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LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOLARSHIP, SHIREEN ALROMAITHI

Hello ADNOC Scholars!

Most of you know me and Hissa AlHajeri, the Acting Senior Vice President of Talent Acquisition, as we have met many of you at scholarship functions throughout the year. What you may not realize is that we have a whole team in the Scholarship Section that not only takes care of all your scholarship needs but are also working very diligently to make your scholarship experience the best in the UAE. Our work lies close to our hearts and this is reflected in our day to day efforts towards your care. Enjoy this third edition of the newsletter. We continue to look forward to any suggestions you may have. This is your newsletter, and we rely on your valuable input.

YEAR OF TOLERANCE

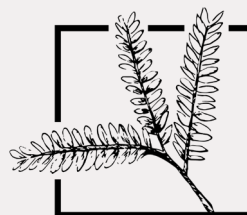
"Tolerance is a duty."

In true spirit of the life of UAE's founding father, Sheikh Zayed, 2019 has been named the Year of Tolerance. In honor of this special year, ADNOC was not only a sponsor of the 2019 Special Olympics World Games, it was the single largest contributor to the Special Olympics Volunteer Program with more than 1,000 employees. We at ADNOC Scholarship are very proud that most of our team volunteered in this event as well. This was a very special event as it was the first time for it to be held in the Middle-East and what a privilege it was during our Year of Tolerance. Our team cherished their experiences and are looking forward to future opportunities where we can do our part for the greater good.

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We hope that all Scholarship students will live up to this ideal of tolerance and be goodwill ambassadors of our culture and beliefs wherever they are in the world. As Sheikh Zayed said so simply, "Tolerance is a duty."



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3.1 SCHOLARS DRIVE YOUTH-RELATED AGENDA AS PART OF THE UAE YOUTH COUNCIL

Not only are our scholars high academic achievers, but they are also youth leaders of the UAE. Mohamed AlHebsi, a PhD student at the University of Leeds and member of the Global Youth Council in the United Kingdom, expressed his happiness about being chosen for such an honor.

"We are developing initiatives that will add value to the student experience here in the UK. Also, we want to show how the youth can be great problem solvers and idea generators. We want UAE and the world to see what we have to offer," Mohamed explains.

Hamad AlBlooshi, Imperial College master's graduate who is to start his PhD at the University of Cambridge in Fall 2019, was voted onto the Youth Council of Ajman. "We play an important role in helping align youth with the government's future vision", Hamad tells us. "We are achieving a high level of awareness of the Youth Council objectives all around the nation, from youth circles that advocate the importance of tolerance, conducting interactive assemblies with successful young Emirati entrepreneurs to cherishing old social customs in the holy month of Ramadan and much more."

Both of our scholars expressed pride in the responsibility given to them and want to do their best to represent their constituents.

3.2 ABDULLA ALASSI - A LEADING ENGINEER AND SCIENTIST IN THE MAKING



Abdulla AlAssi entered the Scholarship Program as a young budding engineer back in 2013 starting with a bachelor's degree at the University of Sheffield in Mechanical Engineering. He then continued into the master's program at University College London but this time in chemical engineering graduating in the top of the class with a 4.0.

Abdulla was a future scientist and engineer in the making, so the Scholarship Program continued its support to enable him to further diversify his education by joining the PhD petroleum engineering program at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland.

"My plan was not to restrict myself to one department but actually be able to cover the upstream and downstream functions. I have also already started to pave a path to study coding and modelling in my first year", Abdulla

explained. "My PhD project focus is on artificial intelligence and its methods to reduce downtime due to blockage in pipelines."

Abdulla's area of research is a new area and he is ready for the challenge. "I would like to contribute towards establishing a department that will develop in-house oil and gas solutions software as part of ADNOC's research and development department." When asked why he wishes to expand his knowledge in yet another direction of engineering, Abdulla explained: "What drives me is to challenge the person I was yesterday. To develop myself day by day. UAE is progressing at the speed of light and I am here to support this progress and the future of the UAE."

ADNOC Scholarship Program is very proud of its engineer and is looking forward to a future with more scholars of such diverse caliber.

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3.3 | **MEET GHANIM HABLEEL - A GREAT EXAMPLE OF AN ADNOC SCHOLAR**

Our Columbia University Master of Chemical Engineering student, Ghanim Hableel, is very active in cultural exchange activities as well as leads a team of volunteers through high profile activities as part of the State Representatives Program of the Global Youth Council. When asked how he felt about being featured in the newsletter and other social media outlets he said, "Inspiring other students to work hard and have a performance driven mindset is what it's all about - and I am happy to be a part of it."

Out of 500 chemical engineering students, the university chose Ghanim to be a Chemical Engineering Fellow and he has happily taken this on. Part of being a Fellow is to participate in the Professional Development and Leadership Program. In April, he and a team of students participated in the West Point Military Academic Field Experience. West Point Military Academy is home to the first engineering college in the USA, plus its civil and mechanical engineering programs are ranked #2 and #4 in the US respectively among universities that do not offer doctorates. Their program was one of four intensive courses arranged by Columbia's School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) in collaboration with world renowned career coaches.

Ghanim participated in several workshops from leadership and teamwork, ethics and integrity to crisis management. As West Point is a leading engineering school in the US and one of the exclusive academies in the world, Ghanim was given a one of a kind opportunity having access to the engineering department with the chairman of the civil engineering department in attendance. The chairman spoke of the importance of competency of engineers not only in their field but of instilling a sense of responsibility and leadership as part of every engineering program. Ghanim said, "Its programs like this that give students the edge in their educational experience abroad."

Ghanim will start his PhD in Spring 2020 and ADNOC Scholarship is looking forward to what this future leader brings to the table.

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3.4 | ADNOC PHD SCHOLARS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The second PhD Open House held on May 22nd was a truly unique event this year. On this occasion it was attended by twelve PhD scholars and featured seven of their research projects.

In attendance were ADNOC Group CEOs, HQ Directors, the new Chief Technology Officer, Scholarship and Research & Technology Development (R&TD). The special guest of honor and highlight of the event was the active participation of the ADNOC GCEO, Dr. Sultan AlJaber.

Dr. Sultan's interest in the accomplishments of our PhD students and the difference their research will make to ADNOC was stated when he said, "At ADNOC, we are focusing on world-class innovation and fostering the next generation of talent to create more value for the UAE and its people. Our young Emirati researchers work with prominent scientists from some of the world's top universities to become industry-leading professionals. They demonstrate great passion and commitment as, together, we drive performance, profitability and efficiency across our operations."

This yearly event is one of the highlights of the Scholarship and R&TD calendar and to witness such well-deserved support for our PhD scholars makes it even more special.



3.5 | SCHOLARSHIP TEAM MEETS US SCHOLARS IN THE US

A delegation from the ADNOC Scholarship Program and the HC&A Director, Ghannam AlMazrouei, visited our US Office in Washington, D.C. in April.

The purpose of the visit was to touch base with students, share ADNOC's 2030 Strategy, discuss the new Scholarship strategy of higher performance expectations, share suggestions and gather feedback. The forum was also a chance for our postgraduate students to share the progress on their research and how it will make a difference to ADNOC's business and operations in upstream and downstream activities.

During private meetings with management and the team, the HC&A Director expressed his delight with the care given to students by the US Office team mentioning the positive feedback received from students and their guardians. Acting Senior Vice President of Talent Acquisition, Hissa AlHajeri, reiterated this support to the students and told them the team is always here to happily support them.

The ADNOC Scholarship Program is looking forward to the continued progress and improvements of its scholars which the implementation of the Scholarship's new policy has helped achieve.