

Charlotte Islamic Academy

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SACS Accreditation

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On behalf of Charlotte Islamic Academy's board of directors, I would like to thank Allah first and foremost and thank each and every brother and sister in our community who worked throughout the years helping the school in many different capacities to reach this important day, being accredited by one of the most respected accreditation organizations in the U.S. and the world (AdvancED, SACS.)

What does accreditation by (AdvancED, SACS) mean to an educational organization?

While accreditation is a set of rigorous protocols and research-based processes for evaluating an institution's organizational effectiveness, it is far more than that. Today accreditation examines the whole institution—the programs, the cultural context, the community of stakeholders—to determine how well the parts work together to meet the needs of students.

For many, accreditation is both a significant achievement pronouncing an institution's quality of education, as well as a remarkably enriching process for the institutions recognizing the tremendous competitive and performance gains it affords.

A special thanks go to the school's administration, its principal, teachers, students and parents who helped us reach this milestone achievement.

Science Fair Winners

3rd Place Winners:

Nazha Zaghari, 5th Grade
Zoyha Kashmary, 6th Grade
Adam Alama, 7th Grade
Yusuf Maow, 8th Grade
Yasmin Abdel-Jaber, 9th Grade
Faiza Sheikh, 10th Grade
Asya Abushawriyeh, 11th Grade

2nd Place Winners:

Belimin M, 5th Grade
Samina Hussain, 6th Grade
Minna Banawan, 7th Grade
Maha Abdur-Rashid, 8th Grade
Abrar Naim, 9th Grade
Amal Maow, 10th Grade
Amira Kalala, 11th Grade

1st Place Winners:

Monsoor Ali, 5th Grade
Omair Ali, 6th Grade
Mariam Obeid, 7th Grade
Nada Esmaeel, 8th Grade
Sohaib Al-Ganim, 9th Grade
Nadia Alama, 10th Grade
Hamza Butler, 11th Grade

Overall 1st Place Winner:

Hamza Butler, 11th Grade

Student Gallery

Unity through our Diversity

a poem by Qamar Mohamed, Fourth Grade

*My school is very diverse,
But some students choose to be adverse.
Race, culture, and language,
We base ourselves on knowledge.
It doesn't matter if your black,
it doesn't matter if your white,
it just matters how you choose to be polite.
Despite everything here's the outcome,
we all agree on one thing,
that we're all one big Muslim.*

Our Differences

a poem by Guled Duale, Fourth Grade

*I wander through this school and think,
"How come no one looks the same?"
everyone in my old school looks the same
because I'm an exchange student from Spain
no one in this school explained
why nobody looks the same
someone told me why we're all different
because we are a diverse school
and that is something no one can change!*



Monthly Events

Career Month

Professionals from our community are scheduled to come in and do question & answers with our high school students. If you would like to be a part of the school's initiative to better prepare our students for college, please contact Sister Aisheh at ai.ciacademy@gmail.com

Game Night Fundraiser

Date and time will be announced next week!
Students are preparing for the MIST in Atlanta and need your support! Mini-fundraisers will be going on all month, so get your checkbooks ready!

Imanic Branches

"Eman has over seventy branches, the uppermost of which is the declaration La ilaha illallah (There's no God but Allah); and the least of which is the removal of harmful objects from the road, and modesty is a branch of Iman." Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم).

The Emanic Education program at CharlottelIslamic Education seeks to implement the following:

1. Educate students about the branches of Iman.
2. Integrate the branches across the curriculum.
3. Practice every branch individually and/or in groups.

Each week the students will be introduced to a new Emanic branch supported by verses from the Quran and hadeeths.

During the month of December the following branches will be addressed insha Allah:

- Dhikr(remembering Allah) 2/7/2011
- Watching one's language and keeping secrets 2/14/2011
- Generosity 2/28/2011

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