



SABIS® STAR

The weekend of Friday, 22nd April and Saturday, 23rd April, SABIS® STARS took place in ISC Dubai, hosting over 600 students across 28 SABIS® Network schools from 13 countries, each participating in the regional competition. The two-day event organized by the Student Life Organization, showcased each student's creativity, intelligence and courage. There was an array of activities such as Arabic poetry, public speaking, debating, spelling bee, science fair, advertising photography and art, along with others.

On the first day of the event there were shrieks of joy and embracing hugs as the students flooded through the front doors, many not seeing each other for many years. Although it was a competition with students representing their individual schools, it was clear that creating and rebuilding friendships was a key element of the weekend. The level of talent demonstrated throughout the two days was a spectacular vision from the artistic paintings exhibited to the passionate public speaking heard, and the creative proposals that were produced by the students taking part in the advertising campaign. There were tears of pride amongst the students, parents and even judges as the contestants expressed their passion and utmost effort.

On the Saturday, 23rd April, the competition was whittled down to the overall finalists, a difficult task by the judges. Finalists ecstatically made their way to the main theatre to brace the stage in front of over 800 people. The final round of public speaking perfectly encapsulated the value of partaking in SABIS® STARS, the importance of participation rather than winning. The atmosphere in the theatre was electrifying as the crowds exclaimed their excitement and pride for their fellow students. Once the judges chose their favorite finalists for each category, the audience anxiously awaited the results. First, second and third place awards were presented on stage by Mr. Victor Saad, SABIS® Vice President and Mr. Hisham Hassan, Director of ISC Dubai.

The closing ceremony wrapped up a successful weekend with students creating memories that will last a lifetime along with incipient friendships. ISC Dubai was delighted and honored to host such a prestigious global event bringing together different cultures from the same SABIS® family. Amongst the audience special guests included Her Excellency Dr. Maryam Matar, Founder and Chairman of the UAE Genetic Diseases Association, Dr. Saed Radaideh Consul-General of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Dubai and his wife Mrs. Abeer Shocair, Mr. Bogdan Kolarov Consul-General of Republic of Bulgaria in Dubai, Mr. Rainer Mueller, Communications & Marketing Services Director at Nestlé Middle East, Dr. Parween Habib, Media Personality, a poet and an academic and scientific researcher in the cultural and literature fields, Mr. Mohammad Karim, Egyptian Artist, Mr. Kefah Al Kabi the famous UAE Sports Commentator and Journalist, Mr. Rabei Huneidi, Head of entertainment and celebrities in Zahrat Al Khaleej magazine and Mr. Yasir Al-Yasiri, an Iraqi film director living in the United Arab Emirates.







