

ADC MICHIGAN NEWS AND VIEWS

ADC 9th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Awards Reception

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ADC Michigan Announces Winners of 9th Annual MLK Scholarship Contest

Under the auspices of the American-Arab Center for Civil and Human Rights (ACCHR), ADC Michigan is pleased to announce the winners of its 9th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Contest, which was open to all Arab and Chaldean American high school seniors in Michigan. This year, entries reached record numbers and were received from all parts of the State; a sign of the successful expansion of this program and people's genuine interest in it. This year's honorees are:

First Place Award Winner

Abbas Alawieh, *Fordson High School – Dearborn, MI*

Second Place Award Winner

Laura Neme, *Crestwood High School- Dearborn Heights, MI*

Third Place Award Winner

Matthew Pauls, *Troy High School- Troy, MI*

Fourth Place Award Winner

Badrea L. Elder, *Dearborn High School- Dearborn, MI*

Fifth Place Award Winner

Lara Khadr, *Ann Arbor Huron High School- Ypsilanti, MI*

Merit Awards

Fatima Fahs, *Andover High School- Bloomfield Hills, MI*

Sana Alsamarae, *Fordson High School- Dearborn, MI*

Mohsin Aljabaly, *Universal Academy- Detroit, MI*

Matthew Sabah Hermez Acho, *Andover High School- Bloomfield Hills, MI*

Zeinab Moubadder, *Star International Academy- Dearborn, MI*

Ayat Hassan, *Star International Academy- Dearborn, MI*

Reem Salman, *Dearborn High School- Dearborn, MI*

Stephanie Carmen Yassine, *Edsel Ford High School- Dearborn, MI*

Special Award Recipients

In addition to this year's scholarship recipients, ADC is pleased to announce this year's special awardees:

Ms. Nawal Hamadeh will receive the *Educator of the Year Award* for her contributions to education. Ms. Hamadeh is the Founder and President of Hamadeh Educational Services, Inc. and the Founder, Superintendent and CEO of Star International Academy.

Ms. Melinda Bazy (17) will receive the *Young Leadership Award* for her efforts to enhance awareness about autism.

The Tae Kwan Doe Champion students from the Koubeissi Tae Kwan Doe School in Dearborn will receive the *Young Achievement Award*. These students recently participated in the Las Vegas Open Taekwondo

Championship, an international tournament that hosted approximately 50 countries. The four students collectively received a total of eight medals for their exceptional skills.

Winners will be honored at **ADC Michigan's 9th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Awards Dinner on Friday, January 25, 2007 at 6:00 PM** at the Byblos Banquet Hall in Dearborn. ADC Michigan is pleased to host **Dr. Ben Chavis, President & CEO of the Hip Hop Music Summit Action Network in America** as the keynote speaker at this event. For more information on the MLK contest, or the Scholarship Dinner, visit www.adcmichigan.org, or call 313-581-1201.

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CAAO to Hold Community Meeting with Detroit Police Department Chief- January 30, 2007

On Friday, Jan 30, at 6:00 pm, the Congress of Arab American Organizations (CAAO) of Michigan will be holding a community meeting with Detroit Police Department Chief Ella Bully-Cummings, at Byblos Banquet Hall in Dearborn (7258 Chase Road). The gathering will be an open discussion that will address issues of concern within the Arab American community.

This meeting is consistent with CAAO's efforts to engage in constructive dialogue and discussion with all law enforcement agencies, including the Detroit Police Department. The meeting with focus on issues of concern related to cooperation between police and business owners in the Metro Detroit area and enhancing safety within the community. ADC Michigan calls upon community members, in particular local business owners, to participate in this important gathering. This event is open to the public. For more information, please call the ADC Michigan Regional Office at 313-581-1201.

Jack Shaheen Book to be Released Next Month

GUILTY: Hollywood's Verdict on Arabs After 9/11, the newest book from critically acclaimed author Dr. Jack Shaheen is set for release on February 11, 2008. The book takes an in-depth look at Hollywood's negative depictions of Arabs and Muslims over the course of history. For more information on the book, please visit <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1566566843?ie=UTF8&tag=arabdetr-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=1566566843>

ADC Congratulates Staff Member on Recent Engagement

ADC Michigan extends its heartfelt congratulations to its team member, Ms. Delia Habhab on her recent engagement. The ADC Michigan family extends its best wishes to Delia and her fiancée, Mr. Fakhri Harb, for a wonderful future together.

Filing a Complaint

Are you a victim of discrimination? Do you want to be part of your community's future? You can help us combat racism, discrimination and hatred by speaking up and contacting ADC. Together we can make the difference. To file a complaint, or report any issue of concern, contact ADC's Director of Policy and Community Affairs, Ms. Nadia Fadel, via telephone at 313-581-1201, or email at: nfadel@adc.org.

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