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58 ABP Graduates Gain Admission To HBKU Partner Universities In Education City This Year

One in three of Qatar Foundation's Academic Bridge Program (ABP) graduates gained admission to HBKU's partner universities in Education City this year.

In May 2013, the ABP graduated 177 students and 58 students or 33% got accepted to a HBKU partner university in Education City, making it the largest percentage ever admitted from a graduating class. Some students received more than one admission as the universities offered 58 ABP graduates 68 admission letters. The breakdown of students offered places at HBKU's partner universities in Education City is as follows:

- Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQ) – 4 ABP Graduates
- Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) – 4 ABP graduates
- Texas A & M at Qatar (TAMUQ) - 12 ABP Graduates
- Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) – 21 ABP graduates.
- Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (GUSFS-Qatar) – 15 ABP Graduates
- Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q) – 12 ABP Graduates

In addition, almost 40% of ABP graduates were offered places at universities in the United Kingdom, the United States and other universities abroad while many others went onto other universities here in Qatar.

Dr. Miles Lovelace, Director of the Academic Bridge Program, observed that last year's slogan "Your Gateway to Education City Universities" proved true for the 58 ABP students who completed the program in May 2013. "These 58 graduates received a total of 68 offers of

admission from HBKU university partners. Almost 50% of those who applied to the six American universities in Education City were admitted, and this equals 33% of the graduating class. The previous high had been 30% of the graduating class,” Dr. Lovelace stated.

This confirms that the ABP Class of 2013 (80% of whom were Qatari) was the most successful ever in achieving admission to HBKU’s partner universities.

As one of the centers of the Qatar Foundation, the ABP has served over 2500 young men and women who have attended the English language foundation program over the past 13 years. Nearly 90% of those attending have been Qataris, and over 85% of the ABP graduates have later attended English language universities in Qatar or abroad. Since 2001, the ABP has developed a model curriculum including English, math, science, and computer skills, combined with a wide range of other activities such as debate, Model UN, school newspaper, sports teams, and student government experience.

Each year the ABP admits highly qualified co-educational students into the intense 30-week program. Classes range in size from 8 to 16, and the faculty come from almost twenty different nationalities with experience from 5 to 40 years in teaching. Nearly all teachers have masters’ degrees, and several have doctor’s degrees.

In 2011, the ABP was awarded five years accreditation by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) in the United States. This makes it easier to fast-track ABP graduates into universities in the United States without the need for them to complete a university foundation year.

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