



Dr. Ahmed Goma
Distinguished Lasallian-Educator
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It is not very often you get to honor one of your best and most influential professors from College. I met Dr. Goma 27 years ago in Accounting 201 as a freshman in the School of Business. I had already known that I wanted to be an accountant, having Dr. Goma, 4 semesters in a row just solidified it. It is an honor to get to speak about such a wonderful, caring and distinguished Lasallian Educator today.

Dr. Goma has been teaching at Manhattan College for 29 years. He is an excellent teacher and a caring and gentle advisor who is rigorous in his expectations of students' achievement. His heartwarming generosity to all his students and his dedication and commitment model an example for each student's continuous pursuit of excellence. Student after student that has passed through these hallways are blessed to know Dr. Goma and never forget him.

For the last 29 years, Dr. Goma has repeatedly shown noteworthy concern for all of his students. He has always been willing to meet with all his students outside the classroom to ensure that they truly understand the accounting concepts. Since Dr. Goma has been at Manhattan, he has been the moderator of the Accounting Society and is the founder and moderator of the Beta Alpha Psi Honors Society. Dr. Goma is an encouraging and attentive advisor and currently, the Lambda Pi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is a one of the most active organizations at Manhattan College. He makes every effort to ensure that all students take advantage of the opportunities that the Club and Society have to offer and for the last 29 years, he has been relentless with helping graduates from the Business School find jobs. Following the precept of St. John Baptist De La Salle, Dr. Ahmed Goma has touched the hearts of his students and colleagues.

His presence was not only felt in the School of Business over the last 29 years. For many years, Dr. Goma led Friday prayer for Muslims on the Manhattan College Campus for Campus Ministry. He is a devout Muslim and he memorized the Koran at a very young age. At the age of 16, Dr. Goma began delivering Friday speeches to hundreds of worshipers in mosques around his town in Egypt. His faith is strong and he expects and encourages students, no matter what their faith, to be generous to others, volunteer and always maintain the highest integrity in everything they do.

I reached out to two other Lasallians to get their comments on Dr. Goma and hear how Dr. Goma has touched them.

Dr. James Suarez, Dean of the School of Business from 1991-2009 said:

“Dr. Ahmed Goma embodies the educational principles of the De La Salle Brothers of the Christian Schools. He cares about each student as an individual person. He treats everyone with dignity and respect. No faculty member in the school of business has given more of his time, effort, and spirit to help students learn the subject matter in his courses, to support them in their extra-curricular activities, and to guide them in their careers and life than Ahmed. We are indeed fortunate that Ahmed chose Manhattan College as the place to live his vocation as a professor of accounting. Following the precept of St. John Baptist De La Salle, Dr. Ahmed Goma has touched the hearts of his students and colleagues.”

And one of Dr. Goma’s original students, Kenneth Bouyer, who is now one of Manhattan College’s Board of Trustees said, “Congratulations Dr. Goma for this well-deserved honor. I can’t thank you enough for making such a difference in my life—your passion and commitment to the students of Manhattan College has just been unwavering. You are probably unaware of the countless times during presentations I thanked you—underscoring the importance that faculty members play in the lives of so many. You embody what it means to be a Distinguished Lasallian Educator!”

Just like Ken, I would not be where I am today without Dr. Goma and I am so lucky to have been able to be taught by Dr. Goma 27 years ago and to have worked with him for the last 7 years. Dr. Goma has always said that I am like his daughter and as his honorary daughter, I am proud to present Dr. Ahmed Goma with the 2018 Distinguished Lasallian Educator award. I cannot think of anyone that deserves it more. Thank you and Congratulations!

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