



ICBCS NEWSLETTER

July 2023- September 2023

Important Updates

Next Board Elections: March 1, 2024

Sign up or renew your membership in time for the next election on March 1, 2024! New members have until **November 30, 2023** to sign-up and be eligible to vote. Previous members must renew by February 23, 2024. Sign-up or Renew here: membership.icbcs.org.

Contact membership@icbcs.org for any questions on your membership status or for help in signing up.

Past Social Events:

- Eid al-Adha Picnic
- Fall Welcome Social
- Bigshots Golf Community Event

View Photos Here
linktr.ee/icbcsphotos



Donation Drive for Pakistan and Syria

JazakAllahu Khairan to everyone who donated to the Pakistan/ Syria donation drive in the month of September. The donations were safely dropped off in Houston. May Allah SWT reward all of you for your support.

Halal Options at the Commons Dining Hall

In the south of campus, the Commons Dining Hall is now offering Halal certified chicken on their menus. They plan on having halal chicken every day, but with a different menu. Look for the Halal logo on the menus when paying a visit. However, processed meat, such as chicken nuggets, are not halal.

BLINN Muslims Information

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

Prayer Room: Building B, Room 110C

Masjid Door Hours

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

Days		Brothers Entrance	Sisters Entrance	Student Center Hours
Friday	5:15 AM- 7:15 AM	11:00 AM - 9:15 PM	11:00 AM - 10:30 PM	11:00 AM- 3:30 PM
Saturday		12:00 PM- 9:00 PM	12:00 PM- 10:30 PM	5:30 PM- 10:30 PM
Sunday		12:30 PM - 9:00 PM	9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	5:30 PM- 10:30 PM
Monday		12:00 PM- 9:00 PM	12:00 PM- 10:30 PM	5:30 PM- 10:30 PM
Tuesday		12:00 PM- 9:00 PM	12:00 PM- 10:30 PM	5:30 PM- 10:30 PM
Wednesday		12:00 PM- 9:00 PM	10:30 AM - 10:30 PM	5:30 PM- 10:30 PM
Thursday		12:00 PM- 9:00 PM	12:00 PM- 10:30 PM	5:30 PM- 10:30 PM

Programs This Quarter

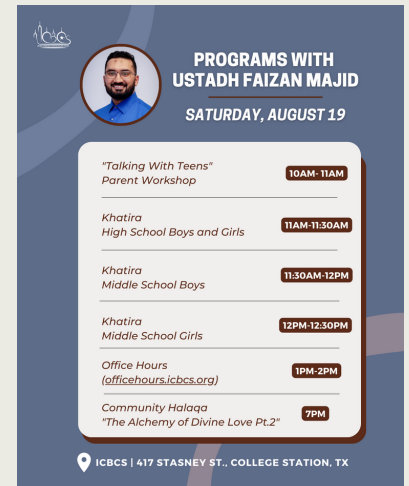
Education Programs

We encourage all to take advantage of the events happening and be proactive in helping us expand with your participation in sha Allah!

Recurring Programs:

- The Luminaries for Sisters
- The Balancing Act for Graduate and Working Professionals
- Monthly CONVERTsations Series
- Wednesday Wisdoms for Students with Imam Mahad
- One on One Office Hours with Imam Mahad Qamar
- Friday Night Halaqas
- Thursday Night Lights

We've had the privilege of having Ustadh Faizan Majid visit to host multiple youth and parent programs. On Saturdays, he would hold The Parent "Teen Talk" Workshop for parents of teens who can learn and support each other. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity and invite other parents you know to join. (see flyer to the right)



Outreach and Converts Activities

- Weekly CONVERTsations halaqa with Imam Mahad along with a special social in the month of September!
- Da'wah Workshop with Sh. Kamal ElMakki
- MSA Da'wah Table on campus

Al-Huda School

We have created a new handbook that outlines all aspects of our program. We are very proud of this as it has allowed us to be the most organized we have ever been in the history of Al-Huda! We invite the community to take a look at our handbook so that everyone can learn more about our programs: <https://tinyurl.com/ynp5j733>

Some additional accomplishments:

- We have maintained our exceptional turnout from last year with a team of over 30 volunteers including high school students, college students, and parents. We have over 100 students enrolled with kids ranging from 5- 14 years old from Kindergarten- 9th grade.
- High schoolers are still eligible to receive volunteer hours from Al-Huda
- We have created a more improved method of communication between teachers and parents through our new gradebook system which hopes to ensure students are giving their best efforts in their classes.

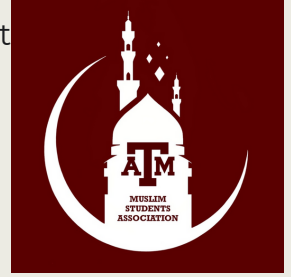
We look forward for future fun activities we have planned for our students.... stay tuned!!

Youth Corner

- Youth and Parent Programs with Br. Faizan
- Girls Weekly Self-Purification Circle
- Boys Weekly Self-Purification Circle
- Youth Boys Soccer Tournament
- Youth Boys Urban Air Social
- U-Paint It Potluck for Youth Girls

Muslim Students Association (MSA)

If you are a 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.



- Dawah table every Monday and Thursday
- Project Downtown
- Weekly Wednesday Wisdom with Imam Mahad
- Thursday Night Lights with Sh. Kamal and Ust. Isa
- Dawah Workshop with Sh. Kamal
- MSA Freshmen Meet and Greet
- General Body Meetings
- MSA Brother's Volleyball
- MSA Sisters Farmer Market Social
- Sunset at Aggie Park

Follow TAMUMSA on Instagram and use this QR code to join their announcements!



YM (Young Muslim) Brothers

YM Brothers regularly hold sport socials, such as basketball, soccer, football, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee. In addition, they hosted a Fajr and Donuts with Sh. Kamal this quarter. Join the WhatsApp to be updated for future updates and events!
[Link: tx.ag/YMCSTAT](https://tx.ag/YMCSTAT)

YM (Young Muslim) Sisters

YM Sisters hosted fun socials such as tote bag decorating, Arabic calligraphy night, game nights, cookie decorating, and golf! If you're interested in joining these events, join the WhatsApp group to stay updated and follow their instagram page (@ymcstat.sisters)
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DJGtGGdn7vi6BkEsARytOy>



Community News

Welcome Little Ones!

We are pleased to share the newest little additions to our ICBCS Community:

- 1) Sr. Taieba Tuba Rahman and Br. Mostafa Meraj welcomed their second child, a baby girl named Hiba Meraj in September 2023.
- 2) Sr. Habiba Ayesha and Br. Waqas Seleem welcomed a baby boy, Hussain Ahmed, in August 2023.

May Allah SWT make them the coolness of their parents' eyes and have them be among the righteous in this world and in the Hereafter. Ameen!

New Members in the Community

We welcome all the students and new community members! May Allah SWT make your presence in this community for you and everyone around you beneficial. Ameen.

Donations for Palestine

JazakAllahu Khairan to everyone who donated for Palestine. The donations of almost \$20,000 were raised for humanitarian relief in Gaza, most of which has been sent through well known Islamic relief organizations. Fundraising to support our brothers and sisters will continue Insha'Allah throughout this month. May Allah SWT reward all of you for your support.

Dua Requests

Dua for Palestine:

O Allah, praise be to You until You are pleased, praise be to You after you are pleased, and praise be to You forever. O Allah, may Your Blessings and Peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, his pure family, and his noble companions, and whoever follows his guidance until the Day of Judgment.

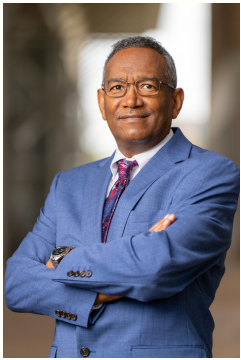
O Allah, we ask You in all of Your names to support the people of Palestine. O Allah, veil their faults and calm their fears. O Allah, give them protection in front and behind them, on their right and left sides and above them, and we seek refuge by Your Might not to have them overwhelmed. O Allah, save their blood, accept their martyrs, heal their wounded, set their captives free, and gather them with all their beloved ones in the highest paradise.

O Allah, Who sent down the Book, Who defeated the Ahzab, and Who sends the clouds, O Allah, free Masjid Al-Aqsa. You are capable of all things, and we seek Your Generosity to answer our prayers. There is no power or strength except with You, O Great One.



Community Highlights

Congratulations Dr. Ibrahim!



Dr. Amir Ibrahim, PhD, has been selected as the new associate director and chief scientific officer of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and associate dean for research in the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Dr. Ibrahim is a Texas A&M University Regents Professor and an AgriLife Research wheat breeder in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. He has worked with AgriLife Research since his arrival at Texas A&M in 2007. Read more about his achievement [here](#).

Congratulations Dr. Riaz!



Dr. Nadeem Riaz has recently received two honorable awards, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's Outstanding Achievement Award for International Impact and the International Food Security Award. The Dean's Award is the highest honors within the college and bestowed on exceptional faculty, staff, and students. While the International Food Security Award honors an individual whose research has made substantial advancements on how food can meet the nutritional needs of emerging economies which is cost-effective for both consumer and manufacture.

ICBCS Volunteer of the Quarter

Brother Moaz is a Mechanical Engineer PhD student from Qatar. He moved to Bryan-College Station in Fall 2022. Ever since he came to College Station he has been leading the prayers at the masjid. He is very knowledgeable and has melodious Qiraat, masha'Allah. He was also one of the primary imams for taraweeh this past Ramadan. He has been a Sunday school teacher since Fall 2022 and gives Quran classes to brothers in the community. Masha Allah, he did his best to serve the community in the short time he was here. He'll be leaving us in December 2023. We are grateful for your contribution towards our lovely community. May Allah accept all your good deeds and reward you abundantly. We hope you continue to serve the communities you live in. Ameen.



SPONSOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A STUDENT* IN NEED

We are launching a new project of need-based free scholarships funded by donors of the community. If you are interested in learning more on how to sponsor a student(s), specifically of Islamic knowledge, through scholarship opportunities to your community members, please email us at: scholarship@icbcs.org

**only students pursuing Islamic knowledge are eligible for this scholarship.*

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REQUEST TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

Are you the owner of a small business? Would you like ICBCS to advertise your business in our quarterly newsletters?

Important Note: ICBCS does not endorse any organization, business, or sponsor those who advertise their products or services on our platform.

ICBCS will start accepting requests to publicize small Muslim-owned businesses from our community members. For example: A business card size ad - \$30, 1/4 page of newsletter - \$50, etc. Please submit your ad request to the email below and you'll be contacted with further details and payment information.

EMAIL REQUESTS TO: NEWSLETTER@ICBCS.ORG



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



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/>

ICBCS 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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Be A Part of Our Next Newsletter

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