



ICBCS NEWSLETTER

October 2022- December 2022

New Masjid Door Hours

(Click the title above to see the live updated spreadsheet link.)

| Days | | Brothers Entrance | Sisters Entrance |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Friday | | 11:00 AM- 10:00 PM | 11:00 AM- 10:30 PM |
| Saturday | | 12:00 PM- 9:30 PM | 12:00 PM- 10:30 PM |
| Sunday | | 12:30 PM- 9:30 PM | 8:30 PM- 10:30 PM |
| Monday | 5:30 AM- 7:30 AM | 12:00 PM- 9:30 PM | 12:00 PM- 10:30 PM |
| Tuesday | | 12:00 PM- 9:30 PM | 12:00 PM- 10:30 PM |
| Wednesday | | 12:00 PM- 9:30 PM | 10:30 AM- 10:30 PM |
| Thursday | | 12:00 PM- 9:30 PM | 12:00 PM- 10:30 PM |

From Your Social Chairs:

- Fall Picnic
- Community Potluck
- Huntsville State Park Hike
- End of Semester Ice Cream Social
- Children Ages 5-10 Fun Day
- Franklin Safari Drive Thru

View More Photos Here

linktr.ee/icbcspphotos



Important Updates

Membership Renewal Reminder for Members

The ICBCS General Assembly Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, and elections for ICBCS Board/ MSA President will follow. Voting will be done electronically. Please fill out a membership form to participate in the 2023 ICBCS Board/MSA president elections at this link: membership.icbc.org.

- If you were a previous member, you must renew your membership by March 2, 2023 to be eligible to participate.

Telegram for Young Professional and Graduate Students (Brothers Only)

Join the chat to plan activities, share news, and more. <https://t.me/+mXAszV1-R4w1OGQx>

Support Our Masjid with Lunch!

Help fund our beloved masjid by purchasing from our Jummah lunches. You can also support by donating generously through our website: icbc.org/donate

Volunteer as Security

Be on the lookout for security training opportunities for brother and sister volunteers with Br. Anas Oukil to help keep our space safe.

Did you know ICBCS has a Buy, Sell, Trade Group?

Please join in if you have products you want to sell or buy from your fellow ICBCS Muslims.

WhatsApp link: chat.whatsapp.com/JsNQTz0GgMLOgwoqBwyuQ



Programs This Quarter

There are a lot of programs happening at ICBCS, Alhamdulillah, for the different demographics i.e. sisters, children, converts, etc. We encourage all to take advantage of the events happening and be proactive in helping us expand with your participation insha Allah!

Education Board:

- The Luminaries, for sisters only - Biweekly on Thursdays
- The Balancing Act, for Graduates and Young Professionals - Biweekly on Thursdays
- Monthly CONVERTsations Series
- Wednesday Wisdoms for Students
- Mental Health Counseling - One on One Office Hours with Imam Mahad Qamar
- Friday Night Halaqas
- Thursday Night Lights hosted by MSA and YM Brothers & Sisters
- Post- Isha Khatirahs
- Sisters Fall Retreat with Ustadha Sarah Sultan

ICBCS Outreach and Converts Activities

- ICBCS held a Dawah Workshop educating attendees the art of Da'wah from one of the greatest experts in the country, Sheikh Kamal El Mekki!
- CONVERTsations is a monthly program for converts with Imam Mahad covering foundational tenets of belief and practice.
- Masha Allah we have had around **TEN** shahadas!

Al-Huda School

Welcome Sr. Leila Belabbassi as the Al-Huda Principal this fall! This quarter they accomplished quite a few new things:

- Exceptional turnout with over 130 students, teachers, and high school helpers involved in the program.
- Added an Arabic course for the first time into the curriculum for all levels.
- Created a system to involve high schoolers in our program as helpers and teacher assistants, giving them credit for their hard work in the form of volunteer hours claimable by organizations such as the National Honors Society.
- High Schoolers can submit their interest here: bit.ly/alhuda-ta
- Extended school hours to incorporate recess time for students to socialize and create friendships among themselves.

Youth Corner

(Age group 12-16yrs old)

- 10/01: Youth Hiking - Lick Creek (boys: 10-16 & girls: 12-16)
- 10/21: Youth Sports Event with halaqa and discussions:
- Volleyball for girls (age 12-16)
- soccer for boys (age 10-16)
- 11/12: Journey to Holyland Palestine, an Art Exhibition and Auction (age 12+)
- 1/18: Youth Hangout - Boys only (age 10-16 yrs)
- 11/23: Fall Soccer Tournament (age 10-16 yrs)
- 11/23: Girls Youth Night (age: 10-17 only)
- 12/11: Youth bowling social (age: 12+ only)



Partnering with TAMU Health Promotion

October is Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Month (DVPAM). ICBCS partnered with a campus organization, TAMU Health Promotion, to discuss the structure and roles of each family member and provide conflict management through an Islamic perspective. Here are a list of resources for TAMU students and non-students to utilize if they or someone else they know is affected. bit.ly/dvpam-resources



View the full recording of the program on our Youtube page! Search 'ICBCS TAMU Health Promotion'

Office Hours with Our Imam



Imam Mahad Qamar
Co-founder of Suhbah Institute,
Masters in Pastoral Counseling in
Marriage and Family Therapy

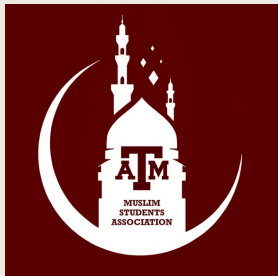


COUNSELING SESSIONS WITH IMAM MAHAD QAMAR

HAVE QUESTIONS IN ISLAM? STRUGGLING IN YOUR FAITH? NEED ADVICE ON A CERTAIN SITUATION? SIGN UP FOR AN IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL SESSION.

COUNSELING.ICBCS.ORG

MSA Corner



If you are student at Texas A&M, our MSA has been working hard to put on events for our Muslim Student population! Help support them by attending and being involved.

- 3 x Thursday Night Lights
- Dawah workshop in September
- Color-Coded Potlock
- Brothers hide and seek on campus
- 2 x General body meetings
- Brothers and Sisters Lock-ins
- Brothers and Sisters Weekly Quran Class
- Imam Mahad Wednesday Wisdom Events
- Project Downtown
- Masjid Clean Up Event



YM (Young Muslim) Brothers



Some of the events the YM Brothers hosted this quarter were Fajr & Donuts, sport get-togethers such as soccer, volleyball, and dodgeball, as well as a lock-in at the masjid. The biggest event was a YM BBQ with almost 200 attendees! For more information, join the WhatsApp to be updated for more brothers only events. Link: tx.ag/YMCSTAT

YM (Young Muslim) Sisters

Within this quarter, the YM Sisters hosted so many fun events for the end of the Fall semester. There was candle making, pumpkin painting, laser tag, and locks-ins with MSA at the masjid. They also hosted a Fajr & Donuts event with Sr. Sarah Radwan!

For more information, join the WhatsApp to be updated for more sister only events.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DJGtGGdn7vi6BkEsARytOy>



Community News

Congratulations Dr. Anwer!

By the mercy of Allah, Dr. Anwer (ICBCS Board President) won the Mays Business School's 2022 Outstanding Research Achievement Award. The award is given for scholarly publications in leading journals, research impact, and significant contribution to the research culture.



Aggie Graduations:

1) Sr. Maryam Ather graduated this December 2022 from Texas A&M with a degree of Petroleum Engineering. She has served the community at multiple platforms satisfying her volunteer spirit. She has been a staff member of ICBCS for the past a couple of years and later on served as a staff lead.

2) Br. Alkassoum Ibrahim Toure graduated from Texas A&M with a Petroleum Engineering Masters of Science degree. Br. Alkassoum has served on ICBCS board as a Brothers Social Chair and helped organize multiple events over the past couple of years. He also played a vital role in managing Ramadan and Iftar related activities.

ICBCS community is grateful for its members and their selfless volunteer activities. May Allah SWT give them success.



Dua Requests

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un

- 1) The baby daughter of Sr. Nadia Akram and Br. Yasir Ali.
- 2) The father of Sr. Amina Tarek.
- 3) The mother of Sr. Shazia Sultan.
- 4) The mother of Sr. Roha Iqbal and mother in-law of Br. Muhammad Haris.

May Allah SWT forgive their souls and grant them highest levels of Jannah neighboring our Prophet Muhammad SAW. May Allah SWT give their family strength and sabr to deal with their loss. Ameen.

Welcome Little Ones!

- 1) Br. Shakil Arman and Sr. Zinia Munia welcomed their daughter, Arwa Zahra, in October 2022.

May Allah SWT make her and all the newborns the coolness of their parents' eyes, a source of success for their parents and a righteous guide and leader for their community and this Ummah.

New Members in the Community

We welcome many newcomers including individuals, families, students, and faculty who recently joined our lovely ICBCS community. Though there are multiple members joining us recently but these are a few names that your newsletter team was able to gather:

- 1) Br. Khailil recently joined our community from Chicago, IL. He is a writer who recently joined the BCS area. Please welcome him warmly if you see him around.
- 2) Dr. Riham joined us from Wyoming with her family
- 3) Sr. Sarah Chenkhouloufi moved here with her husband Mohamed Chenkhouloufi and 3 of her kids: Liana Chenkhouloufi, Eline Chenkhouloufi, Adam Chenkhouloufi.

Volunteer of the Quarter

Sr. Iqbal Awooda



Sr. Iqbal moved here in August of 1994 from Sudan and has been a vital member of our community since then. She has worn multiple hats over the years such as a member of the ICBCS Election Committee, Land Purchase Committee, Ramadan Committee, Imam Search Committee, Cemetery Land Committee, Masjid Maintenance Committee, and more. Sr. Iqbal has helped spearhead Project Downtown on our community's behalf with the help of the MSA. Many would call her the Ultimate Volunteer! It is impossible to capture the essence of her services in a few words. We are deeply grateful and are so lucky to have her here with us. May Allah SWT bless her and her family with lots of health, tranquility, and success.

HELP SUSTAIN OUR MASJID!

"The most beloved deeds to Allah are those that are most consistent, even if they are small." - Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

DIFFERENT WAYS TO DONATE:

Become a Monthly Donor! Visit [icbcs.org/donate](https://www.icbcs.org/donate)



Donate One-Time. Visit [icbcs.org/donate](https://www.icbcs.org/donate)
(click 'Make a One-Time Donation')



Support Jummah Lunches after prayer.



Want to Volunteer?

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the various activities at ICBCS and they can use the volunteer link to sign up to help: <https://www.icbcs.org/volunteering/>

ICBCS 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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If you have news that you'd like to share for the next quarterly newsletter, email Dr. Huda Naeem, hudanaeem@gmail.com or you can submit it here along with any dua requests within our community [dualist.icbcs.org](https://www.dualist.icbcs.org)