

# Naila Saeed

## Introduction

I believe that the AMUAA Canada must be commended on their work thus far. I have no doubt that every one of us will appreciate the priceless time and effort that our seniors have spent since 1992 to keep the AMU spirit alive in Canada. Where we are today is only due to their outstanding service. I am privileged to have worked with our seniors and our new Aligs over the past 17 years.

## My vision

I am now well placed to take the Alig movement forward with the help and contribution from all of us. I am going to build on the foundations which have already been laid down, and will ensure that every Alig will benefit from the Association they proudly represent.

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- Education, Training and Skill Development

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- Small Business opportunities and Guidance
- Community Exposure
- Enhance our existing scholarship program by reaching out for corporate donations.
- Work to achieve charitable status for the association.
- Support projects at AMU Aligarh.
- Create programs for the children of Aligs designed for their overall development and help them become contributing citizens.
- Introduce workshops, seminars and lecture series to highlight issues such as environment, career, current affairs, family relationship, etc.
- Develop and implement programs to cater to the educational, cultural, literary and social needs of all Aligs.
- Implement objectives as laid down in the by-laws.
- Bi-Annual review of the performance and direction of the association in a general body meeting.

## Education

MA (Hons. - Public Administration) 1996

BA (Hons. - Political Science) -1994

*AMU, Aligarh, India*

Early Childhood Education Diploma - 2015

*Montessori Teachers College, Toronto*

Ontario Management Development Program - 2004

*Seneca College, Toronto*

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## Achievements at AMU, Aligarh

President - Women's College Students Union (1993-94).

- President - Sports Committee Women's College (1992-93).
- Secretary - Women's College Students Union (1991-92)
- Head - National Social Services (NSS) AMU Student Wing (1993-96).
- Senior House Monitor - New Hostel, Abdullah Hall (1991-94).
- Captain - Women's College Basketball Team AMU (1992-94).
- Athletics Champion - Women's College (1992-93).
- First ever female student selected to represent AMU in the All India National Social Services Republic Day Parade in 1994. Attended dinner with President of India.
- Awarded Women's College Merit Certificate for Excellent Performance in studies, sports achievements, NCC / NSS activities and Republic Day participation in the year 1993-94.
- Volunteered to provide free tuitions to the children of the AMU Grade- 3 employees and facilitated their admissions in AMU Schools (City School and Minto Circle) from 1991-94.
- Represented AMU in National Seminars and Conferences on Minorities sponsored by Government of India, Ministry of Welfare.

## Leadership and Achievements in Canada

Successfully established licensed Early Learning & Childcare Centres, GTA

- Owner and Operator - Market Lane Early Learning Centre, Vaughan ON
- Owner and Operator - Early Years Education System Inc. Toronto ON
- Founding Director - Canadian Peace & Unity Foundation (CPUF), Brampton ON
- Founder - Canadian Children Leaders Group (CCLG) - The vision of this group

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is to organize literary and family events such as debates, quizzes, speeches, writing competitions and family games in the neighborhood schools to encourage the students and their families to participate and get engage in healthy competitive activities as well as link with other students/parents. These programs were actively supported by the area's elected representatives such as MP, MPP, Councillor and School Board Trustee.

- Fundraising Convener, CCLG - Organized annual fundraising events for the Sick Children Hospital Foundation Toronto (2005 - Present)
- Organizer, CPUF - Annual Seminars and Workshops highlighting issues related to Youth and Seniors ( Generation Gap, Joint Family System, Networking and Career, Tolerance and Multiculturalism) (2003 - Present)
- Lead and supported community programs and organizations to provide relief to the victims of natural disasters, strife and war globally.

## Leadership and Achievements - AMUAA Canada

I have been involved in all activities of the AMU Alumni Association and helped build the association from 1998-2015.

- Helped organized all functions - SS Day, Picnic, Eid function every year since 1998 till date.
- Established and executed Scholarship Programs in AMU on behalf of the AMUAA Canada (2003 - Present)
- Introduced new programs for ALIGS children and families to foster family ties, enhance communication and interaction with each other.
- Introduced and organized Youth Development and Career Networking program
- Organized and executed relief and donation to the victims of Muzaffarnagar riots in 2013
- Worked with ALIGS and Friends of Aligs to sponsor Syrian Refugee Families.
- Recognized by the Government of Ontario for my selfless dedication and contribution to the community in 2009.
- Elected "Cultural Secretary" of the AMU Alumni Association Canada in 2013

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“Happiness...consists in giving, and in serving others”

- Henry Drummond

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