



Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar



Stimulating Minds at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar Summer Enrichment Programs

Doha, 22nd July, 2008 – Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) will conclude its summer enrichment programs for students currently enrolled in grades 7 through 12 on July 24, 2008. The programs provide them with the opportunity to investigate and explore new topics of special interest through courses, presentations and discussions. The program is being hosted by two WCMC-Q graduates as teachers – Dr. Jehan Al Reyahi and Dr. Osama Alsaied.

Kathak Vachhani, a participant in the programme, said: “It was great to have Dr. Osama and Dr. Jehan as our instructors. I did not expect to learn this much in one week and it was fantastic. WCMC-Q is a dream for me and I wish that I could go directly to medical college”

The three programs that were offered by WCMC-Q this summer were; Qatar Summer Math & Reading Talent Scholars (Q-SMARTS), Qatar Future Doctors and WCMC-Q Pre-College Enrichment Program.

Qatar Future Doctors participants explored the fast paced life of doctors as they practiced their HMC provided ‘Basic Life Support Skills’ and teamed to help solve challenging medical situations in mock medical exercises. Upon completing the program, participants were given ‘Basic Life Support’ certificates.

“The Program was wonderful. It gave me a glimpse of the college life at WCMC-Q along with an insight into the profession I wish to pursue. The informative presentations and the problem based learning sessions taught me how to conduct research on scientific topics”, added Vachhani.

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Hussam Chadid, a student currently at Doha College, said: "The Math & Reading Talent Scholars (Q-SMARTS) Program helped improve my math & reading skills. Not only that, but we had lots of fun with brain games and movie making experiences. It was also a great opportunity to meet people with similar interests and I particularly enjoyed participating in small tutoring groups. I would definitely participate in the program next year."

The Pre-College Enrichment Program, the last of the programs to conclude its classes later this week, introduces prospective college students to what college life is all about.

Throughout the course of the program, students are exposed to different college presentations, career counselling and personal development workshops including lab safety and E-libraries

Of particular success was the exercise that sat participants through mock interviews to provide them with a first-hand experience of what to expect at a real college admission interview. Nervous students waited for their practice college interview and as they exited the interview room, their smiles and posture showed a newfound confidence, ready to give their best at their upcoming college interviews...

The newly established Summer Enrichment Programs were designed to provide younger students with an opportunity to further explore their intellectual curiosity in a college setting and to engage in challenging and interactive activities making learning fun.

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About Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Established by Cornell University in partnership with Qatar Foundation, WCMC-Q is part of Weill Cornell Medical College. A member of the Ivy League, Cornell is the first American university to offer its M.D. degree overseas. WCMC-Q offers a complete and integrated educational program, comprising the two-year Pre-medical Program, followed by the four-year Medical Program, with teaching by Cornell faculty. There is a separate admissions process for each Program, guided by the standards of admission in use at Cornell University in Ithaca and its Medical College in New York City. Website: www.qatar-med.cornell.edu

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