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## **Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation Hosts Visit of US Students from NCUSAR Youth Leadership Development Program**

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Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation\* chaired by HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Alsaud, hosted a visit of 10 American students from the Model Arab League Youth Leadership Program, organized by the National Council on US Arab Relations (NCUSAR). The students are from different universities across the US, none of whom have ever been to Saudi Arabia before. The students were given a brief about the operations of the Foundation then had an open discussion about the recent changes that Saudi Arabia has undergone. The group then watched a documentary about Saudi Arabia and engaged in a question and answer session with the film's director. The American students were pleased to meet with Saudi staff at the foundation and learn about Saudi culture and society. Their visit was hosted by Ms. Muna AbuSulayman, Secretary General of Alwaleed Foundation and Ms. Noor Al-Dabbagh Assistant Executive, Manager, Strategic Studies Department.

The students' visit to Saudi Arabia was headed by Dr. John Duke Anthony, CEO of NCUSAR and Pat Mancino, Vice-President of the NCUSAR, and accompanied by representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education and the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission.

NCUSAR is an American non-profit educational organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world through leadership development and people-to-people programs, academic seminars, and an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers' conference. Alwaleed bin Talal Foundation had previously granted NCUSAR general support of \$300,000 over three years (2006-2009) to develop various educational programs that promote American understanding of the Arab world.

Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation supports programs and educational centers around the world that promote dialogue and reframe perceptions of Islam and the West, in order to foster better understanding between the different faiths and world views. It also works internationally to tackle poverty, provide rapid aid in cases of natural disasters and provide women and youth in the MENA region with economic and educational opportunities through strategic philanthropic

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investments in sustainable projects of the Foundation's various partner organizations.

HRH's philanthropic grants and donations over 60 countries ranging from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe; from Gaza to The Gambia, totaling more than \$2.4 billion over the last 30 years. HRH has established three Foundations to handle his philanthropic activities across the globe under the slogan "Commitment Without Boundaries": Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation in Saudi Arabia Alwaleed Bin Talal Humanitarian Foundation in Lebanon, and Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation in Lebanon. His foundations work locally, regionally and internationally to combat poverty, strengthen interfaith and intercultural dialogue and empower women and youth.

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