



ICBCS NEWSLETTER

April 2023- July 2023

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		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	5:30 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

From Your Social Chairs:

- Eid-ul-Fitr Picnic
- Spring Ice Cream Social
- Masjid Deep Cleaning Project
- Bastrop State Park Trip
- Fishing Event
- Sister's Henna Night
- Eid-ul-Adha Picnic

View More Photos Here

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Important Updates

2023- 2024 Al-Huda Sunday School Registration

This year Al-Huda is implementing many new policies and reworking old ones to provide the best possible education experience for the Islamic youth in the Bryan/ College Station Area. Sign your children up using the following link by **Friday, Aug. 18** to ensure they are enrolled in time.



We look forward to having an amazing year with you all in sha Allah! Register here: <http://bit.ly/alhuda23-24>. Note: The form also includes a link for High Schoolers to volunteer as Teaching Assistants or Helpers.

Telegram for Young Professional and Graduate Students (Brothers Only)

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

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! This quarter we held our annual Qur'an Competition at the end of Ramadan and Sister's Lock-In.

Recurring 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
- 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

ICBCS Outreach and Converts Activities

- MSA Outreach
 - In collaboration with TAMU ISA, the MSA held a Fastathon on campus April 6 for the Aggieland community to learn more about the Muslim month of fasting, Ramadan.
 - Islam Awareness Week
- Several masjid tours were given to non-Muslims
- A talk was held at St. Joseph Catholic School and attendees asked questions about Islam.
- News coverage was taken at our Eid-ul-Adha prayer this year:
 - <https://youtu.be/Kf3WI43UrXI>
 - <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gaepX-5uPqY>

Al-Huda School

Summer school introduced a new curriculum with interactive activities for kids at all levels. Kids are now able to play and learn by participating in different activities such as:

- Arts & Crafts — painting, coloring, sewing, and resin creativities.
- Audio-Visual — open QA floor for kids to discuss video series.
- Physical activities — organized competitive play groups.
- Chess — play on a chessboard and kick in strategy skills.
- Stage Play — create characters and act emotions on stage.

We had 50 kids join us this summer and we were happy to see smiles on their faces.

Youth Corner

- Youth and Parent Programs with Br. Faizan
 - Middle and High School Halaqas
 - Teen Talk with Parents
- Ice Skating Social
- Youth Lock-ins
- High School Girls Eid Get Together

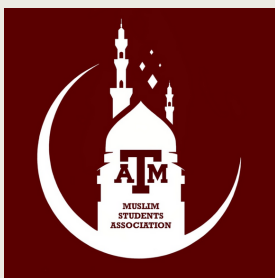


A Whatsapp group has been created for high school youth girls to coordinate events and socials.

Join through this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LP M0dzNcXuZlvYYintvblH>

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.

- 2x Project Downtown
- Regular MSA Quran classes
- Wednesday Wisdom with Imam Mahad
- Sisters' Lock-In at the masjid
- Thursday Night Lights with Sheikh Kamal El-Mekki
- \$4k raised in building wells in Muslim countries

YM (Young Muslim) Brothers

April 4: YM Ramadan hangout

April 6: YM X MSA volleyball

April 13: YM Ramadan masjid lock-in

April 27: YM X MSA Thursday night lights

April 28: YM fajr and donuts

May 5: YM farewell game night

Get involved on future events! 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 an iftar potluck, and Eid gift bag event, a de-stress social at the end of the semester and lock-in! 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

- 1) An anonymous community member requests to keep them in mind and make dua that that their dua is accepted.
- 2) Sr. Keran Gaziani has been in and out of the hospital recently. She has played a vital role in our community, especially with the youth programs, and everything she is involved in. We ask you to keep her and her family in you duas during these tiring times.
- 3) Sr. Brittany Perez is currently going through chemotherapy. Please make dua for her. May Allah give her shifa and a speedy recovery.

May Allah SWT accept all of our duas, and Allah gives us what is best for us in this world and in the Hereafter. May He also give us all full health and tranquility and ease an difficulties in our lives.

New Members in the Community

Please welcome Sr. Brittany Perez, her husband Br. Joseph Perez, and their children, Ava and Micah. Here are a few words from Sr. Brittany herself:

What brought us to ICBCS was that I used to teach Mrs. Marwah M.'s younger daughter at a learning center where I worked as a teacher. My husband and myself were already looking into Islam and some of its teachings but I would see how amazing Mrs. Marwah was as a mother and Muslim that it would brighten my heart to see her and hear about the religion so I told her about my interests and she encouraged me to go to ICBCS. Once I got home, I told my husband about the location and he said that was the exact place he was going to go to after speaking with some brothers to say his Shahada. It's like it was fate!

On May 25th, I found out I had Invasive Ductal Carcinoma Grade 3 Stage 3. You know, after receiving that diagnosis, I made a decision. The very next day on May 26th, despite everything, I said my Shahada. It wasn't just because I had done my research and felt deep in my heart that Islam was the right path for me, but also because I knew I couldn't face this battle alone. I needed Allah SWT's presence in my life guiding me through every step of this fight. Both my husband Joseph and I said our Shahada that same day. It's honestly an indescribable feeling to finally find our place in Islam; where we truly belong. I can't even put into words how happy we are right now.



Community Highlights

Congratulations Dr. Sultana!

Howdy Everyone,

I'm Dr. Riffat Sultana from University of Sindh Pakistan. Recently, I had the privilege of joining A&M University as a post-doctoral fellow and join Dr. Hojun Song's lab through the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. I am deeply thankful to the HEC for their continued dedication to fostering academic excellence and international collaborations. I am excited to work alongside Dr. Song's team at A&M University and learn from their expertise, and collectively push the boundaries of knowledge in Orthoptera. The state-of-the-art expertise in Orthoptera, Systematics, Phylogenetics, Evolutionary biology, and Phenotypic plasticity available here are unparalleled which enables me to conduct groundbreaking research and contribute meaningfully to the field. I am grateful for the warm welcome and support I have received from my colleagues at A&M University. I am determined to make the most of this experience. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Hojun Song, my parent University of Sindh Jamshoro, and HEC Islamabad for providing me with this incredible opportunity.



Sincerely,
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Congratulations Dr. Ayari!



Dr. Lena Ayari, matched into internal medicine at Mayo Clinic School of GME for her residency. May Allah SWT help her through all of her future endeavors and put barakah in her hafiza, education, life, and health. May she continue to make her family and her community proud of her. Ameen!

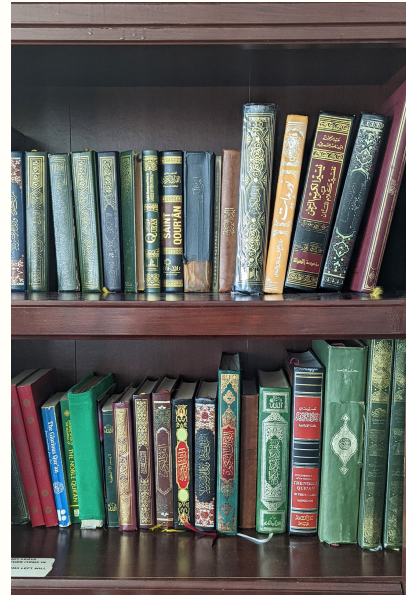


ICBCS Volunteers of the Quarter

This quarter's volunteer recognition goes to a group of sisters who came together recently to help clean the masjid. As you all might have noticed, post-Ramadan and Eids, our beloved masjid needed some deep cleaning. A group of volunteers stepped up to the task and helped clean every nook and corner of our ICBCS masjid. This group consisted of dedicated sisters, teenage girls, and young kids. Here are the names of our young volunteers: Amir Farrag (2nd grade), Saad Elsayed (4th grade), Amer Elsayed (5th grade), Omar Elsayed (6th grade), Maryam, Fatima, Asia Elsayed, Layla, Malak, Noor Farraj, Judi Albana, Forat Kurish, Enas, and others who are kept anonymous.

They worked relentlessly for some weeks to make sure our masjid is clean and good as new. We request the community to please make a sincere dua for this group of volunteers and their families for the time and energy they invested in keeping our masjid clean and tidy.

We highly encourage everyone in our community to join in keeping our masjid clean and neat. Please pick up the trash after yourself or your family members. If you use the furniture at the masjid, equipment, or any gym/kitchen related objects, please be sure to put them back in place where they belong like you would have at your own house. If anyone is interested in participating in quarterly masjid cleaning, please reach out to Sr. Daniya at dalyounes@yahoo.com.



HELP SUSTAIN OUR MASJID!

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

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Become a Monthly Donor! Visit icbcs.org/donate



Donate One-Time. Visit 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/>

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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. Dua requests can be submitted at dualist.icbcs.org