

### **Press Release**

# Dean's Honors List triumph for high-achieving students

**Doha – October 1, 2013:** The academic achievements of 27 students from Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) were recognized with their induction onto the Dean's Honors List at a ceremony held at Hamad Bin Khalifa University's Student Center.

Students who posted a GPA of 3.75 or higher in the Spring 2013 term made it onto the honors list of Dr. Javaid Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q. Dr. Sheikh was in attendance at the ceremony on 29 September to induct the students onto the list and offer them his congratulations.

Dr. Sheikh said: "These students have achieved remarkable academic success by applying themselves diligently to their studies and making the very best use of their talents. By committing themselves so wholeheartedly to the achievement of academic excellence, these 27 students are following in the very best scholarly traditions of Cornell and laying the foundations upon which they can build successful careers in medicine.

"It is my great privilege and pleasure to acknowledge their fortitude by including them on this term's Honors List."

Two Dean's Honors Lists are published in each academic year to record the achievements of students in the fall and spring semesters, an initiative that began with the fall 2011 semester.

Dr. Mike Pungente, associate professor of organic chemistry, also addressed the event to offer the high-achieving students encouragement to continue their efforts.

The students inducted to the Dean's Honors List for the spring 2013 semester are: Youmna Abdel Ghany, Farah Al Sayyed, Basem Oraby, Yanal Shaheen, Faryal Malick, Nora Al-Fakhri, Ahmad Salah Sami, Nahel Tunio, Aulia Ahmad, Nourhan Kika, Mountasir El-Tohami, Mhd Salama Chaker, Mu Ji Hwang, Imen Becetti, Hawra Al Lawati, Adham Mushtak, Elizabeth Boctor,

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**Photos Captions:** 

Photo 1: Dr. Javaid Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q

Photo 2: Group photo Photo 3: Hawra Al Lawati Photo 4: Imen Becetti

#### **About Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar**

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar is a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It offers pre-medical and medical courses leading to the Cornell University M.D. degree with teaching by Cornell and Weill Cornell faculty and by physicians at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital who hold Weill Cornell appointments.

Through its biomedical research program, WCMC-Q is building a sustainable research community in Qatar while advancing basic science and clinical research. Through its medical college, WCMC-Q seeks to provide the finest education possible for medical students, to improve health care both now and for future generations, and to provide high quality health care to the Qatari population.

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