

My Journey of Success ... by Mawadah Muhtsib *JKS Alumni Class of 2013*

In 2013 my graduation from *Jeddah Knowledge International School* was the beginning of an extraordinary journey. It marked the end of twelve enriching years of learning, sharing, growth and development. To me JKS was home, and I will always be grateful for the values and skills this school has instilled in me. I was very privileged to have incredible teachers who not only developed our knowledge, but also molded us into leaders imbued with the potential to create a positive impact on our society.

My strong passion for visual arts led me to register at Dar al Hekma University for a Motion Graphic Design major. In my 2014 freshman year, as the youngest international entrant, I won the Create and Inspire competition organized by Crossway Foundation in Brazil. Shortly afterwards I, together with 150 International legendary artists, collaborated in the creation of the longest graffiti scroll to earn a place in the Guinness World Records. This was organized by the Office of His Highness, the Crown Prince of Dubai. That same year I was invited by Louis Vuitton to present at their enriching conference in Riyadh.

2015 saw me achieving the first place gold Creative portfolio award and the prize of a Behance appreciation coin. In addition, I shared a group exhibition "Shara Art Fair" by Athr Gallery. It was a step towards my emergence in the local art scene: one I was indisputably proud of as my years at JKS taught me the importance of giving back to my community.

2016 was marked by my exhibiting in "Hawamish", Tasami Gallery, and won the Artbus Competition in Dubai, UAE.

Praise be to God! 2017 was the year of even further achievements. I was selected by the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture, Saudi Aramco, to be part of a residency in New York, where my work was exhibited at the United Nations International Bazaar. Further honors came from my exhibiting at the first ever Contemporary Saudi Art exhibition in Riyadh's Royal Protocol Palace during the visit of the US President , as well as at Epicenter X, Arab American Museum Detroit, MI.

I have been truly blessed, which drives me more to develop even more the attributes instilled by ***Jeddah Knowledge International School***. With God's will, my parent's support and the school's base that developed a huge part of me, I aim even higher to create my mark, not in only in my society but also in history. Believing in God's will, my devotion and passion are the keys to my success.