



BRIGHT HORIZON ACADEMY

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Assalaamo Alikum Dear BHA Parents and Staff Members,

Please join us in welcoming the most recent addition to our BHA family, Ms. Vicky Castro. Ms. Vicky will serve as the campus lead at the Allied Gardens Campus while Mr. Mohammad Faisal Qassimyar will serve as the campus lead at the Clairemont Campus.

In the coming weeks and months, Ms. Vicky and Mr. Mohammed will make further announcements related to their roles. In the interim, all part-time administrators, including Ms. Hanan Deeb, Ms. Aisha Boulil and Ms. Saima Nawabi will continue in their current roles. While Mr. Muhammad and Ms. Vicky will serve as leads for their respective campuses, they will coordinate with each other on school-wide programs and policies to ensure that BHA will indeed reach greater heights in the coming years, insha'Allah.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made it possible for BHA to function this school year, especially our administrators, teachers and parent volunteers whose tireless efforts ensured steady operations at BHA despite seemingly insurmountable challenges. May Allah (SWT) accept their efforts and reward them tremendously.

We would also like to thank all school parents for their commitment to BHA and their patience during this challenging school year as we strive to reach greater heights.

Without further ado, please find a brief biography of each campus lead on the following pages. May Allah (SWT) bless everyone at BHA to lead with wisdom, kindness, and fortitude so that our students thrive academically and spiritually, and go out into the world as leaders in the cause of Islam and in service to humanity.

Sincerely,

BHA Board of Education



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Ms. Vicky Castro, Allied Gardens Campus Director



Ms. Vicky has nearly 30 years of experience in education and educational leadership, both domestic and international. Ms. Vicky's work experience includes working for the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education; Saudi Arabia Ministry of Education; Amana Academy Charter School in Atlanta, Georgia; and Covered Bridge Montessori Academy, also in Georgia.

Ms. Vicky has a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas; a Master of Science (MSc) in Molecular Biology from the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas; and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education (EdD) from University of Phoenix, Arizona (dissertation phase).

Ms. Vicky has a keen eye towards changing organizational climate and empowering young adults to see the world as it should be and not just as it is. One of Ms. Vicky's favorite quote is, "We are not the leaders of tomorrow; we are the leaders of today."

Ms. Vicky will be starting at the AG campus on February 1st. BHA has high hopes for Ms. Vicky and we look forward to providing her with the support she will need to ensure that Allied Gardens Campus meets and exceeds all relevant standards for middle and high schools, and that the campus climate becomes a climate of inspiration for staff and students.



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Mr. Muhammad Faisal Qassimyar, Clairemont Campus Director



Mr. Muhammad has been the campus lead of the Clairemont Campus since the beginning of the school year, and has masha'Allah performed exceptionally well under challenging circumstances. Mr. Muhammad has five years of teaching experience at the Clairemont Campus and three years of experience as an educational researcher for University of California, San Diego's Center for Research on Educational Equity, Assessment and Teaching Excellence (CREATE).

Additionally, Mr. Muhammad has three years of experience as a college/career advisor. Finally, Mr. Muhammad has three years of experience as Director of Youth Sports League for Noor Sports.

Mr. Muhammad has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Master of Education from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Mr. Muhammad obtained his Teaching Credential from UCSD as well.

Mr. Muhammad possesses the character, the insight and the vigor needed to lead the Clairemont Campus and to ensure that our elementary school students are provided with an excellent foundation for their academic and spiritual learning and growth.