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Assalamu Alaikum Judges,

My name is Abdul-Kareem Nahlawi and I am a graduating senior for the class of 2017 at Michigan Islamic Academy. I have been attending MIA for 15 years now; ever since I was in the Pre-K. There I have made new friends every year and learned new material in every class. Growing up, my favorite sport has and still is soccer. I started playing for a team when I was 6 years old and since then, I have joined more teams and increased in skill. Many of my hobbies include basketball and boxing. My birthplace is Michigan where I have living my whole life, but I am originally from Syria.

As you all know, us seniors are required to do a senior project before graduating. Choosing a subject was not hard for me because I had thought of what I wanted to do last year. My topic is about spreading awareness and helping Syrian Refugees. The reason why I chose this was not only because I am of Syrian origin, but also because of the false image the media is giving about them and how they are a threat to us. At the end of this project, I would have to say that this was very enjoyable experience and I learned a lot from it. Though it was hard with all the deadlines, it taught me responsibility and I actually feel like I did something that benefitted me and others.

I would finally like to give a special thanks to you judges who have taken out from your personal time to listen to our projects. It is a very tiresome and long process to listen to every student's project and grade it but you guys had patience and judged us fairly and equally. Thank you again for your time and thank you for all you have done.

Sincerely,

Abdul-Kareem Nalawi