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Thursday, May 14, 2020

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT 2020: HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

GROUP 2



LEEN KILANI

Accepted to the **Waterloo University, Ontario, Canada;**
McMaster University, Ontario, Canada; **University of**
Ottawa, Kensas, United States; **York University,**
Toronto, Canada and **Ryerson University, Toronto,**
Canada



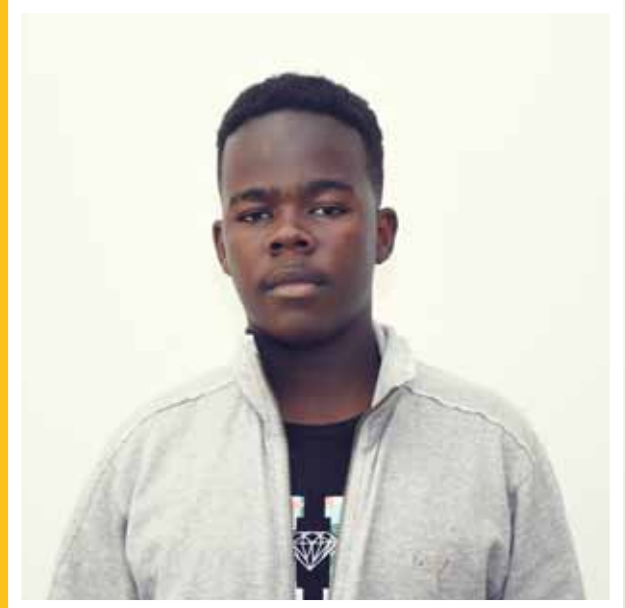
DIVYA GHETIA

Accepted to the **University of Carleton, Ottawa, Canada;**
Trent University, Canada; **Towson University, United**
Stats and **George Mason University, United States.**



DINA EBRAHIM

Accepted to the **King's College London, United Kingdom;**
University of Manchester, Manchester, England;
University of Bristol, Bristol, England and **Cardiff**
University, Wales, United Kingdom.



CECIL INCE

Accepted to the **University of Kingston, United Kingdom;**
Sussex University Sussex, United England; **Leads**
University, United Kingdom and **University of Surrey,**
United Kingdom

Superintendent's Message

Dear KAS Community,

I hope you and your families are well.

I wanted to take this occasion to publicly thank and say goodbye to departing faculty members. Some have been with us at KAS for longer than others, but I know we want to say adieu to all of them equally.

Nafisa Bushra has worked at KAS since 2017 in Student Support Services. She leaves us to start a new life with her husband in Europe. Thank you for supporting all MS and HS students.

Jon Marck has taught High School students math and psychology since 2017. He leaves Sudan for another international school in Africa. We also should be grateful to Jon for his editing skills of this newsletter.

Khafilah Malik has taught Middle School Language Arts since August 2019. Her family is returning to USA.

Michael Jorgensen departs KAS after two years teaching science to Middle School and High School students. Thank you Michael and we wish you well for your future career.

Deborah Tyler departs KAS after a short and important time with Grade 3. Deborah is currently in the UK before returning to New Zealand. Thank you Deborah.

Next week I will share information about our incoming teachers for 2020-21.

Best wishes,

Bridget Davies
KAS Superintendent
bdavies@krtams.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARABIC LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

In the Arabic department we have native and non native speakers from over all the world. We teach Arabic Alphabets, communication skills and writing rules.

This year in Arabic Level I, we studied the alphabet and, vowel signs and Arabic sound system. At the beginning of second semester I asked the students to write something about Arabic classes, reflecting their experience during school year. I know kids are honest when they speak or explain their emotions and feelings.

Grades 2&3

"Arabic is a very educational class; we learned a lot of things this year:

We learned the Arabic alphabets from **أ** to **ي**

We learned Arabic sound system: short and long sound.

Arabic writing rule: shadah and maddah, tanween, with this sings it's become easier to read words.

And we learned how to join the sets to create words"

"We learned how to introducing ourselves: our names and ages and our countries and our favorite colors and asking questions related to the above."

"We learned how to read words according to our level."

"What we like about Arabic class is the teacher; Mr. Ibrahim is so cool and funny. He treats us a special way. We have learned to read and write paragraphs in Arabic. We understand more about Arabic clearly .We like this Arabic class and teacher."

"Now we are reading and writing paragraph easily. We love it when he asked us to just copy the paragraph and that is take a lots of time .We would do reading together Mr. Ibrahim always correct us every time we make mistakes."

Edited by Grade 2/3

Abdelrazig Ibrahim
Arabic Teacher

A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Well we have finally made it and we are finishing the school year strong. It is this time of the year that we are throwing traditional parties and celebrations to honor achievement and academic growth. Unfortunately, we are not together to participate in some of those traditional celebrations. However, I know that we are resilient people here at Khartoum American School and new traditions can be made.

At the elementary school we are trying some new ways of honoring students as well as adapting traditional customs and celebrations to meet our current situation and needs of our distance learning program. One tradition we tried this year was a spirit week. Each day of the week the students were given opportunities to express themselves in a fun and creative way helping students relax and have some fun as we finish up the school year.

Sunday was "Dress your Best" where many of the students took the time to put on their best clothes and look good. I saw many beautiful dresses and accessories and boys with bowties and ties on. I really liked the student dressed up nice up top and then had shorts on. Monday, we had "Crazy Hat or Hair Day" where even some of the 5th graders had some fun participating. That was followed up by "Pajama Day" where maybe this could have also had been your crazy hair day. Wednesday was "Dress Like an Elder", I love to see the students with grey hair and seeing how they perceive older people. The final day was "COVID-19 First Responders", where students and staff gave tribute to the first responders in the pandemic.

I have enjoyed being a member of the Khartoum American School community and want to wish everyone a great summer and to be safe. To those moving on good luck and you will be missed, and to those returning, I hope to hear about your new traditions and celebrations that were created when I see you next school year.

Jeremy Albright
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Do you GoNoodle?!

They say time flies when you are having a lot of fun... We must have had a lot of fun! Can you believe it's already the end of the school year?!

I already miss each and every student and all the happy joyful times we had in school! I also can't be more proud of what they achieved throughout this year and all the progress they've all made.

I would like to recommend one of our all time favorite apps for you this summer. The app GoNoodle can easily be downloaded from this website www.gonoodle.com Many of our kids already know and love this app!

It's a free website that allows your child to access adorable dance along songs, yoga videos, mindfulness activities and so much more. It will turn screen time into fun activities that gets kids moving plus it also teaches them calming techniques.

Till we meet again. Make sure to have a fabulous summer.



Samhar Balla
Grade 1 Teaching Assistant

Saying of the Week

Not A Sausage is a way of describing either something as free of charge or one's own self as being penniless. It is derived from another example of the colourful cockney rhyming slang of London, where sausage and mash was a staple diet between the 17th and 18th centuries. To be without 'sausage and mash' is to be without cash.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department



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SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

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For the first time, KAS is offering a scholarship program to promote excellence to highly achieving students who have completed their IGCSE (University of Cambridge, International General Certificate of Secondary Education) mock exams or equivalent schooling (MYP, US curriculum etc.) The KAS scholarship program aims to provide a high standard of American curriculum pre-university education to academically gifted students, who are interested in pursuing their higher education at an international university.

The scholarships will be awarded for a two-year period (Grades 11 & 12).

If you are interested in applying, please submit your application by one of the following two methods:

1- Complete the Scholarship Application Form, found at:

<https://www.krtams.org/welcome/links/2020-21/Scholarship%20Form.pdf>

Email the application form, plus a copy of the information page of your passport to admissions@krtams.org by May 20th 2020, by 3pm Sudan time.

To edit the application form visit the following website:

<https://www.pdfpro.co>

OR

2- Complete the Scholarship Application Form, found at:

<https://www.krtams.org/welcome/links/2020-21/Scholarship%20Form.pdf>

Submit the application form, plus a copy of the information page of your passport at the guard's station at Khartoum American School by May 20th 2020, by 3pm Sudan time.

The scholarship program is open to any student that meets the application criteria.



LEEN KILANI

Leen Kilani enrolled at Khartoum American School in September of 2019, relocating from Turkey. Leen's first day of school was filled with enthusiasm and an inquiring mind. Her warm personality allowed her to adapt to her new environment instantly. She is admired by her peers and all those who have had the pleasure of teaching her.

Leen has greatly enriched her school life at KAS by participating in many service-learning projects with Ms. Minette and her classmates. "We have done a variety of projects, like raising awareness about plastic and how it affects our earth. We organized and presented a classroom presentation to the high school and elementary classes, encouraging them to use less plastic and the benefits it will have on the earth." She made bright the accomplishments of women in societies, by providing several presentations to the elementary division about women equality. She participated in the Khartoum Community, Week Without Walls service project, where she helped collect donations for the local orphanage. She later, along with her peers, spent the day with at the orphanage, engaging and playing with the children, making their day more fun. Leen and her peers later presented a video presentation to the elementary division showcasing their outing of the orphanage. Lastly, Leen volunteered to be the Master of Ceremony (MC) at the Migoma orphanage open mic night.

"Leen has been motivated in her desire to learn and have worked to keep the classroom focused on productivity and achievement. She has also striven to create a friendly, collegial atmosphere, reaching out to students who are struggling and helping when and where she can. Leen is an excellent student and have much to offer." – Mr. Jon Marck

Leen has multiply interest of studies. Some of those interests are Global Business, Digital Arts, Sociology, and Environment and Sustainability. Leen has been

accepted to **Waterloo University, McMaster University, University of Ottawa, York University, and Ryerson University**. She has been awarded the **Merit Scholarship** from **Waterloo University** valued at \$1,000.00 and the International Student Support Award from McMaster University valued of \$2,500.00.

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"My favorite class at KAS is African Culture. As it was my first year living in Africa, taking the class opened up my eyes on a variety of cultures present in Africa. It was definitely interesting to learn about a culture that looks so different from mine. A bigger part of why it was my favorite class would be Mr. Dolecki's life lessons and experiences. He gave us so many deep insights on life and its great wonders, as well as unraveled some conspiracy theories with us. I will definitely miss the class and its community."

Favorite High School Memory

"Sudan days was my favorite memory of this year. All of us seniors celebrated the Sudanese culture, and united on food tables. I will definitely miss Sudan, the school, and its community. Week without walls was also one of my favorite memories of the year. I had an amazing team that I worked with, both students and teachers. We loved and enjoyed what we did to and in the orphanage."

Advice for Seniors

"Time management is key with everything in life. Manage your time well because university applications are more work than you will imagine them to be. if you don't manage you might overwhelm yourself. Apply early, and don't wait till the last minute. Stay truthful to yourself and with your work, as that is the best thing you owe to yourself and the community around you."



DIVYA GHETIA

Divya Ghetia has been a part of the KAS family since August of 2013. He has been an actively engaged in the school's extracurricular activities since the start of his enrollment. He has been a part of the swim team since 2013. He was awarded the Best High School swimmer award in 2016/17. He participated in the Swim-A-Thon for 3 years and he won first place in the 2018 Swim-A-Thon. He has been Captain of the KAS swim team for the past two years. Divya has been a part of the Khartoum American School soccer team since 2013. He received the Coach's Award, for the soccer season in 2017. He participated in Track and Field Events for 3 years and the Cross-Country competition. He participated in the Middle East Unity Cup competition in 2018, Year book club 2018/19, and Khartoum American School MUN for 3 years.

"I've had the pleasure of teaching Divya for the past two years. He has demonstrated integrity and enthusiasm throughout. He works hard and gives his best in all that he does. I have no doubt that this remarkable young man will grow and achieve all he sets out to do. It has been a joy getting to know him and I wish all the best for him in all he does." – Ms. Quazanne van der Bijl

Divya plans to pursue a degree in Information Technology. He has been accepted to **University of Carleton, Trent University, Towson**

University, and George Mason University. He has been awarded a scholarship from **Carleton University** valued at \$4,000.00 CAD.

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"My favorite class in KAS would be Intro to Computer Science. I explored a lot of different categories in Computer science whether it was gaming or coding. It was a really fun experience which made me more curious and that is another reason why I have chosen my major to be Informational Technology."

Favorite High School Memory

"It would be traveling to Dubai for the MEUC swimming competition. It is my favorite memory because this was the first time, I had ever been to a swimming competition. I met new friends from different schools and just competing with hundreds of people was a really fun experience."

Advice for future seniors

"Laziness! Try to avoid Laziness, Senioritis is a real thing. Also sleep whenever you have the chance to, and hang in there, it'll all be over soon."



DINA EBRAHIM

Dina Ebrahim came to KAS in the year of 2016, and ever since then, she has called KAS home. "I have met the best people in KAS, people who call family and for that, I will forever be grateful. KAS has allowed me to become the passionate and creative person I am today."

Dina was actively involved in many extracurricular activities such as basketball, yearbook club, and MUN. The one she truly enjoyed and committed to would be Student Council. "The council was incredibly excited to plan prom this year, which was supposed to take place in April."

Dina has been accepted to **King's College London, University of Manchester, University of Bristol, and Cardiff University**. Dina plans to pursue a degree in Political Science.

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"My favorite classes would definitely be those taught by Mr. McMullen. He is the best teacher I have ever met; his classes were always filled with laughter and I have learned so much about the world and history

because of him. He also taught me how to write research papers, which is a skill that I will always need!

Favorite High School Memory

"I really can't pick a favorite memory because there are so many. I have created the best memories with my classmates during Sudan Days and all those hours spent after school fooling around."

Advice for future seniors

"My advice for future seniors are; high school is really not that difficult at all as long as you manage your time and plan everything. Start studying for the SATs early. Lastly, the best advice I could give you is to have fun! Savor your last moments as a High school Student. The class of 2020, sadly, could not spend the last few months of high school together so make sure that you do!"



CECIL INCE

Cecil Ince has been a part of the swim team since eight-grade, participating in several swim-a-thons throughout his high school years. He is also an avid football player.

Cecil interested in business was fostered by his uncle at an early age. His uncle gave him the opportunity to job shadow at his worksite on the weekends sparking Cecil's curiosity in business.

Cecil has been accepted to **University of Kingston, Sussex University, Leeds University and Surrey**. He plans on pursuing a degree in International Business Management.

"In the beginning of this semester in music class, Cecil has demonstrated a slow progress in learning to play the piano. He struggled in using techniques to show skills and understanding in playing the piano. His note reading has greatly improved, and he could play all his assigned piano pieces but in a slow tempo. He continued to practice but since he is a beginner, he took time to master a piece. Cecil didn't give up on this challenge. He worked hard to improve. In Music Theory, although he is

a beginner, he caught up in reading notes with mastery. He is dedicated in doing good work in his drills especially the transposition unit. During the virtual learning, Cecil had internet issues so he couldn't submit his assignments. He worked to catch up on his work deadlines." – Mrs. Didith Lanario

"I would like to thank all the teachers and the counselor, Ms. Mallory for doing a great job concerning the universities applications and requirements

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"Team sports. Being in the field playing was the only time that I felt relaxed and I could forget about all the assignments and work I had."

Favorite High School Memory

"Meroe field trip. Spending time together as a class camping in the middle of the desert was a lot of fun."

Advice for future seniors

"Don't work hard; work smart."