



## **Khyber Medical College Alumni Association of North America (KMCAANA)**

### **Summer Meeting Report 2016**

I am pleased to present our alumni summer meeting report.

Our engagement with Khyber Medical College (KMC) administration and faculty continued this last year as well. Several members of our executive committee and alumni visited KMC on different occasions and met with Principal Professor Dr. Ejaz Hassan Khan and other college faculty.

Our ongoing KMC projects include:

- A basic life support (BLS) lab at KMC benefiting medical students and faculty
- APPNA SWDRC trauma care initiative providing training courses in BLS and first aid to first responders including police and ambulance staff.

- ACPNA funded pacemaker bank at Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar, providing free pacemakers to deserving patients
- *Khpal Kor* ("*Hamara ghar*" or "Our Home") Foundation, an orphanage institution set in Swat
- Several alumni members sponsor tuition and living expenses of several KMC students via annual scholarships
- The Khyber Medical College-University of Toledo visiting professor program sponsors one KMC faculty member to work in research for three months at the University of Toledo.
- With Dr. S. Amjad Hussain's personal efforts, a University of Toledo- KMC alliance has been created whereby 2 KMC medical students perform clinical electives at the University of Toledo during Summer months

Projects accomplished since last report:

- We continue to support ten deserving KMC students for an annual scholarship of Rs. 45,000 each.
- BLS certificate is now mandated for all 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students at KMC.
- Additional equipment for the BLS lab has been acquired and will be added to the lab in near future. We are also working on advancing the facility to provide ACLS as well. This will go a long way in improving emergency medical care in KPK.
- KMC alumni has appointed a local coordinator for our projects at KMC. We expect this to help increase our impact at the local level.

- KMCAANA has \$20,000 as an endowment fund with APPNA. Starting later this year, dividends from this fund shall support two KMC students. More recently, APPNA established APS Principal "Tahira Qazi Scholarship Fund". Dividends from this \$10,000 endowment will benefit one to two KMC students every year.

- Young Khyberian Physicians: Every year, we get requests from new Khyber graduates asking to help with observer-ships and the residency process. Individual KMCAANA members have been helping on a case-by-case basis. To have a central process for new Khyberian graduates, we have created a "Young Khyberians Committee". This committee will help streamline our efforts to assist our young doctors.
- KMC alumni sponsored a Qraz Hasna program for KMC graduates in need of financial help while waiting to start their residency training. One sponsored individual has already started his residency this July.
- In coordination with APPNA SWDRC, funds were sent to KPK during Ramadan for distributing food packages among the needy.
- An email list server of the current KMC alumni members was established. This will improve our communications with our membership.

Even though we are one of the smaller alumni, our growth has been tremendous. Our last summer meeting brought in an attendance of over 150. Continuing our strong bond with Central APPNA, many of our alumni are serving on several APPNA committees. Our friendship and teamwork with other chapters and alumni associations continue to grow. KMCAANA thanks our APPNA friends who have always come forward with open arms to support our projects.

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