



ICBCS NEWSLETTER

January 2023- March 2023

A Message From Your Board

Welcome Ramadan

Assalamualaikum Dear Community,

One of the major events that took place from January to March 2023 was the beginning of Ramadan. Alhumdulillah, Allah SWT blessed all our readers to witness yet another Ramadan. We would like to give a shoutout to our ICBCS parents, especially our ICBCS mothers, who with the help of their kids participated in educating the students of Bryan ISD and College Station ISD about Ramadan by making lanterns and using other celebratory modalities. What a beautiful way to give dawa'ah and spread awareness!

Anyone who has lived outside the ICBCS community can testify that our ICBCS Ramadans hit differently. Masha'Allah, the way the entire community comes together to sign up for daily iftars is pretty special and unique to this community. We cannot thank our dedicated volunteers enough who were present day and night serving the community throughout the month of Ramadan including Tahajjud, pre-iftar, during iftar, post-iftar, Taraweeh prayers, and even after taraweeh. Our masjid can not run without amazing volunteers like you. May Allah SWT grant you more than 10 folds reward in this duniya and in akhirah.

We would also like to give a special shout out to the 10 brothers/Huffaz who led the Taraweeh this Ramadan. May Allah SWT put Barakah in their qira'ah, in their hafza, in their duniya affairs, and in their akhirah. Last but not least, our lovely social team along with the Ramadan Committee who went above and beyond to ensure the rest of the community had a smooth and spiritually enriched Ramadan Experience. From holding pre-Ramadan orientations to numerous post-taraweeh work-flow meetings, troubleshooting meetings when food was delayed or not enough, or when the masjid was overflowing with attendees, it takes a village and it shows. The entire community really came through and we are simply short on words to express our gratitude of how special this was. JazakAllahu Khairan.



Important Updates

Annual Ramadan Fundraising

Every year, on the first Friday of Ramadan, ICBCS holds their Ramadan fundraising night. When the world was hit with COVID-19, Alhamdulillah, the masjid was able to stay funded despite the sudden vacancy largely due to our monthly donors. Our goal this year, similar to previous years, is 50 new monthly donors. By the Will of Allah, we have surpassed our goal this Ramadan with 82 new monthly donors!



These new monthly donors consist of but are not limited to, students, alumni, and working professionals. JazakAllah Khairan to everyone who was able to support our masjid this Ramadan. With the monthly donations, no matter how small, the reward of sustaining the house of Allah stretches throughout the whole year. May Allah accept everyone's donation and especially all the duas you all have made for this masjid and community.

New Masjid Door Hours

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

Days		Brothers Entrance	Sisters Entrance
Friday		11:00 AM - 10:30 PM	11:00 AM- 10:30 PM
Saturday		1:00 PM- 10:30 PM	1:00 PM- 10:30 PM
Sunday		1:00 PM- 10:30 PM	1:00 PM- 10:30 PM
Monday	5:00 AM- 7:30 AM	1:00 PM- 10:30 PM	1:00 PM- 10:30 PM
Tuesday		1:00 PM- 10:30 PM	1:00 PM- 10:30 PM
Wednesday		1:00 PM- 10:30 PM	10:30 AM - 10:30 PM
Thursday		1:00 PM- 10:30 PM	1:00 PM- 10:30 PM

Social Events

- Spring Welcome Social
- Somerville Park Hike
- Spring Picnic
- Ramadan

View More Photos Here
linktr.ee/icbcspictures



Blinn Campus Prayer Room

JazakAllah Khairan to a group of students who reached out to Blinn Student Leadership and acquired a prayer room for the school year. Over the summer, they have provided room F-120 for prayer. If you have any questions, you can email ayeshasidd789@gmail.com.

Blinn Muslim Group Chats

GroupMe: https://groupme.com/join_group/92921767/lwFvJJAB

Whatsapp <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BEbCLKGeU7aHWrt8QF3BBi>

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/JsNQLzoGgMLOgwoqBwyuQ



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 Programs

- 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 with Imam Mahad
- Office Hours with Imam Mahad Qamar
- Office Hours with Br. Faizan Majid
- Thursday Night Lights hosted by MSA and YM Brothers & Sisters
- Friday Night Halaqas
- Post- Isha Khatirahs

ICBCS and MSA Outreach and Convert Activities

- MSA Bi-weekly Dawah Tables
- MSA Islam Awareness Week
- Islam Education Fair
- CONVERTsations
- Masha Allah we had TWO shahadas this quarter!

Introducing Programs with Br. Faizan

We have had the privilege of working with Br. Faizan Majid on providing programs and workshops for the youth and parents in this community. Br. Faizan Majid is a Case Manager/Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (Supervised by Steven Dorsey – LPC-S) at Olive Branch Muslim Family Services and holds a Masters in Counseling Education from the University of Houston. He also graduated from the Suhbah Arabic Seminary and is currently on the path to becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor. His focus is on assisting his clients with anxiety, depression, and family conflict and his ongoing theoretical training includes Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and Positive Psychology. He enjoys working with youth initiatives and is now focusing more on mental health initiatives in the Muslim community.

During his monthly visits, Br. Faizan holds khatirahs and halaqas with our middle and high school youth, as well as "Talking to Teens" workshops for the parents. We hope to continue these programs with Br. Faizan in the following months in sha Allah.

Youth Corner

- Bowling at GrandStation
- Hiking at Lick Creek Park
- Youth Hangouts
- Welcome Ramadan events
- A series of programs with Br. Faizan
- Youth Ramadan Lock-Ins



MSA Corner

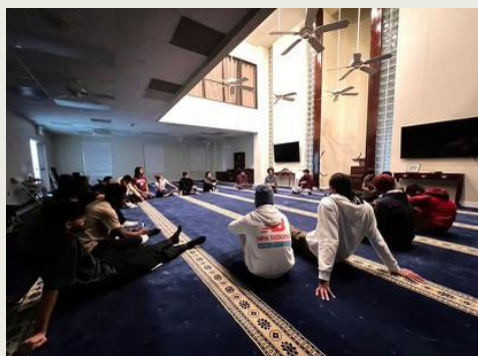


If you are student at Texas A&M, our MSA has been working hard to put on events for our Muslim Student population! Help support them by attending and being involved.

- 2 x Project Downtowns
- Regular MSA Quran Classes
- Wednesday Wisdoms with Imam Mahad
- TNL with Mufti Waseem Khan
- TNL with Ustadah Sophia Khan
- Raised \$17000 for Palestinian Children Relief Fund
- A Charity Banquet and a Charity Bonfire Night
- MSA/LSC Showdown - 2nd Place (Masha'Allah)

YM (Young Muslim) Brothers

Some of the events the YM Brothers hosted this quarter were YM basketball, speed ball, Ramadan hangouts, and lock-ins with the MSA brothers. For more information, join the WhatsApp to be updated for more brothers only events. [Link: tx.ag/YMCSTAT](https://www.tx.ag/YMCSTAT)



YM (Young Muslim) Sisters

YM Sisters hosted a tea party with flower arrangements and had a beautiful halaqah on the story of Khadijah and the Prophet SAW. They've done sushi night, lip balm labs, boba and reflections, and continued their Fajr and Donut programs. If you're interested in joining these events, join the WhatsApp group stay updated and follow their instagram page (@ymcstat.sisters) <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DJGtGGdn7vi6BkEsARytOy>



Community News

Dua Requests

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un, Sr. Mariam Othman's grandmother passed away in Jordan (18th March, 2023)

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

Welcome Little Ones!

- 1) Br. Joyanal Abedin and Sr. Humaira Akter welcomed their daughter, Zainab, in January 2023
- 2) Br. Saifur Rahman and Sr. Mitnur Rahman welcome their son, Saifan, in January 2023
- 3) Br. Md. Kamruzzaman Farazi and Sr. Kahkasha Wahab welcomed their son, Kqnz, in February 2023

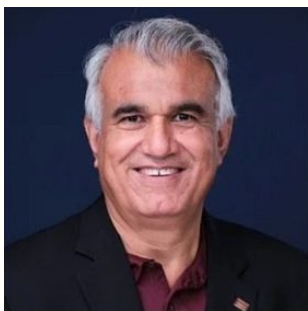
May Allah SWT make them the coolness of their parents' eyes, a source of success for their parents and a righteous guide and leader for their community and this Ummah.

New Members in the Community

There have been many students and families who joined our lovely community this quarter. Your ICBCS Newsletter team was only able to get a couple of names including Sister Kevser who recently joined us from Turkey.

May Allah SWT make your presence in this community for you and everyone around you beneficial. Ameen.

Community Highlights



Dr. Mian Riaz has been awarded the International Food Security Award from IFT - Institute of Food Technologists. This award honors an individual whose research has made substantial advancements in how foods can be manufactured and made available to meet the nutritional needs and food preferences of people living in emerging economies in a manner that is cost-effective for both consumers and manufacturers.



Sr. Maryam Ahmed, Counselor at College Station High School, was rewarded an Employee of the Year award for this school year. May Allah SWT continue to bless the work that she does with the youth of this generation and have her impact in their lives tenfold!

ICBCS Volunteer of the Quarter

Br. Abdullah Azzam

Abdullah Azzam has been part of the community for about 3 years. He is an international student from Jordan working on his PhD here at TAMU in Civil Engineering, Class of 2023.

Abdullah has been remarkable especially in helping with ICBCS picnic events by being relentless in his willingness to help with preparing the ingredients and serving the food. He is known for his reliability when it comes to food handling during ICBCS picnics. His absence was palpable when he couldn't make it to an ICBCS event. Abdullah fed more than 300 people by making sure the food was getting cooked properly and by donating his time and energy with no expectation of recognition except from Allah SWT. It has been a privilege to have him as part of our community. No doubt his contribution for this community is etched in his book of deeds, insha'Allah.

We wish him good luck for what Allah SWT has instored for him and his family. We pray to Allah SWT to forgive him for his shortcomings, bless him, and accept from him. Ameen.



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



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(click 'Make a One-Time Donation')



Support any Jumah Lunches after prayer.



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