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New England
APPNA Chapter

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APPNE hosted a fall social event/high tea in collaboration with Boston University Organization of Pakistani Students (OPF) on Saturday December 10th, 2016 at Boston University. The event included a panel discussion with health-related academicians. The guest of honor was Gold Star father, Mr. Khizr Khan.

The panelists included:

- Dr. Zahid H. Bajwa, Neurologist, Boston Headache Institute, Boston PainCare
- Dr. Amir A. Qamar, Transplant Hepatologist, Lahey Clinic
- Dr. Adil Haider, Trauma Surgeon, Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Dr. Scharukh M. Jalisi, Head & Neck Surgeon, Boston Medical Center
- Dr. Khalid Shah, Neuroscientist, Harvard Medical School
- Dr. Joseph Calabrese, Assistant Dean of Students, Boston University School of Dental Medicine.

The discussion was moderated by Dr. Mohammed W. Akhtar, a cardiologist from University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center. The main topic of conversation for this panel discussion was to explore career options in medicine, dentistry, and bioengineering. The panelists shared their experiences with college students and discussed the skills needed to apply for medical and dental schools and opportunities available in the allied medical professions.

Our guest of honor, Mr. Khizr Khan, spoke about his experience since receiving international attention following a speech at the 2016 Democratic National Convention. He shared his vision for Muslims in America and what is needed for our community to get involved in civic engagement.

One of APPNE's main objectives is to encourage and help college students enter into the healthcare profession. We are taking this task to heart and will continue to support this cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

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