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welcome

As salaamu alaykum

The Board of Governors congratulates the College on hosting a very successful Reunion on 18/3/2018. Furthermore we thank the Marketing Department for establishing a quarterly newsletter to keep our Alumni abreast with activities, events and milestones.

Alhamdulillah, The College has developed into a brand associated with quality and investment in human capital. For this we are grateful to the Almighty for His many blessings and to you the ex-students who contributed to the growth and development. At the same time we must not forget the uncompromising efforts of all our ex-teachers, principals and founders. May ALLAH bless you.

Our aim in the short term is to develop a platform for communication and networking. We are hopeful that insha ALLAH once you embark on a few activities the Alumni Council will gain momentum.

May ALLAH protect you and your families with Afiyah and Barakah.

Take Care,

Board of Governors

Social Cohesion Campaign

**On Thursday, 17 May 2018 (01 Ramadan 1439),
Al - Falaah College launched its Social Cohesion Campaign.**

The Department of Arts and Culture, defines Social Cohesion as " A degree of social integration and inclusion in communities and society at large and the extent to which mutual solidarity finds expression among individuals and family". The aim of this campaign is to promote a harmonious environment for our learners based on mutual understanding, respect, tolerance and acceptance of our diversity on various levels. We hope to create dialogue around these issues of differences, not only in school but in our community at large.

#AFCSocialCohesionCampaign2018 at #myAFC "You've been Mugged"... We at AFC would love to do more , especially for our elderly. With this in mind , we embarked on a campaign to do something special on July the 18th which marks Mandela Day. We called on the Al Falaah community to sponsor a mug filled with goodies for the elderly at Tafta homes. We were amazed by the response and effort made by pupils. Total number of mugs collected 450.

This is another "spoke" in the Al Falaah Outreach wheel which includes the winter blanket distribution, containers 4 Rohingya, hamper packing and distribution, daily sandwich preparation and distribution to schools, hydrate campaign and Crèche in the informal settlement. It is our humble wish that we at Al Falaah make a personal difference to the lives of others.



Sports News

Congratulations to brothers Azhar (Grade8) and Akbar Ally (Grade 6) who have been selected for the KZN Provincial Swimming Team for 2018.

Azhar and Akbar will be participating in a Three-Province Swimming Challenge event to be hosted by KZN scheduled in October this year. The brothers are pupils at Al Falaah College and have acquitted themselves admirably in all aspects of school life. We wish them all the best in their preparation and participation.



Alumni

PROFILE



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REGIONAL HEAD - Islamic Banking • ABSA

Upcoming Events

28th September
13:00
Matric Lunch

20th October
9:00 - 13:00
Grade 3 Market Day

29th October
Sport Awards

6th December
Pre-School Graduation

12th December
High School Awards

AMS Standard Bank National Soccer Tournament

Al Falaah College participated in an AMS Standard Bank National Soccer Tournament held under the banner of the Association of Muslim Schools. This three day event took place from the 9th - 11th August at the Mishy Jones Hoy Park venue. The atmosphere was simply electric as 37 schools made their way into the fields.

Our Under 15 Team received the coveted Akhlaq Award, which is awarded to the team that displays excellent disposition, behaviour, morals and character.

Wins or Losses, the efforts and enthusiasm never went unnoticed throughout the three days as the learners of Al Falaah College united under the AMS Banner and made amazing memories.

1. In what year did you matriculate from Al Falaah College?

1999

2. What steered you towards this field of study?

I have always had a interest in the banking and IT fields so I opted for Information systems and finance in university

3. Can you please expand on your most recent achievements?

My achievements are based on the support of the team that I work with. We have Alhamdulliah managed to triple our book size in under a year as well as change the perception and operational way that Islamic Banking is done in the region. This has resulted in efficiencies in doing business as well as getting closer to our clients

4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the fact that we are in a position to assist the community with an alternative form of banking. I also enjoy the strategic element as well as the fact that I can deal with clients in different segments of our business. So whether its facilitating the opening of a Islamic Youth account or closing a R300m Islamic Commercial Property deal the happiness on the face of the client is the same.

5. Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?

Over the years I have played many roles at both a regional and Head office level but I still see myself in the Islamic Banking industry.

6. When you are not working, what do you find yourself doing?

As a Islamic Banker there is rarely a time where you are not working as the weekends are the time where most work gets done however when we do get a break its all about spending quality time with my wife and kids.

7. What would you attribute your success to?

Our Creators grace, my parents, flexibility, team player and the passion to grow this industry

8. If one is interested in this field of study/job, what would they need to do and what advice would you give them?

Obtain a qualification and learn about banking in general and Islamic banking. This will give you a good starting point but above all that be honourable, adapt to change and be passionate in your work

9. If you could choose all over again would you choose the same path again?

I most definitely would.

10. How did Al Falaah College contribute to your life and choices?

As an Islamic school it gave me a set of values and built my character in accordance with Islam. This set of values most definely contributed to the fact that I wanted to work in an Islamic environment which pushed me to joining the Islamic banking industry. During my time at this institution, we moved twice and the name changed from Ahmedia to LIC to eventually Al Falaah. This taught me that the only constant is change and in this day and age if you cannot be flexible and adapt you will be left behind.

11. What is it that keeps you awake at night?

The fact that more awareness needs to be created about Riba and as a community I feel that we have become very desensitized regarding our dealings and Riba

12. What type of legacy would you like to leave behind?

Someone that has made a positive impact on society through awareness of Islamic Banking and the ills of Riba