NTHP-2015 Open House for TCF Alumni

An Open House was organized by the ‘TCF ambassadors at IBA’, with the help of the NTHP Office and the TCF Alumni Department on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the G&T Auditorium, IBA Main Campus. The session was aimed at reaching out to all the ‘high achievers’ of The Citizens Foundation (TCF) school system, in order to inform them of the IBA National Talent Hunt Program (NTHP), the lucrative opportunity that IBA offers to students of under-privileged areas.

Students were invited from TCF campuses spread across the slum areas of Karachi. The enthusiasm of the students could be seen from the fact that they came all the way from areas such as Quaidabad, Rehri Goth, Qayyumabad, Juma Himayati Goth, Bhittaiabad, Goth Dhani Bux, Saleh Muhammad Goth and Jam Kando Goth with some of them accompanied by their parents. The students were assisted by Hamid Naeem and Saad Aslam, who are part of the TCF ambassadors team of IBA volunteers, which is led by Farheen Ghaffar and Zoha Rizwan. Seher Khan, Shahanza Zartaj and Asra Saeed briefed them on the various undergraduate programs that IBA offers, including their future career prospects. Faiza Shafqat, an NTHP Scholar who hails from Abbottabad, shared with the TCF alumni her own personal story of how great an opportunity NTHP turned out to be for her, all of which impressed the audience to a great extent.

Two TCF Alumni who made it to IBA through the National Talent Hunt Program, Nadeem Hussain (IBA Class of 2014) and Imran Shaukat (IBA Class of 2018) were also invited to the Open House to share their journey with the students: from TCF to NTHP and then on to IBA; a dream came true for them. They encouraged the students to a great extent by narrating their personal stories and made it clear to them that no goal is too great if one works hard day and night to avail every opportunity that s/he comes across. The audience response was tremendous and the team hopes that the TCF alumni were able to set high goals and an extraordinary vision for themselves as a result of the event.

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