

# AWSOM NEWS



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*As of December 2020, the Anjuman has loaned out approximately US\$ 2.25 million to over 360 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.*

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

We are pleased to announce that as of January 2021, **Mr. Shiraz Hussain** of New Jersey has been elected as the President of the Anjuman for a two year term. Shiraz Husain has been with the Anjuman for a number of years and has served on various committees. He has been instrumental in initiating electronic and web-based services for the Anjuman. Shiraz takes over from, **Mr. Maqbool Ladak** who completed his second two-year term in December 2020 on a very high note for the Anjuman when we marked record volumes in loan recoveries especially. The Anjuman is thankful to Mr. Ladak for his services and wish the best of luck to Shiraz Husain as he commences his term.

**Mr. Mohamed Ali Haider** of MA, will continue in his role as the General Secretary of the Anjuman. Mr. Haider will now be assisted by **Mrs. Erum Ladak** as the Assistant General Secretary. **Mr. Zeeshan Azam** has been appointed as the Assistant Treasurer of the Anjuman.

In addition, **Mr. Rizwan Kazmi** and **Mr. Khurshid Raza** have completed their terms as Directors of the Anjuman and have now moved

**30 YEARS OF AWSOM**  
a fundraiser for  
**ANJUMAN WAZIFA**  
SADAAT O MOMINEEN N.A.  
INTEREST FREE STUDENT LOANS

Join us as we celebrate 30 years of service to the community with speeches and poetry from

Sister Batool Rizvi  
Brother Zaigham Ahsan  
Maulana Ali Raza Rizvi  
Maulana Rizwan Rizvi

Hear from past borrowers, supporters, and the Anjuman Wazifa Team - an event you won't want to miss!

Program Streaming Live  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28**  
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM (EST)  
**ZOOM**  
ID: 829 5946 4821

Please **DONATE** Generously

**PayPal** **venmo**

Anjuman Wazifa Sadaat O Momineen (AWSOM) is a registered 501(c)(3) which makes interest free loans to Shia students pursuing higher education in the US Find out more at [www.anjumanwazifa.org](http://www.anjumanwazifa.org)

up to the Board of Advisors. **Mr. Shehryar Haider** of New Jersey has now been appointed to the Board of Directors. We are grateful to Mr. Rizwan Kazmi and Mr. Khurshid Raza (who will continue to provide valuable administrative support) for their services and welcome Mr. Shehryar Haider in his new role.

**Dr. Shazia Momin Rizvi** will be spearheading the Panel of Academicians initiative. Regional representatives of the Anjuman include Mr. **Masood Naqvi** (GA), **Mr. Azhar Hasan** (TX), **Mr. Yousuf Haider** (NoCal) and **Dr. Javed Bhojani** (IL).

**Mr. Abid Mumtaz** will continue in his role as Investment Manager and **Mr. Faisal Ladak**, **Mr. Faraz Hamedani**, **Mr. Reza Haider** and **Mr. Faizan Syed** will be handling technology, communications and process improvement initiatives.

## **SPIRIT OF COOPERATION**

We are thankful to Imamia Community Services of Atlanta, GA (“ICS”) for deciding to support the Anjuman in handling the educational needs of the community in their area. Rather than re-inventing the wheel, the group has decided to refer any cases of financial assistance for education to the Anjuman since the Anjuman has a tested and tried formula which has withstood the test to time and has helped countless people. It is not only in words but ICS has donated \$2,500 already to the Anjuman to demonstrate their support. We commend ICS for thinking along communal lines and being careful about the optimal use of the community’s scarce resources.

## **YADGAR FUND UPDATE**

Mr. Shehryar Haider, member of the Board of Directors of the Anjuman, initiated a Yadgar Fund in the memory Mahmood Haider. We are thankful for Mr. Haider for his generous donation and request the readers to offer a sura e fateha for the soul of Mr. Mahmood Haider of his father, late Syed Mahmood Haider.

## **SUCCESS STORY**

Juliana Spricigo  
RN – Trauma - Chicago-IL

Being an international student in the US can be quite challenging since working is not allowed under this visa category. There is also a very limited amount of grants available for non-residents, as well as extra fees and requirements involved during the registration process every semester. With a limited household income, we kept a very tight budget semester after semester to meet the financial requirements we had, while avoiding loans.

We learned about Anjuman through the Mosque we frequent, towards the end of my

Associate degree. I applied without knowing the outcome and was quite relieved when the loan was granted. At that time, there were some extra fees coming up due to changes in health insurance requirements and graduation fees. The money I received from Anjuman came at the perfect time and helped us cover those extra costs and stay away from banks. I was able to relax and focus on my studies. I graduated *Summa Cum Laude* and I was the Valedictorian of my college.

***Anjuman is such a great organization and cause. I find myself often talking about it to colleagues and now co-workers. These small loans can certainly help people cover their semester/fees’ costs and prevent them from going into debt attached to high interest rates.***

It took me a while to start paying my loan back because I furthered my education and was unable to work for a while after taking the loan. Fast forward many years, I am now an ICU registered nurse at a level I trauma center and I am working on my pre-requisites to apply for CRNA School. ***I hope that with my payments and other monthly donations, many other students can continue to achieve their educational goals and strengthen the voice of our community.***

## **30 A.W.S.O.M. YEARS**

***Come celebrate with us as we highlight 30 years of our service to the community. The program details appear on the first page. We request you to kindly pre-register for the program and show your support to the cause of higher education for all.***

***Register Today:***

***<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/awsom-event-anjuman-e-wazifa-e-sadaat-omomineen-tickets-135153851809>***

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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 Saiyed 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