



UAE Student Newsletter

Habitat for Humanity Project Bringing Together UAE Scholarship Students

During the week of June 12th-17th, six UAE students volunteered their time for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh. Habitat for Humanity is a true world leader in addressing the issues of poverty housing. Through the work of Habitat, thousands of low-income families have found new hope in the form of affordable housing. Today, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 300,000 houses world wide.

During the week, students assisted in the preparation of the opening of the Habitat Re-Store, which funds the building projects in the community. Organization of building and housing materials, structure of the store, and multiple heavy lifting jobs throughout the days were key to helping families in the area. Additionally, the students participated in a weatherization of a Habitat house. Installation of insulation in the attic, walls, heating and air systems, as well as some electrical outlets were key in making the house a better place for the new family who will live there. And last, on a major building site, the students sealed walls and painted to allow the foundation to remain stable and resistant to water and weather.

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Fun Stuff to look for:

- Ramadan
- Summer
- Photos



Pictured from left to right are: Mohammed Al Ketbi(Abu Dhabi Police), Ramis Al Menhali (ADIA), Abdulla Al Ktebi(ADIA), Saeed Al Dhaheri(ADIA), Saif Al Mansoori(ADIA), Jason Carlson from Habitat, and Rashed Al Neyadi(UAE Military)

Outstanding Students- Outstanding Achievement

Ahmed Al Zaabi



Doctor of Juridical Science—University of Kansas

Ahmed completed his Bachelor of Law at UAE University in 2004, and was a Teaching Assistant for UAE University. As a recipient of a UAE university scholarship, he pursued graduate studies at Valparaiso University, Pennsylvania where he graduated with his LLM in 2007. In August 2008, Ahmed was admitted to the Law Graduate Professional Program at University of Kansas. In May 2011, Ahmed graduated with Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD), with Distinction in Dissertation. A SJD is equivalent to a Doctoral program; Ahmed is married to Noura Al Zaabi and has two children.

Alnakhira Alkhaili

American University

Alnakhira was featured in AL Ittihad newspaper on April 2nd, due to him being a very dedicated student who after earning an associate's degree in the UAE, decided to pursue his B.A. studies at a later age than the regular incoming freshman or transfer students; at age 25. Alnakhira graduated with a B.A in Management & Economics from Tennessee State University.

For full article: www.alittihad.ae/details.php?id30877&y=2011



Sarah Tarabichi



Master of Public Health—West Virginia University

Sarah attended University of Arizona and received a BS in Dietetics (minor in Chemistry) and graduated Magna Cum Laude in spring 2008. She later volunteered at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, in Ohio. After receiving a Ministry of Higher Education Scholarship in fall 2009, Sarah was admitted to the College of Medicine to pursue her studies in Public Health at the Master level. She graduated with Master of Public Health in spring 2011 with CumGPA of 3.99. Sarah is married to Mohamed Salkini and has two children

Saud Alnoori

American University

Saoud Al Noori organized the visit of a group of International Relations and International Business students from American University to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates. Mr. Bader Bin Saeed, head of the UAE Embassy Media section welcomed the group and gave a presentation that covered topics on economy, political structure and policy, renewable energy, culture, heritage and history of the UAE.



Advisors Attend NAFSA Conference

On May 29-June 3rd a group of Advisors from the Cultural Division traveled to Vancouver, Canada to attend the annual conference of the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA).

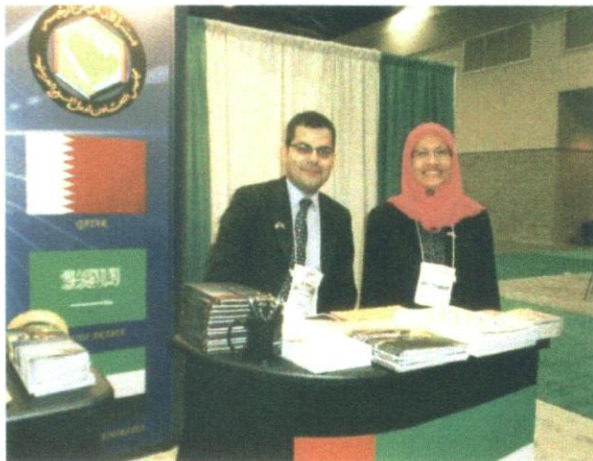
NAFSA is the world's largest non-profit professional association dedicated to international education with nearly 10,000 members. The purpose of the conference is for universities and different educational agencies and government agencies to meet, discuss, and share ideas how to better enhance student services and education in general.

Our Cultural Division advisors met many university representatives and established relationships that will help us better serve our dear students. Advisors also attended many specialized sessions including:

- Developing Global Strategic Relationships
- Globalizing Professional and Vocational Education and Training
- Visa Acquisition Process

Upon returning from conference, all advisors presented a power point presentation with the outcomes, lessons and opportunities gained.

Advisors who attended the conference are: Achraf El Amine, Arwa Terkmani, Inad Abdo, Dhuha Alshouk, Ewana Wiley, Mary Ann Ghareeb, Mona Rafi, Zahratul Mahmud.



Advisors Achraf El Amine and Dr. Zahratul Mahmud representing the UAE at the GCC booth.



Advisor Arwa Terkmani presenting a speech about education in the UAE