

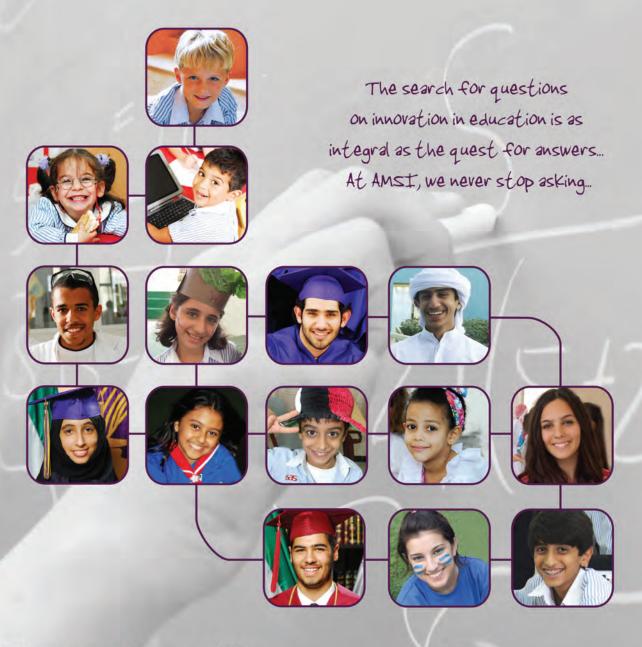




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Congratulations!







Commencement: noun [kuh-mens-muhnt]

an act, instance or time of starting and beginning.

So let's go back to where all great stories start...the beginning...

Who can forget when you first walked through the gates of kindergarten for the first time - anxious young students nervously clutching your proud parents' hands? How can we not remember the first time you read, wrote or memorized your multiplication table? Can anyone forget the first test and the panic attacks that came with it, Sports Day, award, performance, presentation, failure, and triumph?

What *commencements* those were...ones that marked the *start* of wonderful things to come. We watched you grow from uncertain kindergarteners to rebellious and adventurous teenagers only to become fine young men and women each with an assertive presence. It was the *start* of an intense journey of change, self-discovery and development, one where you remained steadfast, motivated and determined. With each day you faced some incredible and memorable moments - stepping stones that you used to pursue common goals.

The outcome of this long journey is the Graduating Class of 2012.

We are so proud of the success that you have made with the opportunities you had. Our humble gifts to you are our wishes that your future ahead continues to be characterized by compassion, objectivity, independence, and audacity...that you continue to lead by example and work conscientiously...that your successes be many and your tribulations be few.

Our biggest gift, however, is our belief in you... you who will always be our accomplishments, our rewards and our pride.

With today's ceremony, we celebrate another milestone, another *commencement*... the rest of your lives.

Climb high; climb far; your goal the sky; your aim the stars.



## مراريسنا ... وَجِلَايَتُ اللَّقِيِّ الْمُسْتَمِرّة

لعل من الأمور المُفْرحَة المُحزِنة في آن، أنّنا إذا أردْنا أنْ نَبْحَثَ عن مَحَطّاتٍ مُشْرِقَةٍ في تاريخِنا الْحضاري الْمَشْرِقيّ، نَجِدُ لها أَبْحاثاً ومَراجِع ثَرَّةً، في كثيرٍ من اللُّغاتِ الإنسانية الرّئيسةِ الْحَيّة، وفي أَصْخَم الْمكتبات الْعالَميّة، وقلَّما نَجِدُ ما يُشْفي غليلنا لها، في لُغتِنا العربيةِ الْحربيةِ الْحبيبةِ، أو في مَكْتَباتِنا الْوطنيةِ نحن – وَرَثَةَ تلكَ الحضارةِ الخالدة – ولعل من الأمورِ الّتي تَسْتَوْقِفُ القارِئَ وَهْوَ يُطالِع أَبْحاثاً أو مقالاتٍ عن ذلك الإرْثِ الحضاريّ المَسْرقِيّ، أنّ كثيراً من المعارف أو النظرياتِ التي كانت شائِعة عندَ الأجدادِ في تلك العصورِ الْغابرة، مازال لها وُجودٌ حَيُّ مُتواصلٌ يمارِسُه الأحْفادُ في سلوكيّاتِهم وخياراتِهم الْحياتِيةِ فِعُلاً صائبًا دونَ أَنْ يكونوا، بالضرورة، على وَعي معْرِفِيًّ بتلكَ النظريّات، لاسيّما فيما يخْتَصُ مِنْها باختيارِ الأصلح والأفضلِ لهم ولأولادِهم.

ومن أرْوَعِ تلكَ النظرياتِ الْمُلْتَصِقَةِ بالحياة، ما يُؤْثَرُ عن أحيقارَ الْحكيم وزير ملكِ آشورَ، الذي زَخُرَتِ الآدابُ العالميةُ برواياتٍ لأخبارهِ وتَحْليلاتٍ كثيرةٍ لآرائه، منها أنّه في يوم الذي زَخُرَتِ الآدابُ العالميةُ برواياتٍ لأخبارهِ وتَحْليلاتٍ كثيرةٍ لآرائه، منها أنّه في يوم العيدِ كان يَخْطُبُ في الرّعية قائلاً: 'مَنْ أرادَ أنْ يَضْمَنَ لابنِه الفوز والْغلبة، عليه أنْ يوجَههُ إلى ثلاثٍ مُتلازماتٍ: منزلِ يَزورُه الضّوء، ومَأْكلِ تُنْتِجه مَرْزَعَتُه، ومُعلّم صالح عارف بمسالكِ الحياةِ، وتَغيرات الزّمن...، ويروى أيضاً أنّ مَنْ كان يَسْمَعُ وصايا أحيقارَ ويَعْمَلُ بها، كان يَهْرَعُ بعدَ الْخُطبةِ إلى منْزلِه، يَفْتَحُ فيه كُوىً ومَنافِذَ للنّور، وإلى أرضِه يزْرَعُها بما طابَ وأفاد، وإلى مُعلّم ثِقَةٍ في المدينةِ، يُودِعُهُ فَلَذاتِ الأكْبادِ، من الْبَنين والبناتِ..

ولعل أكثرَ ما نعتزُ به نحن في AMSI هو ثِقَةُ الأهلين المتواصلة بمدارسِنا، تلك الثّقةُ التي كانت وما زالت وسَتبقى، أهمَّ رافدِ لنا يدْفَعُنا من نجاحٍ إلى نجاحٍ ومن قِمّة إلى قِمّة، فمع إطلالة كلً عام دراسيً جديد، ترى مَنْ أرادَ أَنْ يضْمَنَ لابنه مكانةً كريمةً في غدِ تَكْتَنِفُهُ تَسَاوًلاتٌ كثيرة، يَهْرعُ إلى مدراسِنا يحجزُ له فيها مِقْعَدًا، فيطمئنُ إلى أنّه أوْدَعَ فلِذَةَ كبدِه عِنْدَ مُرَبًّ ثِقَةٍ خبيرٍ بمسالِك التّربيةِ والتّعليم، لا يَدّخرُ جُهْداً في سبيل تعزيزِ مُنجزاتِه الأكاديميّة السّابقة والبناء عليها ورَفْدِها بكلّ حديثٍ ومُسْتَجِدِّ في عالم التّربية والتّعليم، يثري بها خُبُراتِ وَكفاءَاتِ كوادِره التعليمية، وقُدُراتِ طلبتِه الذين يتخرّجون من مدارسِ يشري بها خُبُراتٍ وكفاءَاتِ كوادِره التعليمية، وقُدُراتِ طلبتِه الذين يتخرّجون من مدارسِ AMSI مزُودين بمهاراتٍ لا تَقِفُ عند المعارفِ الأكاديميّة فحسب، بل تَسْمَلُ ثَقَافَة الْحياةِ التي يَخْبرونها في مَدارسِنا حيث يتعلمون أنَّ انتماءَ الإنسانِ إلى هويتِه وثقافَتِه الْوطنيّة والانفتاحَ على الآخرِ في الإنسانية، من الْقِيَم التي يجبُ أَنْ تُقَدَّرَ وتُحْتَرَم وتُتَرْجِمَ إلى سُلوكِ حياتيً مَعيش.

إنَّ دُفْعَةَ الْخريَجِينِ الثانيةَ والتُلاثين لمدارسِ المواكب، والتَّالثة للمدرَسِة الدولية للفنون والعلوم بخريجيها الدين يبلغ عددُهم هذا العام ثلاثمئة وثمان وخمسينَ هي تأكيدُ آخرُ على هذه الثقة المستمرّة.



#### **Entry of the Dignitaries**

to the Music for the Royal Fireworks by Georg Friedrich Handel

Procession of the Class of 2012
The Graduates enter to the March Triumphante from Aida

**UAE National Anthem** 

**Reading from the Holy Koran** 

Abdalla Al Shirawi (Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus)

**AMSI's Principals' Address** 

#### Presentation of the "AMSI Leadership Award"

Introduced by Ahmad BinThaneya (Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus)

#### Graduates' Address Delivered by:

In Arabic, Fatima Galadari (Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus) In French, Jason Hanna (Al Mawakeb School - Al Garhoud Campus) In English, Amira Yousfi (The International School of Arts & Sciences)

Academia Management Solutions International - AMSI's Address

Presentation of the Diplomas

Photographs with the Dignitaries

The Graduates exit to the Ode to Joy from Symphony Number 9



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#### دخول الضيوف على أنغام

Music for the Royal Fireworks by Georg Friedrich Handel

دخول موكب الخريجين على March Triumphante from Aida

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Grade 12E -Al Barsha



Grade 12F -Al Barsha

## Al Mawakeb School... a special home for 14 years...

14 years ago, we entered the gates of Al Mawakeb School for the first time. Our innocent eyes filled with tears and our little hands nervously clutched our parents'. Today after 14 years, those same eyes are still filled with tears, but this time they are tears of bitter sweet happiness...bitter because we know that this is where we part ways...sweet because we can finally taste the fruit of our labor. And those little hands, well they now-proudly carry our graduation certificates. It has been a long journey that passed so quickly. We will graduate but we will be carrying all the memories created within the warm walls of our second home, Al Mawakeb School.



#### Standing (1st row) - L to R:

Jawaher AlAbdouli, Dima Saleh, Zeena Abou ElNaja, Karen Madi, Ms. Nada Halaby, Hoor Al Jaziri, Fatma Abulhoul, Asma AlBalooshi, Sarah Bijar, Dana Abou Ghazale, Aya AlBastaki

#### Standing (2nd row) - L to R:

Mariam Nasser, Heba Hegazi, Nermin Al-Masri

#### Standing (3rd row) - L to R:

Jasmine Ayesh, Alia Fakha, Hala Chekkath, Lin AlTal, Sara AlSakka-Amini, Nivin Oneisse, Nour Nasrallah, Malak Iskandar, Masarra Khalifa, Joya El Ghaoui



# مولاكبيون منز لربع عشرة سنة ...

إنّهم أبناءُ المواكب، حَضَنتْهم منذُ أربعَ عشرة سنةً زُغُبًا ورَعَتْهُمْ أملاً وهاهُمْ يغادرونَها اليومَ نسورًا مُحَصّنين بالانتماء، أقوياءَ بالمعرفة مُنفتحين على عالم رحْب متنوّع خَبروا رَحابَتَه وتَنوّعَه في مواكِبهم الْحبيبةِ التي كانتْ بيتًا للجميع، وأسرةً حاضنَةً لجميع طلبتِها المُنتمين إلى شتّى الْجنسيات والمِلل.

أيّها الأحبّة لقد اخترتمُ المواكبَ مَنْهَلَ علم ومعرفة، كبرْتُمْ فيها وبها، وهي اليومَ تفْخَرُ بكم طلبةً تتوثّبون إلى مرحلة جديدة في الحياة، تثبتون فيها وجودكم الفاعلَ الحيّ، فتبدعون دراسةً وعملاً وإنتاجًا..



#### Standing (1st row) - L to R:

Maher AbuAlwan, Ahmed AlMuhairi, Essa AlHaj, Ms. Nada Halaby, Salem AlMuhairi

#### Standing (2nd row) - L to R:

Sabri Al Otabi, Ziad Khawaja, Alexi Touma, Sherif Soltan

#### Standing (3rd row) - L to R:

Hasan Ataya, Ahmad Mahmood, Mohamad El Charif, Amer AbuAlwan, Hani Fayed, Joseph Ayoub, Ahmad Hotait, Varak Kazanji, Essa AlZarooni, Anass Koleilat, Abdelrahman Abdelsalam

## Al Mawakeb School... a special home for 14 years...

14 years ago, our parents escorted us into the school where we all attempted to hold back our tears and anxiety from going into a new place. As agitated as we were, in no time at all, an overwhelming exhilaration took over...feelings of security, belonging and growth that spanned 14 wonderful years.

We experienced an intense journey of change, self-discovery and development. Together, we grew from inquisitive children to independent and learned teenagers with a strong voice and presence. We remember our first days and the anxiety that overwhelmed us. As the years flew by, however, the worry subsided only to be replaced with an unprecedented excitement that inspires us to follow the path that our school paved for us.

People often define school as an institute for learning and growth, but to us who have spent 14 years here, such a definition is too bland and unworthy. When most students go about their lives moving from one school to another, Al Mawakeb sheltered and embraced us. It has become an integral part of our lives and has hosted memories that make us who we are today.

As we walk down the hallways bubbling with student life, we realize how much we will miss the place that we have come to call home. We are now a family that started 14 years ago when we all walked

through the school doors together for the very first time. Our family grew bigger and stronger every time we welcomed and embraced a new student or teacher to our home. Today, our family is complete and although each of us is ready to part ways, we will never be truly apart, for the memories that live within us will forever keep us bonded.



**Kneeling - L to Rt:** Mahtab Al Midani, Haya Al Khatib, Haya Al Amour, Dana Al Ammar, Karen Al Sabbagh.

**Sitting - L to R:** Noor Al Yousef, Hana Massoud, Maryam Al Mazrooei, Suha Al Khatib.

**Standing (1st row) - L to R:** Rodha Al Redha, Asma Galadari, Tasnim Al Mutawa, Mia Al Nuaimi, Cindrella Mubarak, Nadine Zaki, Alaa Al Sayegh, Nahed Kahoor, Hamda Al Sumaiti.

**Standing (2nd row) - L to R:** Reem Abdulqader, Katherine Saado, Sogand Mozaffari, Zeina Al Deesi, Hiba Abou Ghazale, Ms. Grace Chammas, Qamar Tahboub, Muna Abdelrahim.



# كم منزل في اللأرض يألفهُ الفتى ومنينهُ أبراً للأوّل منزل

لم تعد الأشياء كما كانت ولم يعد أطفال الأمس أطفالا، كل شيء تغيّر ولكن المنزل لم يتغيّر، فيا أبا تمّام، يا من تخاطب من بدّل المنازل وحن للأوّل منها إنّنا لم نبدّل منزلنا منذ نعومة أظافرنا غير أننا نَحِن لهذا المنزل الذي قد أزف وقت وداعه، ذلك الوقت الذي لو اضطلعتم على ما في أذهاننا منذ سنوات وسنوات لعرفتم بأننا كنا ننتظره ونرجو ونتمنى أن ننتهي كبقية الطلاب من حياة المدرسة وروتينها ولكن... ونحن نكتب هذه الكلمات نشعر بعدم الرغبة في ترك المدرسة.

يُسألُ الطلاب في أصقاع الأرض عن مدارسهم التي تلقُّوا فيها علمهم فيكون جوابهم درسنا في المدرسة الفلانية والمدرسة الفلانية ويعددون أسماء ثلاث مدارس فأكثر، ونُسأل فنجيب في المواكب ليس مجرَّد اسم وليست مجرد مدرسة إنها حياة... حياةٌ كاملةٌ ولا نبالغ عندما نقول بأننا بعمر جدران هذه المدرسة، فقد شاءت الأقدار أن نكون أول طلابٍ يرتادون هذه المدرسة عشنا الأيام فيها بحلوها ومرّها اختلط الحزن بالفرح واليأس بالأمل.

كنا عائلة صغيرة وكَبُرت هذه العائلة شيئًا فشيئًا ولكلِّ منَّا أكثر من أبِ وأكثر من أمِّ... فأمٌّ في المنزل وأمهات مربيات فاضلات في المواكب... وأبِّ وأبِّ في المنزل وآباء محبون وأخوة مخلصون في المواكب.

أدركنا كُنْه الحياة داخل هذه الأسوار وكنا أشبه بغراسٍ زُرِعت وها هي الآن قد نمت وغدت أشجاراً وثمارها أينعت وآتت أُكلها، فيا مدرستي ويا عشقي لن نخيِّب أملك بما علَّمتِ وسنكون إن شاء الله مبعث فخر لكِ .



Standing (1st row) - L to R:
Mrs. Grace Chammas,
Najeeb Alkhayyat,
Essa Galadari,
Ahmad Bin Thaneya,
Mohammad AlFattan,
Abdullah Sharafi
Standing (2nd row) - L to R:
Bader Al Hashimi,
George Bandak,
Fares AlMazrouei,
Sultan Belshalat,
Abdulaziz AlBannai

لأنَّ المحبيبَ من اللَّحبابِ مُخْتَلُسنُ... وحهر المملك حبيبٌ فالِ اخْتَلَت الموتُ من بينِ الْهَامَ ورفاقِه ومعلهيه ليترك في قلب لل والحد منهم فعتة هيهات أن تزول... حهر، لا ننتظر أن نراك خريجًا تقف بين رفاقِك الذين أحببت... تتوقّبُ معهم لمرحلة جديدة من مراحل الحياة. للنها مشيئتُ الله اللتي لا مروّ لها، شاءت الله أن تلوت إلى جوار ربك وأنت بعر طاهر من شرور الدنيا ومفاسر البشر.



# Class of 2012 - ISAS



Grade 12A - ISAS



Grade 12B - ISAS



# Class of 2012 - ISAS

Abdulla Farea, 12A Abdulrahman Diab. 12A Ahmad Dalmook, 12A Ali MahmoodJuboori, 12A Amir Shamasbi, 12B Amira Yousifi, 12B Arpi Barbarian, 12A Ayesha Alali, 12A Cynthia Chouery, 12A Diana Yousef, 12A Elie Watfeh, 12B Fares Barakat, 12A Fathi Skaik, 12A Fatima AlMehairi, 12B Joelle Chammas, 12A Joseph Akiki, 12B Khalfan AlJallaf, 12A Mahmoud HamzehPoor, 12B Maja AlZoebi, 12B Melhem Boueiri, 12A Mohamad Darraj, 12A

MohamedSoltane Yousifi, 12A Mohammad AlNimer, 12A Mohammed AlNasser, 12B Mouza AlMehairi, 12B Najad Sulaiman, 12B Raymond Sukrieh, 12B Reem Moghrabi, 12A Saif Alfalasi, 12B Samir Boueiri, 12A Sarah BinGhalita, 12B Sayar AlAttar, 12B ShirinElisabeth Nahed, 12A TaisAdela IskenderovBonilla, 12B Tariq AlDajani, 12B TariqAlamin Baldwin, 12B ThaliaGrace Trad, 12B Walid Nasr, 12A Ye Zhang, 12B Yousef Bahman, 12B Youssef Hassoun, 12A Zeena ElZein, 12A





### AMSI Awards & Honors

"The Difference between Ordinary and Extraordinary is that little EXTRA...."

#### Indeed it is...

Every year, we honor a select group of students who have gone that extra mile to be extra-ordinary.

There are two faces to this process, academic and non-academic...

**Valedictorian:** is the student who achieves Highest Distinction and the highest grade point average among the seniors.

**Salutatorian:** is the student who achieves Highest Distinction and the second highest grade point average among the seniors.

#### Awards & Honors - Al Mawakeb School

The Green Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with Highest Distinction.

The Yellow Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with Distinction.

The Gray Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with High Achievement.

The Golden Rope: is worn by seniors who graduate with Achievement.

The Silver Rope: is worn by seniors who graduate with Merit.

In addition to the aforementioned academic honors, Al Mawakeb prides itself on having within its student body a large contingency of students who distinguish themselves in non-academic fields.

We honor them tonight with three awards:

**Recognition Award:** presented to students for altruistic contribution to the school and its community through leadership and participation.

Outstanding Athlete Award: presented to students in recognition of outstanding athletic achievement.

**Award for Excellence in Fine Arts:** presented to students in recognition of outstanding potential in the field of Fine Arts.

Congratulations Al Mawakeb Class of 2012 and Awards recipients for all your accomplishments and achievements. This is but the beginning of a long journey...and as a new class of Al Mawakeb School alumni, you travel it carrying us with you as we hold you close in our memories...

## AMSI Awards & Honors

Awards & Honors - The International School of Arts & Sciences

The Gray Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with Academic Excellence and Highest Distinction.

The Golden Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with High Distinction and Distinction.

The Blue Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with Highest Achievement and

Outstanding Achievement.

The White Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with High Achievement and Achievement. The Yellow Stole: is worn by seniors who graduate with Merit.

Within the ISAS class of 2012, a number of students are worth a special mention. They comprise an outstanding group of students who have excelled in various non-academic areas. We honor them tonight with 4 awards:

**Recognition Award:** presented to students who contributed to the school community and demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

**Outstanding Athlete Award:** presented to students for outstanding athletic motivation, performance and sportsmanship.

**Excellence in Fine Arts:** presented to students for outstanding achievement in fine arts.

**Aspiring Musician Award:** presented to students for excellence in music and promise of future artistic development.

Congratulations ISAS Class of 2012 and Awards recipients for all your diligence and achievements. You are the third class graduating from ISAS, we are proud of who you've become and we look forward to your continued growth and success. It is your turn to soar, so reach high and fly proud...

Venture forth and conquer...





## AMSI Leadership Award

This honor is bestowed upon seniors in AMSI schools. This award celebrates our students' strife for excellence, their dedication to their school, their drive for accomplishment, their commitment to the community, and their distinguished sense of leadership. They have positively impacted our school and soon they will do the same in our world.

We stand proud knowing they left a significant mark on all those who knew them so that others may follow in their path. We look forward to watching them become outstanding forces of change in our future.

We wish them all the best...

#### The AMSI Leadership Award is presented to a senior who:

- 1. Exhibits outstanding potential as a young leader
- 2. Is a significant contributing force in the life of his/her school
- 3. Exemplifies the qualities of character and leadership
- 4. Shows exceptional initiative and dedication to his/her school community
- 5. Is valued and respected by those with whom he/she works
- 6. Gives considerably of his/her time, skills and talent to his/her school
- 7. Demonstrates commitment, responsibility and enthusiasm in his/her involvement

This senior embodies the essence and spirit of his/her school's mission and fulfills the AMSI expectation in a potential future leader.



# جائزة AMSI للطالاب القاوة

هذا التكريمُ يُمنحُ في مدارسِ AMSI تقديرًا للطلبةِ الخرّيجِين لصراعهم من أجلِ التميّر، لتمنّر المناديم في مدارسهم، وسعيهم الدوّوب من أجل تحقيق الإنجازات المتميّرة، لتَمَتُّعِهم بحسً القيادة، للتأثيرِ الإيجابي الذي أحدثوه في مدارس AMSI، والذي سوف يحدثونه غدّا في عالمنا.

لا يسعُ الواحدَ منّا إلا أنْ ينتشي فخرًا بهؤلاء الطلبة، وما تركوه من أثرِ هامٍ في نفسِ كلِّ مَنْ عرفوه.. أثرِ يشكّل قدوةً لطلاب آخرين سيتأثّرونَهم ويسلكون دربَهم.

إنّنا نرى في هؤلاء الطلبة قوى تغيير صاعدة ترسم مستقبلنا.

نتمنّى لهم الأفضل ... والأكمل دائمًا

تُمنحُ جائزة AMSI للطلاب القادة، لكلِّ خرّيج:

١ – يبرزُ كإمكانيةِ قياديةِ شابّة.

٢- يسهمُ بدور قوى في المدرسية.

٣- يتَمتَّع بشخصية نوعية و قيادية.

3- يقوم بمبادرات استثنائية مكرّسة لمجتمعه المدرسيّ.

٥ - يتمتّعُ بتقدير واحترام كلِّ من يعملُ معهم.

7 يقدّم لمدرسته الكثيرَ من مهاراته ومواهبه.

٧- يظهرُ التزامًا ومسؤوليةً وحماسًا في علاقتِه بمحيطه.

إنّ هؤلاء الخريجين يجسِّدون روحَ وجوهرَ رسالةِ مدرستِهم، ويحقّقون توقّعاتِ AMSI في كونهم إمكانياتٍ قياديةً واعدة.





On Wednesday, April 4, 2012, they gathered at 2:30pm each of them vying for the chance of a lifetime, the chance to express their feelings for the world to hear, the chance to be speaker for the Class of 2012. More than 70 came, brave souls who will always remember this moment... The pressure builds and on the day of the try-outs, some drop out but the race continues... The judging committee had a difficult task ahead of them.... The competition was grand, so many impressive candidates, so many skilled orators...but alas, the choice must fall on only 4.... The scores were so close and 10 finalists were selected... These 10 would have to go through another rigorous oratory test before a final choice is made...

On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, they rushed to the meeting point, their murmurs engulfed us as they began to practice... all nervous, all anxious and all wonderful... The finalists were:

Abdallah Shirawi

Ahmad Bin Thaneya

Amira Youssfi

Cynthia Choueiry

Fatma Galadari

Heba Abu Ghazaleh

Heba Hijazi

Jason Hanna

Nadine Nasser

Nadine Ahmad Zaki

On the Sunday that followed, the announcement was made.

We are proud of all of them and of every senior who tried out.

Good luck tonight!



I couldn't believe it when I was recently told that I had made the final cut. So then there were nine. Just a few weeks ago, I was standing in a classroom with several anxious seniors waiting for their turn to audition. Gradually, candidates were being eliminated. I had thought that I would be among the first ones to go but I received my call back. The school believed in me when I didn't. So here I am today at the final hurdle. This is the ultimate step to my dream: to speak on behalf of the Class of 2012. What an honor it would be. I can already imagine the magnificent moment. The excitement gushing through my veins. My smile stretching from ear to ear. It would be the happiest day of my life. I know that I'm not there yet, but to make it this far, I feel that I've already won.



Abdallah Shirawi, 12E, Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus



A shaking microphone, an awkward stance, and a hesitant voice... My first audition for speaker of the class of 2012 couldn't have gone any worse.

I stormed out of the audition room on the verge of a nervous breakdown, for I realized that a dream I held for countless years had finally come to an end or so I thought! I gave up all hope for a call-back, so you obviously can't begin to imagine the state of mind I was in when I was told that I had made it to the next round. I was drowned with mixed feelings of elation and disbelief, but I was jolted by anxiety when I realized I would have to relive the torment of auditioning all over again. Despite that, I understood that I'd been granted one final opportunity to make my dream come true, so I vowed to do my very best to try to make that dream a reality. Expecting the worst, but hoping for the best, I went

back to the audition knowing that it was now or never.

I began reciting as if my life depended on it. Five huge smiles from five excited judges were the outcome of my speech, and the praise I received made me believe that I truly made the best of my second chance. And truth be told, two days later I'm amongst the final nine. At this point, whether I am chosen or not doesn't really matter, for it only shadows what truly is important, and that is the experience of auditioning itself. To simply put it, I had the experience of a life-time, and I can honestly look back at it and say: "I tried, I fought, and I still made it whether I'm speaker or not".

Ahmad Bin Thaneya, 12E, Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus

I believe that behind every speech there is power. A speech is a way to unleash the energy within you that wants to be heard. It is an art to be able to deliver a speech and it can only be meaningful when said from the depth of one's heart.

Throughout this year, we have faced numerous challenges which all required focus and diligence. Only a few weeks back, we got to audition for graduation speaker, which to me was not only a challenge but also a dream and a reward. To have the chance to represent my classmates and speak on their behalf is what drove me to this stage in the competition. I remember perfectly last year's graduation. It was back then that I realized that I wanted to be up there speaking, and I honestly could not wait any longer for this moment to realize my dream. I am happy to know that we, the finalists, have the potential to conquer such a challenge, and I'm grateful that this competition allowed us all to recognize our capabilities. This experience will remain forever memorable and inspiring.



Amira Youssfi, 12B, The International School of Arts & Sciences - ISAS



When I was chosen as one of the 10 finalists I felt accomplished and things were suddenly serious. The thought of speaking in front of three thousand parents and guests on behalf of all the graduates was overwhelming. Images of my brother delivering his speech at last year's graduation started to flash back and now I can relate more to what he felt. To my misfortune I had to be away from Dubai during the final tryouts and missed my chance to make it. At first I felt disappointed and sad but then I real-



ized that I was lucky and blessed to have gotten this far considering how great the competition was among my fellow mates from both Al Mawakeb and ISAS, that in itself was a huge accomplishment for me.

Cynthia Choueiry ,12A, The International School of Arts & Sciences - ISAS



"Girls, you made it!" Those were Ms. Susan's words to us, the Class of 2012. We were representing the class that was at Al Mawakeb, Al Barsha from day 1 till today, the day we venture onto another journey. Today, the honor was bestowed upon me to be one of the top 9 finalists. Standing there on the stage in front of our esteemed directors, reading words that truly come from my heart made me realize how this dream that I once had has finally become a real-

ity. As I walked down the hall towards the stage, I felt assured that that is my place. I was chosen amongst tens of other competitive speakers to represent the class that welcomed me as a classmate, a friend, and most importantly a sister, always there in times of need.

Fatma Galadari, 12C, Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus

Making it to the final stage of graduation speech auditions is more than just an acknowledgment... it is an achievement.

It genuinely feels exceptional to be one of the nine finalists. Nevertheless, it is human nature to feel the challenge. It was a challenge, not a competition, for I was really consoled by everyone's modesty.

We all shared the same goal yet we stood by and encouraged one another.





Heba Abu Ghazaleh, 12F, Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus

Writing inspirational expressions, conveying deep feelings, practicing elocution and pronunciation ... it was all worth it. The experience itself of standing in the presence of AMSI's elite panel of judges was splendid. Let's ignore the part where I almost fainted and my heart was practically hammering out of my chest. Other than that, getting chosen to audition for the graduation speech was a privilege on its own. I seriously couldn't have done it without the support of so many loved ones... my friends, Al Mawakeb, and most importantly, my FAMILY!

Heba Hijazi, 12A, Al Mawakeb School - Al Garhoud Campus





I had always fantasized about reading the speech at my graduation, but this time, it was different. For the first time I felt this was it. Either I make it or I don't. In the first try-out I walked in with all the courage I could muster, said the lines that were assigned for me to read, and walked out hoping for the best. But when I received the news that I was qualified to the second round, my hope and determination grew. I came back with even more self-confidence, not to mention Ms. Alissar's encouraging words which pumped us up before going on stage. On the last try-outs though, I encountered an obstacle that in a way motivated me. On the same day and at the same time as the try-outs, I had Dabké rehearsals for the Rahbani play. Determined to get up on stage and give the jury what they expected, I left my rehearsal and set out to the hall where I got up on stage and did what

had to be done. What this experience has done is not only boost my courage, self-confidence, and oratory skills, but it has gone beyond that by teaching me that when you want something, you set it as a target, and you invest all your efforts in making it happen.

Jason Hanna, 12B, Al Mawakeb School - Al Garhoud Campus

Senior year was certainly filled with its exceptional and memorable moments, but I never quite thought I'd consider the graduation speech audition as one of those moments, let alone that it would have such a positive impact on me. The experience had its surprising elements, starting with being chosen to audition for a second, then a third time. My lost and meandering self-esteem was definitely boosted as a result. I now have a greater belief in my potential and am less dubious about my abilities. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity.

Nadine Nasser, 12A, Al Mawakeb School - Al Garhoud Campus





The whole experience of being able to audition for the speech has been wonderful. There were many eloquent and talented speakers who, like me, embarked on this challenge to make their dream a reality. However, the greatest news was being chosen among the finalists. It was an honor to know that I had been selected among such wonderful contestants. It's one of the most thrilling experiences a student can undertake, and being chosen to be part of such an elite group is an achievement that makes me feel nothing but very proud.

Nadine Ahmad Zaki, 12A, Al Mawakeb School - Al Barsha Campus



# Congratulations!



32nd Graduation Ceremony



3rd Graduation Ceremony









1400 B.C.

Canaanites in Ugarit, Syria create the first alphabet and number

1450

Printing press invented. This improves literacy as access to books is easier

1799

First modern elementary school starts in Switzerland and Germany using object lessons, the senses and expression.

1979



AMSI launches the first Al Mawakeb School in Dubai, UAE

Mid 1990s



AMSI acquires IS Koura in Lebanon

Late 1990s



AMSI launches Al Mawakeb School, Al Barsha in Dubai, UAE

2004



AMSI launches N4B

2007

Sas

AMSI launches The International School of Arts & Sciences in Al Warqaa, UAE

2010

AMSI acquires 5-year corporate accreditation from AdvancED



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