



Road Bumps On The Route To Graduation

As I started my third year in university, I took a moment to reflect on the time that I've spent here. My first couple of semesters were great. So great that I thought 'this is a breeze'.

Unfortunately due to my ego I unintentionally slacked off and began taking more time to enjoy myself in Al Ain rather than studying (which ironically by the way was the grounds for my coming to Al Ain).

Suddenly, I was hit by the shock that I was finishing a semester with a bad GPA. This was a very dark period in my college life; I couldn't believe how badly I had done after so many years of good grades in college (and school) that I fell into a state of depression.

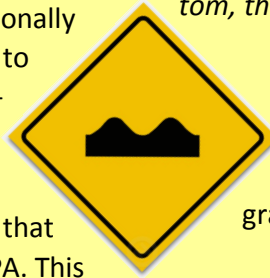
One proverb I remind my fellow students of: *After every hardship there is ease.* A person

shouldn't let his problems or hardships keep him down. The quicker a person bounces back from them the faster he'll get back on track. Another proverb to keep in mind is: *When you hit rock bottom, the only way to go is up.*

Unfortunately I had to learn this the hard way. Thankfully my grades started improving, but I can't forget that I have to keep working for a better grade.

Be optimistic. Everyone has his own path in life and shouldn't feel that he is any less capable than others simply because he hit a 'road bump'.

Saif Ali Ahmed Awadh



The Diversity of Colors

I feel that I cast different colors together

I have several varieties of aspects

I am red

As a cherry with its purity

I am blue

As a sea with its clarity

I am green,

As a tree's leaves with its immortality

I am yellow

As a sunflower with its beauty

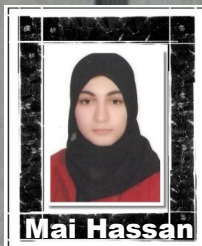
I am brown

As cocoa with its daintiness

I am black

As coffee with its warm taste

Could I be more than that?



Mai Hassan

CHESS

Every one has his favorite kind of sport. Chess is one of the most amazing mental sports in the world. It was invented hundred of years ago. The most interesting thing about chess is that it is so useful for the brain. It activates cells in the brain which don't become active except by playing chess. Chess players are smart, patient and have the ability to spend hours just playing one chess game. In the past chess was called the king's game because kings used to play it. Also, governments in the past asked the chess players to help them with making strategies in the wars. Chess is not only pieces you need to move from one square to another. In chess there are openings, strategies and endings you need to study to become a good player.

In the UAEU there is a chess club which just opened, so if you want to learn chess we will be pleased to teach you.



Shurouq Z. A. Jaradat

An Experience of a Lifetime

It has been a privilege being part of the **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars Program** because it is a significant and priceless life-time opportunity. This is due to the truly enriching experience this program offers, in terms of gaining more useful knowledge since it is taught by the President of New York University, John Sexton, who happens to be the most amazing professor I have known. The program also offers diversity with regard to interacting with students of various cultural backgrounds from all over the emirates. The selected scholars are among the best students from the three national universities who demonstrate their academic excellence, therefore adding more to the competition that is indeed challenging.

The subject that is covered by President Sexton's course (the relationship between government and religion) is, I believe, of paramount importance and huge relevance to modern-day life in this world, especially when we take into consideration the fact that politics and religion are, in some way or another, inextricably linked. Besides broadening our scope of understanding of government and religion, I believe that discovering the connections between them, whether apparent or subliminal, is a crucial step towards understanding major issues or conflicts that face us all over the world. We study different Supreme Court cases and analyze how the U.S. Supreme Court interprets this relationship. However, the educational approach that is being fol-

lowed in this course is highly demanding, challenging and very appealing to me. Time management is the key to success here, as there are many deadlines that one has to keep track of.

Apart from the Government and Religion course, this program also covers public speaking, leadership, critical thinking and persuasive writing skills that are an integral element in polishing my critical reasoning and exegesis skills

I think that this program is the fulcrum to achieving the highest potential I am able to reach in terms of group work, critical analyses, engaging in debates or class discussions, having an opinion and, last but not least, fostering the ability to communicate or express that opinion eloquently in speaking and writing. I would strongly encourage students to apply for this program, as university life is more than courses and books. As a part of the program, you will get to meet different leaders from all around the world, build networks with professors and students from different academic backgrounds and moreover you will get to travel to the other side of the globe, New York. Yes! As a part of the program, scholars get to go to New York and visit the NYU Campus at the Washington Square Park; you get a sneak peek of the US Supreme Court and much more.

Saba Najeeb Sadiq



Do visit: http://www.uaeu.ac.ae/news/2009/10_october/20091001_nyu_scholars.shtml



Hi everyone! My name is **Taskhyn Khalamkhan**, and I am from Mongolia which is located in central Asia. Anyway, I am a new peer tutor at the Islamic Institute, so if you need help in writing I am willing to help you. I can understand how you feel about the challenges of putting your story on paper or having criticism from your professors about your writing. So come to the Writing Center and meet us – you'll find all the help that you need.



How to Become a Great Writer

I am often asked: "How do you become a great writer?" The answer to this question simply rests on individual attitudes and commitments. Here is my personal way of achieving this goal:

First of all, you have to believe in yourself and your abilities. Even if you think that you're not competent enough, you can still achieve success through hard work by setting objectives and then following through.

Next, you must **read and write** every day! It is imperative that you get into the habit of reading and writing. **Read anything you can-** from newspapers to books to journals; **reading can help you grasp writing styles, techniques, vocabulary and language.** Keeping a journal or blogging using the internet is an excellent way to practice and hone your writing skills. Just write about anything you're interested in.

Finally, use writing tools and resources, such as spell checkers and digital dictionaries (for ease of use) to proofread your work. Ultimately, writing is fun and absolutely rewarding!

Adam Ahmed



No, Not Any More

Why don't we.....

Have faith and know that God is somewhere watching us

Work hard and succeed in our lives

Have friends that are there when we need them

Love truly that we would never penetrate that love

Trust and believe that someone would keep our secrets

And why don't we all stand and call for peace

Requia Saad Harous



PASSION FOR WRITING

- W**ords spoken are better preserved in writing
- R**elevant issues and ideas gain respect once in paper
- I**nteresting is this art of writing
- T**ime and concentration its all you got to have
- I**n the center are tutors to help you become a better writer
- N**ear the elevator on the first floor in the Islamic Institute building
- G**ain the power to write from your head to your hands

- C**ome one come all to this place of intellectual advantage
- E**nter and let the tutors recognize you
- N**ot only English but Arabic as well
- T**ake a chance to move ahead in your studies
- E**mbrace this opportunity to be the best
- R**emember that help is always near



Ali Omar Chai

Working between College and Dorms

Being a tutor in the Writing Center for 3 years gave me the chance of being available to meet and talk with freshmen students in the dorms so easily about their needs. When I plan to make programs/activities for residents on my assigned floor/wing every week, I get so many ideas to connect the activity with their studies, such as puzzles and other games. It's a part of my job to help residents finding their way after UGRU.

Amal Mohamed Ahmed



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لدينا طلاب يمكنهم
مساعدتكم باللغة العربية
والإنجليزية

I feel relaxed when ...

I stay on the beach at night and hear the sound of it. I think it's talking to me to speak about what is happening in myself.

I like to go to the sea on the weekend and exactly at night because I want nobody to see me. When I began to talk, I cry and my good feeling becomes bad, then I see the angry storm come to me. I want to go but I don't know where because in this moment I don't know what I should do.

I see the sky and the moon smiling at me. I think it says to me that I must change my feelings to better and not go live in the past. Also, I should look in front of my eyes to my goals to get them and don't make other people take away my future.

Finally, the storm goes back and the stars dance because I smile and I hope that my dream becomes fact. Also, I will not forget the sea because it gives me a lot of moral support when it is quiet.

Hafsa Jassem Mohammed Ali



Writer of the
Month



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عندها فقط .. تأكد

عندما .. تتوقف أنفاسك من الولوج
إلى مملكة جسدك البالي
وتتوقف نبضات قلبك المكسور
عن العمل
عندما .. يسافر عقلك الساهي
إلى مكان لم تعرفه قط
وتختفي روحك العميقة
من الوجود
عندما .. يغزو الظلام عينيك
المكحلة بالدمع
ويمزق الصبر عروقك
المتلثة بالخرن
عندها فقط تأكد أنك
فقدت القدرة على الحياة

جنون الرحيل

خواطر متفرقة

من ضاق صدره من بيت الله لم يسعه مكان آخر.
من أحب الله فليرض بما قسمه له.
من تواضع لله ارتفع، ومن تكبر على الله اتضع.
حب الله ليس قولاً يقال ولا مقالة تصاغ.. إنه وقرّ في القلب يصدق العمل.
إذا كنت مؤمناً فلا تخف؛ عناية الله تلاحظك وملائكته تحفك والشيطان
يخشاك.
العلم سلاح تسله على رأس كل جاهل.
إذا كرهت أصحاب شخص فقد كرهت الشخص نفسه.
ماض قد ذهب فلم اليأس؟ ومستقبل سيأتي فلم الخوف؟
لا تكثر الضحك فإنه يفقد الهيبة، واحبس دمعتك فإنها دليل ضعف.
العالم أسود؛ إذا نظرتك سوداء.

صهيب بن هاشم الرفاعي

صوت طالب العلم

على أسارير البهجة تتخبط أنشودة المطر ... لحن عذب، وصوت شجي .. ينشد للغد الواعد .. ينشد للأحبة والأصدقاء .. ينادي بصوت ناعم: هلموا .. هلموا .. ينتظرنا غد جميل .. تنتظرنا الحياة لنسمو بها نحو أعالي الدروب .. نحو ذرا القمم .. نرتقي برؤوس أعلامنا وسطور دفاترنا إلى قمة العلا والمجد المنتظر... .. فلنقبل نحو العلم ولنطلب المعرفة .. للوصول إلى طريق المستقبل .. الذي ينتظرنا ليحضننا تحت أجنحته الدافئة، ويصل بنا إلى ممر الخير؛ ليصبح شعارنا " لا مستحيل في الحياة مع العلم "

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التفاؤل ضروري.. ولكن!!

على الرغم من الطريقة التي تتصرف بها أذهاننا إلا أن بعض الأشخاص يؤمنون بضرورة التحلي بالتفاؤل في مواجهة مراحل الحياة المختلفة لتحقيق مسيرة حياة ناجحة، وهذا كلام لا غبار عليه، ولكن الاعتقاد بأن التفاؤل المطلق هو السبيل الوحيد إلى ذلك فهو الجنون بعينه.

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منذ نعومة أظفارنا هناك من يحتوينا بعطفه وحنانه، ويخاف علينا حتى من نسمة الهواء الباردة...نبكي بين أحضانهما، ويمسحان دموعنا إذا أصابنا مكروه أو تكرر خاطرنا، وفي الليالي المظلمة عندما يعترينا الخوف أو تصيبنا حمى شديدة يبقيان حتى الفجر يضمن وجوهنا بأيديهما الرحيمة. يقرؤون عيوننا إذا جال بخاطرنا طلب، دائما يقدمون سعادتنا على سعادتهم. من في هذا الكون بوسعه أن يفعل ما فعلوا.. من؟

عزاء العفاري

استمتع بوقتك .. أنت جامعي!

كثيرون هم الذين يظنون أنهم بدخولهم المرحلة الجامعية ، قد تحرروا من كل القيود ، ولم يعد هناك من يحاسبهم على أعمالهم ، فيملوهم شعور لأول مرة بالوجود ، كذلك العصفور الصغير الذي يطير لأول مرة من عشه؛ ليجد أن العالم واسع جداً بعد أن كان يظن أن العالم كله هو ذلك العش الصغير .

ولكنهم يسيئون فهم الواقع ، فيمر الوقت بسرعة عجيبة ، حتى تجدهم بعد عدة أشهر تائهين في وسط دهاليز الغيابات، وفاقدين وعيهم من شدة صدمات الدرجات . في الواقع إن الطالب الجامعي تتغير مسؤولياته وتكبر بمجرد دخوله الحياة الجامعية ، خصوصاً إن كان من طلاب السكن الداخلي ، فبعد أن كان غيره هو من يقوم نشأته ، ويهتم به ، ويسهر لأجله ، فيساعده إن صعب عليه الأمر ، ويرشده إلى الطريق الصائب إن أخطأ ، ويعاقبه إن أصر على خطئه ، صار الآن هو المسؤول عن نفسه ، عن تصرفاته وأفعاله ، زلاته وهفواته ، قفزاته وخطواته. وبصراحة، ذلك ما يجعل الأيام الجامعية أحلى أيام العمر ، حين يحسن الطالب التعامل مع تلك المسؤوليات.

لذا علينا أن نجد حلّ المعادلة التي توصلنا إلى النجاح في السنوات الجامعية ، والطالب الناجح هو من



إبراهيم دداس

يجيد استعمال هذه المعادلة للاستمتاع بتلك السنوات الجامعية القليلة ، ويكون ذلك عندما يحسن اختياره لأصدقائه ورفقاء دربه في حياته الجامعية ، والمشاركة في الأنشطة والفعاليات الكثيرة التي من شأنها أن تصقل مواهبه وتساعد على التأقلم مع البيئة الجامعية ، من دون نسيان أهم أجزاء المعادلة وهو تنظيم الوقت تنظيماً دقيقاً موفقاً بذلك بين الدراسة والنشاطات الجامعية ، إذا فلتبدأ من الآن يا صديقي ، خذ ورقة وقلماً، والرسم تلك المعادلة، واقض وقتاً ممتعاً في الجامعة ، ففي يوم من الأيام سنقول: أه لو أن أيام الجامعة تعود ..!