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noun: connection; plural noun: connections;
1. a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else.
2. something that joins or connects two or more things.
3. the act of connecting two or more things, or the state of being connected.
4. a situation in which two or more things have the same cause, origin, goal, etc.

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“Connections” was chosen as the theme for the 2014-2015 President’s Report because one of the most rewarding and valuable aspects of what we do at CNA–Q is building relationships – connections – with our stakeholders, our community, and, most importantly, our students and alumni.

CNA–Q was established through a connection between the State of Qatar and College of the North Atlantic that brought the best of Canadian technical education to the State. Our success is a result of the many rich connections we have established: with our government, business, and industry partners that enable the support and sponsorship of our students; with our alumni that are ongoing and lifelong; and our students – particularly the shared experiences among faculty and students. Most important is the connection between the education of our students and the realization of the goals of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

The 2014-2015 President’s Report is a one year snapshot in time. We share stories of the academic success and personal enrichment of our stellar students and alumni. We highlight and celebrate the dedication of our leaders, faculty, and staff; our partnerships with our stakeholders, and our contributions to the community. In a snapshot, it is difficult to tell the day-to-day story: that each week over 2,000 students come to our campus to be educated, motivated, and inspired to achieve academic success and personal growth. Each day our students are transformed into confident, highly skilled young men and women ready to take their rightful place in developing the State of Qatar. Research shows that the greatest impact on students’ success is being surrounded by educators who really care. In this regard, our students, and their future, are in very good hands.

CNA–Q’s success is the result of a vision focused on bringing Qatar to the forefront of technical education by graduating highly skilled, technologically competent, knowledge workers. Thirteen years into our mandate, we still embrace the connection with our original, bold vision.

We will continue to grow and evolve to meet the changing needs of an expansive and diversifying economy in a State with a vision to transition into a knowledge-based economy. It is vital that we do all we can to nurture and strengthen our connections – the lifeblood of CNA–Q.

Reflecting on the 2014-2015 academic year, it is evident that our key connections are strong and contribute to the success our students, the College, and the State of Qatar.

Dr. Ken MacLeod
President, College of the North Atlantic – Qatar
Vision: CNA–Q will be recognized as a premier college of applied learning, as evidenced by our confident, highly skilled, technologically competent graduates. The phrase, “premier college of applied learning”, means CNA–Q will be recognized as the best in preparing students as the State of Qatar transitions from a resource-based economy into a digital, knowledge-based, global economy. Applied, experiential learning is at the core of all that we do. We recruit faculty that have real-world experience, and work with them to implement current best practices in pedagogy, integration of educational technology, and maximizing experiential learning activities. Ensuring that they are not just subject matter experts, but effective educators as well. Our curriculum and learning materials embed applied learning, and technology-enhanced learning opportunities to ensure our students are engaged learners and our graduates are job-ready.

Mission: CNA–Q fulfills the technical education needs of the State of Qatar by delivering innovative, internationally recognized programs that prepare individuals to be active contributors to their local communities, the State of Qatar and the Gulf Region. CNA–Q meets these needs by engaging in a range of learning activities such as: Developmental Education – preparing our new students to meet the English, Math, and Science requirements of their CNA–Q programs; Technical Education – ensuring our learners are job-ready for a workplace that is increasingly complex and technology-rich; CNA–Q brings the best in Canadian technical education to Qatar through its partnership with College of the North Atlantic, Canada; University Transfer – providing our graduates with a credential that can lead to further education through our many university articulation agreements; and Corporate Training – addressing the on-going learning needs of those already in the workforce.
Youth Economic Conference:
The Ministry of Economy and Commerce hosted a Youth Economic Empowerment Symposium in Doha in 2015, and CNA–Q’s School of Business Studies Marketing graduate Abdulla Darwish was selected to be one of the speakers.

Abdulla referred to youth as Qatar’s “greatest treasure,” and impressed upon his audience how important young people are in achieving the Qatar National Vision 2030. He spoke about his time at CNA–Q and how it prepared him for entering the world of entrepreneurship. Abdulla, who graduated from CNA–Q in 2014 and went on to get his degree in Marketing from University of Derby in the UK, said the lessons he learned at CNA–Q helped him a great deal in understanding the world of business and can also assist other young Qataris in overcoming obstacles as they prepare to start their own businesses.

Community and Business Connections

In just 13 short years, CNA–Q has become an integral part of our community’s past, present and future.

Our students and faculty are part of Qatar’s business and social fabric, and are developing strong relationships in industry and community, solidifying our value to the State.
Auto Safety Fair:
The main courtyard of CNA–Q was teeming with activity as the College hosted the annual Auto Safety Fair. The event had something for everyone – new vehicle promotions, dragster displays and safety demonstrations. The fair is an initiative of Student Affairs, intended to create awareness of road safety. The event had the active participation of Q-Auto, the Traffic Department, Civil Defence, HMC Ambulance Service, Alfazaa Police, Mowasalat, Mission20 and many more. The fair focused on the enjoyment of motor vehicles while also delivering important messages on the dangers of reckless driving and speeding, texting while driving, and the importance of the use of seat belts and children’s car and booster seats. A mock accident scenario drew crowds and delivered the messages with great impact.

Women in Leadership:
QAPCO was on campus to co-host a very successful Women in Leadership event in March. The event was attended by an impressive number of CNA–Q students, alumni, and staff, and featured one of the most successful women in the region as the keynote speaker. Buthaina Al Ansari is the Founder and Chairperson of Qatariat T&D Holding Company and a Senior Human Resources Director at Ooredoo. She serves on the boards of the MENA Business Women’s Network and the Qatar Business Women’s Association, as well as serving as ambassador for Women Leading Change Qatar and as a mentor in the Qatar Professional Women’s Network Circle. Mrs. Al Ansari talked about her remarkable career and how female leaders are changing Qatar. She also offered the young women in the audience strategies for forging successful careers.

Doha Bank CEO speaks to CNA–Q Business Students:
CNA–Q welcomed a high profile visitor from the business community to campus in February. Doha Bank’s Group CEO Dr. R. Seetharaman delivered a lecture on, “Economic Integration Toward’s a Borderless World” to business students. In a highly engaging talk, Dr. Seetharaman touched on the fall in oil prices and its potential impact on the local and regional economy, an area of great interest to the attendees. A lively question and answer session followed.

Al Ruwad Business Case Competition:
CNA–Q hosted dozens of the region’s best business-minded students in the Al Ruwad Regional Business Case Competition. Twelve teams representing Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Canada, participated in the competition. CNA–Q has hosted a business case competition for seven years, welcoming teams from across Qatar, as well as a team from College of the North Atlantic in Newfoundland and Labrador. Al Ruwad, which is Arabic for “pioneer,” embodies the spirit of the competitors and the competition. Over two days of competition, students presented individual case scenarios to expert judges, including CNA–Q instructors and members from local industry. In the end, the top three positions went to Tartan Consultants (Carnegie Mellon University - Qatar), 709 Solutions (College of the North Atlantic - Canada) and Banat Consultants (CNA–Q). Teams from Fujairah College, Jubail Industrial College, Jubail University College, Sharjah Women’s College, Stenden University Qatar, and Texas A&M University Qatar rounded out the field. The event was sponsored by Doha Bank, highlighting the importance of this type of competition to local industry. The judging panel represented a wide range of organizations across Qatar, including Bedaya Centre, Beyond Qatar, CMUQ, Commercial Bank, Deloitte, Doha Bank, Entrepreneurship Incubator, Girnass, ICTQatar, Ooredoo, Qatar Development Bank, Shell, VCUQ, and Vodafone.
Employee Engagement with David Zinger:
CNA–Q was pleased to host David Zinger, a leading employee engagement speaker, educator, and community builder, who has authored three books on the topic. David’s research suggests that an investment in understanding and improving the way faculty and staff engage with one another and build key relationships has a significant impact on organizational excellence.

Desert Cup 2015:
Our College was proud to be a big part of the 10th anniversary CNA–Q Desert Cup Hockey Tournament. The tournament featured 12 teams coming from Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Kuwait. CNA–Q teams fought hard during the tournament and made sure that our honour was upheld. CNA–Q President, Dr. Ken MacLeod, along with Canadian Ambassador to Qatar, André Dubois, dropped the puck as the tournament got under way at the Gondoliana Ice Rink inside Villaggio Mall.

CNA–Q Dragon Boat:
CNA–Q was proud to be part of the first Qatar Dragon Boat festival last spring. An enthusiastic team of faculty ended the day with a strong showing. The sport is a growing one in Qatar, with an emphasis on teambuilding and overall wellness. CNA–Q faculty member Sandee Thompson, a breast cancer survivor, started the team to bring together cancer survivors and supporters to participate ‘as one’ in a life-affirming sporting endeavour.

EduCanada Fair:
CNA–Q played host to another hugely successful EduCanada Fair. More than 100 local students came to our campus to see what 21 Canadian colleges and universities have to offer. The Fair was offered with hope that some of the students will go on to pursue a degree in Canada. The event was hosted by the Canadian Embassy. Canadian Ambassador André Dubois shared the benefits of a Canadian education with the attendees, focusing not only on the academic merits, but the lifestyle as well. “Canada has an excellent education system which has been recognized by a number of international benchmarking institutions,” he said. “Canada also offers an excellent experience for the students. Canada prides itself on its cultural diversity and is a very safe country.”

Economic Entrepreneurs:
CNA–Q was pleased to co-sponsor the second annual Entrepreneurship in Economic Development Forum. Over the course of two days, 120 of our students and five instructors attended the event, which was held at the Sheraton Hotel. The Forum boasted a record number of attendees from Qatar, the Gulf and around the world. Its aim was to inspire and boost entrepreneurship among the young generation in Qatar and other GCC countries, enabling them to develop initiatives to support economic development and prosperity in line with the goals expressed in the Qatar National Vision 2030. The event program featured panel discussions, workshops, and case studies presented by a group of experts from Qatar and visiting business leaders to provide insights on the latest concepts and practices shaping entrepreneurship. Case studies looked at inspiring success stories of prominent entrepreneurs in different business sectors around the world.

Employee Engagement with David Zinger:
David worked with the executive and the leadership team to enhance the importance of employee engagement and to begin discussions with an emphasis on the role of leadership in creating an environment where employees can thrive. He also met with staff and faculty and members of the general public. The benefits of David’s visit will be seen and felt for years to come.

Toastmasters workshop at CNA–Q:
CNA–Q had the honour of hosting the Qatar Toastmasters Division E Grand Workshop. Approximately 150 Toastmasters from various clubs in Qatar, including our own CNA–Q Toastmasters Club, came out to hear author and Distinguished Toastmaster, Mohamed Isa, of Bahrain, deliver a highly spirited and informative seminar on Crafting Winning Speeches.
Salma Mukhtar from the School of Information Technology shared their experiences at CNA–Q over the past years.

CNA–Q President Dr. Ken MacLeod was joined at the 2015 Graduation by HE the Minister of Energy and Industry Dr. Mohamed bin Saleh al-Sada, Qatar Petrochemical Company (QAPCO) Vice Chair and CEO Dr. Mohamed Yousef al-Mulla, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador’s Advanced Education and Skills Minister Clyde Jackman, College of the North Atlantic President Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan, CNA–Q executive, faculty, and families of the graduates.

Co-valedictorians Mohamed Ali Abdul Rahman from the School of Business Studies and

On June 15th, CNA–Q celebrated its 11th graduation ceremony by honouring the Class of 2015, comprised of 483 graduates including 216 Qatars and representatives from 35 other countries. It was the largest graduating class in CNA–Q history, and a testament to the success of our institution.

Each Department within the College was represented at the ceremony. Health Sciences had 66 graduates; Information Technology had 86; Engineering Technology 153; and Business Studies once again had the largest graduating class with 178 students.

The graduates, in full academic regalia, were proud ambassadors of CNA–Q’s range of programs -- from Office Administration to Mechanical Engineering Technology, Information Systems - Web Developer to Advanced Care Paramedicine.
Recognizing Our Best:
The best and brightest students CNA-Q has to offer were represented at the 12th Annual Rewarding Excellence Awards Ceremony. A total of 119 students were recognized for exceptional performance during the academic year.

Mohamed al Mushiri, Chief Commercial Officer of ORYX GTL, was the keynote speaker and award presenter. Dr. Mohammed Yousef Al-Mulla, Vice-Chair & CEO of Qatar Petrochemical Company, and Abdullah al Naemi, National Development Manager, ExxonMobil, Qatar were on hand to present awards. Canadian Ambassador to Qatar H.E. André Dubois and Dr. Latifa Al-Houty also presented awards. The ceremony saw ORYX GTL introduce four new academic excellence awards with a focus on leadership, entrepreneurship, sport, and health and wellness. The ceremony also saw a record number of scholarships granted; 107 students were added to the CNA-Q Honour Roll, achieving a 4.0 grade point average.

Presented by Dr. Al-Mulla, the CNA-Q Highest Achiever scholarship was awarded to Farnaaz Safdar Khan, a student of Business Administration Accounting, who secured a weighted average of 97.5 per cent, with 100 per cent in nine subjects, including Mathematics of Finance, Financial Accounting, Computerized Accounting, Marketing, and Human Resource Management.
CNA–Q Business Studies and Information Technology students finished in the top five at the 2015 Shell-Bedaya Enterprise Challenge. The case simulation challenge tests students' ability to deal with all the interrelated aspects of a start-up business – setting prices and establishing distribution channels, controlling production and inventory levels, committing to financing decisions of debt and equity, anticipating and reacting to competitors' strategies and responding to shifting economic circumstances. In short dealing, in real time, with all the variables an entrepreneur must face. Seventeen teams from the nine universities and colleges in Qatar made it through to the semi-finals to compete in the final competition. Two teams from CNA–Q successfully made the finals.

A total of 30 students, who received the highest marks in their individual programs, were presented with the ORYX GTL President’s Medal for Academic Excellence by Dr. Ken MacLeod, President of CNA–Q; Sami al-Shammari, acting Chief Administrative Officer at ORYX GTL; and Shawna Garrett, Registrar. This was the third year that CNA–Q held a special ceremony for the presentation of the President’s Medal of Excellence for graduates, and the second year that ORYX GTL has partnered in the event.

The sponsorship forms part of the company’s corporate social responsibility program, which aims to promote and celebrate excellence in education. Corporate partnerships have been a mainstay at CNA–Q since 2002, with more than 80% of Qatari students sponsored by local organizations, businesses, industries, and ministries.

The 2015 President’s Medal winners represented Qatar, and eight other countries. Representatives from sponsoring companies, including Qatar Petroleum, Qatar Vinyl Co, RasGas, Sidra Medical and Research Center, and Hamad Medical Corporation, were on hand to celebrate the success of their students. In addition to the medals, four Distinguished Graduate awards were presented to students who not only exemplified academic excellence, but also excelled in extracurricular activities.

Some CNA–Q students excel in the classroom. Others excel in athletics. And some do both! Marketing student Jamal Hairane is one of those all around achievers. Jamal won a bronze medal in the 800 metre race at the Asian Games. What made the feat even more special is that Jamal had just finished some of his CNA–Q assignments and handed them in electronically the day before the medal round! Jamal receives an A on his school work, and a bronze medal for his running. His story is an inspiration to his fellow students at CNA–Q!
Skills Competition:
More than 550 CNA–Q students took part in the 5th annual Skills Competition. The event, sponsored by QAPCO, was a huge success. Across the campus, students were involved in competitions ranging from website design and chemical analysis, to public speaking and simulated health scenarios. When the day-long competition ended, 164 awards were presented by the Deans of Business Studies, Engineering Technology, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Language Studies & Academics and Technician Preparatory Program (TPP). The winners of the Skills Competition went on to travel to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to witness the Canada National Skills Competition as honorary members of Team Newfoundland and Labrador.

Hussain Ali, Assistant Minister for Policy at the Supreme Council of Health, shared his 20 years of healthcare knowledge with the newest students and encouraged them to be proud of their chosen career. The Crest recipients were all current students in one of CNA–Q’s eight Health Sciences programs: Advanced Care Paramedicine, Dental Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Environmental Health and Safety, Medical Radiography Technology, Patient Education, Pharmacy Technician and Respiratory Therapy.

Student Equestrian Success:
CNA–Q Marketing student Hussain Hidan won the 2015 Emir’s Cup – one of the highest honours in the equestrian world in Qatar. Hidan topped the field with a time of 41.62 seconds with his mare “Born to Joy”. Hussain’s brother Mohammed, who is a Human Resources student, placed fourth. As a result of their accomplishments, Hussain and Mohammed took part in a Ceremonial Parade with HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.

CNA–Q Health Sciences Crest Ceremony:
The School of Health Sciences held another successful Crest Ceremony welcoming students to the CNA–Q Health Sciences family. The School recognized a total of 97 students. The ceremony was created to highlight the special choice each student has made in choosing a career in the healthcare sector. Dr. Faleh Mohamed

CNA–Q Alumni Dinner:
Meeting old friends and making new connections was the focus as the CNA–Q Alumni Association held a networking event in the main courtyard. The highlight of the evening involved inaugural awards being presented to two of the College’s biggest supporters - Dr. Latifa Al-Houty and Canadian Ambassador H.E. André Dubois. Dr. Latifa received the Honorary Alumni Appreciation Award, while Ambassador Dubois received a Friend of Alumni award. Hussain al Marri and Gulam Hassan were also presented with Alumni of the Year Awards. The evening was capped off with a variety of entertainment involving former and current CNA–Q students. There are currently over 3,400 CNA–Q Alumni pursuing successful careers in Qatar and around the globe.

Ali Jaber Al-Mohannadi
Class of 2010 - Office Administration
National Robot Olympiad:

CNA–Q, along with its partner Maersk Oil Qatar, hosted the 2014 Qatar National Robot Olympiad, which was held at Aspire Zone. The event, which grows every year, attracted more than 800 students from over 200 schools. This was on top of more than 4000 students reached in 2014 through the broader school robotics program, ‘GO ROBOT’.

The competition was the culmination of the year-long program, which encourages students to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects, to ultimately increase the number of students who choose science tracks in post-secondary. The competition saw students from elementary, middle, and senior schools competing across seven fields in three categories – Open, Regular, and, for the first time, Gen II Football.

Dean of Information Technology (IT) Dr. Theodore Chiasson, who has been the driving force behind the success of the Olympiad, has said robotics is the silver bullet for STEM subjects.

The event was endorsed by the Supreme Education Council (SEC) and sponsored by Maersk Oil Qatar. Robotics has been included in IT curricula for most grades at all Independent Schools in Qatar, with students in grades three through to 10 now required to participate in one hour of robotics programming instruction each week.

CNA–Q Students Capture Second Place in Case Competition:

CNA–Q bested six other post-secondary institutions to take second place at a case study challenge sponsored by the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy. CNA–Q’s entry, entitled Be Smart, placed second in the Qatar Environmental Sustainability Case Competition. The CNA–Q entry was presented by Miriam Salah, from the School of Health Sciences, Abdullah Hafiz, from the School of Engineering Technology and Industrial Trades, and Omar Laham, Abdulhameed Nabiq and Kristina Estandian, all from the School of Business Studies. Their project focused on a creative strategy that moves the Qatari population from awareness of environmental sustainability, through education, to action. In presenting the awards, Nasser Al Khater, Executive Director, Communications and Marketing with the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, commended the competitors, encouraging them to keep working toward and contributing to environmental sustainability.

CNA–Q Ambassadors’ League:

The best and brightest students at CNA–Q are members of the newly formed “Al-Nukhbah” Ambassador’s League. The “Al-Nukhbah” (meaning ‘the elite’ in Arabic) Ambassador’s League consists of 34 of our top students who are excelling academically and are engaged in College leadership and extra-curricular activities. Their role on the Ambassador’s League is to uphold the standards of the College, serve as exemplary role models among other students, and to promote the College’s success stories to potential students.
CNA–Q offers all students the opportunity to reach their full potential in an environment that encourages stimulating and motivational ways to learn.

QAPCO Augmented Reality: CNA–Q and QAPCO have entered into a strategic partnership agreement to investigate the use of Augmented Reality applications to train oil and gas sector students. Augmented Reality (AR) allows multiple types of information to be superimposed over what we see in the real world through tablets, phones, or glasses. With AR, instructions or processes to perform tasks can be displayed visually, rather than having to read through a manual and can greatly reduce time needed for task completion and human error. As part of this project, CNA–Q’s Advanced Learning Technologies Centre (ALT-C) has been tasked with undertaking the development of an Augmented Reality pilot project.

QAPCO Sponsors Vocational Research Chair at CNA–Q: CNA–Q has teamed up with Qatar Petrochemical Company (QAPCO) to sign a ground-breaking agreement to create a Professional Research Chair of Vocational Studies. The agreement will assist in building a strategic roadmap for the future of vocational education in Qatar. The aim of the agreement, overseen by CNA–Q President Dr. Ken MacLeod and Dr. Mohammed Yousef Al Mulla, QAPCO’s Vice Chairman and CEO, is to improve the quality of vocational training that is delivered by CNA–Q and QAPCO personnel to their students and trainees and to strengthen the knowledge, skills and capacities of practitioners in this field. Dr. Al Mulla referred to the research chair as, "one of the most important educational initiatives to be implemented in Qatar."
Pharmacy Labs Re-launch:
CNA–Q officially reopened its two Pharmacy Technician laboratories after they underwent complete redesigns to better equip students for their careers in community and hospital pharmacies. The two laboratories have distinctive designs. One is tailored to mimic a hospital pharmacy, while the other replicates a community pharmacy complete with waiting area and patient consultation desk. This design was incorporated to meet the changing needs of the healthcare sector, which is moving to a more patient-education focused pharmacy system, and also to meet the updated requirements of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authority, which awarded CNA–Q with the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) accreditation in 2011. This accreditation, the first international accreditation by CCAPP, ensures that CNA–Q students meet the highest global standards upon graduation and are recognized for their expertise in countries around the world.

CPD Provider Accreditation:
The Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP) at the Supreme Council of Health (SCH) organized a special event to honour the accredited Continuing Professional Development (CPD) providers who represent different sectors of the healthcare system and are involved in providing CME/CPD activities in Qatar. The QCHP has accredited seven CPD providers so far: College of the North Atlantic-Qatar, College of Pharmacy-Qatar University, Department of Health Sciences-Qatar University, Weill Cornell Medical College-Qatar, Primary Health Care Corporation, Learning and Development-Supreme Council of Health and Al Emadi Hospital. During the event, new accreditation standards for CPD provider organizations were presented. The Accreditation Department developed the standards in partnership with Royal College Canada International (RCCI) and stakeholders engaged in CME/CPD from public and private healthcare organizations and academic institutions in Qatar. The Accreditation Department plans to organize the event annually.

CNA–Q Debating Students Travel to Slovenia:
Members of the CNA–Q Debate Club spent 10 days in Slovenia attending a training institute for debating students. Four debate club students—Salma Mohammed, Lathe El-Hafy, and Shaika Al-Thani, from the School of Information Technology and Seham Abuhuzeimah, from the School of Business, accompanied by chaperones Sandra Livingstone and Robert Madronic, spent the time taking part in lectures, electives, and debates. The week ended with an international tournament in Ljubljana. Both teams were thrilled to place first in the opening round of debates. While they did not win they did well and came away with great debate experience, an international perspective and a renewed sense of confidence in their abilities.

ROTA Trip to Java:
A total of 23 CNA–Q students traveled to Java, Indonesia as part of a Reach Out to Asia (ROTA) volunteer trip. Accompanied by three faculty and staff, the group provided educational workshops to the students of SMK N 1 Ngawen vocational high school in Bayat Village. The workshops took place over five days in the subject areas of English for the Workplace, Entrepreneurship, IT/Social Media, Leadership and Safety in the Workplace. Our students were able to experience the important connection of helping others, and learned a lot about themselves as well on this educational journey.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L):
CNA–Q’s Learning Management System, Desire 2 Learn (D2L), continues to be popular. To date, more than 300 instructors and other staff have received D2L training. The system makes learning resources more accessible to students through online, app, and non-traditional methods. CNA–Q will continue to offer more courses through a blended learning approach using the D2L platform to enhance classroom teaching and to extend learning beyond the walls of classrooms.
Dr. Latifa Retirement Celebration:
The auditorium at CNA–Q was re-named the Dr. Latifa Ibrahim Al-Houty Auditorium, in honour of Dr. Latifa, who retired after steering the College through its formative years. The re-naming took place at a glowing tribute in her honour. The evening also included the presentation of a gorgeous quilt made in Newfoundland and Labrador depicting scenes from the picturesque province.

Dr. Latifa was surrounded by her family, including a surprise visit from her youngest son, who traveled from London to be there for the special night, a number of people who were with the original CNA–Q team and first Joint Oversight Board from 2002, and others who have worked with her over the years.

The evening was capped off by a walk down memory lane by Dr. Latifa, who used words like “teamwork, integrity, ethics and respect” to describe her time at CNA–Q. “This is probably one of the most important projects that has been undertaken in Qatar,” said Dr. Latifa. “This college is not about me. It’s about all of you,” she said to the assembled crowd.

Chief Mi’sel Joe’s Visit:
CNA–Q was honoured to have a very special guest from the Mi’kmaq First Nations community of Conne River (Miawpukek) in Newfoundland visit the campus. Mi’kmaq Chief Mi’sel Joe spent several days at CNA–Q, interacting with students, faculty and staff.

Chief Joe, who is the spiritual leader of his people, was proud to share his vast knowledge and history of the Mi’kmaq with a wide variety of people in Qatar, including students from the Qatar Canadian School, who visited campus to meet the chief.

Connecting Through Our Shared Roots
Delving deep into Qatari and Canadian traditions to provide the best possible educational experience that reflects and respects who we are and where we are going together.
Cancer Fundraisers at CNA–Q:
CNA–Q is becoming well known for its charitable work and for engaging students in the important role they can play in the community. One of the causes that has taken hold is fighting cancer. A sandstorm wasn’t enough to deter people from participating in the 11th annual Terry Fox Run. Over 89,000 QR was raised to help advance cancer research. Participants were especially honoured to have Terry’s brother, Fred Fox, join them on campus for the event.

Breast Cancer Awareness also took centre stage with its annual fundraiser. CNA–Q presented a cheque worth 13,000 QR to the Qatar Cancer Society (QCS), as the result of another successful campaign. The money was raised at a series of events on campus. The week-long campaign not only raised funds, it also spread important information on prevention and detection of breast cancer. Event organizers were presented with the “Most Influential Campaign Award 2014” during the Beauty and the Beast Awards hosted by Queen Medical and The Youth Company – these awards honour the best cancer fundraisers each year. Judges agreed that the use of social media, particularly Instagram, during the campaign made it possible for organizers to successfully reach a younger demographic than usual.

Movember is an event wherein several of the male staff at the College grow fuzz on their upper lips to raise awareness of and help fund programs working to improve the lives of men affected by prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health issues. The event also involves the always popular Movember Café. More than 53,000 QR was raised and donated through CNA–Q activities.
Global Village:

CNA–Q hosted another hugely successful Global Village in 2015. This signature event involved hundreds of CNA–Q students from 18 different countries working tirelessly to prepare amazing booths and put on incredible stage performances. It truly was a fabulous demonstration of the multicultural essence of the College! Over 6,000 visitors from diverse cultures were present at the two-day event and praised the amazing work of our students. The event was officially opened by a VIP delegation that included Hamad Hamdan al-Muhannadi, Director of Heritage, Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage; Dr. Ken MacLeod, President of CNA–Q; André Dubois, Ambassador of Canada; Moumin Hassan Barreh, Ambassador of Djibouti; Abdel Jawad Mousa Adwan, Counsellor with the Palestinian Embassy; Chief Mi’sel Joe, Chief of the Mi’kmag in Newfoundland and Labrador; and representatives of each participating student country.

CNA–Q Celebrates National Day:

The flag of Qatar was proudly on display all over campus on December 2nd, as the College celebrated National Day. The day began with a parade led by CNA–Q President Dr. Ken MacLeod and Dr. Latifa Al-Houty. Following the parade, students, staff and faculty were treated to activities, performances, and fabulous food, all with a Qatari national flavour, in the main courtyard.

A blending of many different and unique cultures means that we share the best qualities each has to offer.
Alumni Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani:
Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani is busy juggling a high-profile job at ORYX GTL and the demands of raising a young family. He credits his time at College of the North Atlantic-Qatar in helping to prepare him for his hectic life.

“That’s something I learned at CNA–Q. How to manage yourself, your time. Between assignments. When to do it. When to start. When to push yourself. When not to,” said the proud father of three young children. “It has made life much more comfortable and fun.”

Sheikh Abdullah attended CNA–Q from 2005-09. He began studying Mechanical Engineering, but soon realized his true passion lay in Marketing. He graduated with a diploma in this discipline before going on to obtain a degree in Marketing from Bradford College in the United Kingdom.

He recalled his time at CNA–Q with great fondness, adding that the small class sizes and the passion of the instructors were two vital ingredients to the success of the College.

“I feel really proud to have been a student at CNA–Q. And I feel that CNA–Q is probably one of the best, if not the best, platforms for learning in Qatar today,” Sheikh Abdullah said. “I know lots of people who have studied at CNA–Q. I know lots of people who have studied at other institutions. Most people I know from CNA–Q have held onto their education. It stuck with them. It supported them. That’s where I think CNA–Q has an advantage over its peers.”

Sheikh Abdullah went to work at ORYX GTL in the fall of 2009. During his time at the company he has risen from a Senior Public Relations Secretary, to helping the company formulate internal communications, to his current position as Coordinator of Corporate Social Responsibility.

“CNA–Q gives you the necessary tools to be a successful employee,” said the confident 32-year-old. “CNA–Q worked well for me and I think it would work well for pretty much anyone.”

Sheikh Abdullah said eventually he would like to work in administration, but for now is content working in the relatively new and exciting area of Corporate Social Responsibility.

“I know for sure that whatever you are taught at CNA–Q you can do as a job and do well. I push cousins and brothers and friends to look at CNA–Q as an option.”
Oral Health Week:
Teaching proper oral health practices is of paramount importance in Qatar. Qatar’s children have a very high rate of dental disease. To contribute to health promotion around this important issue, students from the Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene programs at CNA–Q organized a series of table clinics highlighting a variety of topics related to dental health.

The March event saw the School of Health Sciences (SHS) partner with the Supreme Council of Health, the Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC) and Hamad Medical Corporation to bring the message of good oral health to students and staff at the College.

The importance of teaching oral health practices to children was at the forefront of the event, and guest speaker, Dr. Asmaa Othman Alkhtib, Manager of the Oral Health Division of the Primary Health Care Corporation, shared how the PHCC and the State of Qatar aim to bring oral health education to the younger generation.

A new initiative of the PHCC, the Beautiful Smile project, targets not only school aged children, but will begin educating pregnant women about the importance of oral health for their babies by providing them with instruction and information. Starting at one year of age, children will be brought to the Beautiful Smile clinics and will be provided with screening, early treatment and prevention methods. In addition, nurses in vaccination clinics are being trained to look for oral health issues in young children.

Strong Student Competition:
As in past years, CNA–Q's tough guys gutted it out over three days of Strong Student Competition. When the dust cleared Fawaz Hadi was the winner in the under 65 kg category, Abdullah Ahmed captured top spot in the 65-80 kg category and Ahmed Ghasson was the winner in the above 80 kg weight class. Events included flipping a 1,000 pound tire, the weight carry and the always popular truck pull.

Breath of Fresh Air:
CNA–Q Respiratory Therapy students took their skills on the road last year to recognize Lung Health Day. The students set up interactive exhibits at the Medical Education Centre at Hamad Medical Corporation.

The event was a real life exercise in cardiopulmonary health promotion, a skillset that is essential in the scope of practice for all health care professionals. Dean of Health Sciences, Irene O'Brien, described the event as a testament to the collaboration between CNA–Q and HMC. This was exemplified again by bringing high caliber speakers such as Nicholas Barrett from London to lecture about treating severe respiratory failure and Medical Intensive Care Unit Director, Dr. Ibrahim Fawzy Hassan who spoke about the progressive implementation of the extra corporeal membrane oxygenation program at HMC.
Going the Extra Mile to Make a Difference

Accounting Help Centre:
One of the hallmarks of a great instructor is identifying a need and doing something about it. Accounting instructors Manja Bastian and Neal Mannis (below) noticed that some students were struggling with accounting, so they helped launch the School of Business Accounting Help Centre. They recruited faculty members to staff the Centre, and with the aid of Student Affairs, hired senior students as additional tutors for the Centre. Student attendance at the Centre has been astounding and it is believed the Centre has been instrumental in the significant increase in success rates in accounting courses. This centre, along with the Career Counselling and Resource Centre and the Math Help Centre, to cite just a few, are prime examples of the outstanding student support offered at CNA-Q.

Business Instructor Scaling New Heights:
Sometimes instructors are recognized for things they do in the classroom. At other times it is the feats they perform outside of the classroom that are worthy of mention. In the case of Business Instructor Michael Arbow it is his extra-curricular activity of scaling mountain peaks in support of organ donation awareness that is attracting attention. This is a cause Michael is passionate about. As a parent of a daughter with cystic fibrosis, a double lung transplant saved her life. Michael has now climbed mountains on two continents – Kilimanjaro in Africa and Mount Elbrus in Europe.
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1. هي علاقة يكون فيها شخص أو شيء أو فكرة مرتبطين مع شيء آخر.
2. شيء يربط أو يجمع بين اثنين أو أكثر من الأمور.
3. فعل يجمع بين اثنين أو أكثر من الأمور، أو حالة من البقاء على إتصال.
4. هي الحالة عندما يكون هناك اثنين أو أكثر من الأمور لهم نفس القضية والأساس والهدف، الخ.