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A Strategic Dialogue with Cleveland Clinic's CEO

The primary objective of QCAO's dialogue with Tomislav Mihaljevic, CEO of Cleveland Clinic, is to design clinical rotations, structured summer internships, and long-term mentorship initiatives tailored to our Qatari medical and health science students. These opportunities are intended not only to enrich your professional competencies but also to immerse our future doctors in best-in-class medical training environments. Further details, including eligibility requirements and application procedures, will be communicated in due course. This partnership represents an intentional step forward in investing in your future — as scholars, practitioners, and ambassadors of Qatar's healthcare excellence. We thank Mr. Tomislav Mihaljevic for his time and consideration in helping the future of Qatar's healthcare!



Ramadan Padel Evenings

This Ramadan, the Cultural Attaché Office introduced a new tradition — Padel Evenings with our Qatari student community across multiple U.S. cities. These gatherings weren't just about the sport — they were about movement, joy, connection, and preserving cultural bonds. Students came together in the Washington DC metropolitan area and engaged in friendly competitions. Some students learned padel for the very first time, while others practiced their existing skills with their fellow Qatari brothers from the community. Studying abroad during Ramadan can truly bring us all together for common interests, and we hope to carry out similar and new traditions in future Ramadan seasons to come.



Qatar Embassy Interfaith Dinner

During the sacred month of Ramadan, the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Washington, D.C., hosted the annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner, welcoming religious leaders, diplomats, and scholars to an evening defined by mutual understanding, cultural respect, and spiritual harmony. This gathering reaffirmed Qatar's dedication to promoting dialogue between civilizations and promoting peaceful coexistence across faiths.



Iftar & Garangaooh 2025

QCAO had the pleasure of hosting the Annual Iftar and Garengaooh Reception in Washington DC for its second consecutive year. With the growing student and diplomatic community in the DC-MD-VA tri-area, we were honored to be in the presence of children and practicing the norms of this evening's very special and exclusive celebrations. This gathering has grown into a cherished tradition that transcends cultural lines and strengthens our shared identity as a community rooted in compassion, family, and spiritual continuity. The presence of families, youth, and distinguished guests underscores our mission to cultivate cultural belonging among our Qatari students while also building bridges with our extended regional and diplomatic partners. Celebrating Garangaooh in the heart of Washington reaffirms our commitment to preserving our heritage and nurturing joy, unity, and memory across generations — even far from home.



Your Story Matters: Be Featured on Our Instagram

Whether you've published research, completed an inspiring internship, launched a community project, or simply want to share your journey — we want to hear from you! Our Student Success Spotlight series is now open for submissions. This is your chance to inspire, connect, and showcase the remarkable achievements of our Qatari student diaspora. Submit your reel, a few photos, and a short write-up to be featured on our official Instagram page. Contact Mona Mohamed at mmohamed@qrcultural.org for any questions and for submissions.



Important Policies and Guidelines for Sponsored Students

Summer 2025

We strongly urge students to inform our Academic Team of any intended course enrollments during the summer term. Students will be required to complete the QCAO Student Course Registration Form in order to have a Financial Guarantee Letter issued for the term.

Course Selection Outside Home University

Students planning to take courses at a university other than their admitted institution must inform QCAO beforehand to obtain necessary approvals. This step is mandatory to ensure compliance with sponsorship requirements.

Travel

Students intending to travel outside the U.S. at any time must inform QCAO beforehand. It is crucial for our team to be aware of any travel activity for students and/or their dependents to ensure the appropriate guidance is offered and records are accurately maintained.

Online and Public Conduct Advisory

We encourage all sponsored students to maintain a positive presence both online and in-person. Please exercise caution with social media activities and avoid proximity to protests, as these could have potential negative repercussions in light of the new U.S. presidential administration's recent "zero tolerance" statements.

Reporting Concerns

If you have experienced any actions against you or have concerns about any potential violations while in the U.S., please contact our office immediately. It is essential that we are aware of any matter. We are committed to providing guidance and addressing your concerns promptly and confidentially.

Stay Connected

Keep up with the latest news, events, and announcements from QCAO through our social media platforms. Following our [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [X](#) channels ensures you never miss important updates relevant to your sponsorship.

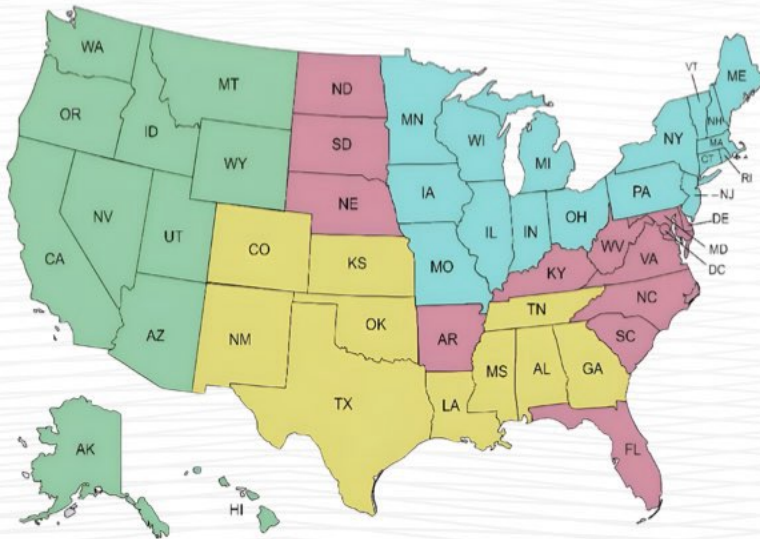




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