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### WCMC-Q Pre-medical students celebrate program completion

**Doha – April 28, 2014:** There were celebrations at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) as 35 students were awarded certificates for completing the Pre-medical Program.

The students received their certificates before an audience of friends and family members at the Premedical Program Completion Ceremony, held at the college on Thursday 24 April.

The challenging two-year Pre-medical Program provides rigorous schooling in the basic sciences, mathematics and English.

Dr. Javaid Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q, praised the commitment shown by the students to their studies.

"You have done remarkably well," he said. "This is a very intense two-year program and it takes a great deal of effort to complete successfully. It requires not only the application of your innate intellect, not only your work ethic, not only your spending many late nights poring over your books, but truly, it demands every bit of grit and determination you can muster.

"We are very proud of you and I congratulate both the students and their parents – a very big mabrouk to all of you."

Dr. Alan Weber, Associate Professor of English, gave the keynote address.

He said: "As I look into the future of each and every one of you that I have taught or mentored, I see great potential for more wonderful accomplishments. You have not only shown great dedication to your studies, but you have also donated your time and energy to many good causes and developed as ethical, compassionate human beings."

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Student speaker Eman Mosleh rallied her classmates with a humorous speech about the highs and lows of student life, and the challenge posed by trying to read the handwriting of some of their professors.

She said: "We have passed through moments of doubt and triumph, moments of wondering whether we were able to meet the challenges we faced. We learned about our weaknesses but more importantly, we learned just how strong we could be, and we found strength in the new friendships we formed.

"I could not be more proud to complete the Pre-medical Program alongside 34 of the best people I have ever met."

Dr. Marco Ameduri, Associate Dean for Pre-medical Education, and Dr. Kevin Smith, Assistant Dean for Pre-medical Education, then presented the certificates of completion to each of the students.

Dr. Ameduri said: "I congratulate all of the students. I have been truly impressed by their engagement in the classroom, the intellectual depth of their questions and by the dedication they have shown to their studies. They deserve our warmest congratulations."

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#### **Photos Captions:**

Photo 1: from left to right: Dr. Kevin Smith, medical student Al Jazi Al Mana and Dr. Marco Ameduri Photo 2: from left to right: Dr. Kevin Smith, medical student Eman Mosleh and Dr. Marco Ameduri

Photo 3: Group Photo

Photo 4: Dr. Javaid Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q

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

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