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AIEA Recognizes Anas Nazmi Almassri with the 2025 Harold Josephson Student Award for Professional Promise in International Education

Houston, TX (March 3, 2025)—The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Anas Nazmi Almassri as the recipient of the 2025 Harold Josephson Student Award for Professional Promise in International Education.

The Josephson Award honors the memory of Dr. Harold Josephson, a long-time leader in AIEA who passed away in 1998. Josephson served as Associate Vice Chancellor of International Programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The award recognizes deserving graduate students for outstanding contributions to the field of international education.

Almassri is a distinguished doctoral candidate at Durham University's School of Education, recognized for his exceptional contributions to research, teaching, and service in international education. His research challenges deficit-oriented and neoliberal narratives, focusing on equitable access to study abroad and the unique experiences of Palestinian international students in conflict contexts. Six significant manuscripts have come out of his dissertation work so far, including four articles published in important journals. Almassri has focused on critical theories and frameworks that cast the role of international education in fostering peacebuilding and empowerment.

In addition to his research, Almassri is an accomplished educator, receiving positive evaluations for his teaching at Durham and mentoring students from diverse backgrounds. He also serves as the editorial assistant for *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*, an associate editor for the *Journal of International Students*, and volunteers as an organizer for international education conferences.

Almassri's work has been recognized by grants, bursaries, and invitations to prestigious conferences across the UK and Europe. He has presented his research at the annual conference of the British Association of International and Comparative Education and has also been selected to present at the Institute's Georg Arnhold International Summer Conference on Education, War & Peace: Understanding International Assistance and Intervention in Conflict-Affected Contexts, held in Braunschweig, Germany.



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Beyond academia, Almassri has collaborated with organizations like the International Rescue Committee and AMIDEAST to translate research into impactful policy and practice. Despite personal challenges stemming from the situation in Gaza, he continues to inspire with resilience, hope, and a commitment to equity and justice in education. His perspective as a Palestinian scholar and his unique contributions to the field make him a rising leader and important voice in international education.

AIEA congratulates Anas Almassri as this year's Josephson Student Award recipient.

About AIEA:

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is a member organization that equips leaders to shape the future of higher education in a global context.

AIEA advances strategic transformational approaches to internationalization of higher education; empowers those who lead such efforts; convenes global conversation on key issues; and partners with other organizations around the world to develop sustainable, forward-looking perspectives.

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