

Seeking the Best of Two Worlds...



Welcome Note

It was just like yesterday when we started a dream almost 20 years ago and just recently we witnessed, in August 2020, the celebration of the 10th graduating class; a milestone I personally am proud of as we experience and live our dream together as a community. Hayah initially started in 2003 with a group of 40 staff members who all had the same vision and with around 85 families who believed in the same mission and values. It warms my heart that we have grown into a much larger family of students and alumni who are continuously spreading the values we believe in to the greater part of our society. Moreover, we are currently enjoying the 2nd generation of Hayah who attend the school as their parents once did. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the higher management and the community who together built this dream. They sacrificed their family time, health, resources and more, to reach where we are now. Without them, the homogeneous fabric of Hayah would never have been possible.

The past year has been very stressful locally and globally. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our staff for all their hard work and commitment to ensure that no student is left behind. I look forward to the following decades where together we can continue to grow and spread the core values of Hayah, and impact a change in the greater community. I am blessed for this opportunity to give back to my community and together the future is bright.

Thank you,
Hesham El Sewedy - School Owner

Back to School

With the beginning of a new academic year and a long awaited-for return, Hayah welcomes the academic year 2020-2021 with extra measures to ensure the safety of its whole community. These measures include for example adopting a Hybrid education model, having less students on campus, using arrows and marks to ensure physical distancing, posting awareness infographics and wearing masks and face shields. Moreover, for convenience and safety, purchasing of the school uniform and supplies was switched to online solutions.

The reopening plans quite expectantly imposed new rules and requirements on all, and the success of running a smooth and safe year depends on the commitment of the entire Hayah community.



A Very Sad Loss...

This summer, on July 1st, Hayah lost one of its own dear sons, Maged Arafat Sakr Grade 9 in a tragic accident. Maged is the beloved brother of Jude (G12), Nour (G6) and Youssef (G5). He will be dearly missed for his sweet smile and pleasant presence. Students remember him for his spirit and character and for always being there when you need him. Maged was a medaled equestrian and had great sportsmanship. Hayah students, teachers and family, miss Maged in the hallways every day but his smile has made a lasting impression on all the lives he unknowingly touched. "To Allah we belong and to Him we return."



CoVID-19 VS Class 2020

On August 25th 2020, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Class of 2020's official graduation ceremony took place. It was a heavily anticipated event especially as the original graduation ceremony, which was to be held on June 20th, was canceled due to the Corona outbreak. We longed to say our final goodbyes to Hayah, the school that helped develop and nurture us into becoming well-educated and ambitious adults, and on that day we did. As we marched down the stage, we thought of what we had accomplished in our years at Hayah and we looked back on all the memories we had in the school we call home. We took our seats and the ceremony started with a Quran recitation from Kareem Said and Belal Ayman. Then High School Principal, Mr. Peter Vaughn, came to the stage and gave a heartfelt speech of the 4 years he spent with our class. We were actually the first batch which Mr. Peter administered throughout all the High School years (Grades 9-12). Then, Mr. Peter introduced the General Manager, Mr. Mohammed Magdy, who came to the stage with a deep and insightful speech about the next stages of our lives like our years in college, marriage, and forming a family.

The first of the four student speeches was presented by Mohammed Saeed, Class Valedictorian, whose valedictory speech addressed the people responsible for our success and the importance of having an optimistic view towards life. Class Salutatorian, Abdelrahman Ebrahim, then gave a recorded humorous speech from the US on the many moments we shared together at Hayah and how the Covid-19 pandemic had changed our senior year. After that, Mahmoud Kandil, Class President, gave an eloquent speech on the school's role in our personal and academic development. He also lightened the mood with a few touching personal anecdotes. Then, Omar Fetouh class president took the stage to pass on the senior flag to Gr 11 Class President, Taliah Salem, as per tradition.



The last of the 4 student speeches was presented by Nour Abdelhamid, Class Speaker, who spoke about the many memories we had at Hayah and the unfortunate circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic. Halfway through the speeches, the graduation videos were displayed. They reminded us of all the memories we had together in and outside of Hayah. Those were the good old days yet we were never able to recognize that these in fact were the good old days except after we had left them.

Accustomed to tradition, several academic and non-academic awards went to students of the Class of 2020. These students demonstrated excellence in fields such as sports, arts, etc. The Sports Award was given to Omar Salah who played football for the Hayah Sharks team. The Academic Award went to Omar Hatem who was the first to enroll and excel in IB Further Mathematics. The Performing Arts award went to Ali Kandil due to his participation and commitment to several school plays and drama productions. The Creative Arts Award was presented to Hassan Ghanam for his artistic sense and creativity. Mahmoud Kandil received the Citizenship Award as he embodies Hayah's core values. Finally, Nour Khalifa got the Principal's Award for both her academic and non-academic achievements.



Senior Flag handover between class president Omar Fetouh '20 and Taliah Salem '21



With Ms. Abeya approaching the stage, we stood up, flipped our tassels and tossed our caps. We then celebrated with our colleagues and said our final goodbyes to Hayah; the school where we nourished and grew, the school that we can call home.

The Class of 2020's academic achievements were superb. All 65 IB students received their diplomas and the class average score was 35.45. Of the whole group, 22% of the students scored above 40 with the highest grade being a 44. Our average subject grade was 5.7 which is substantially higher than the world average 4.8. American Diploma students also achieved academic success with all of them receiving their high school diplomas and the highest GPA being 3.82. The Class of 2020's students were accepted in top universities around the world including in the US, UK, Netherlands, and Canada.

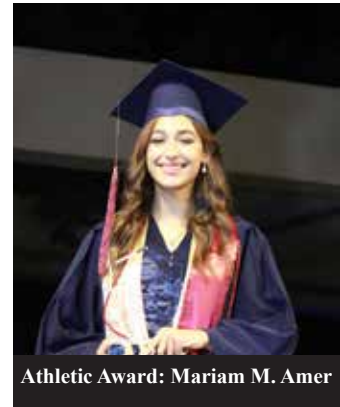
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Athletic Award: Omar B. Salah



Performing Arts Award: Ali I. Kandil



Athletic Award: Mariam M. Amer



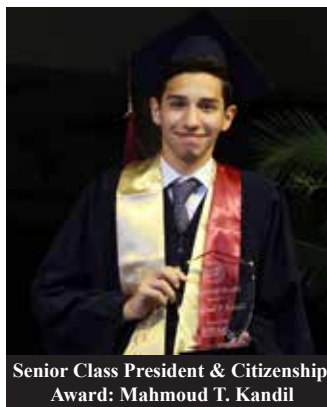
Senior Class Speaker: Nour A. AbdelHamid



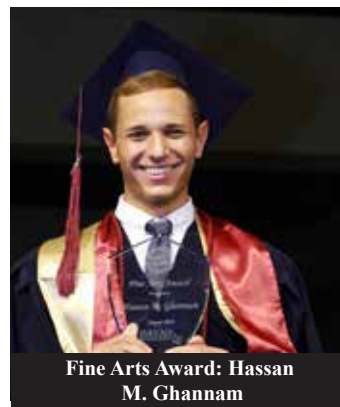
Academic Award: Omar H. ElSayed



Valedictory Address by Mohamed A. Saeed



Senior Class President & Citizenship Award: Mahmoud T. Kandil



Fine Arts Award: Hassan M. Ghannam



Principal's Award: Nour Khalifa



PTA Welcome Note

Hayah's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) would like to welcome you all to the new academic year. It's a challenging year with many uncertainties, but we trust that together, we will be able to make the best of it inshAllah. With school events temporarily on hold, our board and team of class moms and dads are brainstorming ideas to bring a little fun and enrichment to our students lives as well as ideas to support the well being of parents. We'd love to hear from you! Do share your ideas with us at pta@hayahacademy.com or through your class mom/dad. Upon request, the Hayah PTA Handbook, A Parent's Guide to Hayah PTA; role, mission and scope of responsibilities will be emailed to you all soon.



Meet the Hayah PTA Board for 2019-2021

Early Childhood Lead Parent: Yomna Raafat

Elementary Lead Parent: Seem Tabbaa, Kenzie Mortagy

MS Lead Parent: Sima Fares

HS Lead Parent: Salma Daoud

CE Coordinator: Riham El-Assar & Heba Kheireldin

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If interested in being more involved, please send to pta@hayahacademy.com

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Sports Coordinator: Ahmed Sharafeldin

Events Coordinator: Mai A Mansour

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Vice President: Nora Saif

Inspiring Green School Award 2020

The 4th Annual NYC Green School Conference 2020 Virtual - a UNGA and Climate Week NYC associated Conference 2020 was held on September 25, 2020. The virtual conference was designed to perceive challenges as opportunities and intends to re-imagine the whole Global Education Model by discussing the education and environment. Hayah proudly won the award for most inspiring green school in recognition of its contribution in the field of environment through education. Ms. Alia Samaha, teacher and STEAM program developer at Hayah, presented in the name of the school a culmination of all efforts that have taken place on campus towards a greener Hayah and a more sustainable future.



Our Nile Cleaning Journey Continues...

Contributions from our last Walk for a Cause are now in use! After witnessing on ground results from our previous endeavours, our initiative continues with your generous donations. Early this month, we cleaned 2 kms of El Sharkaweya water canal in Qalioubeya. The canal is a main water stream that provides drinking water to El Sharkeya Governorate, serves 62,000 feddans of agricultural land and feeds 102 water branches.

Our target area is surrounded with 12 schools for which we plan to host awareness programs on the importance of the Nile and how to save this precious resource. Planting trees and providing bins for schools are next on our plan. Contributions are most welcome. Please contact events@hayahacademy.com



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