



Dental Faculty and Students in the new Dental Building

Making the Dental School Schein:

Henry Schein Supports Al-Quds University's School of Dental

The Research and Education Collaborative with Al-Quds reached out to the Henry Schein Cares Foundation to help support the dental school at Al-Quds Middle East Continuing Education Center. Through their collaboration, the Henry Schein Cares Foundation generously gave two donations, totaling \$217,286 US Dollars, to (RECA) to support the Dental School.

The first donation equaling about \$41,000 dollars helped renovate and build the new dental school building. Realizing the new building would have to be furnished with the necessary equipment to educate dental students, the Henry Schein Cares Foundation went above and beyond to approve the grant based donation equaling \$176,286 dollars.

Who We Are:

Founded in Boston in 2010, The Research and Education Collaborative with Al-Quds University (RECA) is a non-profit organization established to connect the University with resources to maintain academic excellence and consistent funding. The University requires material support to keep its laboratories, library and other facilities operational. RECA helps to reach these needs through charitable donations and grant-funding. In addition, RECA encourages and provides academic exchange between American and Al-Quds students and faculty. Through these efforts, we hope to build broader understanding between cultures by breaking down religious, racial, ethnic and national barriers.

This donation provided six Midmark dental chairs, dentist's stools, fiber optic handpiece tubing, and other vital needs for dental students to learn their trade.



Dental Students of Al-Quds University

The Dental School is happy to report that students and faculty have now moved into their new space to begin furthering their education and training to become the dentists of the future. RECA and the Dental School are most grateful to the Henry Schien Foundation for their support in continuing operation of academic programs of Al-Quds that benefit generations to come.



Anyone Can Succeed: RECA and Education

RECA believes that education is for everyone. It isn't for a particular gender or financial situation. Education is about preparing all ages to push their understanding of the world. It is about learning new ways to be innovative, to share knowledge, and to create new information. Education helps individuals to become teachers. New and continuous education helps faculty teach and move people to expand their minds.

For two individuals, RECA was able to continue their mission to pursue new and higher education when others had not provided the opportunity. Maysa' Al Usta and AbdulMushsen AbuFannouneh are two people who have great experience in the world. Both were unable to continue their PhD programs at a young age due to growing families to support. As time moved on, navigating the ever changing academic world became more and more difficult.

Both in their 50s and 60s, they never thought they would

complete their PhD goals. Maysa told RECA "I stopped dreaming of getting my PhD in nursing, after applying to so many schools and only finding closed doors."

By connecting with RECA, Maysa and AbdulMuhsen were given the second chance for education. Through RECA's and University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) collaboration, both were able to successfully navigate the application process for UMass Boston's nursing program. RECA provided the resources to help apply, travel, and attend UMass Boston Nursing School.

AbdulMuhsen comments on his experience: **"I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your help since my arrival in Boston on August 24th, 2014 to September 16th, 2014. I am extremely grateful for generously hosting and accommodating me. Last, but not least, I deeply thank RECA for guiding and supporting my admission, and gain of a scholarship, in the PhD Nursing program at University of Massachusetts Boston."**

Textbook Challenge Accomplished!



In our last newsletter, we explained how the Department of Social Work has particularly been focused on this ideal, through pursuing the certification requirements needed for their students to be recognized as licensed practitioners by the Israel Government. The one challenge keeping the university from achieving this goal is the lack of textbooks and electronic journals for students.

RECA had taken on the challenge with Al-Quds University to purchase the required text books. We searched for grants and reached out to our readers like you. RECA was able to donate **over \$7,000** in textbooks and electronic and print subscriptions to academic journals to the school of social work.

In addition, RECA was able to provide 500 textbooks, 2 desktop computers, an all-in-one printer and printed brochures for the Applied Sociology Department.

Through your support, we were able to attain our goal! As new projects continue to develop, we still are looking for help and support. Any donation you could give to help provide support would be much appreciated. Donations can be made on our website: <http://www.recaquds.org/donate.html> and checks can be made out to RECA and mailed to address above. Any questions or comments can be emailed to RECAQuds@gmail.com

A Visit to Tufts University:

On-going Collaboration to developed Exchange Program

As part of an on-going collaboration between Tufts University and Al-Quds University, RECA organized and sponsored the Dean of the Al-Quds Dentistry School, Dr. Musa Bajali, and faculty member, Dr. Ahmad Aweidah, to visit Tufts University's Dental School.

The visit entailed a tour of the school's facilities and discussion for an exchange program plan for faculty, staff, and students. In addition, RECA organized a reception, where academic faculty from many schools attended to listen to Dean Bajali's presentation about RECA's and Henry Schein Cares Foundation's support and aid for Al-Quds Dental School.

Dr.Musa Bajali
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry

I would like to express my thankfulness on behalf of Al-Quds University School of Dentistry's students and faculty to RECA for sponsoring/organizing/arranging my visit to Tufts University. I am thankful to have met with Dean Huw F.Thomas and Dr.Noshir R. Mehta as well as meeting with other dentist and health professionals in the Boston Area. I look forward to have our faculty, staff, and students come to Tufts University to learn from their great experiences and convey their knowledge with the Al-Quds community

Dr. Ahmad Aweidah
Faculty of Dentistry

I would like to thank RECA for giving me this opportunity for an exceptional educational visit to Boston where I met great people from different academic institutions, especially Tufts University. I look forward to collaborate with Tufts University and to improve our school.



Feda Amer
Dental student

"I was so excited when I heard that I would receive a scholarship from RECA!

Paying tuition was a real struggle for me as I am from a large family with a very limited income. While I struggled to secure my academic future, my family was struggling to secure their daily expenses. Thank you RECA for helping me to pay my tuition and resolving this dilemma. I hope this help continues so I can finish my studies at Al-Quds University and become a dentist."

Azmi Jihad Abu Zerr
Department of Medical imaging

"The scholarship I received from RECA helped me to pass safely through the difficult and narrow socioeconomic tunnel. It's great feeling to

secure your education and focused on the future."



Haytham Najeeb Sabri Yaaqba
5th year Medical School Student

"I have thought a lot about what I can write to thank RECA for your help. All I have is a true, warm, and honest THANK YOU! You can't imagine the stress I was facing and the heavy financial burden on my family. Now I am relaxed and studying better because of you, RECA. I am thankful for your support. I believe that education is the most valuable thing in our lives, and those who support education are the most honorable. It is an honor to receive a scholarship from you, RECA. I hope one day I can help students with their education as you have."

RECA SOWS SUCCESS:

Voices of Scholarship Recipients


RECA takes the initiative to help aspiring and motivated students and faculty that need financial assistance to complete their academic goals. We support students and faculty through locating scholarships, grants, and other funding sources that provide financial stability to those in need. **In the year of 2014, RECA was able to provide 5 scholarships to financially needy students of Al-Quds University.**

Did you know...

- RECA has solicited over **\$6 Million** dollars in donations to support academic achievement and collaboration?
 - Provided over **\$9,000** in scholarships to Al-Quds University students?
- Funded, Organized, and sponsored the 2nd Annual “Public Health in Palestine: Challenges, Research & Implications Conference” at Al-Quds University?

RECA is creating opportunities for cooperative research and scholarship for Al-Quds University and beyond!

A Special Thank You to:

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RECA is deeply grateful for Henry Schein’s generous donations that have created a greatly improved education environment for Al-Quds University dentistry students. Thank you!

Thank you to Dean Anahid Kuliwicki, Dr. Sumaya Sayej, and Dr. Donna Perry for your dedication and support to collaboration and education development.

