

Pharmacy Students Compete at Interprofessional Health Science Skills Competition



Six students represented the College of Pharmacy at the College of the North Atlantic in Qatar (CNA-Q) Annual Health Sciences Skills Competition held March 25, 2014. The theme this year incorporated Interprofessional Education with an emphasis on communication skills between health-related professions.

Student representatives from each of the following pairs of professions were assembled into six teams:

Physician/Pharmacist; Pharmacy Technician/ Nursing; Respiratory Therapy/Medical Radiography; Dental Assistant/Paramedicine & Environmental Health-OHS/Environmental Health-PH. The pharmacy students representing the College of Pharmacy this year were: Nada Khudair (Final year student), Bayan Alemrayat (Final year student), Dania Alkhiyami (Final year student), Aya Alasmar (Final year student), Soumaya Allouch (Final year student) and Myriam Jaam (Third year student).

The initial assessment lasted for 20 minutes. At the completion of their session, each pair where debriefed by faculty and then repeated the scenarios with a different partner where they were assessed on the improvement seen in their performance. Soumaya Allouch was the pharmacy student in the winning team and Bayan Alemrayat was the pharmacy student in the 'Best Improved Performance' team. "It was one great experience which was not only enriching our knowledge and skills in dealing with other health professionals, but also very enjoyable and fun. We got to make new friendships and learn new things not only about others but also about ourselves as future pharmacists," stated Myriam Jaam, one of the participating pharmacy students.

Representing the College of Pharmacy as Judges and Debriefers in this year's competition were Drs. Emily Black, Bridget Javed and Alla El-Awaisi. Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the College of Pharmacy Alla El-Awaisi remarked, "it was great observing the different health care team students participating in the skills competition this year. The students did extremely well and you can easily observe how much they were enjoying this experience. Interprofessional Education is a must in this day in age and we hope to see more of these activities integrated within our curriculums. All our pharmacy students did extremely well and we are very proud of them".

Congratulations to Soumaya and Bayan for being in the winning team and to the rest of the students for their participation in this important event.