



# Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program

Kingdom of Bahrain

- CPISP announces 13<sup>th</sup> Group of Scholarship Recipients
- Sponsors attend candidate training open days
- Internships take students to Uganda, Tanzania, and Jordan



25 / 04 / 2012 - HRH the Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa met with the Program's 13th Group of Scholarship Recipients at the Court of the Crown Prince, Kingdom of Bahrain.

## HRH receives 2012 Scholarship Recipients

### 2012 Recipients (Group 13)

| Student Name           | Secondary School          | School / University                    |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Ahmed Alomran          | Sh. Abdulaziz Boys School | Tabor Academy, USA                     |
| Ali Abduljalil Marhoon | Hamad Town Boys School    | The Hun School of Princeton, USA       |
| Dana Saeed             | St. Christopher's School  | RSCI Dublin, Ireland                   |
| Fatema Saleh AlMeshqab | Khawla Girls School       | The Gunnery, USA                       |
| Maha Adel Al Barri     | Bahrain Bayan School      | Newcastle University, UK               |
| Nawaf Nooruddin        | Bahrain Bayan School      | New York University, USA               |
| Shifa'a AlSairafi      | Al Noor Sec. School       | Choate Rosemary Hall, USA              |
| Sumana Algharbi        | Khawla Girls School       | The Gunnery, USA                       |
| Tameem Ashraf Nada     | St. Christopher's School  | University of Southern California, USA |
| Yusuf AlNawakhtha      | Sh. Abdulaziz Boys School | Loomis Chaffee School, USA             |

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## Dr. Cynthia Gessling – CPISP Acting Director

Dr. Cynthia Gessling assumed the role of Acting Director of the CPISP in December 2011, in addition to serving as the educational advisor of US based scholars and candidate selection and training. Dr. Cynthia has since developed the application and selection process and introduced

new internal policies for current scholars, in addition to developing a new strategic plan and road map for the Program. She is also working on re-launching the Program's website, and enriching the educational experience of CPISP scholars and candidates. Dr. Cynthia has since met with various

scholars on campus, convened with students in Bahrain, and launched a student survey in an effort to reach out to students and meet their needs. Dr. Cynthia brings with her over 20 years of experience in the field of education and counseling, and holds a Doctorate in Education.

## 2013 Candidates undergo selection training – Sponsors invited to attend Leadership Open Days

The top sixty candidates were selected from the students who applied for 2013 scholarships early this year.

Their training began with Critical Reading and Critical Thinking courses, which ran from March to April.

The Candidate Leadership Program is taking place for three weeks in July, and aims to develop leadership,

communication, and problem solving skills. It also features lectures from guest speakers focusing on various areas of personal development and culminates with student team projects and final presentations.

This year, sponsors have been invited to attend two open days during the Leadership Program in order to observe the students in action and examine the

program’s course material.

The CPISP will also provide candidates with a SAT and IELTS Preparation course before they take both exams in November.

The final 10 recipients will be selected next year based on their GPAs, SAT results, IELTS results, Critical Thinking Course score, and Leadership Training Program Score.



Ameena Alderazi (left) and housemates at Shrewsbury School, UK

## Boarding/Prep School scholars graduate

CPISP scholars from Group 9 (2010) have successfully completed their A-Levels or American High School Diploma, and will be starting university in the fall. They include:

| Name               | Prep/Boarding School      | University                        |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aisha Falamarzi    | Stowe School, UK          | Trinity College, Ireland*         |
| Ameena Alderazi    | Shrewsbury School, UK     | The University of Manchester, UK* |
| Mohamed Al-Ghanami | Choate Rosemary Hall, USA | Boston University, USA            |
| Mohamed AlZayer    | Oundle School, UK         | University of Bath, UK*           |
| Yusuf Abdulwahab   | Malvern College, UK       | Durham University, UK*            |

\*pending results of A-Levels in August 2012

## Mohamed Al-Ghanami & Ameena Alderazi share their boarding/prep school experiences

**Mohamed Al-Ghanami**, who graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall, was awarded the Owen-Morgan Prize in recognition of his time and efforts used most unselfishly for the benefit of others. He shares his Choate experience:

“I was selected as a prefect in Hill House, where I was responsible for the safety and well-being of 30 students. Prefectship is one of the best and most prestigious positions bestowed on me. It is really the little things that make prefectship worthwhile - like having Steel White play *Knocking on Heaven’s Door*

on his guitar for me, helping Kennyi Aouad fix his necktie for prom, or reviewing for American History tests with Brandt Beckerman. It is such seemingly small things that actually helped establish the bonds between me and my prefectees. For this opportunity and for many others, I will always be thankful to Choate.”

Meanwhile, **Ameena Alderazi**, who graduated from Shrewsbury School, UK reveals:

“At the start of September, I was informed that I was officially part of the Royal Shrewsbury School Fencing Club. Since then, I have

taken part in many fencing tournaments that took place in different parts of the UK.

Away from the world of sports, I was selected by my housemistress to give a leaver’s talk in chapel about the differences between Shrewsbury and my previous schools. It also included the differences between the Bahraini and Arab culture than that of the UK’s. I was glad to know that the whole school found my talk interesting and in some occasions ‘funny’- in a good way, I am told.

All in all, it has been a great year, one that will remain in my heart for a very long time.”

**Jannat Aun was awarded the Sedbergh School Mathematics Prize for holding the highest records for her year in Maths.**



Mohamed Al-Ghanami (left) at his graduation from Choate Rosemary Hall, USA

## Ola Aboukhsaiwan works with TSF on scholarship project for Tanzanian students

CPISP Scholar Ola Aboukhsaiwan, an undergraduate student at U Penn, recounts her active involvement with The School Fund in providing students in Tanzania with access to education:

"I've been working with The School Fund (TSF), an online platform that provides access to education to underserved students particularly in Africa and Southeast Asia. Inspired from the concept of the CPISP itself, we've been working on creating a scholarship program for

Tanzanian students, as a way to give back.

I also had the opportunity to represent TSF at the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU), a platform where socially-conscious entrepreneurs from all over the world gather to discuss how to make the most lasting social impact as possible. It was a real pleasure to hear from some of the most inspiring leaders in social impact, such as former President Clinton, first female Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Sadiqa Basiri

Saleem, Jon Stewart and Usher!

The students I've met at CGIU are inspiring, driven and humbling students. Exchanging ideas with them has given me insight on how what works in one country might not work in another. This kind of thinking has brought me closer to understanding how important localization is in whatever developmental initiatives Bahraini leaders choose to undertake today, and in the future."

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***"It's definitely hard to leave a place that was so fulfilling intellectually for four years, but that growth process makes me look forward to more opportunities.. home is a state of mind and attachment to ideals, values, and goals."***

- Rawan Maki,  
Yale Graduate

## Maryam Alireza assesses region's entrepreneurship potential through Endeavor internship in Jordan

CPISP scholar Maryam Alireza, an undergraduate at U Penn pursuing a double major in Economics and Political Science spent two months in Jordan as an intern at Endeavor - a global organization that aims to generate long-term economic growth in emerging economies by supporting high-impact entrepreneurs. Maryam worked directly with three diverse Jordanian companies: an animation studio, an Arabic online medical directory, and an Arabic version of Amazon. Her main tasks included assessing the companies'

growth potentials and critical challenges and preparing the entrepreneurs for participation in global panels.

"This is the perfect time to be learning about entrepreneurship in the MENA region.

Entrepreneurship is being touted as the new solution to the Middle East and a remedy for some of its many political and social problems. As the Middle East is currently facing a rapidly increasing unemployment rate among its youth, entrepreneurship has been advertised as a way to allow these youth to challenge their energies into

creating start-ups with the potential to generate both income and jobs. Although entrepreneurship does have the potential to lead to rapid economic development, the emergence and growth of entrepreneurs in the region will vary with the local conditions for starting a business. Therefore, I hope that through my time in Jordan working with Endeavor and later in Bahrain, I will be able to build a solid foundation for my investigation on the effects of business regulation on entrepreneurship in the Middle East, with a focus on Jordan and Bahrain."



Maryam Alireza in Jordan for her internship with Endeavor

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***"One of the most forgotten and yet most valuable asset we have is our humanity; our ability to relate to one another, to empathize and to support fellow human beings. I am honored to have been selected to participate in a scholarship program that has the foresight to invest in people."***

- Yasmeen Rouben,  
Georgetown, UCL, &  
Cambridge Graduate

## Ahmed Al-Khaja is recognized for his service to societies

Ahmed Al-Khaja, who is pursuing his PhD in Economics at University College London was awarded the "Societies Centenary" award by the UCL Union, for his continued exemplary service to societies at UCL. He was also the runner up for the "Societies Personality of the

Year" award. His contributions include organizing a large-scale beginning of year dinner, an inter-faith event reflecting on the London riots, and a lecture by renowned international scholar, Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr, speaking about "Islam and the West".

"I am also the current president of the UCL Interdisciplinary Society for International Development, and am organizing an event on "Global Health and India," which is expected to attract many academics, researchers, policy-makers and NGOs."

**2012 Graduates (post-graduate degrees)**

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>University / Major</b>   | <b>Future Plans</b>  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Amal Ahmadi         | Reading University, UK / MSc in International Management  | Continue PhD in Leadership Development at Reading University |
| Fatema Al-Arayedh   | Columbia University, USA / Juris Doctor - Law   | Employed at Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton, NY           |
| Hasan Al Hasan      | Sciences Po, Paris / MSc Finance & London School of Economics and Political Science / MSc International Political Economy | Begin employment at Court of the Crown Prince, Bahrain       |
| Marwa Al Sabbagh    | Imperial College London, UK / PhD in Reproductive Biology: Uterine Biology  | Employed at Booz and Company, Dubai                          |
| Mohsen Ameer        | University of Southern California, USA / Juris Doctor – Law   | Preparing for California Bar Exam                            |
| Wafa Faisal Alsayed | Georgetown University, USA / MSc in Foreign Service – International Relations and Security                                | Seeking Employment   |
| Yasmeen Rouben      | Georgetown University, USA / LLM in Securities and Financial Regulation   | Seeking Employment   |



Rawan Maki graduates from Yale University, USA.

***Yasmeen Rouben received the Thomas Bradbury Chetwood, S.J. Plaque, Georgetown University Law Center (2012) for achieving the rank of distinction and the highest academic average in Securities and Financial Regulation and the Cali Award, Corporations, Georgetown University Law Center (2011) for attaining the highest mark in Corporations***

**2012 Graduates (under-graduate degrees)**

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>University / Major</b>   | <b>Future Plans</b>  |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Aalaa Al Khunaizi  | Purdue University, USA / BSc in Aviation Management and Organizational Leadership                             | Seeking Employment   |
| Ebrahim Al Qassab  | Imperial College London, UK / MEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Management                   | Begin employment at Cundall Johnson & Partners, London   |
| Fatema Kayed       | University of Manchester, UK/ BSc in Mathematics  | Seeking Employment   |
| Masha'el Fakhro    | Harvard University, USA / BSc in Applied Mathematics  | Continue MPA in Environmental Science and Policy – Columbia University, USA                      |
| Mohamed Mandeel    | Rochester Institute of Technology, USA / BSc and MEng in Mechanical Engineering                               | Six month internship at FM Industries in Poughkeepsie, NY – after which will seek employment     |
| Mohamed Al Shehab  | Georgetown University, USA / BSc in Business Administration - Finance & Operations and Information Management | Continue MSc in Managerial and Financial Economics at HEC Business School in Paris               |
| Rawan Maki         | Yale University, USA / BA in Environmental Engineering  | Continue MSc in Environmental Engineering and Business Management at Imperial College London, UK |
| Salman Al Hammadi  | Emory University, USA / BBA – Finance and Consulting and Venture Management                                   | Seeking employment   |
| Zainab Hasan Abbas | Imperial College London, UK / BEng in Biomedical Engineering  | Continue post-graduate studies   |



Mohamed Mandeel graduates from Rochester Institute of Technology, USA.



## Elham Yusuf helps Uganda women start own businesses

CPISP Scholar Elham Yusuf, who is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Psychology at Claremont McKenna College, California, is also a full ride scholar for the Human Rights Center for Leadership at Claremont. This summer, Elham is being sponsored by the Center for an internship in Bududa, Uganda, where she is working at the Bududa Learning Center (BLC) in their Women's Microfinance Bududa (WMB) program.

She explains, "I am currently creating a sponsors program for the women so that each woman can get a sponsor who offers her a yearly grant to sustain her business and reach her potential beyond

basic necessities of just food and shelter. I am also doing home visits and personal interviews of the WMB women and their businesses to send to our donors." In addition, Elham has enhanced marketing and communication aspects of their microfinance web page, and helps with administrative work, accounting, and financial matters.

"Borrowing money in Uganda is cost-prohibitive, so these loans create real opportunities for the disadvantaged. From making chapattis in the market to establishing their own hair salon, these women are able to run and expand their own businesses. In a culture

where women's rights are often restricted, financial independence gives them a sense of confidence and empowerment in the work field. The women were able to achieve some financial security in their household, secure accessible education for their children, buy food, sanitary supplies and medicine, and save money.

I love my internship because it promotes my creative skills for marketing and economic development in rural areas. I truly hope to finalize my idea for the sponsors program because I believe in sustainable action against poverty and hunger in Bududa for women."



Elham Yusuf at Bududa Learning Center during internship in Uganda

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## Sharif Moosa designs software for children with disabilities

CPISP scholar Sharif Moosa, pursuing a BSc in Computer Science at the University of Michigan, is taking part in an internship program at his university to develop software aimed at helping children with disabilities get therapy while having fun playing games using the Microsoft Kinect (body-tracking and voice recognition) technology.

"I'm currently heading up a team on my own project called PATH (Physically Assistive Therapy / Therapeutic technology) aimed at helping people of all ages undergo physical rehab exercises in a fun and easy way by following a custom path drawn on screen with a body part (hands, head, feet, elbows, and knees currently) using the Kinect to detect the

patient's movements."

Sharif has already tested the game with many autistic children as well as children with brachial plexus palsy. He noted that many of the project's rights have been assigned to the University, whose aim is to have their software installed in every room of the children's hospital as soon as feasible.



Ali Al Shehab on a hiking trip at the Zion National Park in Utah, USA

## Saeed Al Rahma makes feature length movie: Prank 2

CPISP Scholar Saeed Al Rahma participated in the making of a feature length (90-minute) movie called *Prank 2* during his junior year at The Hun School of Princeton as part of a project for his video production class. Saeed was one of the script writers, main editors,

and helped with production.

"It has been a great experience working on this movie. It's a sequel to *Prank* that was made 10 years ago, and is about a secret prank society in high school called Huntington. It is something I never imagined I would do,

but I'm very glad I got the opportunity to participate in this memorable project. It required a lot of initiative and hard work. Our efforts stretched way beyond class time, and I had to spend every weekend and minute I had to work on the movie. Thankfully, the movie was a hit."



Saeed Al Rahma on the set of *Prank 2*

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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**

**NEW COMMITMENTS:** **A.M. Yateem Brothers** and **Mr. Mohammed Dadabhai** were among the most recent sponsors to support the CPISP as Friends, each committing a total of BD 50,000 over the next five years. **Al Baraka Islamic Bank** also made a one-time payment of BD 10,000.

**UPGRADES:** **NBB** and **BBK** both upgraded to Platinum sponsorship, each committing a total of BD 1 million to the Program.

**SPONSOR RENEWALS:** **ALBA, KFH, and Investcorp** have renewed their Platinum sponsorships, committing another BD 1 million to the

CPISP over the next five years, and **Bapco** and **GPIC** renewed their commitment in the Gold category, while **Ahli United Bank** committed another BD 100,000 as part of the Friends package, and **United Gulf Bank** also renewed its sponsorship at the Friends level.

**SPONSORS**

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| <br>OFFICIAL PLATINUM SPONSOR<br>BD 1 MILLION + | <br>Aluminium for the world<br><br>INVESTCORP | <br>Batelco<br><br>KFH | <br>NBB<br><br>BBK<br>بنك البحرين والكويت |
| <br>OFFICIAL GOLD SPONSOR<br>BD 500,000 +       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Co. (ASRY)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC)</li> </ul>  |
| <br>OFFICIAL SILVER SPONSOR<br>BD 250,000 +     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ahliya University</li> <li>Al Salam Bank Bahrain</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bahrain Duty Free</li> <li>Durrat Al Bahrain</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y.K. Almoayyed &amp; Sons</li> <li>Esterad Charitable Trust</li> </ul>   |
| FRIENDS<br>BD 50,000 – BD 250,000  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ahli United Bank (AUB)</li> <li>A.M. Yateem Brothers</li> <li>Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mohammed Dadabhai</li> <li>Gulf Hotels Group</li> <li>Securities and Investment Company (SICO)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard Chartered Bank</li> <li>United Gulf Bank</li> </ul>   |