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### **Texas A&M at Qatar names Yousef M. Al-Jaber alumnus of the year**

Yousef M. Al-Jaber '07, the deputy director of TOTAL Research Center at Qatar, has been named the branch campus' second recipient of its Alumnus of the Year award.

Al-Jaber was nominated and chosen for the award for his workplace success and for his contributions to Texas A&M at Qatar. He was a member of the first graduating class at Texas A&M at Qatar. He is a current member of the Industrial Advisory Board of Chemical Engineering at Texas A&M at Qatar, as well as a representative of alumni on Texas A&M at Qatar's Dean's Development Council.

His professional honors include an Appreciation Award from His Excellency Dr. Al-Sada, Minister of Energy and Industry, for his role as Deputy Head of Social Responsibility at 20th World Petroleum Congress. He is the recipient of the Excellence Award from Centrica PLC UK and most recently an ORYX GTL Student Awards at Qatar Industry Water Security Forum. Also, he was a member of the directorate review team for Qatar National Vision 2030 in Social and Environmental sectors from 2011-2016.

Al-Jaber joined Qatar Petroleum in 2008 as a Sustainable Projects Specialist after earning a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M at Qatar. In 2010, he spent some time in Centrica PLC, a UK - based energy and services company, as part of Qatar Petroleum's external attachment developing and researching renewable energy initiatives. He became a Senior Renewable Energy Analyst at Qatar Petroleum in 2011. In 2013, Al-Jaber joined Total E&P Qatar as Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Institutional Affairs, overlooking the company's many CSR initiatives as well as developing potential solar energy projects for SunPower, a TOTAL subsidiary. He assumed his current post as Deputy Director of Total Research Center in 2016.

"Being awarded the Alumnus of the Year award by Texas A&M at Qatar is a great honor; I was part of the first graduating class in 2008 and since then Texas A&M at Qatar has graduated more than 800 Aggie Engineers," Al-Jaber said. "I didn't expect that I will one day receive such a reward, but this is what makes this award special; it came when it was not expected."

“I would say that all the Texas A&M at Qatar former students deserve to receive this award every year. I meet with my colleagues and other former students since many of us work in the energy sector and I can say they make great and exceptional ambassadors of Texas A&M at Qatar. I am proud to be part of the extended Aggie family and I hope one day I will see my children become part of this family as well. Finally, this award is an additional responsibility to ensure that we can match the high expectations and try to continue on improving.”

Al-Jaber was recognized at Texas A&M at Qatar’s alumni suhoor at the Grant Hyatt Doha. One hundred and forty faculty, staff and former students of Texas A&M at Qatar attended the event, which aimed to encourage graduates to connect and stay involved with the branch campus.

Al-Jaber received his award from the executive director of Development, Engagement and Outreach Dr. Hassan S. Bazzi whose office organized the event in collaboration with the Texas A&M at Qatar Alumni Council.

“For his [Al-Jaber’s] achievements, his determination for success, his commitment to sustainability and most importantly his efforts in fulfilling the Qatar National Vision 2030, I am proud to award the title Alumnus of the Year,” Bazzi said.

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Texas A&M University, recognized as having one of the premier engineering programs in the world, has offered undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering at Qatar Foundation’s Education City campus since 2003, and graduate degrees in chemical engineering since fall 2011. Texas A&M at Qatar has awarded nearly 850 degrees since 2007. In addition to engineering courses, Texas A&M at Qatar provides classes in science, mathematics, liberal arts and the humanities. All four of the engineering programs offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. The curricula offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are materially the same as those offered at the main campus in College Station, Texas, and the courses in Doha are taught in English in a co-educational setting. The reputation for excellence is the same, as is the commitment to equip engineers to lead the next generation of engineering advancement. Faculty from around the world are attracted to Texas A&M at Qatar to provide this educational experience and to participate in research activities now valued at more than \$236.4 million, and that address issues important to the State of Qatar. Visit [www.qatar.tamu.edu](http://www.qatar.tamu.edu).