

My Journey & Gratitude

A Story of Growth, Opportunity, and Family

For WEF and SFF Programs

It was always my dream to pursue an MBA from a respected U.S. university. In 2019, that dream began to take shape when I was selected to receive the WEF Scholarship for the MBA program at Herzing University. This life-changing opportunity was made possible by the generosity of the Shams Family Foundation (SFF), WEF, and the many dedicated volunteers who welcomed us with open arms during orientation.

I arrived in the United States full of hope, eager to learn, and determined to build a better future—not only for myself but also for my family. The support system provided by the WEF and SFF made it possible to focus on my education and personal development, despite the many challenges that come with moving to a new country.



First photo: This was one of my proudest moments—standing at the Herzing University orientation. That day marked the culmination of hard work, late nights, and endless dedication.



2nd photo: At Herzing University's campus, proudly standing beside the university banner. Every corner of that building holds memories of growth, friendships, and learning.



3rd photo: This picture is incredibly special to me. It was taken at my wife's graduation ceremony - YES, she also pursued and completed the same MBA program at Herzing University, inspired by our shared vision and mutual support. Standing beside her with our son - Ali in my arms, I felt the full circle of our journey: education not just empowering individuals but uplifting entire families.

Today, I continue to grow professionally and personally, at one of the best Atlanta's oil companies as a Sr. Relationship Manager and none of this would have been possible without the WEF and SFF programs. Your support has created a ripple effect - what started as an educational opportunity for one person became a foundation for a family's success.

Thank you for believing in us. Thank you for your mentorship, vision, and investment in our potential. I hope our story serves as a testament to the transformative power of education, support, and community.

With sincere gratitude,

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