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EDUCATION

University of California Berkeley, CA, USA
Bachelors, Intended BA Cognitive Science
08/2023 – 05/2027 (Expected graduation date)

American International School of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Grade 10 – Grade 12, Completed International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB)
08/2020 – 06/2023

British International School of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
KG – Grade 9, Completed 1 year of IGCSE
08/2008 – 06/2020

AWARDS & HONORS

2023: Academic Excellence Award (American International School of Riyadh)
2023: IB Award (Certificate of Achievement) (American International School of Riyadh)
2021 – 2022: NHS (National Honor Society)
2020 – 2022: Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)
2020: Chartered Management Institute - Bronze Student Leader Award
2019: ABRSM – Piano Exam (Passed with Distinction)
2018 – 2021: MUN Best Delegate Award (x5)

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

2016 – Present: Founder & CEO of Smiles Foundation

I founded the nonprofit organization, Smiles Foundation, in 2016, at age 11, when Syrian refugees were all over the news with children crying or searching for the basics of life for survival. Smiles' primary goal is to reduce the suffering of less fortunate children. I raised \$14,000+ alone and have sponsored 13 orphans thus far.

- Innovate unique charity initiatives (sponsorship of children, provide refugees with the essentials, clothes, toys, school supplies, books, and hygiene products).
- Raise awareness of the refugee crisis.
- Host, organize, and arrange fundraisers.
- Form partnerships with other non-profit organizations.
- Blogging (writing, editing, and publishing articles about the refugee crisis).
- Tutor children in various subjects (in person and online).

2019 – Present: FataFeat - Fintech Consultant

FataFeat (www.fata.me) is a family payment app which focuses on financial literacy for children.

2020 – 2023: Ruwwad - Tutoring Children Refugees

During summer vacations, I tutored children at Ruwwad (www.ruwwad.ngo), a social community organization for the less fortunate.

2020 – 2023: Bounce NGO

Bounce is an international NGO that inspires positive change in societies with a focus on newly arrived refugees. I host, organize, and run fundraisers for underprivileged families. Raised \$2,000+ to support Lebanon after the Beirut bombing (2020). Boxed 100+ packages for the Ramadan food drive in 202, 2022, and 2023. Advocated for refugees.

2017 – 2023: Model United Nations

I am the president of the general assembly at Model UN – Riyadh Chapter.

- Recognized as the best delegate at 4 international MUN conferences.
- Received Honorable Mention at 6 international MUN conferences.
- Mentored younger MUN students.
- Created, organized, managed, and led MUN workshops.
- Chaired at 10 conferences.

2017 – 2023: Tennis

Participated in 20 competitions. Won 1st place in 15 matches. Coached younger players (5-12 years old).

2019 – 2022: Cancer Fundraiser

In 2019, 2021, and 2022, I organized, hosted, planned, and led a fundraiser in Jordan during my summer vacations. I held bake sales and garage sales, and I organized fun activities for children to participate in. I raised and donated \$3,500+ to 3 underdeveloped cancer centers in Jordan. The money was used to buy some necessary drugs for cancer treatment.

2019 – 2022: 'Run for Refugees' Fundraiser

'Run for Refugees' is a fundraiser which I created under the umbrella of the Smiles Foundation. Held fundraisers to support refugees. I collaborated with my school's principal to host this marathon. Sold 350+ tickets. Raised \$5,000+; proceeds went to clothes, school supplies, and toys. I hosted this event 3 times.

2019 – 2022: Name="Coders"

I founded Name="Coders", a summer programming organization. I taught coding to 15+ kids, between the ages of 8 and 12 yrs. Also, taught Dream Weaver, SPSS, and Python.

2017 – 2022: Basketball

I was the captain of Basket-In-School (residential compound team).

- Lead team training.
- Competed at national & international competitions.
- My team placed 2nd in a regional tournament (2021).

2017 – 2021: The Green Team

I co-founded The Green Team, an environmental club, at the British International School of Jeddah.

- Raised awareness of environmental concerns, specifically the loss of biodiversity, ocean acidification, and climate change.
- Raised \$10,000+ for environmental funds.
- Hosted engaging and intriguing bi-weekly assemblies to discuss environmental issues.

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE

2021 – 2022: Intern at Mawarid Media & Communications Group

Mawarid Media and Communication Group Holdings is a conglomerate in Saudi Arabia.

I learnt about corporate law, procurement processes, supply chains, NDAs, legal documents, HR, and more.

2018 – 2022: Ruwwad NGO (<https://ruwwad.ngo/>)

Ruwwad is a very large NGO that operates in Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and Palestine. Ruwwad supports underprivileged students through various after-school activities and enrichment programs. I assisted with numerous initiatives, including tutoring refugees.

2018 – 2021: Intern at Islamic International Arab Bank

I interned during my summer vacations at one of the largest and best banks in the Middle East. During my internship I shadowed bankers to learn about fintech, loans, wealth management, investments, and much more.

2019 – 2020: Intern at IMC Hospital

At the IMC hospital, I shadowed various departments: emergency, ICU, surgery, and pediatrics. I shadowed doctors every Saturday and Tuesday for two hours each day. Rotational (~3-4 weeks/per department).

SKILLS

Languages:

English (Native).

Arabic (Native).

Spanish (Limited working proficiency).

Technical:

Python, Dream Waver, Word Press, Statistical Analysis (MS Excel & SPSS).

Business/Entrepreneurship:

Business Plan Preparation, Fundraising, Philanthropy, Investing, Logo & Web Design.

Laboratory:

Online research, Lab Report Write-ups, Conducting Labs, Data Processing.

Interests:

Medicine, Biotechnology, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Investments, Philanthropy, Fundraising, Technology, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Swimming, Free Diving, Sailing, Kayaking, and Chess.