## **NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013**



"COUNTRIES ARE
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CITIES"

# Achievements & Ambitions

This April 27th, Namal College completed its five years of operations. While there were many challenges in bringing Namal's vision thus far, it can be said with much confidence that the institution has come far from its humble beginnings. Namal graduates today are studying in reputed educational institutes like GIKI and also working in both public and private concerns. There are now 9 full-time PhD faculty members teaching at the campus. Not only does the student body at Namal hail from 43 districts from all over Pakistan, but they also have very diverse backgrounds. It is hoped that the dream of Namal Knowledge City will be realised soon. Ameen.





Map Showing 43 Districts from which Namal College Student Body Hails

## **News From Campus**

#### Khansa Yousaf

Lab Engineer of Namal Won Gold Medal at UET

Khansa Yousaf is a highly talented and energetic Lab Engineer of Namal College. She is an adept and adroit worker. She did her B. Eng. (EE) from UET with distinction. The University awarded her with Gold Medal for her brilliance in academia.



## Muhammad Imran

Accountant of Namal Won Gold Medal at U.O.S

Mr. Muhammad Imran has been serving Accounts Section of Namal for the last 2.5 years. Recently, he was awarded Gold Medal at University of Sargodha for his brilliant performance in M.B.A. Namal is really proud of him.









NAMAL COLLEGE MIANWAI



## Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Bokhari

Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Bokhari has an over 35 years of teaching experience in the area of Mathematics. He has been associated with the King Fahad University of Petroleum and Mineral Sciences since 1998. His research interests are in the areas of Constrained Approximation, Numerical Quadrature, Optimal Control theory and Mathematics Education. He has numerous publications to his name. Professor Bokhari has been kind enough to pay a visit to Namal College every time he comes to Pakistan. This time he accepted our request for becoming part of Visiting Faculty spending his full time at Namal College during the tenor of his teaching. Thank you Sir!



#### Dr. Amir Khurram Rashid

Dr. Amir Khurram Rashid completed his PhD from School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Nan Yang Technological University, Singapore in 2011. Since then he has been working as a researcher, his most recent assignment was as Manager Research and Development at National Engineering and Scientific Commission. Dr. Khurram has also being teaching postgraduate course titled "Applied Electromagnetics" at National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad. We are glad to have him on board as permanent faculty.



## Dr. Adnan Iqbal

Dr. Adnan Iqbal has completed his PhD in Information Technology from National University of Sciences & Technology, Islamabad. He has an MS in Computer Science from International Islamic University, Islamabad. He has carried out research in globally renowned labs such as Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, USA and LabSTICC, UBO, France. His research interests include Energy Transference in Wireless Sensor Networks, Link Layer Channel Modeling, Reliable Data Delivery in Ad Hoc and Sensor Networks and Software Defined Networking. He is another brilliant addition to Namal team!

## **ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The academic advisory committee of Namal College consists of note-worthy and respected members of the academic field. Given in the following is a listing of these members along with brief summary of their portfolio.

#### Dr. Shafay Shamail (PhD, Bath, UK)

- Director Sponsored Research, LUMS
- Associate Professor, Computer Science
- Ex H.o.D. Computer Science

#### Dr. Tariq Jadoon (PhD, UK)

- Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering, LUMS
- Ex-Registrar
- Ex-Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies

#### Dr. Sohaib Khan (PhD, University of Central Florida, US)

- Head of Computer Science Department, LUMS
- Associate Professor

#### Dr. Shahab Baqai (PhD, Purdue, US)

- Associate Professor , Electrical Engineering, LUMS
- Ex-Dean, School of Science and Engineering
- Ex-H.o.D. Computer Science and Engineering

## I AM NAMAL

I am Muhammad Rahman. I am studying in the third year of B.Sc. (Hons.) Computer Science programme at Namal College, Mianwali. I am from a village near North Waziristan. There was only 1 MA degree holder in the whole of this Tehsil when I joined Namal College. An army officer posted near my house motivated me to get an admission into a nearby Cadet College from where I appeared in my intermediate exams. I want to become a good programmer in life and play a role in generalising education throughout the country. The grooming in spoken English and communications that Namal College has provided me is the salient feature of the college's academic programme.



Muhammad Rahman B.Sc. (Hons.) Computer Science Class of 2014

I am Arfah Ameen. I am studying in the first year of B. Eng. Electrical & Electronic Engineering programme at Namal College, Mianwali. My mother had a major role to play in enabling me to come to this college. I belong to Pindi Bhattian and once I have graduated I would strive to set up an educational institute there, since locals of the area have to travel away to seek quality higher education. After coming to Namal College, I feel an immense improvement in my level of confidence. I have also come to acknowledge that quality higher education is paramount for an individual's development as well as a nation's.



Arfah Ameen
B. Eng. Electrical & Electronic Engineering
Class of 2016



Seminar on Entrepreneurship

Mr. Atif Mumtaz is Founder and CTO of Personforce.net. He met with administration and students of Namal and delivered a Seminar of "8 Goals of Success — When Starting an Enterprise" on March 07, 2013.



Seminar on Universe

Dr. Babar Qureshi serves as Assistant Professor of Physics at LUMS, Lahore. He gave a seminar on "What Do We Know about the Universe" on March 14, 2013 at Namal College. He got massive applause and admiration from all the students.

### Seminar on Democracy

Mr. Nadeem Ghafoor Chaudhry serves CIIT, Lahore as Assistant Professor of Computer Science. On February 28, 2013, he discussed at length on the topic of "Capitalism & Democracy: A Deadly Combination" at Namal College.

#### Seminar on Ethics

Mr. Athar Imran Nawaz is the Managing Director of Numetrica Pakistan. He did his graduation from GIKI in 1999 and won a gold medal. He acquired his Master Degree from Purdue University in 2003 with distinction. He gave a very inspiring and motivational seminar on, 'Role of Ethics in the Life of a Professional' on Thursday, March 28, 2013.

### Seminar on Effective Job Seeking

Mr. Ahsan Saleem is Client Engagement Manager at Confiz Solutions. He did his Masters from Carnegie Mellon University, USA. He earned over 8 years of industry experience with companies like IBM, Techlogix and now Confiz. He gave a seminar on the topic, 'How to Land a Good Job?'

## **CORPORATE CORNER**



Descon HR team and Namal Education Foundation are in the process of discussing joint promotion activities. These activities will feature putting up of Namal College informational materials at reception and presentations to Descon employees about Namal Knowledge City on the Annual Family Get-Together Day. We are thankful to Descon for their cooperation in promoting our cause further.

Fatima Group HR team has graciously offered their curriculum consultancy as well as workshop sessions to be held at Namal College campus. Such initiatives will help greatly in carving a practical course outline in already foreign-accredited degree programmes being offered at Namal College. With corporate socially responsible concerns like Fatima Group, Pakistan cannot be far from realising dreams such as Namal Knowledge City.

## **WELCOME PARTY 2013**

Students of First Year arranged a superbly colourful Welcome Party to extend a very warm welcome to the incoming batch. The stage was ablaze with colours. The audience enjoyed the songs, serious and funny skits and plays etc. The talent, initiative and ability of all the participants really made it a night for the audience. Students showed sense of maturity in their skits and managed everything in a very organised way.





## **VISITS OF DIGNITARIES**









## President of Oxford Visits Namal College

The sitting president of Oxford Union at Oxford University, Ms. Maria Rioumine, together with the Ex-President of Pakistani Students' Union at Oxford University Mr. Adnan Rafiq visited Namal College. They were also accompanied by Mr. Sardar Ghalib, a long-standing contributor to the cause of Namal College. The quests met with notable Board members like Dr. Arif Butt, Ms. Aleema Khanum and also Mr. Imran Khan. A dialogue for setting up a UK chapter of Imran's Tigers also took place. Mr. Adnan showed his support for Imran's Tigers by wearing an *Imran's Tigers shirt at the college campus.* 

### Visit of Muslim Care

Namal College hosted the distinguished Chairman and trustees of Muslim Care UK. The quests included the likes of Mr. Munir Diwan (Chairman, Muslim Care), Mr. Rashid Diwan (Trustee, Muslim Care) and Mr. Taher Memon (Trustee, Muslim Care) among other distinguished personalities. The guests inaugurated a lecture hall dedicated to Muslim Care UK in recognition of their efforts and contribution to the cause. The guests also met Mr. Imran Khan at his residence as well.

### Visit of Mr. Rehman Mir

Mr. Rehman Mir, member of Board of Governors at Namal Education Foundation and a founding contributor to the cause of Namal Knowledge City visited the campus during April, 2013. He was shown around the college. He took keen interest in the communication skills of the enrolled students at the campus.

## IMRAN'S TIGERS HALL OF FAME

Ms. Saima graciously managed to get on board 28 new tigers for Imran's Tigers Scholarship Fund. Her contribution towards the cause of Namal College makes her a remarkable addition to our already extremely passionate group of friends called Imran's Tigers. We express our most sincere appreciation for her efforts and have high hopes that she and her friends will continue their support for our cause in the future.



Ms. Saima Asad

Mr. Nazar Saeed also convinced several of his friends to join hands together and donate for Imran's Tigers Scholarship Fund. His contributions have not only helped us provide quality education to the marginalised yet deserving students but have also introduced our cause to several new friends. We are much obliged from the response that our beloved Imran's Tigers have bestowed upon us.



Mr. Nazar Saeed

Interested in getting your story included in our newsletters? Call us at (+92-300-8426376) to find out what it takes to be an Imran's Tiger. You may be the next entry in our Imran's Tigers Hall of Fame!

## **IMRAN'S TIGERS NEWS & UPDATES**

Mr. Qasim Zamaan and Ms. Atiya Khan arranged a get-together at their house to introduce their friends and family to the cause of Namal Knowledge City. The marketing team of Namal College presented the vision and mission of Mr. Imran Khan. The audience was especially enthusiastic that an average of 90% of the students enrolled at Namal College received assistance in attaining higher education. We at Namal Education Foundation are extremely grateful for the contribution of our partner members and believe that such friends are the true driving force behind the success of Namal College, Mianwali.

#### You can donate your Zakat & Donations as follows:

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Visit the link: https://www.namal.edu.pk/donate/

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#### Submit your donations to any MCB account. Details of the account are:

Account Title: Namal Education Foundation Account Number: 0433670931002007

Branch: MCB Bank Ltd., Kot Lakhpat Branch, Ferozepur Rd., Lahore, Pakistan

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