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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IN QATAR WELCOMES

ITS STRONGEST ACADEMIC CLASS TO DATE

Doha, Qatar – April 13, 2016 – Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q) hosted an event for the students accepted into its class of 2020. The students who will join NU-Q in September have shown outstanding performance across academic as well as extra-curricular, athletic, and social activities.

Adding to NU-Q's already rich and diverse community, the class of students accepted this year represent 30 countries from around the world, spanning six continents. Showing a continued trend on last year, once again NU-Q will welcome a strong representation of Qatari students, with almost half of the class Qatar nationals.

"We are delighted to welcome a class with such outstanding academic and extra-curricular qualifications," said Everett E. Dennis, dean and CEO of NU-Q said. "These students bring to NU-Q a variety of achievements from class presidents to accomplished athletes, as well as film festival award winners. We are proud these students have chosen NU-Q as their college of choice, and look forward to working with them to further develop their skills."

Dennis added: "We are pleased to once again have a strong representation of Qataris within this class, as we continue to honor the importance of communication, media, and journalism in Qatar's national development."

In addition to a strong representation from Qatar, the students accepted come from countries around the world, including Morocco, Tunisia, Pakistan, Taiwan, China, Jordan, Egypt, Azerbaijan, South Korea, Sudan, Oman, United States, India, Kazakhstan, and Indonesia.

The class of 2020 will join a world-wide network of more than 200,000 Northwestern alumni. Graduates of NU-Q hold positions with leading organizations in the region, including Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya, Qatar Media Corporation, Amiri Diwan, Doha Film Institute, Qatar Museums, Hamad Hospital, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (Qatar World Cup 2022), Qatar Airways, Qatar Foundation, Ras Gas, and Total Energy and Petroleum. In addition, 25 percent of NU-Q graduates pursue graduate degrees at leading universities, including Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Cornell, Northwestern, and the London School of Economics, among others.

A future member of the class of 2020 commented: “NU-Q has a fantastic reputation globally and regionally with its commitment to teaching, innovative research and the personal intellectual growth of students within a dynamic academic community. I look forward to perusing my academic career here and meeting my fellow students in September.”

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About Northwestern University in Qatar

Northwestern University in Qatar draws from its parent organization, [Northwestern University](#) (Evanston, Illinois), a distinguished history, famous programs and an exceptional faculty. Founded in partnership with Qatar Foundation, NU-Q provides a framework through which students explore the world and, ultimately, shape its future through its distinguished schools of [communication](#), [journalism](#), and [liberal arts](#).