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ABP Hosts Parents and Students at Annual Open House

Doha, October 25, 2014 –Parents, students, and teachers from Qatar Foundation’s Academic Bridge Program (ABP) joined together for the annual Open House in Education City. This event gave parents the opportunity to meet with the teachers of their sons and daughters and to learn more about the ABP’s grading system, the academic courses, available clubs and activities, and the specific application process for students to gain admission to university next year.

“The ABP curriculum includes a strong emphasis on developing the English speaking, reading, and writing skills of our students so that they will be able to study in first class universities in Qatar, the United Kingdom, the United States or elsewhere,” Director of the ABP, Dr. Bryan Lewallen, said.

In May 2014, the ABP graduated 159 young men and women. Sixty eight students, about 42% of the total, were accepted to a HBKU partner university in Education City. This marked the largest percentage ever admitted from an ABP graduating class. Furthermore, an additional 36 ABP graduates were offered admission to universities in the United Kingdom, the United States and other institutions abroad. Many others were successfully admitted to universities here in Qatar.

Since 2001, the ABP has developed a model academic curriculum and also offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities such as debate, Model UN, school newsletter, sports teams, and student government experience.

“The mission of (ABP) Student Services is to create an environment where learning is part of the daily life of students,” explained the ABP’s Assistant Director for Student Services, Mrs. Moza Al-Boainain. “We work on promoting a positive atmosphere in the ABP. We are committed to



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building a community where the living and learning environments are cohesive, student life is vibrant and diverse” she added.

The Academic Bridge Program will be admitting new students for the upcoming 2015 Spring Semester from October 15th to November 30th, 2014. To be eligible to apply to the ABP, students must have completed high school, preferably with a score of 80% or higher. The minimum score required for entrance to the ABP for the Spring Semester is iBT TOEFL 61 or equivalent IELTS score of 5.0. The Spring Semester begins on the January 6th, 2015.

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About the Academic Bridge Program

The [Academic Bridge Program](#) (ABP) is a center of [Qatar Foundation](#). The mission of the ABP is to provide high school graduates of Qatari high schools (and other similar schools) who meet the admission requirements with the academic and personal skills for success in reputable English language universities around the world, with special emphasis on preparing students for the universities at Qatar Foundation. Since the launch of the ABP in 2001, the program has developed a model curriculum including English, math, science, and computer skills, combined with a wide range of other activities such as debate, Model United Nations, robotics, sports teams, and student government experience. The ABP is fully accredited by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) in the United States. This makes it easier for ABP graduates to fast track into universities in the United States without a university foundation year.