

2016 ABDELKADER GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PRIZE ESSAY WINNERS

Iowa High School Essay Winners

1st Place (\$1,000) – Victoria Miller
Decorah High School

2nd Place (\$500) – Madison McCabe
Decorah High School

U.S. High School Essay Winners

1st Place (\$1,000) – Daud Shad
Mountain Lakes School, Mountain Lakes, NJ

2nd Place (\$500) – Mohammed Rawwas
Cedar Falls High School, Cedar Falls, IA

U.S. College Essay Winners

1st Place (\$1,500) – Noreen Choudhary
Villanova University, PA

2nd Place (\$1,000) – Rebecca Alcock
University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Elkader High School Essay Winner

Samantha Wiedner (\$300)

The 2016 AEP Forum explores how Emir Abdelkader's "lived faith" can serve as a model for confronting challenges, reconciling differences, creating healthy diversity and fostering respectful engagement with and between cultures.

AEP Board Members:

Dr. Belgacem Haba, Daisy Khan, Chuck Montgomery, Ann Schodde, Daryl Beall and AEP co-founders Kathy Garms and John Kiser.



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SEVENTH ANNUAL FORUM

A Beacon of Hope: Emir Abdelkader

Yesterday's Muslim Hero Matters Today



September 24, 2016

Cedar Rapids Public Library

Cedar Rapids, Iowa USA

9:00am-1:00pm – SEMINARS AND LUNCH

ABDELKADER: A MODEL FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Track #1 – Global Education: Teaching Tolerance, Civility, Understanding
Facilitator: Ann Schodde, AEP Board; President Emeritus, Center for Citizen Diplomacy, Des Moines, IA

Focus: Educational tools inspired by Abdelkader's values and his ability to respect and engage with all people.

Marcia Powell and Karla Duff – AEP Curriculum: "Tolerance and Acceptance in a Civil Society" (grades 5-12); AEP Video Contest: "Abdelkader: Taking a stand in a global society" - IA

Tamar Miller – Harvard Pluralism Project Case Studies: "Rumors in Damascus" (Abdelkader & Ethical Leadership); "Mother Mosque" – high school/college - MA

Ameena Jandali – Islamic Networks Group: Curriculum – *Commander of the Faithful: The Life & Times of Emir Abdelkader* by John Kiser – high school/college -CA

Kathy Garms – Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize Essay Contests – high school/college - IA

Track #2 – Outreach: The Human Face of Islam – Emir Abdelkader

Facilitator: Chuck Montgomery, AEP Board; Senior Managing Attorney, MidAmerican Energy, Des Moines, IA

Focus: Abdelkader's life story and values as a model for confronting challenges and fostering healthy diversity in the work place (and on the street!). His humanitarian spirit and universalism rooted in faith will be addressed.

John W. Kiser – AEP co-founder and Advisory Board; author *Commander of the Faithful: The Life and Times of Emir Abd el-Kader* and *The Monks of Tibhirine*; Chairman, William & Mary Greve Foundation; former International Technology broker – VA

Raphael Danziger, Ph.D. – Author of *Abd Al Qadir and the Algerians* (Princeton University Ph.D. research topic); Senior Research Advisor for American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) – DC

Mark Danner – National security analyst and international consultant on Middle East and Islamic Affairs; Founder, The Meeting Point International; co-founder, Locus Strategic Insights – DC

Borislava Manojlovic, Ph.D. –Adjunct Professor and Director of Research Projects at the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University; Abdelkader Fellow Program - NJ

MORNING REVIEW – CIVIL SOCIETY and A PLURAL AMERICA

Facilitators: Ann Schodde and Chuck Montgomery

Recap of morning sessions and open Q&A with presenters.

LUNCH ON-SITE

1:00-3:00pm – AEP PROGRAM & AWARDS CEREMONY

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

John "Corky" Bickel, founding AEP Board, Cedar Rapids, IA

Kathy Garms, AEP co-founder and Executive Director, Elkader, IA

DIVERSITY FOCUS – AEP COLLABORATOR

Chad Simmons, CEO and President, Diversity Focus, Cedar Rapids, IA

"STATE OF THE AEP" WITH VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

John Kiser and Kathy Garms

ABDELKADER FELLOW PROGRAM – SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Borislava Manojlovic, Ph.D.

ABDELKADER REFLECTIONS

Mandy Conrad, PhD program, University of Iowa (past essay winner)

ABDELKADER GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Ann Schodde

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Kathy Garms and John Kiser

CLOSING REMARKS

John Bickel, John Kiser, Kathy Garms

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POST FORUM OPTION

Mother Mosque Tour (4-5:00 pm)