



## President's Message

I am honored and humbled to serve as the president of the FJ Alumni Association for 2017. I am committed to leading the Alumni Association to another level. I would also like to thank our predecessors who have guided this association and made great strides in organizing FJMCAA. The previous Executive Council members have made impressive progress; membership has grown, our tax-exempt status has been reinstated to 501(c)(3) status which allows our holdings to be tax-free, a website and Facebook page has been established and we have started contributing towards the APPNA scholarship fund.

FJMCAA is a relatively small association with a limited number of active members. As we look towards the future, the new Executive Council will continue working towards the goals set forth by our predecessors. We will continue working on improving our membership, defining a clear mission for our alumni body, and becoming more organized in the USA. We also hope to collaborate further with FJMU and APPNA on its various platforms.

Our other major objectives are to continue increasing the endowment funds and contributing to APPNA scholarship funds which we started in 2014 with \$ 20,000 donation. Our Alumni have donated \$4000 this year. With this money, we are able to support other charitable projects. We have been directly contributing and supporting our Fatima Jinnah Medical University's needy students every year. We have contributed 7000 \$ for year 2017. We have supported the WAPNA, SWDR and Rise for Equality by donations as much as our funds allowed us. This year we have also set aside \$3000 to support Hepatitis treatment program and other community programs in Pakistan through AFJOG (Association of Fatima Jinnah old graduates).

I take pride to share that last year we honored Dr. Zeenat Anwar and her team for their incredible and continued commitment in the project of Human Development and donated \$3500 as direct fund raising for that cause.

As the president of FJMCAA for 2017 and 2018, I along with the executive team will work sincerely and diligently to create and contribute to projects that support our alumni organization's core values. However, neither our prior accomplishment nor our future projects are possible without our member's involvement. Our hope is to leverage our individual successes and use FJMCAA as a platform to launch larger philanthropic endeavors. Thank you for being a part of this movement.

Best Regards,  
Shagufta Jabeen