



Alumni Newsletter March 2021

Ms. Hessa Amin, CEO of FAWSEC Educational Company

We had a chat with Ms. Hessa Amin, CEO of FAWSEC Educational Company who graduated from BBS in 2004.

After graduating, she received a bachelor's degree in Finance and Accounting from the University of Washington, Seattle. She then worked at Ernst and Young, Kuwait and Asiya Investments. During that period, Ms. Hessa spent a year exploring her interests and how she can best serve the community. Through that process she found a specific interest in the Education field and she went on to do her Master's in Education at Harvard focusing on Education Policy.

Dr. Yasmine Al-Saleh approached her while studying in Boston to explore how she can come back and work at BBS. In 2013, Ms. Hessa was employed at BBS as Curriculum Developer. The transition from the business world to the education world was very interesting to her. She did not expect that the cultures would be completely different. She had to learn how to bring the best of both worlds to the work. 6 years later, she is now CEO of FAWSEC Educational Company as well as a parent of two children at BBS and a member of the FAWSEC Ed. Board of Directors.



In her current role Ms. Hessa oversees Al-Bayan Bilingual School and Al-Bayan International School where she focuses on the student's learning and experience as well as the efficiency of FAWSEC Ed.'s support functions for both schools. Ms. Hessa believes in providing students with tools to develop relevant skills and opportunities to understand their environment to pursue personal wellbeing.



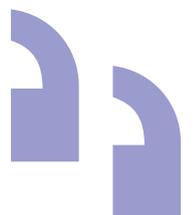
What she gained from BBS is the idea that hard work and resilience pays off. This was reinforced by her teachers and friends at school. She focused on learning and growth rather than grades and was surprised to be in the top 5 students of her graduating class.

In her own words, ...

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"I have one memory of sitting in my room focusing on one math problem for 30 minutes because I was not getting the right answer. The teacher recognized and rewarded the effort. By taking the more challenging courses offered at school, like AP courses I was also able to have a relatively easy university experience the first year which really helped me adjust to the college life." "This still translates to my work now as we continue to work towards addressing different challenges." She added.

"It's very interesting walking around campus now and hearing stories about my childhood from teachers, cleaning staff, guards, who taught me or remembered me when I was in school. It's amazing how they find it in their big hearts to remember all the children they came in contact with at school. I've heard everything from how I participated in class, my character ("kind, dedicated, very capable student") down to how I wore my hair in first grade! The community at the school is indeed special."





Alumni Highlight:

Yousef Al Humaidhi

BBS Alumnus Class of 2011

Yousef Al Humaidhi is a BBS Alumnus Class of 2011 and a Babson Graduate Class of 2015 with a Magna Cum Laude, he is currently enrolled in the MBA Program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Yousef is one of the 3 Co-Founders of [Mighty Well](#), a company –built at Babson- that creates and develops medical but fashionable products for patients, by patients.



Mighty Well began producing face masks in 2020. But, unlike most companies, it wasn't a change of direction, it wasn't in response to the pandemic, and it was highly personal—for its customers and for its founders. And, it already was part of the plan.

In his own words, ...

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*“This wasn't really a pivot for **Mighty Well**,” said Yousef Al-Humaidhi '11, **Mighty Well** co-founder and CFO. “We’ve always prioritized the needs of our patients and the needs of our community members. The difference is that as the pandemic came in, those needs shifted drastically. So, we didn't completely throw out the old business model and replace it with a new one. We just moved with our market considering what was going on with COVID.”*

We are proud of BBS Alumni for all the effort they put to make a change in the world!

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