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Hayah's New Mission Statement

Hayah International Academy is committed to create and maintain an environment that fosters and enriches the personal and academic growth of each student. Hayah empowers students to live with purpose, honor their cultural identity, respect diversity, and serve humanity by positively impacting local and global communities.

تلتزم أكاديمية حياة الدولية بأن تهيئ بيئةً صالحةً لكلِّ طالبٍ؛ ترعى وتُثري نمو الشخصية لديه، فضلاً عن تطوره الأكاديمي؛ وتعمل حياة على أن تُمكن لطلابها أن يحيا بأهدافهم؛ يعتزُّون بهويتهم، ويمتازون بثقافة الاختلاف، ويخدمون الإنسانية كافةً بتأثيرهم الإيجابي محلياً وعالمياً

In Memory of Sahar El Essawy

On August 2nd, we lost one of our cherished family members. Sahar El Essawy was a sister, not only to Dalia, our Middle School Principal, but to many of us at Hayah. She was a mother of 2 young men, Karim and Bassel El Deberky, who graduated from Hayah and also to hundreds of elementary students. For Sahar, Hayah was not just a workplace, but a second home and a family.

Sahar joined Hayah from the beginning as a grade 1 homeroom teacher in 2003. Over the years she taught grades 2 and 3, and last year, she stepped in to help in grade 4. She was also the grade level leader, curriculum specialist, and literacy instructional coach in the Elementary School.

In 2017, she was appointed to the position of PYP Coordinator. The reason she was chosen for this position was her hard work, commitment, attention to detail, and perseverance; in short, she embodied Hayah's core values. Sahar was very proud of the work she had put into the PYP and her dedication and diligence were strongly commended by everyone, as well as the PYP consultant who visited the school last spring. This legacy will be carried through by her colleagues.

Many of Sahar's friends and colleagues mourned her with beautiful words. Sahar would have been happy to know how much she was loved and missed by all. She will be remembered as hard working, serving with humility, quietly, without complaining. One of Sahar's most enduring traits was how ethical and principled she was, "Dignity" was one value that was repeatedly associated with Sahar's style as an educator and a colleague.

Her brief illness and sudden passing away have left us all in shock of how short life is and reminded us of our duty on Earth... we have no time to waste!

We did not have a chance to take it all in; to bid her farewell; and to tell her how much we loved her, but we will remember Sahar as we left her last June, with her beaming smile and her quiet gentle gestures.



Celebrating Hayah's First 15 Years Cohort

M.H. '18

The Class of 2018 at last celebrated their long awaited day. May 25th, 2018, marking an uplifting memorable day for them; the day of their graduation. As few moments remained to the commencement of the ceremony, the class lined up with adrenaline pumping through their veins, amazed at the fact that in one hour they would finally close the door to their school days and welcome a new phase of life.

The class marched onto the stage with their heads held up in high spirits as their families and friends cheered along in pride. As per tradition, the ceremony began with a flag salutation followed by Quran recitation by Hala Ehab. High School Principal, Mr. Peter Vaughn, welcomed the guests and addressed the class shortly on how welcoming they were when he was first appointed in Hayah. Ms. Abeya Fathy, Head of School, reminded them of the uniqueness of Class 2018 being the first class to begin its journey in Hayah all the way from preschool. Ms. Abeya's

speech was followed by a series of student talks, first of which was the class valedictorian Ibrahim Aboukathir's. Ibrahim gave an inspiring speech that highlighted the importance of each individual's impact on the impaired world we live in. Class salutatorian, Mariam Hany, gave snippets of her experiences throughout Hayah and the essential role played by her family, teachers and class in her growth.

In between speeches videos were played that showcased short flashes of humorous and unforgettable moments of the class's journey throughout the school years. Class speaker, Hend Wahdan, then took the audience onto a ride all the way from preschool up until twelfth grade in her talk, reminding her class of heartwarming times together. Class president, Karim Abdel Barr, gave the final student speech expressing how any firm goal can be reached, regardless of the different means that lead to it. Karim then handed over the senior flag to the following class president, Ibrahim El Halabi.

Mr. Mohamed Magdy, General Manager, gave an inspirational talk that enlightened everyone with the definition of the word 'baraka' (blessings) and the significance of understanding how baraka might arise in forms we never expected. Mr. Magdy then invited students to receive their diploma in a surge of pride and exhilaration. High School Principal, Mr. Peter Vaughn, also recognized exceptional students with awards. Before they knew it, class of 2018 found themselves tossing their caps and were finally announced graduates of Hayah International Academy.



Citizenship Award: Yasmine A. Abdel Hamid



Academic Award: Mostafa H. Fetouh



Academic Award: Malak H. ElSaadany



Athletic Award: Mohamed A. Ghoneim



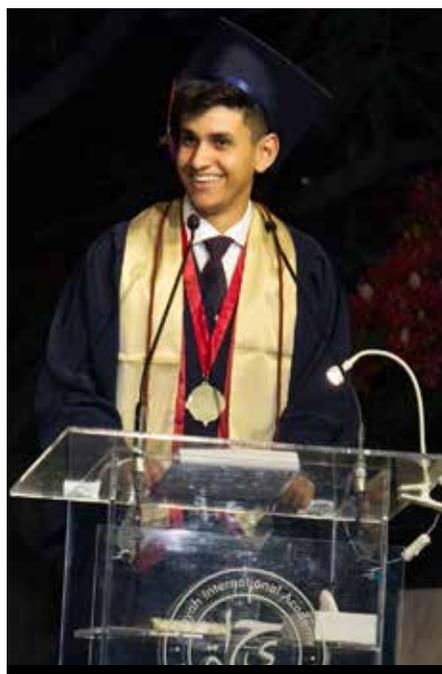
Principal's Award: Muhammad S. El-Sayed



Creative Arts Award : Alia Sallam



After almost a month of anticipation, IB students received their IB results. Contentedly, class of 2018 received the highest average ever scored by Hayah, an average of 34.72, with 12% of the students scoring 40 and above and 52% scoring above 35. The class enrolled in multiple universities in various countries around the world including: Egypt, UK, US, UAE, The Netherlands, Canada, Belgium, Spain and Croatia.

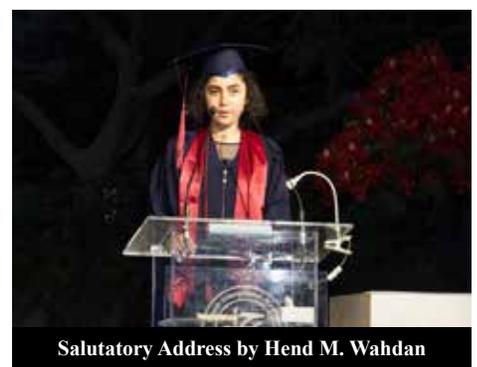


Salutatory Address by Mariam H. Hafez



Quranic Blessings by Hala E. Abdelmoneim

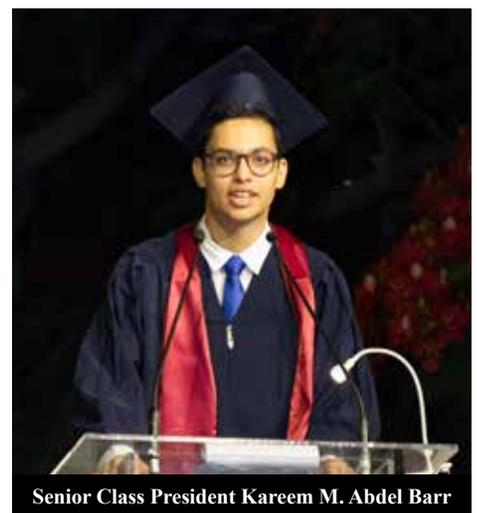
Valedictory Address by Ibrahim T. Aboukathir



Salutatory Address by Hend M. Wahdan



Senior flag handover between class president Kareem Abdel Barr '18 and Ibrahim Halabi '19



Senior Class President Kareem M. Abdel Barr



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G5 Celebration

Good luck in Middle School





the World Scholar's Cup®

Hayah's World Scholars Cup Team Rock the Next Level in Spain!

By Amin Houta G10

The World Scholar's Cup (<http://www.scholarscup.org/>) is an international team academic tournament (World Scholar's Cup Global Round: Quick Introduction) that contains challenges such as debates, essay writing, trivia, as well as a challenging 100 MCQs test in six different subjects: Human Relations, History, Science, Arts, Social Studies and Literature. The competition also includes a scavenger hunt and other fun challenges. It was founded in 2006 by Daniel Berdichevsky with the first round taking place in Seoul, South Korea, where it started with around 800 competitors and scholars. Now, in the year of 2018, nearly 15,000 scholars participate in over 100 different countries and states. This year was, in fact, the first year where one of the tournament national rounds took place in the Arab Republic of Egypt.



After participating in the local round and qualifying for one of the global ones, Hayah students Ahmad Sameh, Aly El-Tanamly and Amin Houta traveled to Barcelona last July to join, and were proud to find out that they were the only team representing Egypt from both senior and junior divisions.

The three of them agreed that it was an unforgettable experience, full of mind stimulating challenges and extending their knowledge of different cultures while thoroughly representing the Egyptian culture.

Following the Flag ceremony, where for the first time the red, white and black colours flew alongside the 57 countries participating in the senior division, did they finally find out that they had qualified for the next and final round.

The final round, or Tournament of Champions, is to be held in Yale University, Connecticut, USA from November 16th to the 21st.

They also plan to represent the Egyptian culture through the Culture Fair where many other countries will participate to showcase their culture's evolution.



PTA Welcome Note

Hayah Parents Teacher Association (PTA) is delighted to welcome you to the new academic year. May it bring knowledge, purpose and inspiration to all our children. Our board has a lot to offer this year. So stay tuned to our coming events and initiatives. Join our FB group and reach out to us at PTA@HayahAcademy.com. Know our board of lead parents and channel your ideas to them:

Treasurer: Ms. Amira el Sherei

EC Lead Parent: Ms. Kenzie Mortagy

Elementary Lead Parent: Ms. Seem Tabbaa

MS Lead Parent: Ms. Salma Hassan Dawoud

HS Lead Parent: Dr. Nora Saif

Character Education Coordinator: Ms. Shaza Salaheldin

CAS Coordinator: Ms. Mihan Samy

And we're happy to announce a new post to our board, Sports Coordinator, supporting our wonderful Hayah Sharks and all the amazing athletes at Hayah. Looking forward to a fruitful year insh'Allah.



Mark your Calendars!

Saturday, November 3

Hayah's Carnival

Stay tuned for more details and a day packed with fun, activities and a reunion of our beautiful community. Doors are open for participation as sponsors, bazar tables and food vendors.

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