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Dear Mr. Michael G. Morris *Emergent Voices* project supporters,

The success of the Emergent Voices of Middle Eastern/North African American Youth project is due in large part to the wide array of individuals and organizations that supported it through their own participation or by other in-kind contributions. I wish to acknowledge those people, but in deference to safeguarding personal information via the internet, will refrain from personally naming each one. I will, however, first and foremost, profusely thank Mr. Michael G. Morris for his generous contributions to the Eastern Michigan University College of Education, funding the Morris Endowed Chair and the Emergent Voices project as the inaugural award.

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Think Tank/regional advisory group participants – representing

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To each of these amazing and generous individuals, I owe a debt of gratitude. Through their support, the Emergent Voices of MENA American Youth was successful in learning more about the key issues in the lives of young Arab Americans in southeast Michigan. Our findings have rich implications for future educational and counseling practice, research, and policy. Please know that you helped make all of this possible.

My sincere thanks,

Sylvia Nassar-McMillan