

What makes you an outstanding global leader? Upon completion of your degree and when you return to your country, in what ways will you give back to your community?

Starting with a simple term “Global Leadership” What does it mean? In simpler terms Global leadership is a process of carrying out a certain set of attitudes, qualities and practicing lifestyle that help community grow towards a common vision and goal. According to a definition of Leadership by Ciulla “Leadership is not a person or a position. It is a complex moral relationship between people based in trust, obligation, commitment, and a shared vision of the good.” Moving forward in the light of this definition, an outstanding leader is the one who is able to establish a trustworthy bond with his people while sharing a common vision with them. As a strong-willed and far-sighted individual with a strong sense of providence for common people, just like me, I believe a global leader should be courageous, skilled, directed, passionate and must possess a clear vision. A vision that is shared with the common people and considers all the affects and benefits that it brings to the society rather than the person himself. Afterall, successful leadership is all about making a positive impact for people who are too weak or outnumbered to do things for themselves.

I like to believe that I am a hardworking student, which is probably why my school elected me to join the ‘English Access Micro scholarship program in Amid east’ and I passed the ACCESS admission exam which resulted in a 2 year scholarship to attend this very important program to improve my English, personality, culture, confidence, leadership, and cooperation skills. Through this program I have been able to take part in many volunteering activities in the Gaza community. These have had a tremendous effect on my post traumatic experience during the war because I had a chance to help and give back to those who are in need.

Ever since the war incurred in Gaza the future of young children is in under dark shadows. Frequent major military attacks, the 7-year blockade, and the psychological trauma brought upon young children by destroying their future in front of their eyes is the story of every Palestinian Child. Now, the majority number of educational institutes in Gaza have been destroyed, it is responsibility of every educated individual to instill hopes and optimism in young minds. Even though rebuilding infrastructure may take a long time but a Good Teacher and dedicated approach can have a direct impact on the learning and success of students. Realizing the need and converting it into effective strategy to invest in the future of Palestinian kids is my ultimate goal as there is no weapon stronger than knowledge. My purpose is to introduce educational programs similar to “Support to the Palestinian Education Programme (SPEP)” which is an ongoing educational activity started by United Nations Development Programme. Such programs are funded by several donor countries. Moreover, we have volunteered with the ‘Swedish association individual relief’ where we conducted educational activities to help those who have learning disorders and mentally delayed. I have never felt so important and needed as much as I was during that time so I decided to volunteer again so that I can feel those feelings again.

Another major concern amongst the people of Gaza due to prevailing critical condition in the country is the health and safety concern. My aim is to help children and common people feel a sense of safety while doing every day jobs such as going to school, leaving for work or trusting hospitals, banks and

other institutes. Only, when victims and affected people from the war will feel important and understood, then they will be able to open up their trust again. For this purpose, I volunteered once again to help clean the streets of Gaza, to prevent uncontrolled spread of diseases, visit hospitals to greet people who were injured in the war, and to give out presents to sick children and the elderly.

Besides these simple gestures, I would also like to work on a more sophisticated security system for banks and other companies. With ongoing war, the economy of Gaza has faced a severe blow. Bankruptcy, looting, crimes and even day time bank robbery has become common. My goal is to develop a company that helps banks and other companies to make themselves secure and firm once again so that people start to rely on them. The purpose is providing extra security, either manually or through other technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.

The health conditions in Gaza have worsened during the past years. The increasing burden of injuries and casualties has led to difficulty in treatments and lack of resources has deteriorated the condition even more. I will start a movement to collect and donate medical resources to the hospitals and other medical institutions.

With my experience I have learnt the importance of sharing and giving back. I describe it as a way of being grateful for the blessing and strength that I have in me. As the famous saying goes "Charity begins at home" starting from little gestures I now plan to give back to my community, since they are my constant family and my country is my homeland. These activities have helped heal my trauma and have nurtured a caring and giving part of myself; I find joy in making others happy. It made me want to help people in Gaza because I know how hard it is to live such a hard life. This journey has really changed my life in many ways. I have become more social, positive, selfless, and enjoy doing things that benefit others.