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## Seniors of 2017

THE 90'S LEFT THE BEST  
FOR LAST!



Class of  
**2017**



## Senior Quotes



“An eye for an eye may make the world blind, but we often forget that justice is also blind.” -Alyeldin Shahin

“Catch me at HFC, how bout dat?” - Ali Daher

“I didn’t squack.” -Mariam Hachem

“Classwork: 1+1. Homework: 2x+2. Exam: Ali had two apples

how many times does he breathe per minute?” -Ali Joune

“Due tomorrow? Do tomorrow.” -Ali Almehdi

“No one gets my last name...ever!”

“I’m gonna say the same thing for graduation as I did for puberty...it’s Morphin’ time!”  
Malek Mansour



Almedina Rezevcenin

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“The teachers here room I hear “oh God”

“NO, I’m not bald!”

“I am fluent in sarcasm rather than English...thanks high school!” Fatme Elseblani

must love praying; everytime I walk in to the class-  
Malek Mansour

Hanen Sobh



## Senior Interviews

By Marwa Hachem

At last, 14 years of public education is coming to an end. Although it is sad, it must eventually happen. To summarize their last four years at Fordson, two students answered questions to explain the importance of Fordson and how their experience might impact their future.

### What was your first impression of Fordson?

“It was very different from the negative stereotypes and rumors I’ve heard.” –Mariam Alley

“My first impression was actually when I was 7 years old when I first moved to Dearborn. I thought it was a castle!” –Marcela Orozco

### What is your favorite Fordson memory?

“I enjoyed going to the talent show every year with friends and being amazed at the talent students had at Fordson.” - Mariam

“My favorite memory would have to be my senior prom. I enjoyed seeing how everyone has grown up yet still we keep in touch.” Marcela

### Who is one person who you looked up to throughout highschool?

“I never thought I was capable of challenging myself or succeeding in AP classes until Mr. Konstantinidis believed in me and gave me that push. I owe it all to him.” -Mariam

“My mom of course. She’s such a strong woman. She’s the one to push me to achieve my goals. She does a lot for everyone and never expects anything in return.” -Marcela

### Do you have any advice for underclassmen?

“It’s okay to step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself. You might be surprised at what you are capable of handling when you set your mind to it.” Mariam says.

“DO NOT SKIP! Audit is real! Also, just be yourself. Do not let the words of others ruin your happiness.” -Marcela

### How has Fordson prepared you for life outside of public school?

“It has taught me to follow my passion, and whether I succeed or fail, all that matters is that I gave it my all.” Mariam

“It helped me prepare for life outside of school by being so diverse. Seeing all the different cultures, religions and ethnicities opened up my eyes. It made me more open minded and inspired me to learn about different religions.” –Marcela

## Fordson Extra

### Key Club Spearheads Relay for Life Event

On Saturday, May 6th Fordson Key Club students volunteered their time and effort to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society at the Dearborn Civic Center. Even though it was a brutally cold day, the Key Club managed to raise more than \$300. A special thank you to the staff members who supported this event and the Kiwanis advisors, Mr. Frank and Mrs. Scaramucci.



### Fordson Football Team Works with Focus Hope to Aid Senior Citizens

Members of the Fordson Football Team partnered with Focus Hope on May 17th and volunteered their time by delivering 66 food boxes to low income senior citizens in Highland Park.

### Fordson 4 X 100 Meter Relay Team Qualifies for State Meet



On Friday, May 19th the Fordson Boys 4 X 100 meter relay team advanced to the state meet by posting an impressive 43.68 seconds in their event. The relay team will compete at the State Meet on Saturday, June 3rd in Grand Rapids. Pictured from left are: Coach Berry, Hamze Elzayat, Abe Jaafar, Amir Siddiq, Rayan Bandar, and Coach Zaban.

### Lending a Hand for Special Olympics

On Saturday, May 6th Fordson students and members of the Special Olympics Club attended the Special Olympics first annual pasta fundraiser. The turnout was tremendous and the fundraiser helped athletes in Special Olympics purchase uniforms and pay for travel expenses to the games.



# Giving Back to the Community



Fordson Students from NHS, Girls Basketball, and Boys Football recently went to local elementary schools and hosted a special reading event. The Fordson students took time out of their busy schedules and read to several classes. After the reading portion was over there was a question, answer, and photo session. Fordson continues to give back to the community in many ways.



## Interact Club

On Friday, May 19th the Interact Club of Fordson held its 1st Annual Special Needs Prom in the atrium and restaurant area of the Michael Berry Center. The Interact Club members engaged the special needs kids by interacting, dancing, and socializing throughout the evening. The event was memorable for not only the special needs students, but also the members of the club. Fordson students showed compassion, love, and a humbleness in serving others that we all should be proud of. The club hopes to continue this event for many years to come.



## Teacher Spotlight

By Safaa Hachem



Today I interviewed Mrs. Callan, a 9th grade biology teacher. She answered some questions about her life and why she began teaching in the first place.

1. Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I like teaching other people and have lots of childhood memories of playing school with my two sisters.

2. Who has made a big impact in your life?

My husband, he makes me a better person and makes me happy.

3. If you weren't a teacher, what other job would you like to try?

A veterinarian, I like animals.

4. What is your aspiration in life?

To be happy and to make others happy.

5. What is your favorite color?

Purple.

6. What is your favorite movie?

Lord of the Rings.

7. Do you have any pets? Or children?

I have two dogs ( Indiana and Chewbacca ), four cats ( Norman, Precious, Bella, and Selene ), and two rabbits ( Zero and Willow )—No kids.

8. How were your grades in High school?

They were good, mostly As.

9. What is your favorite quote?

“Dream as if you’ll live forever, live as if you’ll die today.”

~ James Dean

## Update on DAPL By Hanin Elhagehassan

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has been protesting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline since early 2016. Reminder: the reason for these protests is a result of the fact that the pipeline has the potential to contaminate drinking water and harm the environment and cultural/sacred sites. Unfortunately, the people’s fears are no longer just fears, but a reality. On April 4th, the Dakota Access Pipeline reportedly leaked, spilling 84 gallons of oil. The spill apparently occurred about 100 miles away from the Sioux Tribe’s water source, Lake Oahe. The public was made aware of this incident on May 11th because it was a “small” issue. Officials referring to the spill as a minor inconvenience does not bring any comfort, but rather, it foreshadows a future of many possible “small” errors. The fact that this spill occurred before the Dakota Access Pipeline has even been completed should spell trouble for all. In response to reports of the oil spill, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman, Dave Archambault II, took the opportunity to address this matter on the movement’s official website ([standwithstandingrock.net](http://standwithstandingrock.net)), “The Dakota Access pipeline has not yet started shipping the proposed half million barrels of oil per day and we are already seeing confirmed reports of oil spills from the pipeline. This is what we have said all along: oil pipelines leak and spill.” The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe refuses to give up hope and continues to fight for their right to basic necessities and their right to live. The Chairman also expresses his worry for not just the tribe, but the 17 million people whose drinking water is also at risk. The well being of millions should far outweigh the perceived economic advantages of the pipeline. Surely, making a quick buck is not more important than the health of millions?

## Way to Go Seals!

We would like to celebrate a group of hardworking students here at Fordson. All of the students listed below have obtained their Seal of Biliteracy. This shows that they have studied four years (or the equivalent) of a World Language and completed the Seal requirements which included an essay written in and a 5-10 minute speech delivered in the target language.

Arabic			
Hana Zayour	Sarah Shareef	Noor Saeed	Areena Kassem
Fatima Salah	Somaia Alward	Ali Hadwan	Mariam Azzam
Omimah Bazzi	Dima Charara	Basma Elsalet	Ayat Youssef
Bushra Nasser	Ali Omayan	Nawal Saad	Shajrah Faizah
French			
Israa Ali	Nour (Aur�lie) Alt wajj	Diana (Zo�e) Almusowi	Safa Khalil
Rouba Salamey	Alessia Sciacca	Mahassen Bazzi	Mounir Dab- bagh
Amanda Fahim	Kaylee Mullen	Fatme Elseblani	
Spanish			
Zeinab Elmoussaoui		Fatima Saleh	



Ms. Hamma-  
mi stands  
with 3 of her  
students who  
earned their  
Seal of  
Biliteracy in  
Arabic.



## Tractors Celebrate Earth Day

Saturday, April 22nd was Earth Day, an annual event celebrated on this date around the world. Various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Our Fordson students wanted to get their hands dirty and decided to get involved. Some of our students participated through volunteering at The Islamic Center of America, building a community garden, planting and trimming trees, pulling weeds, and picking up trash in the Dearborn community. Our students represented what Fordson has come to be known for which involves serving the community and serving others.



## Link Crew

By: Zeinab Beydoun

What is Link Crew? Link Crew is a club run by Mr. Proctor, Ms. Moussa, and Ms. Curtis. This club gives juniors and seniors the opportunity to get involved in the 9th graders first year of high school. The program is designed to help guide and nurture incoming freshmen. Link Leaders get involved in fundraisers, events, and orientation for the incoming freshmen. Some fun events Link Leaders participate in are: the ice cream social, freshmen orientation, and freshmen tailgate.

Next year promises to have another tremendous group of juniors and seniors who will be devoted to guiding our incoming 9th graders in the right direction.



## Spotlight on Kareem Davanzo—Fordson Senior Male Athlete

By: David Tran



I was given the opportunity to have an interview with one of the best swimmers at Fordson, who will be attending Wayne State in August, Kareem Davanzo.

Kareem is a 4 year varsity swimmer and has achieved many awards, beaten records, and made Fordson Swimming more than just a sport, it's a lifestyle. Kareem is on the honor roll who has also taken Advanced Placement classes. He is one of the top ranked students in his class of 2017. Kareem does more than just be academically smart, he is also involved. Kareem is a part of the

National Honors Society, a prestigious organization across the nation. Kareem also participates in many other sports such as Cross Country, and Track.

Of Kareem's experience in swimming, he says, "I've met some of my best friends through swimming and I've had a lot of success here." Kareem plans on graduating college with a 4.0 GPA and continuing his passion for swimming throughout his life. His advice to underclass is, "Don't be afraid to try something new. Never give up, take responsibility for the things you do and always try. In the end, you will be surprised at what you'll learn and accomplish."

I wish Kareem the best in life, I've know him in my AP class and he is surely prepared and motivated to be successful in college. He has always being selfless and passionate for the things he enjoys doing. I wish Kareem success in his future, especially next year at Wayne State.

## Senior Female Student Athlete

By: David Tran

I would be like to welcome Samantha Sanchez to the Tower Tribune. I was excited to get to sit down and talk with Samantha. Her nickname is Sam to most of her friends.

Samantha Sanchez is a collegiate academy student and has played tennis her entire high school career. In her free time, she is always exploring the wonders of the web or better yet, catching some rest from all the stress of high school.

Samantha has played tennis since she was a little tyke. During her 4 years at Fordson, she played 2 years of junior varsity and 2 of varsity tennis. Samantha has a lot of experience in tennis thanks to her family playing the sport as a hobby. She has definitely had an amazing time with her teammates and, she has created many memories and experiences here at Fordson.

Samantha's goal in life is to achieve a master's degree in business and be prepared to enter the business world.

Before we ended our interview, I asked Samantha to leave the underclassmen of Fordson with some advice for both athletes and students. Samantha said, "Practice makes perfect, you don't start off a pro right off the bat, you gotta work for it."

I've known Samantha for a while now, and she has made an impact on my life. Her spirit and caring for others lets everyone be themselves around her and they put their trust in Samantha. I hope to see Samantha do amazing things in her life and wish her the best for the coming years.

