



Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program

Kingdom of Bahrain

- CPISP announces 17th Group of Scholarship Recipients
- New ONLINE scholarship application form; part of website relaunch
- CPISP Alumni embraced by local business community



23 / 04 / 2016 - HRH the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and First Deputy Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa receives the Program's 17th Group of scholarship recipients at Riffa Palace, Kingdom of Bahrain.

HRH receives 2016 Scholarship Recipients

2016 Recipients (Group 17)

Student Name	Secondary School	School / University
Abdullah Marwan Zaini	Bahrain Bayan School	University of Pennsylvania, USA
Faten Omran Hasan	Thomas Edison High School, USA	University of Virginia, USA
S. Hashem Hadi Alaali	Sh. Abdulaziz Boys School	The Gunnery, USA
Husain Abdulameer Ali	Al Naim Boys School	The Hun School of Princeton, USA
Husain Ali Altaraif	Sh. Abdulaziz Boys School	Choate Rosemary Hall, USA
Noor Ayoob Alsairafi	Al Noor Girls School	The Gunnery, USA
Sara Husain Nasaif	Hamad Town Girls School	The Hun School of Princeton, USA
Saif Najeeb Jamsheer	Ibn Khuldoon National School	University of Bath, UK
Sawsan S. Moh'd Alshaiba	Saar Girls School	Phillips Academy Andover, USA
Yasmeen Hassan Jassim	St. Christopher's School	Stanford University, USA

CPISP to offer new ONLINE application

As part of its ongoing efforts to develop its services, the Program has launched a new redesign of its website, featuring a new online scholarship application form.

This new feature will allow applicants to submit all their required details and documents online during the annual submission period, facilitating the application procedures for qualifying

Bahraini studying in and outside of Bahrain.

"Applicants will no longer be required to submit a hard copy of their application to the Court of the Crown Prince," explained CPISP Director Dr. Cynthia Gessling.

The new application form will be launched during next year's application period in March 2017.

The website also includes a new look, with a large focus on the Program's scholars and their achievements.

"We are very proud of the diverse backgrounds and achievements of our scholars," says Dr. Gessling, "which we hope will inspire aspiring youth, and reflect the excellence and ambitions of our scholars."

For more info: www.cpisb.bh

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US Embassy invites G17 scholars to Youth Iftar



US Embassy officials and guests at the Youth Iftar Ramadan event.

The US Embassy in Bahrain extended an invitation to the newly selected Group 17 scholars to attend a Ramadan Iftar event hosted by US Ambassador William Roebuck and Mrs. Ann Roebuck for Bahraini youth studying in the United States.

The event included US Embassy exchange program participants and other young leaders, and aimed to provide a networking opportunity for students to get to know each other.

BBBF offers free membership to CPISP Alumni

The Bahrain British Business Forum (BBBF) has offered free membership for a period of three years to CPISP alumni who graduated from UK universities and who are currently working in Bahrain.

Ohood Abdulghaffar, Nada Bastaki, and Marwa Aleskafi are the first CPISP alumni to become members of the BBBF.

BBBF Chairman Khalid Al Zayani welcomed the new members during the Forum's

2015 Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Al Zayani affirmed the BBBF's objectives include working to create and sustain a favorable business environment and promoting trade and investment between Bahrain and Britain. He stated the new members will be joining a network which has grown to 450 businessmen and women representing all sectors of business.

The BBBF holds regular monthly lunch meetings featuring prominent guest speakers from the community and business world to address the latest issues relating to this field. The BBBF also works in close cooperation with the British Embassy in Bahrain to organize business related events and provide information regarding the latest business functions.



BBBF officials welcome CPISP Alumni as new members.



CPISP collaborates with Bahrain Television to launch a film marking the 15-year anniversary of the Program, as part of HRH the Crown Prince's achievements.



Huda Hasan founds first Global Week at Shrewsbury School, UK.



Ahmed Ashour takes part in a student production at Choate Rosemary Hall, USA.

Boarding school scholars graduate

The following scholars from Group 14 (2013) successfully completed their American High School Diplomas at boarding school and started their first year of university:

Name	Boarding School	University
Ahmed Ashour	Choate Rosemary Hall, USA	Brown University, USA
Ali Almubarak	Tabor Academy, USA	Georgetown University, USA
Ebrahim Al-Haddad	The Gunnery, USA	University of Southern California, USA
Fatema Al-Khanaizi	The Hun School of Princeton, USA	Durham University, UK
Huda Ali Hasan	Shrewsbury School, USA	University College London, UK
Walaa Alkhanaizi	Phillips Academy Andover, USA	MIT, USA

"I was a bit lost when I first came to Choate, but I believe that being thrown in the deep end of the pool is the best way to learn how to swim! I learned how to embrace my true self, and not be afraid to show my true colors to the people around me. The accepting nature of Americans has given me the courage to love myself and be proud."
– Ahmed Ashour

"It has been remarkably exciting and eye-opening at Tabor Academy. Everyone here regards the Scholarship Program very highly. I am truly privileged to be part of the CPISP family."
– Ali Almubarak

"When I first came to the UK the culture shock was overwhelming, but as I got to know new people and more about their background I feel that I've grown a lot. It's unbelievable how different yet similar we all are. I can't stress enough how much I gained and learnt. I am happy to say that I'm more independent than ever, and I can do things by myself that I wouldn't be able to do on my own if I never left home."
– Huda Ali Hasan

Khalid Abdulkarim interns with Teach for the Philippines

Khaled Abdulkarim, an undergraduate at U Penn majoring in Business and International Studies, took part in a school-organized internship in the Philippines with Teach for the Philippines, a member of the Teach for All network.

Khaled was selected to lead a team of four to do some pro-bono consulting for the non-profit organization, including analyzing the results of a 360-degree feedback survey to measure satisfaction with the organization's Teaching Fellows.

Khalid's internship also brought him the opportunity to visit and explore a new country and experience new cultures.

"Perhaps the best words to sum up the experience are 'exciting' and 'eye-opening'. I was exposed to amazing natural beauty, an extremely friendly population, and extreme income disparity. While in Manila, we were in an extremely developed part of it that often felt like Singapore or Hong Kong, but we also drove through extremely poor shanty towns. As we were landing

into Manila, large slums were clearly visible from above."

"We spent most of our day in the office, and often conducted site visits to local schools and spoke to many of their Teaching Fellows. At night, we'd head to the city to grab a meal (we tried traditional Filipino food and loved it!) and we tried to end the day with a cultural event or a quick walk around the area."

"On weekends, we'd leave Manila to visit other parts of the country."



Khalid Abdulkarim goes on a five-hour trek from Manila to active volcano Mt. Pinatubo during his summer consultancy internship with Teach for the Philippines.

Five scholars participate in McKinsey & Co. program

Five CPISP scholars took part in an intensive 3-day professional program aimed at introducing aspiring students from top colleges around the US to the demands of the consulting world.

The EDAD program was held from 8 – 10 April 2016 with McKinsey & Co. in Philadelphia, PA, and brought together Arabic speaking university students from GCC countries interested in pursuing careers in consulting.

Ahmed Bardooli, an undergraduate at Tufts

University, explained that the program offered a well-rounded overview of the skills and daily life of a McKinsey consultant.

"The program developed my presentation skills, problem solving skills, and team working. Moreover, it was a great opportunity to meet up with other students from the top colleges in the US, who are passionate in developing the future Middle East," said Ahmed.

"The program also provided the participants with an opportunity of getting to know McKinsey consultants who

are based in the GCC, which was insightful for familiarizing the participants with the most pressing challenges the public and private sectors are engaging with today. By targeting GCC students, the program brought together students not just of shared identity, but also of shared interests and visions, and I found this to be the most rewarding part of the experience."

Scholars Ali Marhoon, Esraa Sabah, Maryam Alireza, and Yusuf Jailani also took part.



Ahmed Bardooli, Ali Marhoon, Esraa Sabah, Maryam Alireza, and Yusuf Jailani take part in professional consultancy workshop with McKinsey & Co. in Philadelphia, PA.

Qasim Al Mansoor sets new records in Railway Challenge

Qasim Al Mansoor, a recent Mechanical Engineering/ Mechatronics graduate, took part in the annual Institute of Mechanical Engineers Railway Challenge during his final year at Southampton University last year.

Qasim and his team of fellow students had to design, build, and test a 10.25 inch gauge miniature locomotive from scratch, making this the first time for Southampton to enter this challenge and

compete against other experienced university and industrial teams such as Transport for London and Interfleet.

Within 6 months and a budget of £19k, Qasim and his team successfully delivered the locomotive, coming out on top of the university teams and an overall third of the eight teams competing in the challenge. They also scored a new record in the Energy Efficiency Challenge with the

system they designed, and achieved almost twice the distance of the previous record, beating previous winners and industry teams alike.

"It was a stressful but a very rewarding experience," recounts Qasim. "I was personally involved in the design and construction of the electronics and control system, which is an integral part of the locomotive."



Qasim Al Mansoor and his team work on their miniature locomotive as part of the Mechanical Engineers Railway Challenge, UK.

“Graduating as a medical doctor with first class honours in my final year, is the first major stepping stone in my future plans of returning to Bahrain and serving my country.”

- Ayman Saeed,
RCSI Graduate



Aameena Alderazi graduates from University of Manchester, UK.

“I can definitely say that I am no longer the timid and shy girl that I used to be five years ago. I am now strong, confident and ready to take on the world!”

- Aameena Alderazi,
Manchester University Graduate



Khalid Al Khajah graduates from University of Edinburgh, UK.

2015 Graduates (post-graduate degrees)

Name	University / Major	Currently
Ahmed Al-Khaja	University College London, UK / PhD in Economics	Employed at National Audit Office, UK
Ashraf Saheb	University of Pennsylvania, USA / MBA	Employed at Morgan Stanley, USA
Fatema Al Gharbi	Stanford University, USA / Master’s in Statistics	Employed at McKinsey & Co., UAE
Faten Al Qaseer	University of Pennsylvania, USA / MBA (Management and Business, Economics, and Public Policy)	Employed at Teneo Holdings, USA
Husain AlShehabi	INSEAD Graduate Business School, Singapore / MBA	Employed at Boston Consulting Group, UAE
Khalid Al Khajah	University of Edinburgh, UK (exchange at Fudan University, China) / LLM Law and Chinese	Employed at JP Morgan Edinburgh, UK
Khaled Baqer	Monash University, Melbourne, Australia / Master of Information Technology	Pursuing PhD in Computer Science at Cambridge University, UK
Lisa Amin	Imperial College London, UK / MBA	Employed at North Real Estate Partners LLP, UK
Mariam Maki	London School of Economics and Political Science, UK / MBA	Employed with Newton Consult, Bahrain
Sarah Ameen	Columbia University, USA / Masters in International Affairs	Employed at Monitor Deloitte, UAE

2015 Graduates (undergraduate degrees)

Name	University / Major	Currently
Aameena Ali Alderazi	University of Manchester, UK / BSc Hons Management	Completing Master’s degree at Imperial College London, UK
Ayman Tariq Saeed	RCSI, Dublin / MBBS Medicine	Intern Doctor as part of mandatory internship, Ireland
Elham Yusuf Ali	Claremont McKenna College, USA / International Relations	Employed at AmCham, Bahrain
Feras Alajmi	Yale University, USA / BA in Economics & Global Affairs	Employed at McKinsey & Co., UAE
Kawthar Al Jufairi	Imperial College London, UK / MEng Civil Engineering	Employed at ByrneLooby Partners, Bahrain
Mohamed Isa Janahi	Imperial College London, UK / MEng in Chemical Engineering	Employed at BAPCO, Bahrain
Mohamed Alzayer	University of Bath, UK / BSc in Accounting and Finance	Employed at Trust Insurance, Bahrain
Noor Talal Mufeez	University College London, UK / MEng Civil Engineering	Employed with Newton Consult (seconded to BAPCO), Bahrain
Qassim Al Mansoor	Southampton University, UK / MEng Mechanical Engineering with Mechatronics	Employed at Newton Consult (Seconded to BAPCO, Bahrain)
Sarah Ali Saeed Alzeera	New York University, USA / BSc in Business	Employed at Citibank, Bahrain

Khalid Al Khajah shares China university exchange experience

Khalid Al Khajah, an LLM Law and Chinese graduate from the University of Edinburgh, took part in a six month exchange program at Fudan University in Shanghai, China last year to study Mandarin and experience China's rich culture first-hand.

"My six month exchange in China opened my eyes to what felt like a different world, allowing me to gain insight into China's incredibly deep and historic culture, and offering me the best way to develop my Mandarin. It is crazy to think in the space of 173 days, I went from imitating a chicken in public in order to explain to

laughing street food vendors I desperately wanted chicken noodles, to negotiating the termination of a tenancy agreement with my Chinese landlord!"

"I chose to go on exchange in Shanghai and learn Mandarin because my philosophy is to always look for and seize opportunities that push me out of my comfort zone; it is during these experiences that we truly learn more about ourselves and the world, and have experiences that make for the best memories. While in China, I tried my very best to immerse myself fully by making Chinese friends,

visiting historically significant areas, studying Chinese culture and travelling to places outside Shanghai, including Hangzhou and Tibet. Oh, and I won't even get started on the incredible food, because I would probably go on and on about it for days. "

"I also had the opportunity to meet hundreds of other international students, all united by a sense of adventure, from countries all over the world. I hope to return to China someday soon as there is so much more to learn and experience."



Khalid Al Khajah visits Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet and hikes to Mount Everest Base Camp during his exchange semester at Fudan University, China.

Jannat Alkhanizi awarded exchange semester at U Penn

Jannat Alkhanizi, a recent graduate from University College London majoring in Urban Planning, Design, & Management, was awarded the Bartlett Sessional Prize for Best Academic Performance for the year 2013-2014 after accomplishing a 1st Class during her first year. As a result, she was granted the opportunity to participate in UCL's semester exchange program with the University of Pennsylvania.

"The exchange program, which awards seats based on academic achievement, offered me a variety of destinations from which I chose the United States," explains Jannat. "I was curious to experience the American education system, and learn more about urban planning from an American perspective."

"I had the opportunity to study many subjects that I would not

have otherwise gotten the chance to in the UK, including anthropology, and social justice and how they can play a role in shaping our cities. During the six months I've spent in the U.S, I was not only able to deepen my knowledge about my own field of study and explore the different cities and states of the U.S, but also to create memories and friendships that I will cherish for a lifetime."



Jannat Alkhanizi and friends with the iconic Love Statue, a popular U Penn campus attraction.

Marwa Alalawi receives Martin Luther King Prize

Marwa Alalawi, a recent graduate from Phillips Academy Andover, received the Martin Luther King prize from the Office of Community and Multicultural Development.

"A big part of my Andover experience revolved around engaging myself in controversial social topics, which was reflected through receiving the Martin Luther King prize, a financial award given to a few students that exemplify the leadership qualities of Dr. King," she

explains. "I was not afraid to let my voice be heard both inside and outside the classroom environment."

On Martin Luther King Day, Marwa led a workshop entitled "Islamophobia in the US," to shed light on misconceptions about Islam.

And as President of the Muslim Student Association, she helped co-found the World Interfaith Harmony Week with the Catholic Student Fellowship and other faith groups on campus.

"The initiative came as a response to the urgent need of faith based dialogue on campus in order to unpack stereotypes and prejudices. Guest performer Rohina Malik beautifully drew on the experiences of Muslims in the US post 9/11 in a wonderfully knit one-woman-play, and guest speaker Professor Stephen Prothero spoke about the importance of religious literacy."

Marwa will be starting her undergraduate degree in Engineering at MIT this fall.



Tasneem Ebrahim gives Student Commencement Address at The Hun School of Princeton 2016 graduation

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About Our Organization...

Established in 1999 by HRH the Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the CPISP provides ten annual scholarships to outstanding Bahraini secondary school students to study at top international universities.

CPISP Endowment Fund

The Crown Prince's International Scholarship Fund was launched in 2006, with the aim of drawing in financial support of the Program from national and international organizations and individuals.

In addition to HRH the Crown Prince's funding, contributions from sponsors have ensured the continued

operation of the Program, and allowed scholarship recipients the opportunity to pursue post-graduate opportunities and take part in specialized educational programs and initiatives.

The Fund offers three main sponsorship tiers: Platinum, Gold, and Silver; payable in one installment or with the option of paying in annual

installments of up to five years. **Platinum** Sponsors commit funding of BD 1 million and above, **Gold** Sponsors commit BD 500,000 and above, while **Silver** Sponsors commit BD 250,000 and above. 'CPISP Friends' is a special fourth category for contributors committing amounts from BD 50,000 to BD 250,000.

Sponsorship Tier	Commitment Amount
Platinum	BD 1 million and above
Gold	BD 500,000 and above
Silver	BD 250,000

Sponsor Updates

Platinum Sponsor **BBK** completed its first BD 1 million pledge to the Program, and expressed interest to renew its support of the Program.

On the Friends level, **United Gulf Bank** completed its second cycle of sponsorship, contributing a total amount of

BD 295,000 since 2006. Also completing their second cycle of sponsorship are **Ahli United Bank**, which has contributed a total of BD 200,000 since joining, and **SICO Investment Bank** contributing a total of BD 100,000 to the Program.

"The Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program is a brilliant milestone in the history of education and training in the Kingdom of Bahrain."

Aqeel Raees, CEO & Board Member, Gulf Hotels Group

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