

## 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.


Al-Quds 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.

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Before being an Ambassador, Dr. Mai Alkaila was a faculty member at Al-Quds University in the Public Health Department. Dr. Alkaila spoke at the reception about the obstacles that challenged education in Palestine.

The Palestinian people suffer and struggle daily to obtain the education that many of us in the United States take for granted.

She thanked RECA's Board of Directors for their continuous work and encouraged people to support RECA in their mission to provide educational opportunities to students.

Dr. Alkaila praised the role of RECA in supporting reducing the barriers of students, including providing financial support, providing educational resources, and creating opportunities to build academic connections to the United States and other countries.



# International Engineering Experience

## Dr. Abed-Alazeez Qantar's Visit in Boston

Dean Abed-Alazeez, Dean of Faculty of Engineering at Al-Quds University, visited Boston from December 13-24, 2016. During his educational trip, he visited the engineering schools and spoke with faculty of MIT, Harvard University, and Northeastern University.

The goal of Dean Abed-Alazeez's visit was to start communications on increasing collaboration between Al-Quds University and American academic institutions to provide more educational opportunities to students of all universities.

This visit was the Dean's first time in the United States. RECA is glad to provide this opportunity.



“ It was the best trip of my life. Thank you RECA board and sponsors.”

Dean Abed-Alazeez wrote: *"This is the first time I visited the United States. It was by far the best trip I have taken in my life. Thank you RECA board and sponsors. I am amazed at the level of education and technology provided to students. The United States is number one in its ability to educate. I am honored and thankful for all the Engineering schools, MIT, Harvard, and Northeastern, whom open their doors to us. I am so grateful to RECA for helping providing the opportunity to have these open conversations between Universities, between countries, that will provide academic exchange and more educational opportunities for all students. Thank you."*

## Academic Donations



The Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development awarded RECA a grant in amount of \$5,000 to provide computers and electronic journals to the Social Work Department at Al-Quds University.



RECA received a donation of \$28,000 from Jerrahi Order of America to provide scholarships to the students at Al-Quds University.



# RECA SOWS SUCCESS:

## Stories 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. Here are two success stories from RECA scholarship recipients: Ahmad Ibrahim Rashid Sbaih and Dr. Haitham, MD.



### Ahmad Ibrahim Rashid Sbaih 4th Year, Dental Student

*"I would like to extend my sincere thanks to RECA. I was so happy when I was presented their scholarship, which helped me to continue my studies. This scholarship helped remove part of the financial burden from my family! Especially, where we are a low-income family that has a huge range of expenses. I now feel comfortable psychologically and academically."*

*"I hope that the RECA organization will continue to support me and support the students at Al-Quds University. With RECA's support, I hope to complete my bachelor's degree in Dentistry and become a Dentist as I have dreamed of since childhood."*

*"Thank you very much RECA! :)"*

### Dr. Haitham, MD Al-Quds Medical School Graduate

*"At the end of the journey, here I am, a Palestinian medical doctor, who has just graduated from Al-Quds University. It was never an easy voyage. You face many obstacles that you need to be strong to pass. At some point in your life, you will realize that you can not stand alone, and you need someone to stand with you and say: 'Go on, You can do it!'" This one person for me was, Anan Fareed, President and Founder of RECA.*

*"I still remember that moment: I had to pay my tuition, but I couldn't. I started to think about what can I do, how can I solve this problem? It was a very stressful time."*

*"However, I was very lucky to find out about RECA. You can not imagine my happiness when I received their reply: RECA would help support me in accomplishing my goals."*

*"I am writing this letter to say THANK YOU RECA! You made my dream come true. Thanks to this amazing organization that supports Palestinian students, and teaches them not to lose hope, despite the tough political and financial situation."*

*"I hope that one day we can change the situation in Palestine, and make education free and accessible for all the students."*

*"RECA, you are the best ! Thanks a lot!"*