



Amal Banna Bekdash Scholarship

Empower Women and Girls, Transform Communities

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American University of Afghanistan

Madina Shahab received the Amal Banna Bekdash Scholarship in 2019. This scholarship was created by DGC International's Vice President, Ayman Bekdash, who worked with the Zamani Foundation to create a scholarship through the Friends of the American University of Afghanistan.





“The Zamani Foundation believes in the holistic benefits of education and have seen firsthand how it touches every part of a young person’s life and the lives of others in their community. Ayman Bekdash named the scholarship for his mother.”

Madina Shahab, the recipient of the Scholarship in 2019, is in a Political Science program with the American University of Afghanistan. She plans to go on to pursue her master’s degree with another top school in the United States.

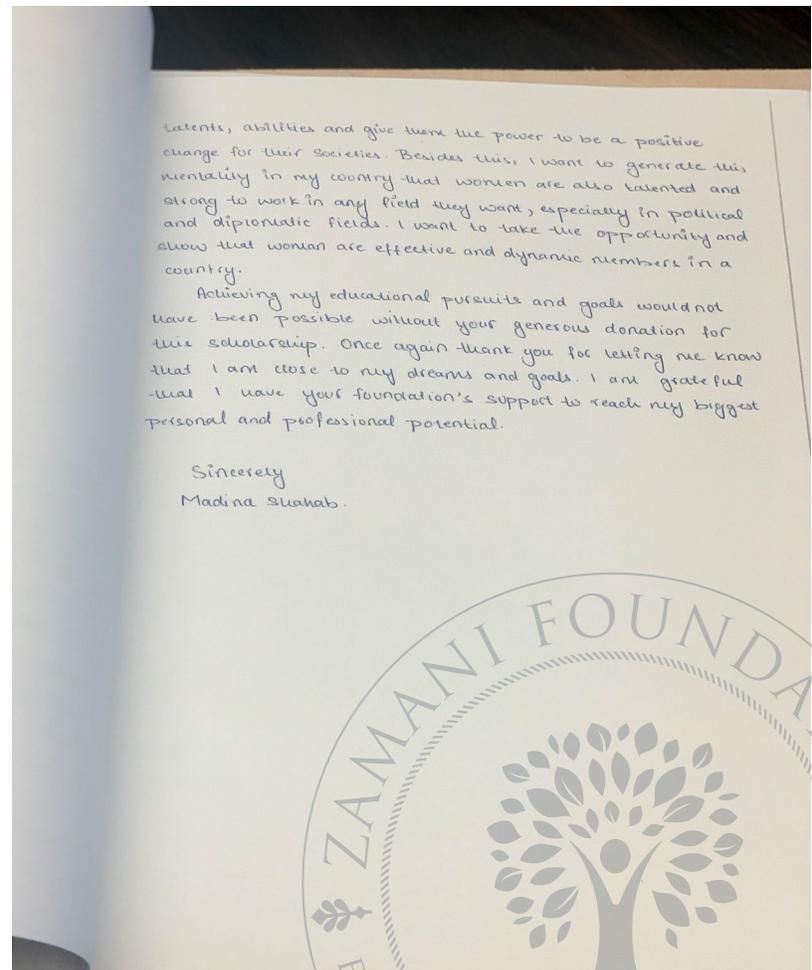
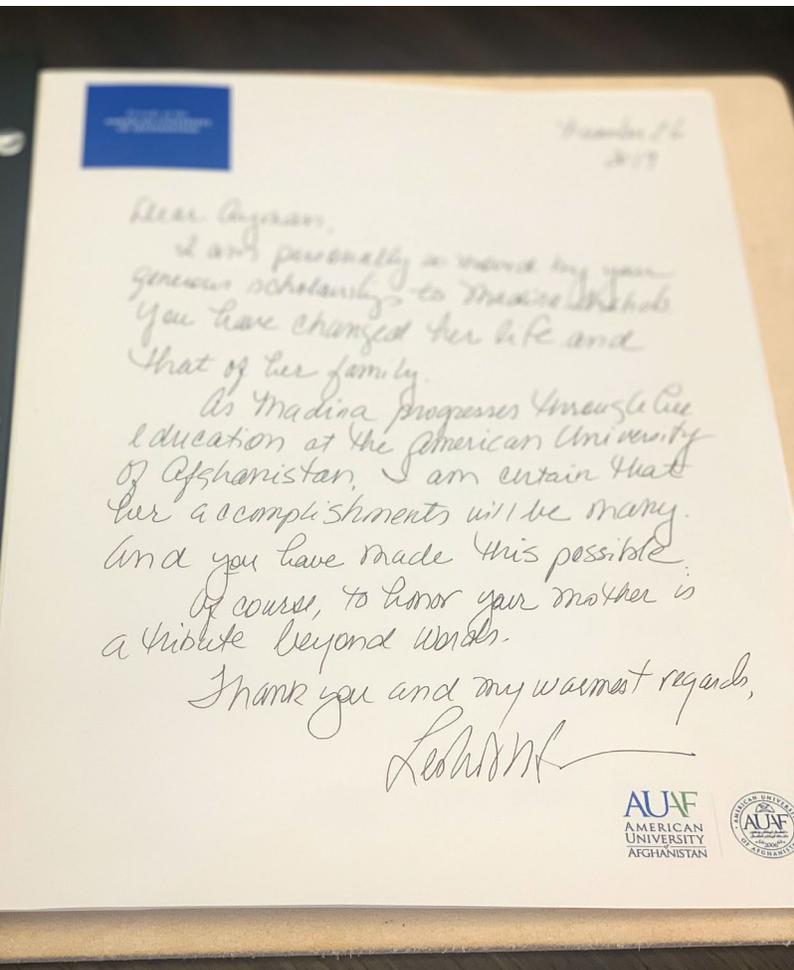
Her plans do not stop with academia.

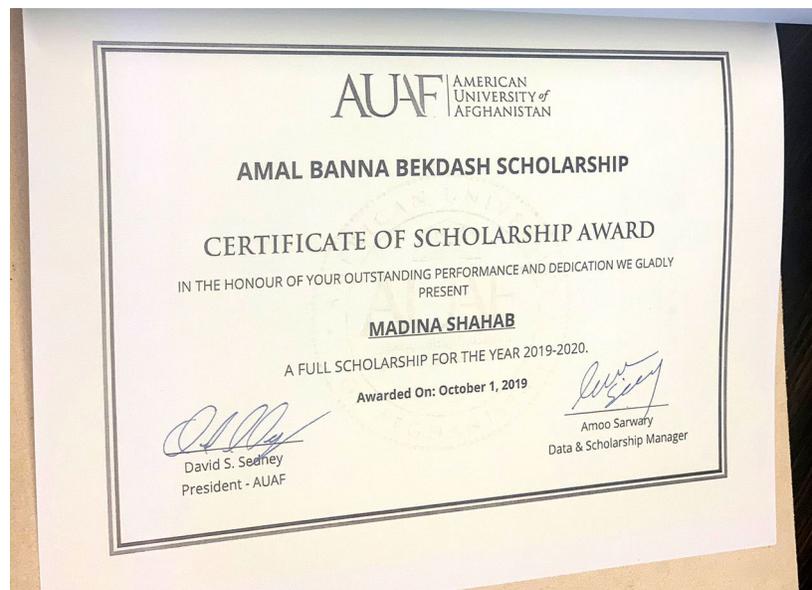
She will use her education to empower Afghan women, through her Political Science degree and minor in Law. Her activist spirit will be used to empower women and encourage them into diplomacy and leadership roles of all vocational fields.

“I want to create a safe environment where women are able to show their talents, abilities, and give them the power to be a positive change for their societies,” Shahab said. “I want to take the opportunity and show that women are effective and dynamic members in a country.”

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“With this one step, Shahab plans a giant leap into positive change in Afghanistan.”

She is taking her education and using it to shape the community for the future and plans to empower others around her to do the same. It goes to show that one person’s education is a community’s education. One person’s empowerment is a community empowered.

The message harkens back to Michelle Obama’s quote, “when you educate a girl, you educate a family, a community, a country.” This powerful sentiment is one the Zamani Foundation holds dear and continues to reinforce through the Amal Banna Bekdash Scholarship.

” Education breeds confidence.
Confidence breeds hope.
Hope breeds peace.



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