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NAAMA Newsletter



A message from the President

Dear NAAMA Colleagues,

My message to us all in this newsletter is “**Let’s Stay Engaged**”.

We can do this by providing the best healthcare to our patients, by delivering factual scientific information to our communities -- especially with all the coronavirus and the vaccine conspiracy theories -- by mentoring the young physicians that took an oath to serve during these trying times, and by supporting this organization that represents us Arab Americans working in the medical fields.

As we follow the vaccination progress in the US and around the world, our Board of Directors has decided to move the International Convention’s date to the December break where we hope to see you and your families with us in Morocco. As for the National Convention, the plan is to have it in person in California over the Labor Day Weekend, since the number of cases there has been dropping significantly. Please stay tuned for our future announcements regarding both conventions.

NAAMA is going through a rigorous process of reporting our activities for the past three years to the ACCME to renew our license. Many thanks to Dr. Nidal Moukaddam, the CME Director, for her time and effort.

We are proud of our NextGen, under the leadership of Dr Rouba Ali Fehmi, for raising \$65,000 in support of UNICEF’s education program for the Syrian kids (details found in the NextGen section).

We are also a very proud supporter of OurHealthNYC, an initiative that was inspired by our 41st International Convention in 2020, and lead by NAAMA Foundation Chair Dr Omar Lattouf.

Finally, please remember to renew both your and your spouses’ membership when you get the automatic reminder, and stay **engaged** by visiting our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts and our [YouTube Channel](#).

Sincerely,
Imad Shbeeb, MD, FASCRS
NAAMA President



NAAMA Foundation

Thanks to your support and generosity the Foundation dispersed the following grants in the 1st quarter of 2021:

Donations/Grants		
Beneficiary	Amount	Cause
UNICEF	\$ 15,000.00	Keys for Syrian Kids benefiting UNICEF education program
ANERA – Gaza	\$ 16,500.00	Reverse Osmosis System at Al Amal Hospital in Khan Younis, Gaza
OurHealthNYC	\$ 10,000.00	Supporting underserved communities in NY
Total	\$ 41,500.00	

OurHealthNYC

An initiative born and incubated in NAAMA resulting from NAAMA’s 41st Annual Convention.

OurHealthNYC is committed to providing remote monitoring healthcare and healthcare education to NYC’s most vulnerable communities through innovative technology and connectivity, and to provide care that is both linguistically and culturally sensitive to each and every patient. To learn more about this initiative and to watch the launch webinar visit <https://www.ourhealth.nyc/>

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Leveraging the Power of Artificial Intelligence



Remote Monitoring
Deploy Health Monitoring Equipment and User Portal



Onsite Doctor Visits & Urgent Care
Quickly referring patients with acute needs to hospitals



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NextGen News

It has been a busy 2021 for NAAMA NextGen! In our national schedule, the year started off with the annual Keys for Syrian Kids event which fundraised \$65,000 in January and over \$150,000 since it started -- watch the event [here](#). In February, we hosted WSUSOM Dean Schweitzer for the Ibn Sina scholarship; the event was well attended and Dean Schweitzer gave great advice to aspiring health professionals. As we approach April, we are proud to welcome new NAAMA NextGen chapters in San Diego and are currently 17 chapters strong! Dozens of chapter-level events have already been put on and we look forward to coming together as a national NAAMA NextGen community again in the summer at the annual NextGen summit. Keep up with our news by visiting our [website](#).





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Please join the WSUSOM and NAAMA for a "Meet the Dean" Zoom webinar

Dean Mark E. Schweitzer, M.D. will discuss his background, share his vision for the School of Medicine, and answer audience questions.

Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m.



TICKETS
\$100
to support NAAMA NextGen

TICKETS & REGISTRATION

Deadline to purchase tickets is Feb 22.
The Zoom link will be emailed to you on Feb 23.



Chapter Events:

San Diego and Los Angeles Chapter:

Both chapters have been co-organizing a monthly Zoom lecture. January had a non-medical theme, with the “History of the Fertile Crescent Area, Syria and Iraq” lecture. In February, there was a lecture by Morgan and Stanly, “Post Corona Crisis and Opportunities, and Outlook Recovery”. In March, “Wealth Management Field: Business succession planning and insurance, and Estate planning and life insurance”.

Cleveland Chapter:

Depending on a possible opening of the state, the chapter is planning a gathering or a gala in the summer. NextGen has been active, it has enlisted 12 new members, it is planning a local event in May, and is looking forward to participating at the NextGen National Summit in 2021.

Michigan Chapter:

The chapter has been using Facebook and the website to reach out to the public by posting mini virtual presentations, 15-20 minutes each. Topics covered include Virtual Care, Covid, and the vaccine updates. In addition to highlights on social media of interviews with our members on other channels about covid vaccines. Upcoming Ramadan topics: Fertility/Pregnancy and Covid and Fasting during Ramadan. Additionally, a virtual gala is being planned for a June date. More details to be announced.

Checkout the frequent updates on NAAMA Michigan’s [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

Save the date, details to follow

- **NAAMA International Medical Convention, Morocco, December 2021.**



**NAAMA 32 International
Medical Convention, Morocco
Postponed till December 2021**



- **NAAMA National Convention, Southern California, Labor Day Weekend 2021.**

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