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**RECORD NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT  
ARAB AMERICAN AND CHALDEAN COUNCIL'S 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
GOLF OUTING & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER**

**LATHRUP VILLAGE, Mich. – June 10, 2013** – The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), a premier nonprofit human service organization serving southeast Michigan, provided a record 25 scholarships to local high school students at their recent 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing & Scholarship Awards Dinner at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. The funds raised at the event, through sponsorships, contributions and a silent auction, benefited the organization's Scholarship Awards, as well as Youth Programs. Two hundred and fifty people were in attendance.

“The ACC hopes to ensure the academic success of deserving students through our Scholarship Awards and Youth Programs,” said Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, president and CEO of the Arab American and Chaldean Council. “Thank you to all of the sponsors, businesses and individuals who helped to make this the most successful Awards Dinner yet. Because of their generosity, we were able to provide five more scholarships than we have in the past several years.”

State Representative Klint Kesto, one of the event's three chairs, presented the awards, along with a special tribute from his office to each student. Scholarship recipients were:

- Noor Shammout, Dearborn Heights, Crestwood High School
- Asa Hattar, Livonia, Franklin High School
- Rima Esho, Troy, International Academy East
- Brenda Istifou, Madison Heights, Madison Heights High School
- Shahlaa Kamil, Madison Heights, Lamphere High School
- Yousif Maizy, Madison Heights, Royal Oak High School
- Samia Alkatie, Westland, John Glenn High School

- Daad Bibi, Bloomfield Hills, Lahser High School
- Simone Alhagri, Hamtramck, Hamtramck High School
- Zied Shammout, Dearborn Heights, Crestwood High School
- Frank Shaya, Troy, Brother Rice High School
- Abraham Elsayed, Dearborn Heights, Crestwood High School
- Hassan Alghoussaini, Rochester Hills, Rochester Adams High School
- Ilando Tomika, Madison Heights, Madison Heights High School
- Rody Batnawe, Sterling Heights, Warren Mott High School
- Andrew Kizy, Oak Park, Ferndale High School
- Kamalaldin Kamalaldin, Wixom, South Lyon East High School
- Andrew Sokana, Sterling Heights, Sterling Heights High School
- Amanda Issa, Madison Heights, Madison Heights High School
- Amanda Zaghmout, Sterling Heights, Warren Mott High School
- Michelle Azar, Sterling Heights, Adlai E. Stevenson High School
- Anthony Kizy, Oak Park, Ferndale High School
- Loran Zamel, Oak Park, Oak Park High School
- Michael Ghanayem, Livonia, Franklin High School
- Manal Makki, Dearborn Heights, Star International Academy

Golf Tournament awards were also distributed to the men and women who were Closest to the Pin and had the Longest Drive. The overall Course Winners were: Freman Hendrix, Steven Hendrix, Ricardo Jackson and Michael Turner.

The Signature Sponsor of the event was the Central Intelligence Agency.

#### **About the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)**

*The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) is the premier nonprofit human service organization providing services to the Middle Eastern and mainstream communities in Southeast Michigan. Founded in 1979, the ACC provides counseling, health care, social services, employment training, job placement, translation, interpretation and youth services to more than 70,000 clients in metro Detroit. The ACC operates 40 outreach offices in the tri-county area, staffed with bilingual and trilingual professionals to serve the Arab American and Chaldean American populations and offer assistance to the Middle East refugee population. For more information, visit [www.myacc.org](http://www.myacc.org) or call (248) 559-1990.*

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