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Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar graduates 89 students

Class of 2016 join more than 100,000 Carnegie Mellon alumni worldwide

DOHA, QATAR – Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar celebrated its ninth graduation ceremony as 89 graduates received their diplomas in the presence of family, friends, alumni, faculty and Carnegie Mellon leadership. There are now 570 CMU-Q alumni representing the classes of 2008 through 2016.

The 2016 graduating class is comprised of students in five programs: 11 in biological sciences, 41 in business administration, 17 in computer science, 19 in information systems, and, for the first time, one student in the highly selective computational biology program. The students join Carnegie Mellon University's global network of more than 100,000 alumni.

In his remarks, Ilker Baybars, dean and CEO of Carnegie Mellon Qatar, said: "These young men and women exemplify the Carnegie Mellon qualities of hard work, collaboration across disciplines, and innovation. They have volunteered their time and talents, organized large-scale events, participated in international academic competitions and conducted complex research projects. Graduates, your success is well-deserved; you have earned your place on this stage today."

The ceremony's student speaker was Nada Arakji, a business administration graduate and the first woman to represent Qatar in the Olympics. Since competing as a swimmer at the London 2012 games, Arakji has continued to work with the QOC to promote sport and athletics to Qatar's youth. Arakji will compete for Qatar once again at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In her speech, Arakji said: "Carnegie Mellon has always celebrated and taken pride in its students' diverse skills and talents – the variety of colors of the Tartan weave are an apt analogy for the many talents that define us as a community to which we proudly belong. The university enables us to thrive and grow by giving us opportunity to innovate, collaborate, flourish and excel, all while offering steadfast and strong support, freedom, care and attention."

The members of the graduating class represent 23 nationalities and speak a total of 26 languages. In the Class of 2016, 44% of graduates have studied abroad.

The Class of 2016 has compiled more than 47,000 hours of work experience, with 72% of the class completing at least one internship. More than 53% have been involved in community outreach, and 41% have started or led a student club.

Carnegie Mellon Qatar graduates are highly sought after by local, regional and international organizations. More than 90 percent of the university's alumni are either in graduate programs or

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employed in top organizations such as Google, Microsoft, Qatar Petroleum, Shell and Commercial Bank Qatar.

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For more than a century, Carnegie Mellon University has been an innovator in education, with programs that inspire creativity, collaborate across disciplines and educate some of the world's most influential thinkers. Consistently top ranked, Carnegie Mellon has more than 13,000 students, 100,000 alumni and 5,000 faculty and staff globally. Nineteen Nobel Laureates and 12 Turing Award winners have called CMU home.

At the invitation of Qatar Foundation, Carnegie Mellon joined Education City in 2004. Education City is a groundbreaking center for scholarship and research that is the ideal complement to Carnegie Mellon's mission and vision.

Carnegie Mellon Qatar offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science, and information systems. Students from more than 37 countries enroll at our world-class campus.

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