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KGSP
ANNUAL REPORT



"The youth represent the Nation's beacon of bright hope for its future." — King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud



KGSP OVERVIEW

The KGSP prepares Saudi Arabia's next generation of thought leaders, scientists and innovators to recognize, leverage and shape the unprecedented opportunities of the 21st century.

KAUST GIFTED STUDENT PROGRAM (KGSP)

Sitting under KAUST Academy and implemented in partnership with the Institute of International Education (IIE), the KAUST Gifted Student Program (KGSP) is designed to foster a pool of Saudi Arabian scholars within the scientific and technological fields.

Whether they choose future academic, scientific, professional or entrepreneurial pursuits, the KGSP ensures students have the global mindsets, holistic skills and significant credentials to tackle the Nation's and humanity's greatest challenges.

As a crucial knowledge pipeline supporting a thriving Saudi Arabia, KGSP alumni contribute to the nation's transformation in innovative ways that only a KAUST experience can provide.

In 2025-26, the KGSP continued to provide students with world-class programming designed to further four key priority areas:

- **Tailored Student Support** — Identifying the unique needs and goals of every student and partnering together on a path to success.
- **Professional Development** — Creating opportunities outside of the classroom to develop the holistic skills and experiences necessary for careers of impact.
- **KAUST Engagement** — Leveraging relationships with KAUST faculty and partners to provide students with access to unique experiences, mentors, and resources, grounded in KAUST's relationship with the Kingdom's RDI goals.
- **Lifelong Affiliation** — Building connections between alumni and with current students to strengthen community, create opportunities to give back, and amplify inspiring stories of impact.

314
STUDENT ENROLLMENT

3.45
MEDIAN CGPA

728
KGSP ALUMNI

42
UNIVERSITY HOSTS



Mayar Alhelaili

KGSP Cohort 14, University of Southern California '26

"The KAUST experience has been deeply transformative. The KGSP is not just a program—it's a community. From the beginning, the KGSP offered guidance, encouragement, and mentorship, and gave us the opportunity to pursue endeavors that once felt far beyond our reach. Its impact doesn't end with any single cohort. It moves through people, across institutions, and across generations. It lives on in the way we teach, the way we mentor, and the way we choose to open doors for others."

Dr. Mariam Awlia

KGSP Cohort 1

"KGSP was the foundation of it all. It builds individuals who don't just succeed – but who serve. For me, KGSP is something that truly shaped who I have become. KGSP didn't just give me an education – it shaped my sense of purpose and impact. It didn't just educate me, it transformed me."

Letters *from Leadership*

The KAUST Gifted Student Program (KGSP), launched in 2008, is one of KAUST's most enduring commitments to the Kingdom's future. Over eighteen years, the Program has supported hundreds of exceptional Saudi students in pursuing undergraduate study at leading global universities, preparing them to return to the Kingdom for graduate study at KAUST, research opportunities and careers of national impact. KGSP alumni have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars, postdoctoral fellows, researchers, entrepreneurs, and leaders across the Kingdom.

Today, KGSP is an integral part of KAUST's broader talent-development ecosystem. Its integration within KAUST Academy is creating a pathway that begins earlier in students' educational journeys, providing opportunities to identify, develop, and support gifted Saudi students through to advanced study and beyond. In 2026, over 60% of KGSP students had previously participated in KAUST Academy programs, demonstrating the strength of this pathway.

"KGSP remains a cornerstone"

This work contributes directly to the ambitions of Saudi Vision 2030 and the Human Capability Development Program by cultivating globally prepared Saudi talent in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Through challenging academic experiences, global exposure and opportunities for personal and professional development, KGSP helps students build the capabilities needed to contribute to the Kingdom's future.

As KAUST continues to accelerate its impact, KGSP remains a cornerstone of this mission: identifying exceptional talent, providing transformative global opportunities, and preparing the next generation of researchers, innovators, and leaders to contribute to the Kingdom's continued transformation.

Sultan Albarakati
Associate Vice President, Saudi Talent Development
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)





It is a privilege to support KGSP students throughout their undergraduate journey and to witness how much they grow during their time in the Program. Each year brings new achievements and milestones, but perhaps one of the most rewarding moments is seeing our seniors begin their next chapter at KAUST. Historically, more than 80% of KGSP students have matriculated to KAUST for graduate studies. Watching students who joined KGSP as high school graduates return to the Kingdom as confident young scholars is a powerful reminder of the journey they have taken and the opportunities that lie ahead.

With each admissions cycle, we are reminded of the exceptional caliber of Saudi students from across the Kingdom. This year, Cohort 18 has been admitted to leading universities across the **UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**, including institutions ranked among the world's top 30. This marks an important first step in expanding KGSP's global university network beyond the United States and creating new opportunities for Saudi students to pursue their undergraduate studies at leading institutions around the world.

"[KGSP is] preparing the next generation of scientists, researchers, innovators, and leaders"

Behind each student's journey is a community of people committed to their success. Our KGSP team brings together expertise in advising, enrichment, and student development, while faculty, mentors, supervisors, university partners, and KAUST colleagues contribute their time and knowledge to help our students make the most of their opportunities. We are also fortunate to have the continued support of KAUST leadership, whose commitment to developing the Kingdom's future talent enables us to continue advancing the Program and contributing to the ambitions of Vision 2030.

As we look ahead, KGSP will continue to build on this foundation, supporting exceptional Saudi students as they pursue aspirational goals and preparing the next generation of scientists, researchers, innovators, and leaders. It is an honor to witness what our students accomplish, and even more so to know that their journeys are only beginning.

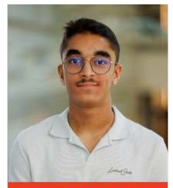
Ameer Alsabaa
Head of the KAUST Gifted Student Program
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)


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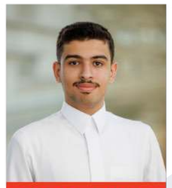
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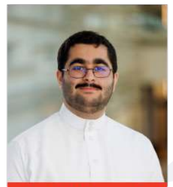
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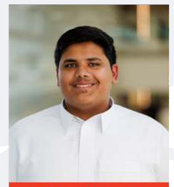
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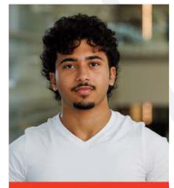
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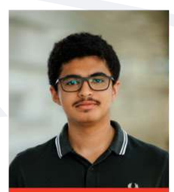
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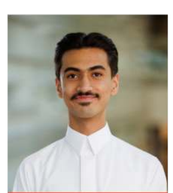
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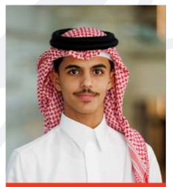
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Lana Nouri - Stanford University
Mohammad Al Ismail - University of California, Los Angeles
Mohammed Al Arfaj - University College London
Tulay Aloufi - University of Chicago



PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION





"You have been invited to join the KGSP because you demonstrate the potential for scientific excellence, leadership, and commitment to furthering the Kingdom's national priorities. You are joining a Program and a University with a proud tradition of catalyzing human potential into capability for societal impact, and you embark on this journey at a critical moment, with technological innovation and global challenges increasingly frenetic and complex. Future generations will require not only the raw potential of talent, but deep immersion in technical skills, fluency in scientific reasoning, and global perspectives and partnerships. Cohort 18 will complete your undergraduate degrees and return home to KAUST in 2030, uniquely prepared to join the University in its mission to accelerate impact and enrich the Kingdom's knowledge economy."

SIR EDWARD BYRNE AC
President & Chief Academic Officer
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)

TAILORED STUDENT SUPPORT

A PERSONALIZED APPROACH

The KGSP utilizes a relational and proactive advising model, prioritizing the development of deep relationships between students and Advisors to tailor support to individual goals and needs and provide frequent touchpoints to encourage accountability and mentorship. This encourages clear communication and transparency, and provides students with the resources needed to make informed decisions about their academic and professional paths.

"My Advisor is very good with finding resources, solutions, and advice to any problems I have whether academic or personal from time management to technical to social."

-Lianne Algrafi, Cohort 15 Sophomore, Caltech

Connecting with students in person is a highlight of KGSP's advising model. Advisors prioritize creating meaningful connections to peers and resources on campus by hosting in-person meetings, informational sessions, and social activities.

While the close relationships developed between students and Advisors are the cornerstone of KGSP's tailored student support, the Program also provides individual professional enrichment advising, alumni and peer mentorship, tutoring support, virtual webinars and workshops, and regular enrichment and advising newsletters that provide important updates, upcoming deadlines or opportunities, student support recommendations, and student and staff spotlights.





2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS

1:50
ADVISOR TO STUDENT RATIO

48
IN-PERSON CAMPUS SITE VISITS BY KGSP ADVISORS

92%
STUDENTS SATISFIED BY THEIR KGSP EXPERIENCE

92%
STUDENT SATIFACTION WITH THEIR KGSP ADVISOR

3.45
MEAN GPA AMONG GRADUATING SENIORS

72
SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2026

ADVISING SUCCESS STORIES



Mohammed Balfas

KGSP Cohort 15, Sophomore, Boston University

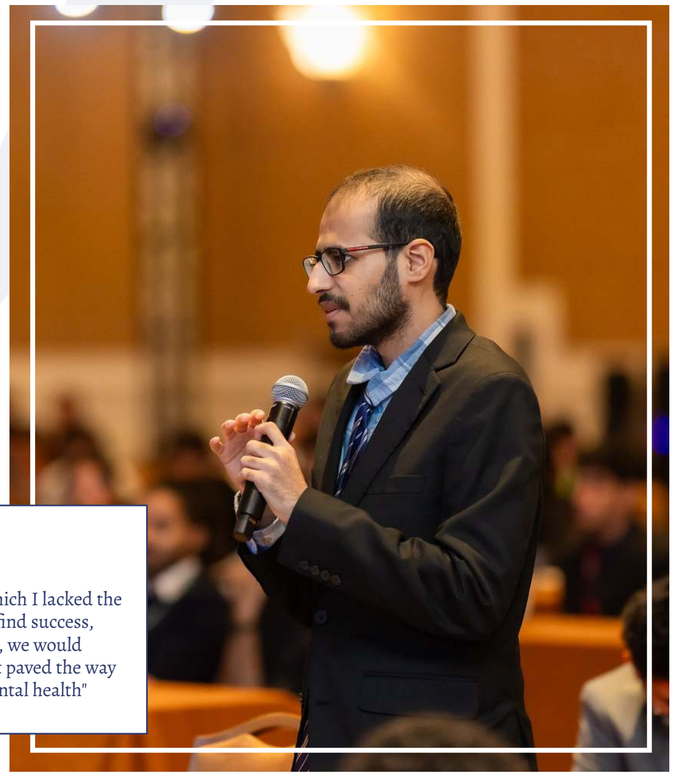
“My KGSP advisor played a major role in helping me improve both academically and personally this year. What I appreciated most about working with her was that our conversations went beyond simply looking at my grades or telling me that I needed to improve. We spent time trying to understand what was actually causing the challenges I was facing. She encouraged me to seek support rather than waiting until a problem became difficult to recover from. That included using tutoring and being more proactive about the resources available to me. One piece of advice from her has especially stayed with me -- she told me that at the beginning of every week, she writes down everything she needs to accomplish and then looks at what is most urgent and important. I started doing the same thing, and it completely changed how I approach busy weeks. I now find myself sharing her advice with other people. Many of the things she taught me were small, practical changes, but together they have had a much larger effect on the person I have become and the way I approach everything I take on.”



Hussain Al Shihab

KGSP Cohort 16 Freshman, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

"During my freshman year, Yulia Hanson helped me figure out my course plan and how to handle it when I was struggling in a course. She also helped with figuring out what to do with my summer. After finishing my freshman year, there was a lot happening at once with my summer program, course planning, and housing. Instead of leaving me to sort it all out at once, she broke everything down into steps I could actually handle, which made the whole thing feel a lot less overwhelming."



Abdulmajed Alqarni

KGSP Cohort 15 Sophomore, Purdue University

"After the death of a loved one, there were many instances in which I lacked the drive to apply myself in my studies. Despite this, I managed to find success, thanks to the accountability placed by my Advisor. Once a week, we would meet to debrief, discuss obstacles, and set small milestones that paved the way towards better grades, stronger study habits, and improved mental health"

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Enrichment is Key

Each summer, KGSP students extend their learning beyond the classroom through enrichment experiences that deepen their expertise and accelerate their professional development.

In 2026, students completed enrichment in 9 countries

This year, students pursued a wide range of high-impact opportunities, from conducting research at their home institutions to securing internships in leading technology companies and earning competitive international fellowships.
These experiences equip students with real-world skills, broaden their professional networks, and position them to make meaningful contributions as future leaders in their fields.

The KGSP creates pathways that connect students with high-value opportunities to support their development. Through strategic partnerships and tailored programming, the KGSP Enrichment team helps students identify experiences aligned with their interests and aspirations, connect with valuable resources and mentors, and develop competitive applications. By empowering students to pursue ambitious opportunities, the KGSP ensures superior preparation for graduate study at KAUST and future professional impact.





19
STUDENTS IN KAUST ACADEMY SUMMER SPECIALIZATION PROGRAMS

96
RESEARCH PLACEMENTS

38
STUDENTS IN THE KAUST SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

95%
STUDENTS COMPLETED SUMMER ENRICHMENT

89
HOST ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTNERS

97%
STUDENTS REPORT GAINS IN INTRAPERSONAL COMPETENCIES

ENRICHMENT HIGHLIGHTS



KAUST SUMMER INSTERNSHIP PROGRAM

SAUD ALZARRAJ
Junior, Mechanical Engineering, Boston University

"[The exciting part about KSIP was knowing it] points somewhere. [It taught me] simulation and modeling work, which fits the machine learning concentration I switched into in April. KAUST for graduate school now feels exciting. It also opens an option for me to go into research or R&D."



SUMMER INTERNSHIP ARAMCO

HASSAN ALSHIHAB
Junior, Geology,
University of Colorado, Boulder

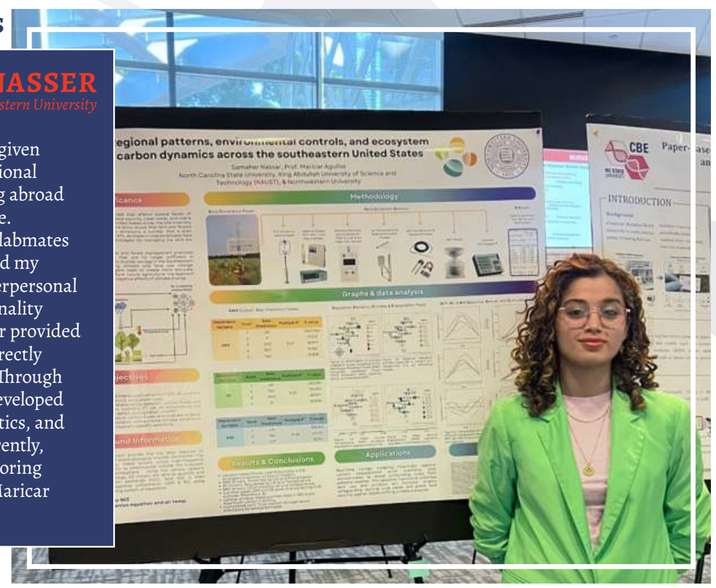
"I really enjoyed the experience because I got to learn a completely new software and work with actual research data. It also gave me a good idea of what research looks like in an industry setting and how research can be applied to real-world industry problems.... I think that's one of the best parts of the KGSP enrichment opportunity. It gives you the chance to explore different types of research and figure out what you enjoy before deciding what you want to pursue in graduate school."



SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT GEARS

SAMAHER NASSER
Junior, Environmental Science, Northwestern University

"Participating in the GEARS program has given me several benefits in the realm of professional development. An essential part of studying abroad that KGSP emphasizes is cultural exchange. Working alongside my diverse cohort and labmates from all walks of life has further broadened my perspective and equipped me with the interpersonal skills necessary to navigate the intersectionality inherent in modern research. This summer provided me with critical technical competencies directly applicable to my major and future career. Through hands-on work at NC State University, I developed proficiency in R programming, data analytics, and carbon sequestration methodologies. Currently, I am applying these skills through co-authoring a publication with my mentor, Professor Maricar Aguilos."



ABDULLAH ALKADI
Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University

"This experience was valuable in many ways, the first being the ability to apply engineering concepts in the workplace, which was done through a project that I worked done centered around creating a dashboard measuring pump efficiency. Furthermore, I formed valuable professional relationships with multiple people, a few of whom I consider as mentors, and whose insight and support I'll carry with me into future roles."

SUMMER INTERNSHIP ARAMCO



KAUST ENGAGEMENT

KGSP students benefit from affiliation with their host institution in the United States as well as their home institution of KAUST. The Program provides opportunities for engagement with KAUST faculty, partners, and other resources grounded in KAUST's contributions to the Kingdom's Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) goals.

Ensuring that KGSP students are familiar with KAUST's academic programs, research impact, and commercial and government partnerships is essential for exciting students about the opportunities that await their return home for graduate study.

293
STUDENTS ATTENDED THE 2026 KGSP CONVOCATION

>200
ALUMNI ATTENDED THE 2025 ALUMNI SUMMIT

16
FACULTY MEMBERS ATTENDED CONVOCATION

6
VIP GUESTS ATTENDED CONVOCATION

67
STUDENTS ATTENDED THE 2026 PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

33
ALUMNI SUPPORTED PROGRAM EVENTS



"KGSP [is] more than a program, but a family for the years ahead. While we are born into families, KGSP allows us to find one through shared purpose and growth, and having this support and community is vital while we are far from home."

RAWAN SONBUL
Freshman, Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley

"Who wouldn't want to get paid to do a master's at a prestigious university, learn a lot, have access to incredible professors and positions themselves very well in the Saudi ecosystem?"

Senior Student, Physics

CONVOCATION

"I am giving you the responsibility today to believe in your hands lies the future. And I'm challenging you to make the world better than the one you receive."

HRH AMBASSADOR REEMA BANDAR AL-SAUD

OVERVIEW

The annual KGSP Convocation remains a cornerstone for student engagement with KAUST, convening the full KGSP student body, KAUST faculty, alumni representatives, and senior university leadership in a multi-day academic symposium. Held January 16–18 in Washington, D.C., this year's gathering strengthened student connections to KAUST and reemphasized the University's investment in its future leaders as part of the Kingdom's broader strategy.

"For me, coming to Convocation each and every single year raises my standards and expectations of myself." - *Senior Student*

The program was honored to host distinguished guests from Saudi Arabia's government and higher education landscape—highlighted by a keynote address from HRH Ambassador Reema Bandar Al Saud.

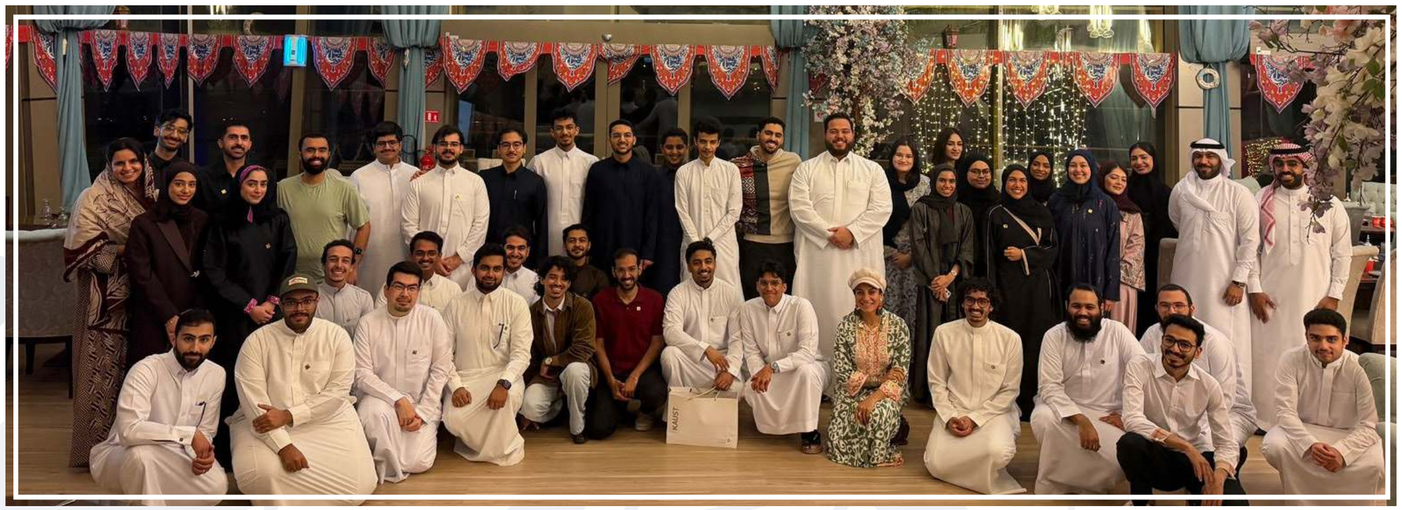
The agenda aimed to deepen student connections with KAUST through meaningful interactions with faculty and alumni, while empowering them to contribute meaningfully to Saudi Arabia's economic vision.







LIFELONG AFFILIATION



KGSP Aumni Network

The KGSP alumni community is the realization of the investment that KAUST makes in the students of the KGSP. Each year, the community of KGSP alumni grows with the graduation of current students. As the community expands, examples of the impact the KGSP has on KAUST and the Kingdom become more apparent. Alumni of the KGSP walk a wide range of paths, from cutting-edge researchers and engineers at the Kingdom's giga projects to start-up founders, CEOs, Rhodes Scholars, and KAUST professors. As the community continues to grow, so too will the impact of the KGSP's alumni on KAUST and the Kingdom.

Giving Back

KGSP alumni work hard to strengthen their connection with the current student population through participation in numerous activities:

- KGSP Events
- Alumni Ambassadors
- Alumni Career Talks
- Mentoring

The hallmark of the alumni program's services to current students is he KGSP Alumni Mentorship Program (AMP), which provides mentorship for current KGSP undergraduate students by matching them with KGSP alumni mentors for an entire academic year. Mentors and students meet monthly to discuss academic pursuits, career goals, personal milestones, and other matters related to a successful scholarship experience. The objectives of AMP:

- Facilitate meaningful connections
- Enhance academic and career success
- Foster a strong alumni-student network

Alumni Community Services

The KGSP works to provide robust services to the alumni community though various initiatives:

- KGSP Alumni Council
- Alumni Dinners
- Bi-Annual Alumni Summit
- KGSP Alumni Podcast





" The alumni community of KGSP is like no other. Everyone is very eager to help and support, and every success is our mutual success. Personally, this community means a lot to me, and the relationships spawned by it are lifelong."

ABDULRAHMAN TAHER
KGSPCohort 7



DR. EMAN ALHAJJI
KGSP Cohort 4
Recipient of the first KGSP Distinguished Alumni Award

KGSP Distinguied Alumni Award

Given to an individual who has excelled in accelerating the impact of the KGSP community and who embodies the spirit of, and dedication to, the KGSP; and inspires future generations of KGSP students to strive for greatness and further the advancement of KAUST and the Kingdom.

ALUMNI SUMMIT

The innagural bi-annual event was held in November 2025 on KAUST Campus. The Alumni Summit served as a powerful conduit for building a strong alumni community, connecting it concretely to KAUST and to the KGSP, and showcasing the impact of the program and its alumni to a wider audience.







"The best part was looking around at all the different cohorts and seeing where everyone is today. We have grown alongside the program, and seeing everyone come back together at this stage of their lives felt like a new level had been unlocked for the KGSP community."

MARYAM YAGHMOUR
KGSPCohort 7



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Swag!

The tote bags in the above photo were designed by KGSP Alumna **Maryam Almaskin** for the event and given to each alumn in attendance.

KGSP Class of 2026



MANAL ALSHAMRANI

KGSP Cohort 11

"We are proud to serve as ambassadors of this prestigious scholarship, one that continues to bring together some of the brightest minds in Saudi Arabia. [...] When I first started navigating college as a high school student, I never imagined that the community around me would grow this wide, or that my voice could reach rooms like this. And that is exactly why I want you to imagine what your own impact might look like in the years ahead.

Saudi Arabia is undergoing historic transformation. And the Kingdom needs talent like you. I once received advice from a mentor that stayed with me: "Get your education, gain your experience, but don't stay away for too long. The Kingdom is waiting for you."

Fall 2025 Graduates

Abdulaziz Abdulrahman Aljuaid - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ahmed Fuad A Al Karam - University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ahmed Hisham M Alcassab - Rice University
Ali Ibrahim M Bo Khamseen - Purdue University
Mohamed Salah A Alherz - University of Wisconsin-Madison
Mohammed Saleh M Babgi - Northwestern University

Winter 2026 Graduates

Meshall Nasser A Alshalaan - University of California, San Diego

Spring 2026 Graduates

Abdulaziz Mansour A Alajlan - Georgia Institute of Technology
Abdulaziz Abdullah A Alhumaidy - University of California, Davis
Abdulaziz Moaaz M Bataweel - Purdue University
Abdulelah Saad S Allahyani - Boston University
Abdullah Talal N Alfuraih - University of California, Irvine
Abdullah Manei A Almanei - University of California, Los Angeles
Abdulrahman Mohammed A Almana - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ahmad Mohammed Y Alrabiah - Rice University
Ahmad Waheed A Turkistani - University of California, San Diego
Ahmed Tawfiz K Almeshal - University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Ahmed Saleh A Alzahrani - Pennsylvania State University-University Park Campus
Ahmed Baligh G Battrji - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Ali Hasan A Akbar - University of Maryland, College Park
Ali Mohammed S Alali - Purdue University
Ali Hadi J Alsadah - University of Colorado Boulder
Alqasem Salemi A Senegali - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Anmar Anas A Ahmad - Ohio State University
Bader Mazen M Alkhawashki - University of California, Berkeley
Bassam Jamil M Addas - New York University
Dina Hassan A Alshehri - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Fares Ibrahim A Alghamdi - Boston University
Fares Ibraheem F Pasuni - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Fatemah Abdulaziz S Alobaydan - George Washington University
Fatimah Hassan A Almuallim - University of Rochester
Firas Waeil A Batwa - University of California, Los Angeles
Ghaida Khalid F Aldhahri - Boston University
Hassan Wajeh M Almosapeeh - University of Maryland
Hussain Adel A Alshammasi - Pennsylvania State University
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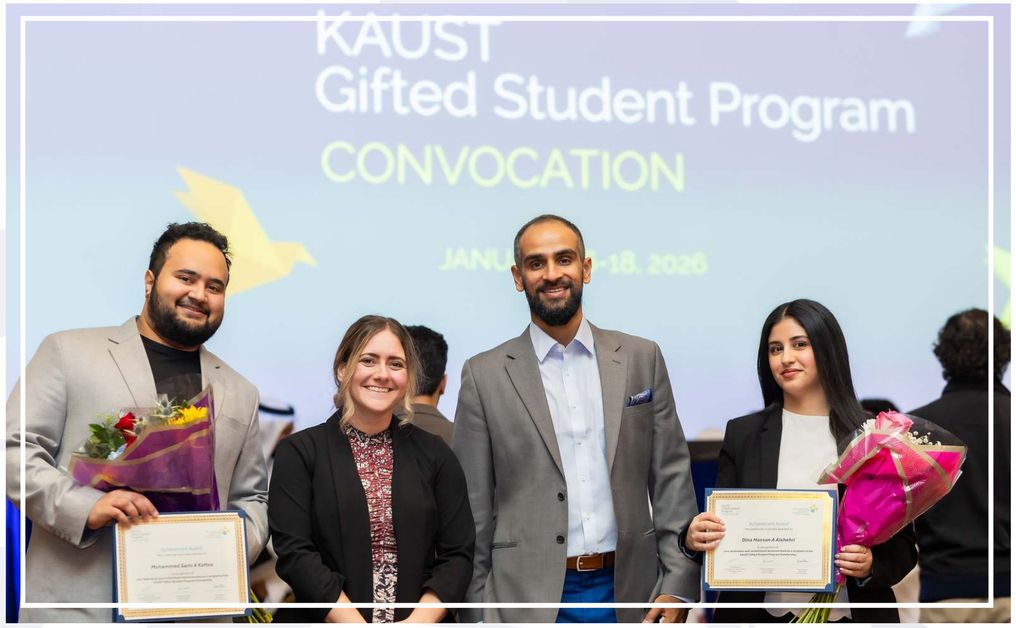
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