

**Dominican University to present a check to BADA for \$5,000
in honor of Aung San Suu Kyi and in support of
BADA's grassroots Cyclone relief efforts**

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Dear Dominican Community,

This Saturday at our undergraduate commencement ceremonies we will honor Burmese democracy advocate and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi with a Doctor of Laws degree. I would like to thank Arthur Scott and his Asia Survey class for writing to me this winter with the suggestion that we honor Aung San Suu Kyi, who is recognized as an international symbol of heroic and peaceful resistance in the face of oppression.

As many of you know, Aung San Suu Kyi has been under house arrest in Burma for almost 12 of the past 18 years. She will be represented at our ceremonies by Dr. Sein Win, who is prime minister of Burma's opposition party, the exiled National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma.

We have all seen the news reports about the terrible devastation in Burma and the ensuing difficulties to provide aid to those in need. Representatives with the Burmese American Democratic Alliance (BADA) will accompany Dr. Sein Win to Dominican. This organization currently is raising money to provide aid in Burma. The aid will be sent in cash through discrete channels in Burma to monasteries and grassroots organizations currently housing, feeding and caring for those in need. For more information, please visit <http://www.badasf.org/>

Dominican will present a check to BADA for \$5,000 in honor of Aung San Suu Kyi and in support of these grassroots relief efforts. Should any of you wish to contribute to this cause, you may send checks to Mary Jane Baird in my office. We will present the checks to Dr. Sein Win and BADA on Saturday. Checks should be made out to BADA.

Warm Regards,

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