

A Little Bit on Our Theme... The Conviction in Courage

The past 20 months have been demanding as we collectively cope with a global pandemic, giving rise to protests and conflict at home and abroad. These events have grabbed our attention as we witness the challenges our brothers and sisters endure and are awed by the determination and courage they possess. These months have not been kind on our bodies and minds, yet we are asked by our community to remain steadfast, to withstand these moments, and keep faith that this will pass

Often, when we think of courage, we look to the physical and moral manifestation of it, imagining a fearless individual standing firm in a protest, or those willing to make the tough decisions in challenging situations. Philosophers such as Plato or Aristotle discussed courage as a trait set aside for those that do not fear death. However, we can look towards the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings be upon him) on how we can remain strong and demonstrate courage in various forms. At a time where we are surrounded with injustices, "a word of truth spoken before an unjust ruler" (an-Nasa'i) is the best form of struggle. We remember maintaining self-control is where true strength lies for a believer for "the strong man is one who controls himself in anger" (Bukhari).

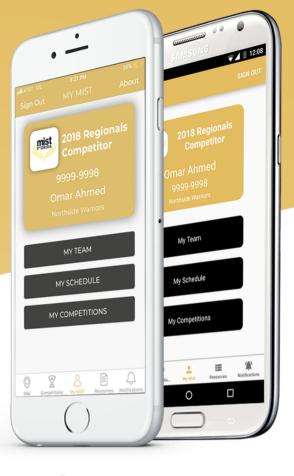
However, sometimes our courage and our conviction to stand firm can be tested or shaken by the outcomes and consequences of our decisions and we may begin to question our yaqeen, our solid conviction (certainty). Instead of giving into despair, we can use this opportunity to become closer to Allah and have the courage to hold firm in our beliefs and not have our faith deterred as we have been told that "the strong believer is better and more beloved to Allah" (Muslim). As we experience tragedies and undergo failures that shake our core, we remain patient and accept the order of Allah for "Allah does not decree anything for the believer except what is good for him" (Ahmad).

How do you define courage and instill this characteristic into situations that arise in your life? How can we harness our courage to serve our communities while taking care of ourselves? How do we strike the balance between the courage we inwardly and outwardly demonstrate? How do we navigate our vulnerabilities as a part of being courageous? What are ways to value and support those who have taken a stand when it's needed? How can we maintain our beliefs when making hard decisions?

We encourage you to creatively explore these concepts and more in online and in-person Regional and National competitions and workshops during MIST 2022. Remember that unique projects displaying creativity and insight will be judged most favorably.

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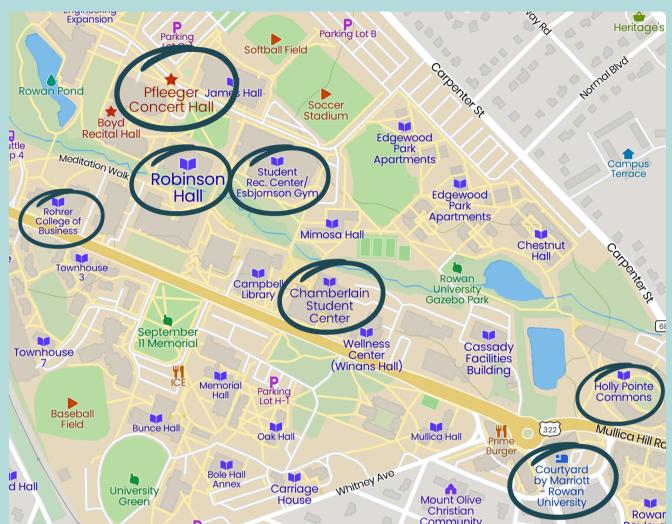
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IMPORTANT PLACES



MIST Map Key

Pfleeger Concert Hall

Esbjornson Gym (ESBY) - Student Rec Center

Robinson Hall

Business Hall (BUSN) - Rohrer College of Business

Courtyard by Marriott

Holly Pointe Commons

DAY 1 FRIDAY, JULY 29TH

3	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Registration	Holly Pointe Pod G First Floor
		Lunch (not provided)	
	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Jumuah	Eynon Ballroom Student Cente
3	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sisters Basketball Prelims Open 9	ESBY Gym Spectator, same-gender only**
68		Banner Making	Eynon Ballroom Student Center
P.C.	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Asr	Eynon Ballroom Student Center
ar	6:00 PM - 7 :00 PM	Grab & Go Dinner Opening Ceremony	Robinson Hall Pfleeger Concert Hall Wilson Hall
	6:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Brothers Basketball Prelims Open :	ESBY Gym Spectator, same-gender only**
	8:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Maghrib Prayer	Eynon Ballroom Student Center
SS	8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Short Film Movie Night	Eynon Ballroom Student Center

DAY 2	SATURDAY, JULY 30TH	DAY 2	SATURDAY, JULY 30TH	
5:00 AM - 5:30 AM 7:00 AM 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM		1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Brackets Prelims Debate Debate Prelims Debate Prelims Debate Prelims Busn 201 Busn 204 Busn 204 Busn 208 MIST Bowl MIST Bowl Prelims Busn 203	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Being Identifiably Muslim Brother Omar Tariq As Muslims, our Iman (faith) impacts a lot of variables in life. Social media has also redefined how we communicate, share, consume information, and interact with one another. Oftentimes we try to blend in and conceal our identity. The question to ask ourselves is how do we navigate social media and use it to strengthen our beliefs and communicate effectively? How do we make sure we are strong enough to have courage off-screen as well? This workshop will highlight methods on how to curate the strength and Iman within one's self to gain courage. Quran Brothers Quran Robinson 211 Sisters Quran Robinson 102		MIST Bowl Prelims MIST Bowl Prelims BUSN 227 BUSN 235 Improv Brothers Improv Sisters Improv BUSN 301	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Dhuhr + Lunch BUSN Lobby	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	CAIR Bystander Training CAIR NJ Often times when we are scrolling through social media, we come across a video of someone making racist remarks, for a lot of us this kicks in a daydream of being in those shoes and stepping up to be the savior of the day. Unfortunately, the truth is that most of the time the human instinct is to choose to stand by while these acts of injustice happen. It is our Islamic responsibility to take active roles and prevent harm from befalling others. Join CAIR and learn what we can do as bystanders, make the right decisions, and act upon them.	

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SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

Sunnah and Sahaba:

BUSN 104

Serve the Community

Ibn Umar reported: The Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings Upon Him), said, "The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people." What can we learn from the Prophet (Peace and Blessings Upon Him) and the Sahaba about serving our community? Join MIST competitors in preparing food for locals in need, and hear how the Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings Upon Him) and his companions addressed the needs of their community.

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Asr Prayer

BUSN Lobby

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Writing & Oratory

Extemp. Speaking (competitors)
Extemp. Speaking (spectators)
Spoken Word
Original Oratory

BUSN 225 BUSN 221 BUSN 303 BUSN 301

Open Spectator**

5:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Field Trip

Robinson Courtyard

5:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Game Night

BUSN 104

8:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Maghrib Prayer

Penn's Landing BUSN Lobby

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DAY 2

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

Field Trip

Penn's Landing: Spruce Street Harbor Park & Blue Cross RiverRink

Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest:

- Food, Drinks, and Dessert (fair food + mini vendors)
- Arcade & Carnival Games (\$-\$\$)
- Ferris Wheel (\$5)
- Roller Skating (\$15)
 - You can reserve tickets in advance

Spruce Street Harbor Park:

- Outdoor Dining
 - Philly Taco, French Toast Bites, Frozen Delights, and Chickie's & Pete's
- Open seating with waterfront views

Bus Pick Up Times

Departures from Robinson: Returns from <u>Penn's Landing</u>: 5:15, 6:45, 8:15 PM 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 PM

NOTE: Everyone <u>not</u> competing in Writing & Oratory <u>MUST</u> get on an earlier bus

Coaches & parents are responsible for their students. Participation is by no means obligatory. We will only facilitate transportation to and from the field trip at the designated times, and you MUST get on/off with your assigned group.

Game Night

Activities @ BUSN 104

- Board Games
 - Codenames, Exploding Kittens, Reverse
 Charades & more
- Jackbox Games
- Mini Canvas Painting
- Polaroid Pictures

DAY3	SUNDAY, JULY 31ST	DAY3	SUNDAY, JULY 31ST
5:00 AM - 5:30 AM 7:00 AM 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Fajr Holly Pointe Common Areas Breakfast BUSN Lobby Arts 2D Art BUSN 221 3D Art BUSN 225 Photography BUSN 301	11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	Group Projects Group Projects (ALL competitors) Business Venture Business
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	A Conversation About Fear & Risk BUSN 104 Arqum Rashid It can be difficult to distinguish fear and risk from each other. What causes fear? How can taking risks be a good thing? How can you conquer your own fears and take risks to improve your life? Both vital to our progression in life, come join us in this workshop where we will understand the difference between the two and why they are so important.	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Balancing Family & Practicing Self Control If your family were to describe you, what is the first thing they would say? We often spend a lot of time thinking about how the world perceives us and how we can preserve good standing in our communities. While reputation is significant, Islam puts a great emphasis on inner self-work and practicing self-control, and the people who witness your true personality are usually your family. Build the conviction to be your best self to your family. Dhuhr + Lunch BUSN Lobby
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Brackets Semi-Finals Debate Debate Semi-Finals Debate Semi-Finals Debate Semi-Finals BUSN 201 BUSN 208 Open Spectator** MIST Bowl MIST Bowl Semi-Finals MIST Bowl Semi-Finals MIST Bowl Semi-Finals BUSN 225 BUSN 227 BUSN 235 Open Spectator** Improv Brothers Improv Semi-Finals BUSN 103 Sisters Improv Semi-Finals Depen Spectator, same gender only**	1:30 PM - 2:15 PM 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Bracket Finals Debate Finals Debate 3rd Place Match BUSN 208 MIST Bowl Finals BUSN 235 Brothers Improv Finals BUSN 103 Sisters Improv Finals Open Spectator All, for Improv same-gender only** Awards Ceremony Pfleeger Concert Hall Asr Prayer BUSN Lobby Departures Holly Pointe/BUSN Lobby

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