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Welcome Students!

The Cultural Division at the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates is pleased to announce the launch of the first student newsletter . The theme of this newsletter is 'from you, about you, and for you'. Much of the information in this newsletter will come from student contribution, be about students, and provide information for students. Dr. Husam Al Ulama and all advisors are always looking for ways to assist students and help them engaged in their schools, achieve their best potential, and of course follow all scholarship rules. We hope that this newsletter will serve as a good communication tool between the cultural division and students, as well as between students in different universities and states.

As this newsletter is mainly about the students, we have decided to make you in charge of the name and logo, thus we are holding a CONTEST.

Here is what we are looking for:

- newsletter logo design that will include the falkan symbol
- newsletter name

The newsletter committee will decide on the winning choice and the winner will receive an iPad.

BRING IT ON ARTISTS!

Send your contributions to:

newsletter@uaecd.org

Dr. Husam Al-Ulama Meets with California Students

On March 12, 2011 Dr. Husam Al Ulama visited California to meet with sponsored students. The meeting took place from 11:00 AM till 2:30PM and about 50 students attended.

During the meeting Dr. Al Ulama listened to students' concerns and comments about the scholarship and their relationships with the advisors, as well as reminding them of important scholarship rules and regulations. During the meeting Dr. Al Ulama also discussed the National Day Celebration that is being planned for the last week of November, 2011. At the end, Dr. Al Ulama distributed Certificates of Excellence to students who had GPA of 3.5 in the Fall semester, as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.5

This meeting was a great opportunity for students to express their concerns and get answers and clarification about their scholarship rules, as well as a great opportunity for students in California to meet each other and create a network of support.



Bravo!

- Eiman Al-Housani, a Masters in Quality Management student studying ESL at Ohio University in Athens, OH, was the winner of her school's Bulletin Board Quiz last month.
- Mona Almarzouqi, who is working on her BFA in Photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design, was on the Dean's List for her performance in the Fall 2010 quarter.
- Ali Alkuwaiti (California State University Long Beach, Bachelors in Computer Information Systems) was placed on the President's Honor List at the school this semester for a term GPA of 3.80.
- Khalifa Al Khaili, Saoud Al Neyadi, Abdulla Al Hbabi and Ahmed AL Neyadi, four ADIA students, were chosen to attend the Emory Business Leadership Conference at Emory University in February. Saoud Al Neyadi's group won the Case Competition sponsored by Deloitte.
- Basil AlAskari, Abdulmalek AlShihhi, Hamad AlKhaili, Sultan Al Mashghouni, Khaled Almazrouei, Mohamed Alsuwaidi, Mohammed Baker, Rashed Belselah and Mohammed Binmeshar were recognized on the Suffolk University Sawyer Business School's Dean's List Fall 2010.
- Student Ahmed Raeesi registered the Portland State University Student Group in April 2011 as a recognized student Organization on campus.— find them on facebook!

Outstanding Students – Outstanding Achievements

Hamad Serhan Amer Alsawafi

Pursuing MA Human Resources, George Washington University



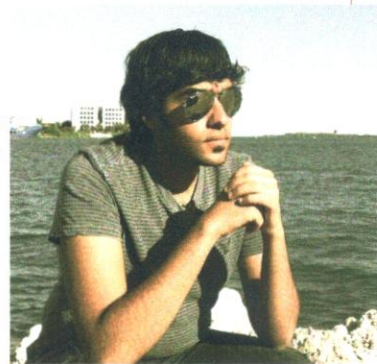
Recently, Hamad presented his graduation project: "Facets of Leadership Development" as part of a Human Resource Development capstone class. It was well received by his professor and program. Additionally, Hamad attended several conferences related to Human Resources. And in an outreach effort, Hamad led an event representing UAE at the International Week at George Mason University.

Ismaeel Almarazeeq

Pursuing BS Engineering, Arizona State University

While in ESL at Drexel University, Ismaeel was chosen to represent the Gateway Program at Drexel. The Gateway Program allows students of high achievement in English to take regular university courses. Ismaeel was chosen because of his high performance at the program. In an excerpt from a newspaper interview, Ismaeel is quoted as saying, "As a student from the United Arab Emirates, it is an opportunity to improve IELTS/TOEFL scores while acquiring credits from math and science classes."

His efforts have paid off – Ismaeel achieved a 3.79 his first semester at Arizona State University.



Omar Al Dhaheri

Pursuing BS in Business, Pennsylvania State University



After the tragic incident which happened in Japan, Omar suggested the ESU members at Penn State University host an event to donate to the people that were affected by the crisis. They placed signs and posters of the tsunami hit at the hub where people meet to eat and spend their break. This was a strategic success plan to attract people. Over two days, they raised about \$1,600 and issued a check to the Red Cross to be donated to Japan on the name of the Emirate Student Union. Omar said, "Working with the community around you gives you the chance to understand a new culture and new perspective which builds a well-rounded person and at the same time builds a better reputation for your country."