

ALLAMA IQBAL MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (AIMCAANA) FALL MEETING REPORT 2018

A team of AIMCAANA visited the college campus and Jinnah Hospital Lahore (JHL) last year, and analyzed the current needs. Our team laid out a comprehensive agenda to meet those. The strength of any organization lies with its membership. The strength of AIMCAANA lies not only with alumni membership, but also more importantly with APPNA membership. In order to encourage fellow Iqbalians, we decided to revoke lifetime AIMCAANA membership dues of any Iqbalian, who'll join APPNA as lifetime member this year. So far, around 15 Iqbalians joined APPNA as lifetime members. Attempts were made to involve and empower female Iqbalians. A record number of over 200 Iqbalians attended AIMCAANA Annual Dinner during APPNA Summer Meeting in Dallas, TX. Over \$100K was collected in donations to complete different projects. Our first retreat is now being held along with APPNA Fall Meeting in Virginia.

We expanded our Citizens Committee back home (PAIWS- Pakistani-American Iqbalians Welfare Society) for prudent utilization of funds and speedy implementation of different welfare projects. Two brand new slit lamps were donated to the Ophthalmology Department JHL (\$20K). They were donated as part of Jinnah Allama Iqbal Diabetes and Endocrinology (JAIDE) unit renovation. IQBAL Loan (\$9K) was distributed among three Iqbalians applying for residency match this year. Chemotherapy infusion center renovation was done (\$15k). JHL library will be renovated. A total of \$15k funds have been allocated. AIMCAANA MERIT awards to top three under-graduates in each Professional examination and Research Awards will be distributed in December of this year during annual AIMCON meeting. A combined AIMCON-AIMCAANA meeting is being considered during APPNA Winter Meeting in December. Free medicine (Zakat eligible) project was continued at JHL.

Telemedicine and tele-lectures were started at Medicine Unit-1. We aim to build-up a computer and clinical skills lab. Initial assessments are being made. Project to scan and build-up electronic system for verification of medical documents for overseas Iqbalians is being developed. Funds of \$10k have been allocated. Visiting faculty program was launched. We partnered with Khyber Medical College Alumni to train Intensivists at JHL Burn Unit ICU. We planned to set-up an Endoscopy Center of Excellence at JHL. Different endoscopic accessories were shipped back home. AIMCAANA also aimed to promote basic education in underserved areas of Pakistan. A total of 13 elementary and middle schools in underserved areas of Layyah Multan were selected. In order to meet their immediate educational needs, different products were purchased and supplied back home (\$10K). A total of \$50K was placed in Endowment fund so as to continue supporting our projects in the future.

Our team invites all fellow Iqbalians to come forward and join hands with AIMCAANA. It's time to give back to our alma mater. Iqbalians once Iqbalians forever!

Regards,
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