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Carnegie Mellon Qatar records highest ever Qatari participation at summer outreach program

10% of participants expected to enroll at university

DOHA, QATAR – Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar recently concluded its ninth Summer College Preview Program (SCPP) in which 76 high school students, 58% of whom were Qatari, took part in the month-long university preparatory course.

This year Carnegie Mellon Qatar recorded the highest number of students participating in SCPP, which is an experience designed to academically strengthen student’s basic knowledge of university preparation. This is done through Mathematics, English and SAT/ACT college admission exam preparation courses held in conjunction with the Kaplan Corporation from the United States.

“The exposure to the academic excellence on offer at Carnegie Mellon that SCPP participants receive is something that most of them are not familiar with, but they leave well-aware of the work ethic needed to succeed in higher education,” said Damian Dourado, manager of pre-college programs. “Additionally, parents are thrilled when their children complete the program as more focused, and academically driven, students. The SCPP also sets students apart from the thousands of applicants we receive each year, as it indicates that they chose to spend part of their summer vacation productively.”

During the SCPP students were also provided an opportunity to undertake interactive practical projects within one of the Carnegie Mellon Qatar majors of their choosing, including biological sciences, business administration, computer science and information systems. Carnegie Mellon Qatar staff, students and SCPP alum were also on hand to tutor and counsel the school students with their coursework, their preparations for the university admissions process, and questions about student life at Education City.

Having taken part in the SCPP for the first time this year, Essa Al Sulaiti said, “My sister recently graduated from Carnegie Mellon Qatar and it was her who inspired me to attend SCPP since she believes it will add value to my college application experience and ease my transition into university after graduation from high school.”

With 10% of this year’s participants expected to enroll at Carnegie Mellon Qatar, the SCPP concluded with a student showcase at which course participants presented their work to family and friends, followed by an Iftar.

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About Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

As a global leader in education, Carnegie Mellon University is known for its creativity, collaboration across disciplines, and top programs in business, technology and the arts. The university has been home to some of the world's most important thinkers, among them 19 Nobel Laureates and 12 Turing Award winners.

In 2004, Qatar Foundation invited Carnegie Mellon to join Education City, a groundbreaking center for scholarship and research. The campus continues to grow, now providing a prestigious education to more than 400 students from 40 countries. The university offers five undergraduate degree programs in Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Computational Biology, Computer Science and Information Systems.

Students in Qatar join more than 13,000 Carnegie Mellon students across the globe, who will become the next generation of leaders tackling tomorrow's challenges. The university's more than 100,000 alumni are recruited by some of the world's most innovative organizations.

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