



BIA Horizons

Principal's Message Dr. Talat Sultan

Before we realized it the end of the 2012-13 school year is already here! Alhamdulillah, as we reflect back we must thank Allah [SWET] for making it yet another best year for us. This was our first complete year in our new wonderful building. A number of things that used to be impossible in a small space, now became order of the day. The spacious classrooms allowed even the largest classes an opportunity to spread out their activities facilitating group dynamics in teaching, healthy environment and better interaction. Physical education, salat, dining programs, teachers' meetings and workshops, even one to one confidential conferences and, of course, the daily assembly programs are now being held in appropriate locations. In addition, instead of begging [or renting] from others, we are now holding all of our important events in the school itself. Not only that, we are providing our facilities to others for the same purpose.

The new building also helped in the administration's efforts to enhance the use of technology in the classrooms and outside of it. The number of power point projectors and computers has been increased resulting a greater usage of technology in the classroom. With the help of a dedicated parent [Br. Zafar Islam] we have continued our march towards technology through the Engrade system and developing our website.

Along with the academic improvement, the school has continued its efforts towards development of an Islamic personality. In addition to the regular routines of lesson planning and instructional strategies, the teachers' workshops also focused on Islamization of curriculum and behavior development and control. Each teacher, especially all language arts teachers, tried their best to include segments of Islamic perspective in their classes. The Morning Assembly especially focused on 'Ayah of the Month' related to positive student behavior. It was reinforced by a short talk from me after Salat Al-Zuhar and by some of the class assignments. The Dismissal Assembly program also continued successfully. In addition to counseling and other positive reinforcement devices, classroom discipline was also maintained through Discipline Control Referrals to parents, Behavior Contracts and implementation of the required consequences.

The outcome of all these efforts was the continuation and even an increment of the high achievements and honors received by our students both in academic and Islamic education fields. We are indeed very much proud of these milestones [See enclosed] and are full of gratitude to Allah [SWT].

Needless to point out that all these achievements and improvements would not have been possible without the leadership, commitment and hard work of Sr. Qudsia Awan and her competent and dedicated team of teachers, volunteers and staff members. Parents indeed have also played a key role. We are excessively grateful to all of them. May Allah [SWT] reward them profusely. [Ameen].

We look forward to your continued support in increasing the enrolment, financial contributions and enhancing the activities of BIA for the new school year of 2013-14.

Talat Sultan



Graduates' Farewells



Coming to Baytul Iman was not easy for me. Not that I didn't like the school or anything, I just didn't want to be the new student and I thought all Islamic school teachers were strict. When I came to Baytul Iman, I met my teachers and I was like WOW this year might not be as bad as I thought. I got along with everyone pretty quickly. I knew Ridaa from before so I didn't feel completely alone. The girls were really nice and we didn't really talk to the boys until we started playing UNO and spoons. Everyone in my class has been a pleasure to know and it's a bittersweet feeling leaving. Funplex, the museums, model UN, and of course the numerous unique experiences we have had here are some of the memorable trips I had with the class. All in all, I don't think coming to BIA was a bad decision and I definitely don't regret coming here. If anything, I regret not coming here earlier.

-Fatima Gohar :)

So, this is the last year we are going to be together :(Knowing you guys has been the best thing that has happened. Sometimes I use to wish that I could become a baby once again and not face the challenges of life. But if I stopped to think, I would think of all the good times we had had even if we fought non-stop (Ridaa). Fatima, I have only known you for what one and a half year but it feels like I've known you my whole life. We can both see if the other is upset or if something is bothering the other. Also, you are the best at bringing a smile to a person's face. Rahma, I have known you for about ten months, and I can easily say that you are one of my best friends. And let me tell you, it is really hard for me to call someone my best friend that easily. Isha, I have known you since first grade!! You along with Fatima are the one who I trust the most. You are the one who is best at giving advice or at making a person un-

derstand something. Ridaa, I have known you since kindergarten. Yes we have fought till like fifth grade, but we are still pretty close. Omar, I have known you since kindergarten and it has been a nice time knowing you. Yes, you are weird but still you are there to help anyone at any time. Saif, I have known you since kindergarten or first grade. It has been pretty fun knowing you. You and Fatima are funny and you two never fail to make me happy. Hamdi, not so sure what to say. You are nice too. Goodbye Everyone!

-Zonera Hashmi

Dear Future 8th Graders,

I hope you find next year suitable and 'bearable' like all the other previous years. There are times when you may feel like giving up, but always try your best no matter what the situation is. Since this is your last year, do your best in your academics because the better you do the more likely the chance to get accepted to honor classes. If anything, come to school everyday to spend time with your friends and teachers, because it will be your last year to spend time together. **-Isha Sajjad**

Now that I am finally leaving this school after

eleven years, you might ask me "How do I feel?" Well, honestly the happiness that I am feeling is just indescribable because it's something you can feel only when you graduate. At the same time, being here for eleven years does obviously make me feel nostalgic. Memories from all these years are coming back to me; sometimes bringing joy and sometimes bringing sorrow. Just thinking about the fact that I am not coming back next year is a bit depressing, only because I will not see my teachers or should I say my second mothers. I will not see my classmates, or people who I consider like my siblings, any more as well. While I have mixed feelings of happiness and sorrow in my heart, I am really looking forward to high school. Good luck next year and in all your future endeavors.

-Ridda Dadani

Dear Future 8th Graders,

Yes, I've only been at BIA for only one year while most of you have been here for eight years. Maybe I'm in NO position to be giving your advice for a BIA school year, but I think I've bonded enough with this school to at least say something. Follow school rules. When in Math class, show appreciation to Sis. Hoda because she deserves it. When in Islamic Studies don't rush reading, you won't learn anything. When you're really NOT looking forward to school the next day (WHICH SHOULDN'T HAPPEN), just remember Sis. Ambreen and her FUN English period and you'll count the seconds till the next school day. Bro. Yasser is equally as fun in his knowledgeable history period. I really hope you get the same teachers as I did because then it'll be a school year that you'll never ever forget.

-Rahma Shata



Voices of Tomorrow

When I grow up . . .

by Yahya Ashour

In the world today, people are facing many problems such as wars, personal conflicts, and social problems. All these issues cause mental problems such as looting, murdering, suicide, robbing, drugs, and liquor addiction. These social issues and world problems are in need for guidance, spiritual that is, to help people get a grip on these issues in a rational manner, and that's where the religious leaders, such as Sheikhs, come in.

Sheikhs are trained to help people and guide them to the right path. Moreover, they are the people who maintain and reinforce the message of peace of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). In addition, they are here on Earth to teach us the Qur'an, lead the Salah, and preach people to tolerate each other and erase all discrimination towards other religions, cultures, and most of all educate humanity about Allah and all the subjects of knowledge which is the core message of Islam...

Such a great social role of Sheikhs has inspired me to follow in the steps of great sheikhs such as Sheikh Ahmed Halawa who taught me Qur'an and to respect others. I believe this is a great path to take in order to be an active participant in society.

Ironic Story by Zainab Agboola

While taking a morning walk, I eventually bought an ice-cream. Here's why. . .

I was taking my usual walk down the street to the bookstore excited about the book I was going to buy. I passed the ice cream truck on the way and made a face. I hated ice cream! I watched the kids rushing to the ice-cream truck while I walked. Suddenly, I bumped into something or someone. When I glanced forward I realized I had bumped into the girl in front of me and dropped her ice-cream. "Sorry," I said.

She spun around. "You have to buy me another one!" she screamed.

"But it was an accident," I said.

"I don't care," she replied.

"If you don't, I'll tell my parents," she said.

"Ok," I said reluctantly. I regretted bumping into her. Now I wouldn't have enough for my book. I walked back to the ice-cream truck with the girl.

"This one," she said.

I handed the truck driver 3 dollars. "It's two for 5," he said not taking my money.

"I only want one," I said.

"You have to take two," he said.

"Fine," I said frustrated. I bought two and gave the girl one. Then I stared at the cone in my hand as she skipped away. I had to eat it. Hesitantly I licked it. I was shocked. It tasted good.

What BIA means to me. . .by Iqra Sajjad, 5th grader

BIA means a lot to me. It is a place where I am educated to be the best I can. It is a place where I can find friends that support me during my times of need. It is a place where I can learn more about my religion. It is a place where I can learn the language of Jannah (Arabic).

In BIA, you learn the fun way. There are so many things to do here. The teachers are the best because they help you learn in a very kind manner. The students in BIA are very kind. I think that BIA is my second home.

I have been a student at BIA for about six years. I've had many different experiences. I hope to add to my experiences next year.

What BIA means to me. . .by Sidra Khan, 5th grader

Baytul-Iman! What can I say! BIA is important to me for many reasons. The teachers here are the nicest teachers. You can go to the teachers for any problem, and they will have answers. It is not just a school to me. It's more than that. It is my home away from home. This is my first year at BIA, and I love it! When I came I was scared, but when I met three friends, I knew I was going to have a different and fun experience. My friends have been there for me for the tough times.

Another reason I like BIA is the education. At any ordinary school you learn Math, Science, English, and more. You learn all of this, but nothing about your heritage or your religion. At BIA, what I like is how they teach us the teachings of Islam. They teach us the language of Arabic. The language you will speak in the day of the hereafter.

I will remember this school year as one of my greatest school years. I hope there are many more years to come here at BIA. Go Buraaqs!

Sun and Surf: Fun and Facts

Ladies' Event 2013 by Afreen Bakht

Lights, glitter, and fashion! Three words that describe the fabulous, 2013 Ladies Event held on April 29th. Gleaming lights and sparkling ornaments hung around encircling the gym of our school in arches. Streamers, balloons, and floral decorations flourished the hall in all types of colors and shades. It was as if we were surrounded by tapestries of pigments. Our hardworking teachers had given our unkempt gym an amazing makeover. The gym was not the only thing that had received a makeover; let's not forget our wonderful guests who looked absolutely gorgeous with their hair and makeup done and also their beautiful outfits reserved for the big night. It was their one moment to showcase their exquisite inner and outer beauty.

The mothers all had a great time taking advantage of their free time away from their hectic everyday lives. All the ladies enjoyed the nasheed hairs, henna art contest, and a poetry or song competition better known as "Antakshari". After the contests were finished and the glorious winners were awarded, the food was served. The majority of the people loved the freshness and aroma of the scrumptious food. Every attendant was amused and entertained by the variety of activities and the liveliness of the event. We had many clothes and jewelry vendors come in and showcase their items as well. There were also many other fun events arranged; courtesy of our dedicated MC, Sis. Ambreen.

The mood was set to create a bond between the mothers, the daughters, and the many friends of the BIA community on their very day. Even though there were fewer attendants than last year's event; it was exceptional. For me, the highlight of the event was that it gave me a chance to meet a friend who had transferred schools. We all got an opportunity to meet our friends, dress up, and strengthen and cherish the knot of friendship between us all.

Through the Looking Glass: Faculty Biographies

Abstract Visionary— Sister Amira by Khola Aziz

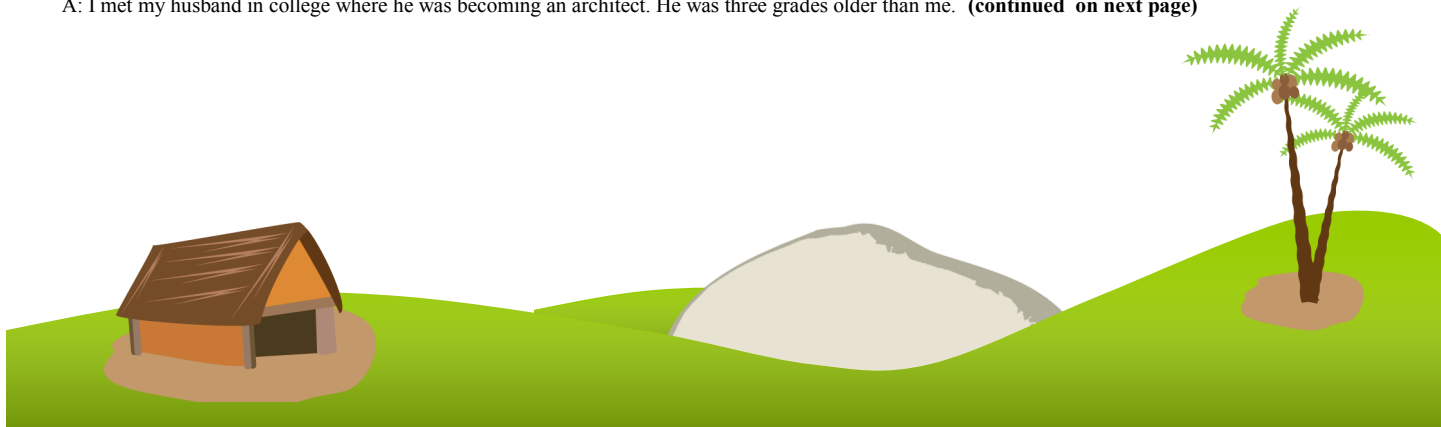
Sister Amira has been teaching at Baytul Iman Academy for five years and has done an exceptional job building the love of Allah SWT's book in children from the tender age of three to the trivial pre-teen hood of thirteen and fourteen. Here we learn a little about the halo of Baytul Iman Sister Amira.

K: Where did you live during your childhood, go to school and college, and name the saddest and most exciting event from that time?

A: I grew up in Cairo, Egypt. For elementary school, I went to a Christian school, and in middle school I went to a public school. I went to a private high school. Then for college I went to a Fine Arts college because I dreamt of becoming an animation artist. I finished college in 1986. The saddest moments of my life were when my dad, my mother and oldest sister died. My dad passed away when I was in sixth grade. My dad had been married to my older sister Layla's mother and then he married my mom and brought three girls into the world. When my mother and then Layla passed away, it was truly a sad time for me. My most exciting time would have to have been when I joined a sports club because I loved to play tennis.

K: How did you meet your husband, and was it an arranged marriage?

A: I met my husband in college where he was becoming an architect. He was three grades older than me. **(continued on next page)**





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K: What was the turning point of your life? How did you survive through it?

A: Coming to the United States was a very hard time for me. My husband had gotten a job here, so we had to move. I came here in 1987, one year after I finished college. We decided to visit the States first, and then decided to stay. I missed my family and friends so much in the beginning.

K: What are your passions and goals?

A: I love reading the Quraan and to draw.

K: What or whom got you so interested in art?

A: I loved art from a very young age and I adored every one of my art teachers.

K: Then why did you become a Quraan teacher, and not an art teacher?

A: I love the Quraan! The sound just makes my heart open and beat faster. When I read or listen to the Quraan, it's like my soul has been released from a prison Subhan'Allah!

K: Thank you Sister for you time and patience.

A: You're welcome, Asalaamualaikum.

Logical Reasoning with Sister Hoda Barr by Afreen Bakht

A: Asalaamualaikum Sis. Hoda, please tell me a little bit about your childhood.

H: Well, I lived in a small village by the name of Al Musura, located in the countryside of Egypt. My father and most of my family members were farmers. My family couldn't afford much, but throughout my school years, my mom strived to teach me and my many siblings at home. We didn't have many riches, but we were very happy.

A: How were your college years and what were your goals at the time?

H: I started college in 1973, and I was studying to become an engineer at the Al Musura University of Egypt. While studying, I was also forced to fulfill my mother's dream of participating in beauty pageants. The first one was a victory and I was soon crowned the most beautiful woman in Al-Musura.

A: What did you do after college?

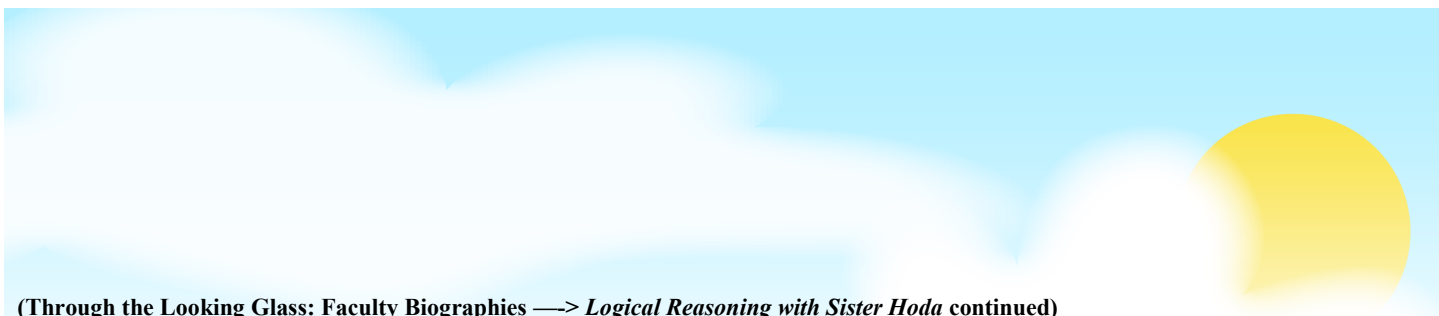
H: I became an electrical engineer at the age of 24 in Cairo. The next year my mom played match-maker and arranged a marriage with a man who I didn't know, which was frightening. When I first saw him, I didn't want to marry an old stranger (he was thirteen years older than me), but I soon came to love him so dearly. We got married and moved to the USA on June 5th, 1980. We moved back to Egypt for seven years when my husband realized I was miserable and maintained a factory there. Moving came again, and this time back to the U.S.

A: How did you like it in the U.S.?

H: We moved to a huge house in Avendale, NJ. With 53 acres surrounding me, loneliness took over me especially since my husband, who was a vet, was at work all day. I was alone with no friends in a new country with no knowledge of the language.

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A: What or Who inspired you to become a teacher?

H: I was thirty three when I was regularly teaching my oldest son English and Arabic. One time my husband was watching me teach him, and he immediately told me to leave the job engineer in the factory and start to teach professionally. He saw the way I caught my son's attention and peaked his curiosity.

A: Where did you first start teaching and why did you like it?

H: I started teaching in Alexandria Middle School of Egypt without a teacher's degree. I soon moved back to the states and became a housewife. . After my husband passed away in 1994, I had five children with my youngest being 16 months, and oldest only twelve. It was then my struggle truly began I felt as if I was drowning in an ocean, with no hopes of survival. I worked in three different states, leaving my thirteen year old child in charge of the younger boys. I was reported three times to the authorities until I started teaching again at Eisenhower Middle school. I realized that teaching is what I enjoyed and where I bonded with my pupils. I never knew though that I would teach for seventeen more years and even more than that to come. In the year of 2000, my long time friend, Brother Sheikh, opened a new school (Baytul-Iman Academy) where I worked as a vice-principal for a while.

A: Did your hardships change or effect you into becoming the person you are today?

H: Yes, it really did change me, but in a good way. Throughout my struggle, I learned one thing; how to lift yourself and your family from a hopeless and difficult position, and try to survive , living happily together at the same time.

A: Thank you for your time and also for giving me this opportunity.

H: You're welcome. Anytime.

Getting Personal with Brother Mohammed by Amaar Asif

A: Where were you born? Tell us a childhood memory.

M: I was born in Hyderabad, India. I have all good memories from my childhood, except fighting with my younger sister over sharing breakfast. She used to, and still does, annoy me a lot..

A: What school did you go to, and how was school life? Were you a studious student?

M: I went to All Saint High School from Pre-K to 10th grade. The best days of my life were of school life with lots of learning and fun. I wasn't a studious student, but I always managed to rank between 2nd or 5th positions.

A: Did you face any hardships growing up?

M: I used to stammer a lot. My friend used to imitate me, and I would feel embarrassed, but my teachers always encouraged me a lot.

A: How did it feel when you came to America? What college did you go to?

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M: I don't know exactly why, but it was one of my childhood dreams to come to America. I went to Decca College of Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Commerce in Osmania University, and Schiller International University of Florida.

A: Did you face any hardships here? Any events that happened during your adulthood worth remembering?

M: Since I came to the U.S. without any proper guidance, I made some bad choices. Yet, on the other hand those bad experiences taught me a lot of good lessons. The best event of my life was marrying Fatima my wife.

A: Any message you would like to end this interview with?

M: As you grow you will come across many good and bad things. Take the good choices and don't leave the bad experiences behind; Learn from them.

Word-of-the-day by Sr. Apeer

Some classes have enjoyed keeping up with the "Word-of-the-day." As part of their daily routine, the 4th and 5th graders have joined the 9th graders in learning a new vocabulary word each day. This new word can be viewed via www.dictionary.com. Some students have access to the internet and have, MashaAllah, been keeping up with the word of the day even during the weekend. So far, favorites have been: "lollapalooza," "shilly-shally," "brouhaha," "zakuski," and much more! What's today's word of the day?

1st time participation in Model UN with 3 honorable mentions and 1 resolution was passed

5th Year as Best School in ICNA Islamic Quiz for NY,NJ,PA,CT,MD,DC

5th Year for NJ Science Olympiad Trophy (this year we won 2nd place trophy)

5th Year of Winners in Johns Hopkins University Youth Talent Contest.

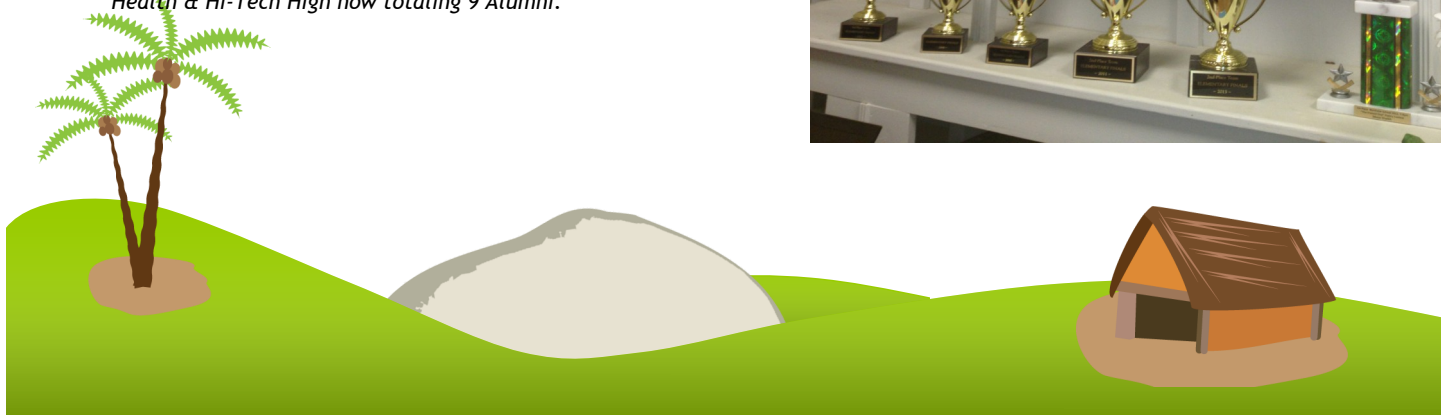
3 Years of Google Arts Contest Finalist.

3rd Year of Winning Prizes in National Islamic schools Poetry Competition.

Silver Pin awards and High Achievement Award in 2013 Math Olympiad

5th Year of Medals at Islamic Games/Muslim Sports Day.

4th Year for Admissions to Prestigious Magnet schools Academy of Allied Health & Hi-Tech High now totaling 9 Alumni.





Middle School Debates:

Domestic Security Versus Violations of Civil Liberties

With the advent of the internet came many freedoms. Freedom of speech became active; where before one had to have had access to a newspaper/magazine/book/television in order to exercise their freedom of speech; now this liberty was available to all. One only needed to have access to the internet, and one could publish their thoughts and share it across the world through the interconnected world wide web. Now technology has evolved into an almost unrecognizable creature. Text messages, video chatting, you tube uploading have only added to the access the everyday “Joe Shmo” has to the “ears” of the world. It is no longer “lend me your ears” for everyone the world over pays attention to what is the hot topic especially since it is so readily available. Many believe that this is a right that should remain guaranteed in its privacy and interpersonal in its core. Many others believe that this is the reason terrorism now has become a virtually indomitable epidemic the world over. It is easy to access the internet, and listen to lectures or videos posted by the “Osama Bin Ladens” of the world and become “inspired” if you will. Recently the U.S. government has taken steps to regulate this type of access in the form of the Cyber Intelligence Sharing Protection Act. CISA is a bill that calls for the sharing of the internet/media traffic information between the United States government and technology and manufacturing companies. The writers of the bill claim that this allows for the NSA and numerous other governmental agencies created to protect our domestic security to regulate and pre-emptively react to terrorist “threats” before they become acts of terrorism. Opponents of the act believe that this bill violates a civil liberty central to the constitution of the United States. Recently this debate has been discussed repeatedly without any real “resolution” to the disagreement that exists between the opponents and proponents of this bill. Regardless you agree or disagree with the constitutionality of this bill, one certainly can agree that this is a complex issue with many different layers requiring further discussion in order to reach a compromise between the opposing sides. —Ambreen Ahmad

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“CISA allows the United States to monitor citizens in other countries that may pose a threat to our economy or government. CISA also would allow the investigation of suspects of robberies, bombings, and shootings. The goal is to improve the sharing of info amongst different organizations so that we can be proactive in defending ourselves. CISA would also discourage hackers and increase internet security.” -Kholia A.

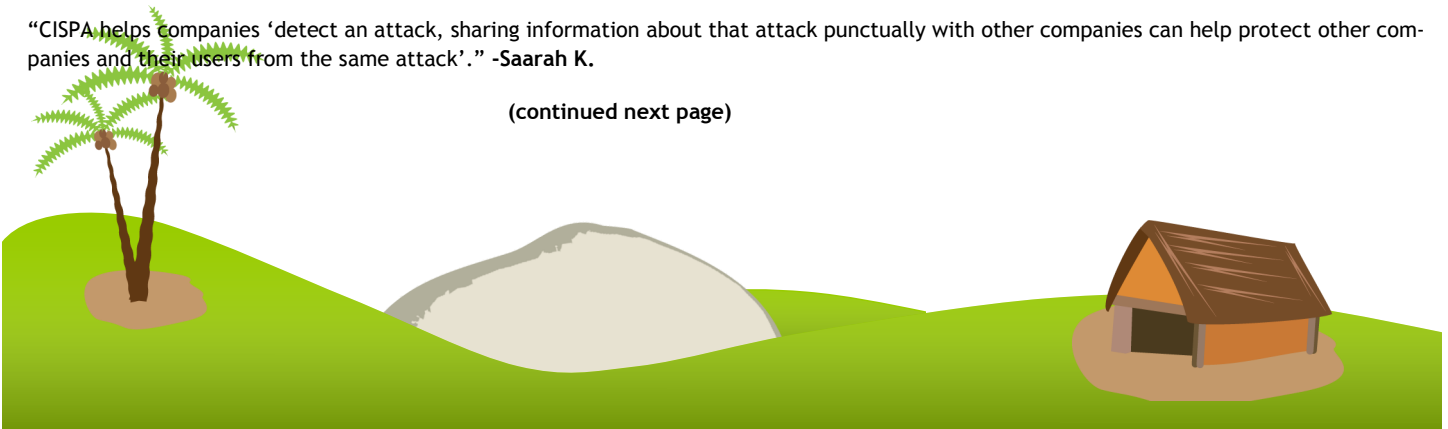
“This bill is just trying to safeguard American jobs as well as the nation’s cyber infrastructure. If one is trying to discover patterns in attacks, cyber or otherwise, the more data that is available, the better. Recently, a cyber attack on the Saudi oil company “Aramco” rendered 30,000 computers useless and forced the company to replace the machines. This type of event can cause loss of life as well if successful. CISA also leads to the ability of the U.S. government to take aim at “Wikileaks” in order to stop the “whistleblowing” website from pursuing any efforts to “hack” into the nation’s power grid. Potential aggressors should be aware that the U.S. has the capacity to locate them and hold them accountable for actions that harm the U.S. or it’s interests.” -Iman K.


“CISA helps stop piracy dead in its tracks. CISA is cost effective in that it helps stop internet crimes that leads to financial loss for several companies by stopping hackers, information ‘pirates’, etcetera. In the recent Boston Bombing, the attackers were able to be found out and caught before they caused more damage due to the government’s access to their accounts on websites such as facebook, twitter, and the like. Many say that CISA erodes privacy, but when a social media site gets hacked, with the hackers never being found, does that not ‘erode’ their privacy as well?” -Afreen B.

“The government is trying to improve info-sharing so that organizations can be more aware of threats. CISA is necessary to protect the government against cyber attack from other countries.” -Sana F.

“CISA helps companies ‘detect an attack, sharing information about that attack punctually with other companies can help protect other companies and their users from the same attack’.” -Saarah K.

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"Many business communities have accepted CISPAs as an act that enables the safety of their companies. Many amendments are invalidated due to the circumstances of today's world, and the fourth amendment is certainly one of them. CISPAs protect the main battle ground for the 21st century (the internet) enabling the government to see cyber threats and respond to them accordingly. Tougher laws, smarter regulations, and improved information sharing will help protect U.S. national security and economic interests, but there is no single, simple solution that can make the problem go away. In order to safeguard private information such as credit card numbers and addresses, CISPAs must be in place, for it hinders identity thieves to commit their crime as well." -**Amaar A.**

"CISPAs are a very utilitarian act. It is supported by the House of Representatives and major companies such as Facebook and Microsoft. CISPAs prevent hacking from foreign countries and stop hacking in the U.S.A. In one instance CISPAs stopped 24 hackers from stealing 2.4 million credit and debit card numbers from customers at department stores. The law has prevented many other hacks." -**Saad F.**

"CISPAs allow the government to investigate cyber threats. It is an important law that secures the internet, technological conversations, and records the movements of criminals." -**Ayesha Y.**

"The CISPAs law allows private organizations to share cyber threat related information with the government. If the federal government could investigate a cyber threat, the government will know what to do and when to do it." -**Sarah F.**

"Cyber security is an area where people generally agree that improvements are necessary. CISPAs allow the sharing of information in 'real time'. Major technology interest groups and businesses like Intel, IBM, and Symantec have sent letters of support and some have further announced their support publicly." -**Yusra U.**

"CISPAs passed in the house of representatives early on, and now has become a law. More republicans than democrats support it." -**Jarif H.**

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"When writing a text message or an email to your best friend, you shouldn't be thinking about every word you write. Sometimes we write things we don't mean. Yes, we are told not to *really* give out info online or on a text, but at the end of the day we're a free country and unless there is PROOF that the government or people of power need to check your email then violation of the privacy of humans should be protected. If there is someone watching me on the other line, for instance, I (if I truly posed a threat) will not say anything to make myself a suspect. People lose respect of guaranteed powers when they violate the basic freedoms and ownerships of it's people. If CISPAs were passed, it would do more harm than good." -**Rahma S.**

"CISPAs give companies a lot of immunity in freely accessing user info without any proper guidelines. It trumps any privacy policy a website may offer. Information may be shared 'not withstanding any other provision of law.' It doesn't require companies to notify the individuals on whom they are spying." -**Ridda D.**

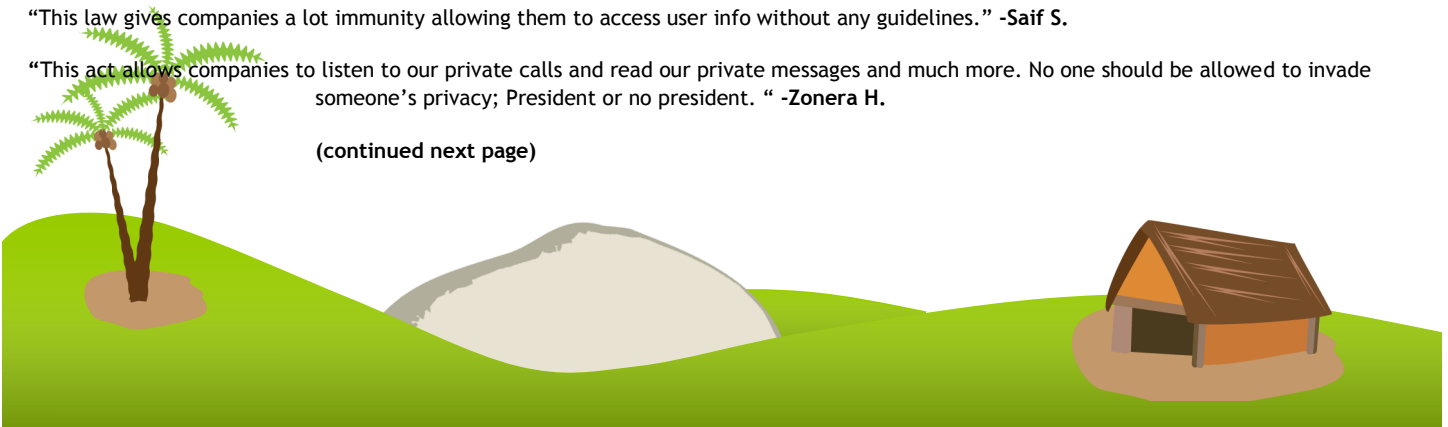
"CISPAs allow the government to look through a person's personal matter and circumvents a lot of things that protect a person's privacy. There is also no judicial oversight where CISPAs are concerned." -**Isha S.**

"CISPAs invade privacy and would amend the NSA act of 1947 allowing government agencies to swap customer data from internet service providers and websites if that data is a 'threat' to cyber security." -**Omar M.**

"This law gives companies a lot of immunity allowing them to access user info without any guidelines." -**Saif S.**

"This act allows companies to listen to our private calls and read our private messages and much more. No one should be allowed to invade someone's privacy; President or no president." -**Zonera H.**

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"I thought that this is a free country; CISPA changed this. Citizens should have freedom of speech. CISPA investigates people without Reason." -**Hamdi L.**

"CISPA is designed to let the feral government work with private companies to fight hackers and cyber criminals in and outside of the U.S. Instead of this law, private companies can voluntarily share information that they deem 'suspicious'." -**Fatima G.**

"Some argue that this bill is just a regurgitation of the Stop Online Piracy Act. The SOPA was a bill heavily lobbied for by the Hollywood entertainment industry to force tech companies to become copyright police and violate internet users first amendment rights. The 'rights of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause.' CISPA is the opposite of the rights guaranteed by this right." -**Lahrabi A.**

"CISPA is not a protection act; it accuses people for no reason. What if someone hacks another's account and does something wrong. They would automatically be blamed for something they didn't do." -**Musa S.**

"People have an expectation of privacy when using social media sites. It makes every privacy policy a moot point. It lets the government spy on you without any warrant." -**Maram A.**

"CISPA actually violates the ninth amendment as well for that states that the government cannot pass any new laws that violates any rights listed in the first eighth amendments." -**Sumaiyya R.**

