

# ISSUE 01 | SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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## LETTER FROM MANAGEMENT

Welcome to the first ADNOC Scholarship Newsletter – a dedicated platform to share stories within the ADNOC Scholarship community. Through this newsletter, you will be kept up-to-date with activities, events, and learn about success stories from peers and alums that I am sure will inspire you in your educational journey. In this issue, outstanding 2015 alum Dr. Maryam Khaleel speaks on the importance of gender diversity in academia. Khalifa AlSuwaidi, recounts his experience in a tailored internship program with BAE Systems while the 2015 Scholarship recipient Essa AlHashmi studying in the United Kingdom (UK) shares his tips for staying at the top of his cohort. As the ADNOC Scholarship team continues its mission to nurture the best and brightest for our country, I hope that our expanded communication channels, including the Scholarship webpage and dedicated portal, will enable you to better reach out to the team for any questions. Please remember – we are always here to support you! Enjoy reading and I look forward to hearing from you on how the team can make this into Your newsletter!

### 1.1 | YEAR OF ZAYED

The late Sheikh Zayed said: "Education is a country's single most important priority and investing in the educational development of the individual represents the only real investment." Sheikh Zayed's words have served as a guiding light to the way the ADNOC Scholarship program operates. Established in 1974, the program is one of the longest running scholarships in the country. ADNOC continues to honor and build on Sheikh Zayed's wisdom and legacy by supporting our nation's talents on their higher education journeys at prestigious institutions, both in the UAE and abroad. The ADNOC Scholarship team provides guidance and support to enable intellectual and personal growth in our scholars in order to advance the

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UAE's industrial and economic objectives. We are proud of our achievements and will strive to further fulfil our mission towards education set out by Sheikh Zayed. Thank you, Sheikh Zayed, for showing us of the true meaning of investing in our nation's future.

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### 1.2 VOLUNTEERING WHILE LIVING ABROAD

ADNOC scholars often volunteer their time to good causes. A recent example was Rashid AlHammedi. AlHammedi, a first-year Masters student pursuing his degree in Mechanical Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida.

In late April, he drove about five hours to Naples Florida to support a Red Crescent initiative to distribute supplies to families in need affected by Hurricane Irma.

This initiative was one of many planned by the UAE Embassy in America to commemorate the "Year of Zayed".



### 1.3 ADNOC SCHOLARSHIP'S DEVELOPMENTAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

To better enable our students to hone their skills for the dynamic working world, ADNOC Scholarship will collaborate with other national enterprises to bring diversity to the students' internship experience. Starting from 2019, the internships are designed to challenge young students in every technical aspect of their field of study. At the start of each internship, each student will have a detailed outline of his/her training that is customized with an industrial mentor to help guide and support the student to get maximum benefit out of the program.

Khalifa A. AlSuwaidi, who won an ADNOC Scholarship in 2014 and now studying at Penn State University, participated in an internship in BAE System (UK) during the Fall 2017. Recounting his experience, he said: "My internship was in England at Samlesbury Aerodrome. I worked in the Manufacturing Technology (ManTec) Department under the Air sector.

"I got to research about new manufacturing technologies that could be implemented to improve on existing platforms. My experience working in ManTec enabled me to advance my technical skills and polish my interpersonal skills which prepared me to become a better and more rounded engineer."



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### 1.4 | INTERVIEW WITH ESSA ALHASHMI

Essa AlHashmi has always set his sights high. After winning an ADNOC scholarship, Essa was intent on pursuing his Bachelor at a high-ranking university in the United Kingdom (UK) with hopes of joining ADNOC after graduation.

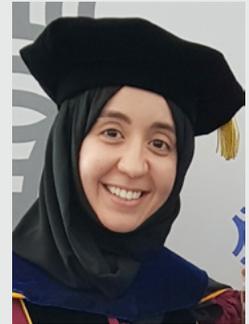
Now a Year Two student at the University of Manchester, a top-10 university in the UK, Essa dedicates around 28 hours a week to individual study as he marches onward to a degree in chemical engineering. “I enjoy the autonomy to create my study-life balance,” said Essa. “My studies are my number one priority.” This consistent drive has kept Essa achieving excellent grades in his studies.

Education, Essa believes, is a linear relationship with a positive slope: success increases as effort increases. When asked about his tips to academic success, Essa replied: “Revising daily is key. Ask a lot of questions, look for different resources, and learn how and why you are doing something.”

“ADNOC invested in us, and as a student I am responsible for making the most out of this investment with my commitment to my studies and my country as the late Sheikh Zayed encouraged us.”

### 1.5 | 2015 ALUMNI MARYAM KHALEEL

Maryam Khaleel is one exceptional alum of the ADNOC Scholarship program. Maryam’s extraordinary performance at the Petroleum Institute (PI), “now known as Khalifa University of Science and Technology (KUST),” where she graduated with a Bachelor degree in chemical engineering, earned her an offer in ADNOC Scholarship’s prestigious Masters/PhD abroad program. Armed with the scholarship, Maryam continued her engineering pursuit at University of Minnesota, which is home to one of the best chemical engineering programs in the world. Her experience of living and studying abroad proved unique and rewarding.



Maryam, who is now an assistant professor at KUST said: “ADNOC fully supports each and every scholar during their course of study. Utilize this time wisely to equip yourself with the skills you need in your future career. ADNOC is bringing to life Sheikh Zayed’s vision on education. This is the reason other nationals and myself are given the chance to pursue our education in the best universities. Now, many of us graduates are back in the work force, giving back to the country. This is the best way for a nation to develop and flourish,” added Maryam. Highlighting the importance of gender diversity in what is considered a “masculine” field, Maryam firmly believes that a highly dedicated woman is a highly capable one: “Having females in academia is very important. Men and women do things differently, so having the feminine touch when educating our younger generation is critical.” ADNOC Scholarship is very proud of Maryam and believes that she is a great asset to academia in the UAE. We are confident that we will hear more about this amazing young woman in the future.

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