

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatul-Allah wa Barakatuh,

Greetings, and I thank you for taking time out of your schedules to judge our presentations. My name is Malik Abdelkarim, a senior at Michigan Islamic Academy interested in biological sciences and, more specifically, the medical field. Though most of my time is comprised of college preparations and completing school tasks, I spend my free time reading about exciting historical events, reading scientific news articles, drawing, and playing video games. Some of my more minor interests include astronomy, psychology, and military strategies.

I originally chose to discuss the relationship between science and the Quran due to the misconception that the two are unrelated. My project starts by explaining the purpose of both science and the Quran. It then proceeds to describe the traditional, more mainstream approach to how Muslims relate the two, followed by the mentioning of verses that match scientific data. Finally, it provides an approach to dealing with science according to classical Islamic scholars. For my event, senior Bilal El-mohri and I have teamed up to present scientific information and foods mentioned in the Quran. We presented at the MCA mosque after Isha' prayer, handing out pre- and post-surveys that help assess our presentation.

This project has provided me with a phenomenal experience. It gave me insight on how college projects are structured, and I definitely gained a greater appreciation towards science as I researched and thought about it as a miracle of Allah in itself. In addition, I have been enlightened further by the verses of the Quran and *Hadith* of the Prophet (Peace be upon him).

Once again, I appreciate you, dear judges, for finding time in your busy schedules to judge our humble projects. We sincerely thank you for your time and effort.

-Malik Abdelkarim