



NEWSLETTER

1ST QUARTER • APRIL 2023

WELCOME!

We are excited to share with you all the great events that happened during the first quarter of this year and the future events NAAMA

National and its chapters are planning for you.

Ramadan Kareem, happy Eid Al-Fitr, and happy Easter to all observers.

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NAAMA FOUNDATION

NEWS

On February 6th, a disastrous earthquake hit Syria and Turkey, leaving thousands dead and hundreds of thousands more injured and homeless. In response, the NAAMA Foundation launched an emergency relief appeal on February 7th to support the victims through the direct aid UNICEF is providing on the ground. As of today, thanks to our generous and compassionate donors, \$127,483 has been raised, and UNICEF has already received \$120,000 of these funds. The Foundation urges you to keep donating, as the impact of the disaster has affected millions of Syrians who were already suffering from displacement and very poor economic circumstances.



Visit the [NAAMA Channel on YouTube](#) to see the impact of UNICEF's work.



Thanks to support from NAAMA, UNICEF will be able to provide critical emergency relief to children impacted in Syria.

NAAMA NEXTGEN NEWS



NAAMA NextGen

NAAMA NextGen had a very successful quarter! Although many of our members are taking the MCAT in a matter of weeks, through hard work and dedication, they still managed to find the time to continue growing NextGen. The highlight of the past quarter was NAAMA NextGen's participation at The Center for Global Health Equity's event, where our students got to meet Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director General of the WHO. At the tabling event, our board showcased NAAMA NextGen's accomplishments and student participation in global health equity. We also had the opportunity to discuss with Dr. Tedros the importance of MENA global health, as well as his recent trip to Syria and the future work of the WHO in increasing global health equity in the MENA region.



ILLINOIS CHAPTER RELAUNCH

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MEET the TEAM



NAAMA ILLINOIS

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NAAMA ILLINOIS RELAUNCH

Ftoor, Fayrouz, & Friends of NAAMA

Sunday, April 30th from 12-3

Alhambra Palace
1240 West Randolph St Chicago

TICKETS:
ADULTS - \$30
RESIDENTS - \$15
STUDENTS & KIDS -
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RSVP BY APRIL 26,
2023.
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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

NEWS

The San Diego NAAMA chapter has been working hard to plan the upcoming national conference over Labor Day weekend, which will take place at the U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego (a 5-star hotel). We are looking forward to riveting updates from various fields in the scientific session and have an exciting lineup of events planned for the weekend. Our chapter was recently notified that we will be proclaimed a Live Well San Diego Recognized Partner at the gala on Saturday, September 2, during the national conference. This is a great accomplishment for our chapter and recognizes us as a group working towards improving health literacy and access to care for local San Diegans.



THE US GRANT HOTEL



BIRCH
AQUARIUM
at Scripps Institution of Oceanography
UC San Diego

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

NEWS

The Los Angeles Chapter is busy helping the San Diego Chapter with the planning of the national convention that will take place over Labor Day weekend this September. In addition, the chapter held a financial planning event on March 18. Here are a couple of photos from the event:



HOUSTON CHAPTER

NEWS

The Houston Chapter held the 12th Biennial Ben Qurrah Gala on February 4.



IN ADDITION THE CHAPTER IS CELEBRATING ARAB HERITAGE MONTH WITH AN INSIGHTFUL PRESENTATION ON "A SOCIAL LENS ON ARAB HEALTH IN THE U.S." BY PROFESSOR KRISTINE J. AJROUCH, PHD, HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE'S DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY. [RSVP HERE](#) TO SECURE YOUR SPOT.

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HOUSTON CHAPTER

PROUDLY PRESENTS

"A Social Lens on Arab Health in the U.S."

FRIDAY
APRIL 28TH 5PM

In honor of
Arab Heritage Month

in collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine's
Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion section

PRESENTED BY
Kristine J. Ajrouch, PhD
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NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

The New Jersey Chapter is very active this year; check out their past and upcoming events:

-2/18/2023: Fundraising Dinner for the Atlantic Humanitarian Relief, which provides food, water, and aid to the victims of the tragic earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. \$15,000 in total was raised and donated.

-03/18/2023: Fundraising Dinner to provide Scholarship Aid for Students in Palestine. Over \$160,000 was raised so far, and we are still receiving more donations. [Click here](#) to watch highlights from the evening.

-03/31/2023: Ramadan Iftar at Al-Basha Restaurant in Paterson, NJ. The entire restaurant was reserved for NAAMA to celebrate Ramadan with friends and family.

-04/21/2023: Eid Celebration will be held at Xtreme Energy (a trampoline park). The entire location is reserved for a private party celebration for NAAMA friends and families.

-05/19/2023: NAAMA Annual Gala



GEORGIA CHAPTER

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The Georgia Chapter is sponsoring a live performance by renowned Lebanese singer Marwan Khoury. NAAMA active members get 25% off the ticket price, for details, contact the Chapter at naamaga@naama.com
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May 6th
2023
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SAINT LOUIS CHAPTER

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The Saint Louis Chapter is planning an outdoor event/party for the summer. The proceeds will be dedicated toward a charitable cause.

In addition, the chapter continues to hold educational dinner meetings with topics of interest to the members. On March 14th Dr. Edward Charbek presented "Exploring BREZTRI through the patient's journey".

Details for all future events will be shared with the chapter members via email.



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Pre and post-convention destinations:

- 3-day stay in Sharm Al sheikh.
- 4-day Nile Cruise.

Cairo Dec 27, 2023 - Jan 1, 2024

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