

Dear esteemed judges,

My name is Noor. I am seventeen years old and I have attended Michigan Islamic Academy since Preschool. My hobbies include reading and drawing. During high school, my favorite club to participate in was Model United Nations. I very much enjoy debating and learning about the world, different countries, and international politics. I am excited to graduate high school and begin the next phase of my life; college. My goal is to become a pharmacist and specialize in critical care.

My Senior Project is: *Gender Matters in Education*. I was first introduced to this topic when Dr. Leonard Sax, a physician, psychologist, and author, gave a presentation to Michigan Islamic Academy's staff on his book, *Why Gender Matters*. I found the topic very intriguing and decided to use it as a basis for my project. While doing my research, I learned that many people were in agreement that boys and girls learn differently, however, many of these opinions were split into two opposing groups: nature or nurture. My paper introduces the differences between girls and boys as well as the differences in opinions between whether gender differences occur due to biology or social construct. My project focuses on the certain differences between the genders and how to address them regardless of how these differences were made.

I learned a lot from working on this project over the course of the year, and from working with my mentor, Mrs. Angela Johnson. From the big things such as doing proper research and writing a research paper, to the little things such as improving my grammar, expanding my vocabulary, and learning how to write in APA format. With the help of my mentor and teachers, and with the support of my family and peers, I am proud to say that I have successfully completed this project and hope that it leaves a great and positive impact on both my school and the community.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for taking the time and effort to attend my presentation and assess my project.

Sincerely,

Noor