

PRESS RELEASE

### **HBKU Honors Exceptional Students with President's Award**

Doha, 4 May 2015 – Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development recognized five students of its partner universities at the 2015 President's Award Ceremony. Award winners, all senior students graduating this year, are noted for their academic excellence and outstanding service within and beyond Education City.

Held at the new building of HBKU's Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, award winners were presented with certificates of achievement and commemorative medallions by Dr. Ahmed Hasnah, President of HBKU, and Dr. Khalid Al-Khanji, Vice-President of Student Affairs at HBKU. University deans, faculty and staff, as well as family and other community members were in attendance at the honoring ceremony.

The recipients of the 2015 President's award are: Ibrahim Sultan ALHashmi (Northwestern University in Qatar), Marium Saeed (Northwestern University in Qatar), Noha Fahmy (Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar), Tarek Alhariri (Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar), and Ayman Al Jurdi (Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar).

19 students with a grade point average of 3.6 and above were nominated for the President's Award 2015 by the deans of their respective universities. Potential finalists then completed an evaluation process during which they had an opportunity to explain to the selection committee how they created a positive impact on the community through their out-of-class involvement, and what they gained from those experiences.

Ayman Al Jurdi, a student at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, "I am extremely honored to have been recognized by HBKU and to receive the President's Award. My community service, in addition to my research work, is very important to me, and it is a very nice end to the academic year in celebration with other outstanding Education City students."

Ibrahim ALHashmi, a graduating senior at Northwestern University in Qatar, added his own appreciation: "I am very grateful to receive the HBKU President's Award. I would like to congratulate all of the nominees as they have all worked very hard and all deserve this award. I would like to dedicate this award to all of the excellent students within Education City."

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### **About Hamad bin Khalifa University**

Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is an emerging research university building upon unique collaborations with local and international partners. Located in Education City, HBKU seeks to



provide unparalleled opportunities for scholarship, teaching, discovery, and learning for all of its students through an array of interdisciplinary programs.

HBKU's partners are Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, HEC Paris in Qatar, and UCL Qatar.