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QATAR AT NAFSA 2025 – SHOWCASING QATAR’S EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM ON A GLOBAL PLATFORM

For the fourth consecutive year, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education – Qatar proudly exhibited at NAFSA 2025 in San Diego, the world’s #1 most influential gatherings on higher international education in the United States and around the world. The Study in Qatar pavilion represented thirteen of the following institutions:

Qatar Foundation
Qatar University
Qatar Scholarships
Doha Institute
Hamad Bin Khalifa University
University of Doha for Science and Technology
Academic Bridge Program
Weill Cornell University – Qatar
Carnegie Mellon – Qatar
Northwestern University – Qatar
Georgetown University – Qatar
Virginia Commonwealth University – Qatar

At the 2025 NAFSA Conference, the most influential global convening on international education, the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office (QCAO) orchestrated and executed a series of high-level, strategically calibrated engagements aimed at advancing Qatar’s national education priorities through deliberate, high-value academic diplomacy.



Among the cornerstone engagements were meetings with Dr. Fanta Aw, CEO of NAFSA, and H.E. Ambassador Timothy Davis, the United States Ambassador to the State of Qatar. Directly aligning with the executive leadership of NAFSA and U.S. diplomatic leadership, our endeavor to strategically reinforce the importance of education in Qatar and the United States through advancing programs and institutions is profound for the generational education of Qataris.

Our parallel engagements with a distinguished consortium of U.S. academic institutions—including Duke University, Penn State, University of California San Diego, Arizona State University, and George Mason University—served as deliberate touchpoints to recalibrate and deepen bilateral pipelines in graduate education, research commercialization, and talent acceleration for Qatari students. These institutions are not merely partners of convenience; they are centers of gravity in domains vital to Qatar’s strategic future—AI, energy transition, public policy, and health systems innovation.

Simultaneously, QCAO moved assertively to activate emerging corridors of engagement with Wake Forest University and Missouri University of Science and Technology. These institutions offer competitive grounds for the co-development of interdisciplinary programs in engineering, law, and applied sciences—precisely the kind of academic-industrial interface that Qatar seeks to integrate into its economic diversification strategy. The objective is clear: to build dynamic, mutually beneficial pathways that convert academic mobility into national capacity.



A highlight of the week's intellectual programming featured Dr. Mazen Hasna, Chair of Qatar's National Committee for Qualifications and Academic Accreditation, who delivered a powerful plenary address that framed the trajectory of Qatar's evolving academic infrastructure within a globally benchmarked quality assurance paradigm. His participation served as a projection of Qatar's international position as an architect in world class education, assuming a competitive stance in the MENA/GCC region with the collection of Education City universities and national stakeholders.

Equally consequential were our strategic dialogues with senior figures from across the Gulf, notably Dr. Lina Altoaimy, Undersecretary for Scholarships of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Dr. Tahany Albaiz, Saudi Arabia's Cultural Attaché to the United States. These high-trust engagements signal the formation of a Gulf academic axis, defined by collaborative influence. Together, we are building a collective platform to drive regionally harmonized, globally competitive models of student development, research alliances, and institutional benchmarking.

In sum, every engagement, every handshake, every convening was oriented toward one objective: securing long-term, high-impact academic outcomes for learners, while anchoring our stakeholders' interests in the architecture of global knowledge diplomacy.



Honoring Qatari Leadership at Georgetown University

On May 10, the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office was honored to attend the Closing Residency Dinner Ceremony for the graduating cohort of Georgetown University's Executive Master's in Leadership Program, held at the historic Riggs Library on the university's main campus. The evening marked a celebration of academic excellence, and a resounding recognition of Qatar's investment in leadership development. The graduating residents—all Qatari nationals—represented the embodiment of Qatar's human capital strategy. The Executive Master's in Leadership (EML) Program is a graduate-level degree designed for mid- to senior-level professionals who seek to enhance their leadership capabilities while continuing to work. Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, which offers one of the most recognized versions of the EML, has tailored the program to combine academic rigor with real-world applicability. The EML program is highly relevant for Qatari professionals in public and private sectors who aim to lead transformative initiatives within ministries, national companies, and global partnerships. For more information about the program, visit:

<https://msb.georgetown.edu/executive-masters-in-leadership/academics/>





Pre-Departure Orientation with U.S. Embassy Doha and Qatar University

In alignment with our mission to ensure student readiness, the QCAO partnered with the U.S. Embassy in Doha, represented by Cultural Attaché Usra Ghazi and her team, and Dr. Fatima Al-Mohannadi of Qatar University, to deliver a comprehensive Pre-Departure Orientation. The session covered student visa processing, academic pathways, and U.S. university admissions, in addition to QCAO's academic and logistical services, and an open Q&A segment with prospective students. As Qatar continues to send its students to the United States, we ensure Qataris of our strategic coordination with U.S. diplomatic and academic stakeholders, which remains central to our success, and to convenience of our students.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2025—Qatari students across undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs who have demonstrated resilience, intellect, and distinction. This year, we will have seven graduates:

- 1st Student
 - University: University of California, Berkeley
 - Degree & Major: Meng Mechanical Engineering
- 2nd Student
 - University: George Washington University
 - Degree & Major: BA Cybersecurity
- 3rd Student
 - University: Kent State
 - Degree & Major: BA Actuarial Mathematics
- 4th Student
 - University: Columbia University
 - Degree & Major: MA Human Rights/LLM
- 5th Student
 - University: New York University
 - Degree & Major: MS Global Affairs
- 6th Student
 - University: Penn State University, University Park
 - Degree & Major: BA Cybersecurity Analytics
- 7th Student
 - University: University of British Columbia
 - Degree & Major: BS Biology





Qatar Cultural Day at the British International School of Washington DC

In alignment with QCAO's mandate to project Qatari culture in the United States through institutions, schools, and philanthropy, the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office proudly curated and delivered a cultural immersion experience at the British International School of Washington (BISW), engaging the school's Grade 1 class. This initiative, is macro in vision: by interfacing directly with young learners in the formative stages of cognitive and cultural development, QCAO seeded foundational awareness of Qatar's heritage, identity, and values.



The programming included a highly interactive cultural narrative session, thoughtfully tailored to developmental pedagogy, followed by thematic Qatari giveaways and a traditional lunch experience—carefully designed not merely as entertainment, but as sensorial learning. In shaping the minds of tomorrow's global citizens, engagement is not incidental—it is strategic.

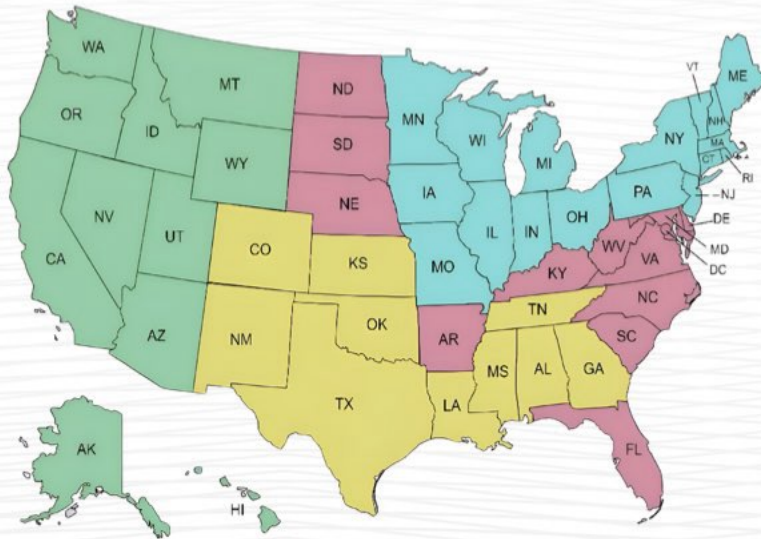




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