student leader in college. After completing my regional internship, I decided to apply for the International Internship in New York. Now I have the opportunity to work with WYA at its New York office until the end of summer, something I'm very excited for. Becoming part of WYA is fulfilling because I am not only working on projects asked of me as an intern, but I also help other people by advocating and being in solidarity with them. This brings me joy unlike any other. After my internship, I plan to get a job where I can promote dignity and the importance of solidarity while utilizing my multi-media skill set.

One of the things I really admire about WYA is its emphasis on Solidarity. WYA does not stop at defining what Solidarity is, but lives

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it out in everything they do with the people around them. Whether members of the staff, interns, alumni, friends of friends, etc., WYA treats us as if we are all ONE FAMILY. All of us have faced challenges in our pasts that have made us feel like we were in the dark, but regardless of that, WYA gives you its light by respecting you as a human being, by upholding your dignity as a human being. All the values I needed to learn, I learned from WYA--both from Asia Pacific and New York. It is a privilege to have been and still be a part of WYA. The experience is unforgettable and will surely be a great story to share in the future.

Sincerely, Juan Miguel San Luis

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