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As of January 2018, the Anjuman has loaned out approximately US\$ 1.89 million to 350 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees in educational institutions in the United States. We are neither able to thank Allah enough for His mercy nor you for the continued patronage. Thanks.

Marhooma was also a member of the Anjuman. We pray to Allah for the maghfirat of Syeda Iqbal Bano and for the forgiveness of her sins with the intercession of the Masoomeen (A.S.). We request the readers to please recite a sura e fateha for the soul of Syeda Iqbal Bano.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Anjuman was had a couple of recent changes. As a result, Dr. Yousuf Mamdani and Mr. Hasan Momin have been elevated to the Board of Advisors and have vacated their seats on the Board of Directors of the Anjuman. We thank Dr. Mamdani and the Mr. Hasan Momin for their meritorious services to the Anjuman both at the Executive Committee and the BoD levels for the last two decades and would continue to benefit from their experience and foresight as Advisors to the Anjuman.

Mr. Mohamed Ali Haider of Massachusetts, the current General Secretary of the Anjuman and Mr. Shiraz Husain of New Jersey, a long standing member of the Executive Committee of the Anjuman have been elevated to the Board of Directors to fill the vacated spots. Both new members of the BoD are energetic and hardworking individuals who have provided unparalleled services to the Anjuman at the EC level and have been instrumental in streamlining and modernizing the processes and procedures of the Anjuman while keeping the operations in line with the values the Anjuman espouses.

We congratulate them and wish luck and success to Mohamed Haider and Shiraz Husain in their new roles.

EID MUBARAK

The Anjuman extends heartiest greetings to the community on the occasion of Eid ul Azha. May Allah instill the true sense of sacrifice in our hearts and give us the ability to empathize with others and open our hearts and purses to help the less fortunate and needy.

FELICITATIONS

The Anjuman congratulates our members, Drs. Fahim and Farheen Alam of New Jersey on the wedding of their son in July. Congratulations are also in order for Mr. Jamil Asghar of New Jersey on the wedding of his daughter in July also.

We wish the best to the newly-weds and pray to Allah for their long, happy and prosperous lives.

OBITUARY

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Anjuman extends our deepest and heartfelt condolences to Raza Jafri of New York (member of the executive committee of the Anjuman) on the sad demise of his mother Syeda Iqbal Bano Naqvi d/o of Syed Misbahul Hasan Naqvi who passed away in New York after a protracted illness.

SUCCESS STORIES

The Anjuman is thankful to the Almighty for letting us contribute to the betterment of the community through facilitation of higher education of our youth. Attaining higher education is not only our religious duty but it also affords better opportunities for the financial well-being of the student and his/her family. We continue with our series of success stories of our beneficiaries below:

Erum Kazim, M.D.
Resident Physician
Children's Hospital of Illinois
University of Illinois College of Medicine

Wayne State University School of Medicine,
M.D. 2018
University of Windsor, Hons. BSc. 2013

I was in sixth grade when my family moved to Canada. My parents had essentially sacrificed their professional careers in order to seek a brighter and stronger future for my siblings and I. Growing up, they had instilled the importance of education within us.

From a young age, I had wanted to pursue a career in medicine. I had recognized early that the journey toward medicine would be long and arduous and began planning my path during high school. I graduated at the top of my class at Kennedy Collegiate Institute and was humbled to receive the prestigious Governor General's Academic Medal. During my undergraduate education at University of Windsor, I was actively involved in the community and on-campus. During my clinical and leadership experiences, I was in search of mentors and role models that I could identify with. I recognized that as a Shia Muslim woman, I was underrepresented in the field.

The assistance provided to me by AWSOM was instrumental toward my education and something I will always be deeply grateful for. Moving forward, I hope to pay it back to my community and continue to be an advocate for education.

After years of perseverance, and the countless sacrifices of my parents, I was holding the acceptance letter to Wayne State University School of Medicine. However, being a Canadian, I was fearful of not achieving my dream as I was not eligible for any education loans/scholarships in the USA. Thankfully, I was able to receive Canadian student loans which helped me through the first two years. The most challenging time was during third year when I did not have sufficient funds for tuition due to the decreasing Canadian dollar. Searching for additional resources, I found out about the interest-free loans offered by AWSOM. The assistance provided to me by AWSOM was instrumental toward my education and something I will always be deeply grateful for. Moving forward, I hope to pay it back to my community and continue to be an advocate for education.

LOANS APPROVED

The Anjuman sanctioned loans in the amount of **USD 51,946.08** for the fall 2018 semester. The Anjuman received 30 applications by the deadline of June 30, 2018. In this cycle 16 applications were approved. While we contacted all the applicants and provided them enough time to provide the missing documents and information, only those approved followed through and qualified per the criteria set by the Anjuman. The successful applicants include: Syed Abbas (undergrad), Zainab Ali (undergrad), Mehdi Hagkar (undergrad), Ruqaya Haider (undergrad), Mohammad Naqvi (undergrad), Ali Naqvi (undergrad), Komael Syed (undergrad), Mushbah Syeda (undergrad), Oun Zaidi (masters), Husain Zhain (masters), Fizza Mirza (masters), Miqdad Raza (masters), Munim Rizvi (masters), Raza Husain (masters), Shuja Abbas (undergrad) and Syed Asad Raza (undergrad).

We wish the best of luck and success to the successful applicants. For those who were not successful this cycle, we encourage them to apply again in the next application cycle between October 1 and November 30, 2018 and submit duly completed applications for the consideration by the Anjuman. We are here to serve the community and to remain a fair and objective approach, we have well defined rules which we follow strictly.

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Membership Form

(Tax Exempt under IRS 13-3588100)

Dear Sir,

I wish to become a member of the Anjuman Wazifa Sadaat o Momineen and enclose herewith my check/cash/online payment for US\$_____being the subscription for the year _____ or for Life time Membeship. I hereby undertake to abide by the Anjuman's Constitution, Rules and Regulations as approved by the Board of Directors.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Introduced By: _____

I am donating a sum of US\$ _____

to support educational programs of the Anjuman.

I am contributing US\$__ from my Khums money. *(Anjuman has obtained 'Ijaza' from Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Al- Seestani)*

I am donating a sum of US\$_____ to establish an "Endowment Fund" in the memory of my late _____, the income from which will be utilized by the Anjuman for supporting its aims and objectives.

Name and contact information of person(s) who may be interested in Anjuman's membership:

Name _____

Address and Tel #: _____

Name _____

Address and Tel #: _____

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CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

CARDHOLDER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____

E Mail Address : _____

Telephone Number: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Credit Card Type MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Expiration Month: _____ Expiration Year: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Date: _____

DONATION INFORMATION

I authorize a one- time charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

I authorize a recurring charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ _____
once every _____ (month/year) beginning on _____
and ending on _____ or indefinitely.

The Purpose of my contribution is:

- Annual Membership Dues
- Lifetime Membership Dues
- Khums
- Contribution to Yadgar Fund in the memory of _____
- Donation
- Repayment of my student loan from the Anjuman