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## **ABP Students Elect Student Association Representatives**

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***(ABP) recently went to the polls, electing five candidates to serve in student government.***

***For the fourth consecutive year, voters chose a female as the Student Association president.***

ABP student Lamya Hamad Al-Thani won the election for the coveted position of President. She follows last year's female President, Wadad Al-Jassim, and Nouran Allam who was elected two years ago and later enrolled in Northwestern University in Qatar. Three years ago, Aisha Al-Muhannadi became the first female Student Association President in ABP history. She is now a junior majoring in Communications at Northwestern University in Qatar.

Other ABP students Adnan Dhafir Al-Kamil and Jawaher Mohammed Al-Khater were named male and female Vice President, respectively. Abdulrahman Adnan Al-Mannai was elected Treasurer and Ameena Mohamed El-Dous was announced as Secretary.

All candidates spoke at an assembly prior to the election. Lamya Al-Thani explained during her speech that she hopes for greater input from fellow students. "It is important that you all have a say in the actions that will affect you," she said. "I am going to be someone who is there for you whenever you need me." The new president also stated her desire to bring greater opportunities to the ABP students, like more student-led clubs and perhaps an internship program.

Similar themes of increased opportunities and adequate representation of student voices were echoed by the other candidates as well. Treasurer Abdulrahman Al-Mannai highlighted his desire to represent ABP students as an organized and driven leader, while Secretary Ameena El-Dous talked about her experience in student government at the secondary school level.

ABP Student Association candidates are required to be in good academic standing with grades of no less than 70% in each subject. Those running for President must have even higher academic credentials, with no grades below 80% in any subject.

The ABP's model academic curriculum; its student-focused support systems and activities, which include sports clubs, cultural clubs and social services and volunteering opportunities; in addition to the Student Association experience, help high school students to transition smoothly to university, and support QF on its mission to provide a complete education cycle with the aim of unlocking human potential and fostering a knowledge-based society.

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