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# NAAMA Newsletter



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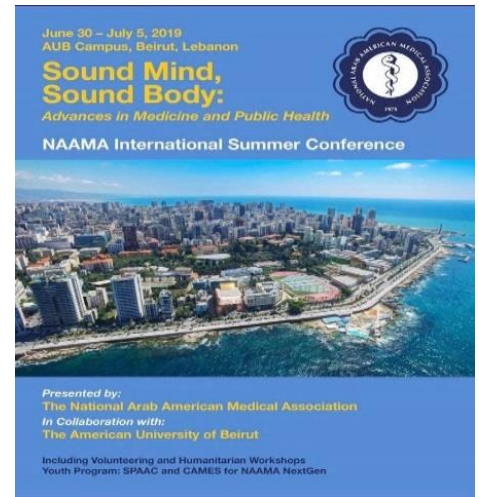
## NAAMA International Conventions



NAAMA held previous conventions, conferences and symposiums in the following countries:  
*Bahamas, Bahrain, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dubai, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Rio De Janeiro, São Paulo, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, London, and Vienna.*

## Summer Conference

The NAAMA Summer International Conference “Sound Mind, Sound Body: Advances in Medicine and Public Health” in Beirut, Lebanon was a huge success. More than 100 physicians and health professionals attended from the United States and Lebanon. A stellar lineup of 30 speakers from both the US and the AUB covered topics related to the health of the mind and the body and talked about the latest accomplishments and research in the public health field and in medicine at large. Important lectures took place over the 3-day conference covering all kinds of medical related issues such as Physician Burn-out, The Refugees’ Mental and Physical Health, Women’s Health, and The Latest studies on Tobacco and Hookah Danger. From heart health to diabetes to depression and much more, the conference was a rich resource of information. Socially speaking, our attendees enjoyed the beauty of the country by touring key historic places that mix smoothly with modern Lebanon, while enjoying its famous cuisine. As for the humanitarian aspect of the conference, we visited 3 NGOs —ANERA, Amel International, and Beit Aftal Assumoud — and learned about their work with the refugees. Our guests were so moved by the work Beit Aftal Assumoud is doing that they pledged \$10,000 in monetary donations. In addition, volunteer physicians helped at Haifa Hospital, run by ANERA, in Burj Brajneh. As for the 2 youth programs, SPAAC and CAMES, our participants enjoyed a 3-week intensive Arabic language and cultural immersion course at the AUB. They came back with great memories and newfound friendships.





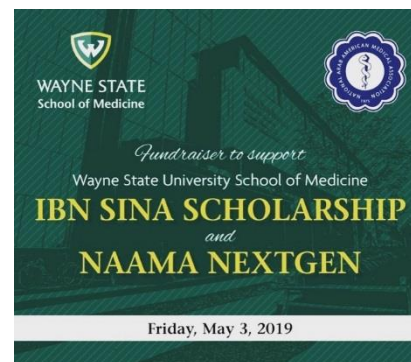
### Dr. Abraham Husseini

We are very proud to share the success of our fellow NAAMA NextGen member. Biggest congratulations to Dr. Abraham Husseini, who was awarded the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award at the Wayne State University School of Medicine Match Day ceremony. This award is presented to a graduating medical student and a medical school faculty member who best demonstrate the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, cultural sensitivity, respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence, including effective communication and listening skills. .

Best of luck to Dr. Husseini as he takes on a Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency at WSU/DMC/Children's Hospital of Michigan!

### Ibn Sina Scholarship

On Friday, May 3rd, NAAMA and the Wayne State University School of Medicine held a fundraiser to support NAAMA NextGen and the Ibn Sina scholarship at WSU. The event, co-hosted by Dr. Michel and Mrs. Sali Hanna, and Dr. Fouad and Mrs. Lina Batah, was a great evening of fun and fellowship, raising over \$17,000 in support of NextGen and the ibn Sina scholarship.



## NAAMA NJ Chapter

NAAMA National would like to officially recognize and applaud the hard work done by NAAMA New Jersey. In the past few months, this chapter has been very active in their community: hosting a health fair with free health screening and eye exams, an Iftar gathering, Eid celebration, and their Annual Gala that celebrates achievements of NAAMA NJ and NextGen members.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Mahmoud Aqel, NAAMA NJ Chapter President, along with his other board members for their hard work in organizing these events. We are also grateful to have residency candidate, Dr. Abubakr Alfaouri, also known as @doc\_baker\_, join the NAAMA NextGen team. He has helped tremendously with leading the NextGen NJ chapter alongside board members Amro El Nakib, Rasha Rahmoun, Rawan Saleh, Hala Al Samna, Dania Niwash, and Hasan Al Qudah. Together, these young leaders have been recruiting and encouraging student involvement at NAAMA events and growing a strong following on Instagram: @naamanextgen\_nj.

Congratulation to the New Jersey NAAMA and NextGen chapters on your success and leadership. Thank you for enriching the NAAMA community and the local New Jersey communities. Keep up the momentum!



## NextGen X UNICEF Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

The Ultimate Frisbee Tournament fundraiser to benefit Syrian Refugee Children was a part of the 4 yearlong “**Keys for Kids**” initiative. The event was free to attend with a fresh shawarma/falafel lunch provided. There was a \$10 registration fee and UNICEF merchandise were sold. It was a shift in demographic from previous events. The goal of this event was to make the fundraising efforts from kids for kids. Due to the event being the first of its kind and the age demographic, the main objective was to raise awareness. We were able to engage students from 13 various high schools and Universities. The attendance was approximately 70 students including 5 volunteers, in this first event we raised \$1,655 with donations still coming in due to shirt sales.



## NextGen X UNICEF Soccer for Syria

On August 17<sup>th</sup> the **Keys for Kids** initiative hosted its second outdoor activity fundraiser. The “Soccer for Syria” event was a massive success. This soccer tournament fundraiser raised over \$1,500 benefitting Syrian Refugee Children through UNICEF and had approximately 80 students in attendance coming from 15 different schools. NAAMA NextGen supported this initiative with volunteers and funding and is looking forward to continuing this collaborative relationship in events to come.



## NAAMA 41th National Medical Convention Aug 30-Sep 1, Atlanta, GA

Don't forget to register for the 41st annual NAAMA National Convention "Facing the Future" in Atlanta Georgia this Labor Day weekend from August 30th to September 1st. Learn, Network, and Enjoy quality time with fellow NAAMA members during planned conference discussions and the Convention Gala and NAAMA Foundation Banquet. [Click to register](#)

**NAAMA 41<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL MEDICAL CONVENTION**  
**FACING THE FUTURE**  
INTERCONTINENTAL BUCKHEAD | ATLANTA, GA | AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**DR. A. ENRIQUE CABALLERO**  
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

*Scientific program will include discussions, panels and presentations on how today and tomorrow's innovations are shaping our individual and shared futures.*

Register today at [naamaconference.org](http://naamaconference.org)

	8/30 Reception 7:00 PM	8/31, 9/1 Scientific Program 8:00AM-1:00PM	8/31 Foundation Banquet 7:00 PM	9/1 Gala 7:00PM
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# GALA NIGHT

InterContinental Buckhead  
Sunday, September 1st at 7pm  
Black Tie Attire



**Amer Zahr**  
Comedy stand up.



**DJ Amix**  
Music & Dancing all night.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **NAAMA's International Medical Convention**

End of December 2019. Exact date and time to be announce in September.

Click [here](#) to vote for you preferred location. Result will be announced in September.

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