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Recruited from high schools around the world, NYU Abu Dhabi’s student body consists of some 1,100 students from diverse national, linguistic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. The Class of 2017 is comprised of 165 students, who come from 64 countries:

1. Argentina
2. Armenia
3. Australia
4. Bhutan
5. Bosnia and Herzegovina
6. Brazil
7. Bulgaria
8. Canada
9. Chile
10. China
11. Colombia
12. Croatia
13. Czech Republic
14. Egypt
15. Estonia
16. Ethiopia
17. France
18. Germany
19. Hong Kong
20. Hungary
21. India
22. Indonesia
23. Iraq
24. Ireland
25. Italy
26. Japan
27. Jordan
28. Kazakhstan
29. Latvia
30. Lithuania
31. Macedonia
32. Malawi
33. Mexico
34. Moldova
35. Morocco
36. New Zealand
37. Netherlands
38. Nigeria
39. Norway
40. Pakistan
From its inception, NYU Abu Dhabi has been one of the most selective higher education institutions in the world. Only 4.8 percent of those who applied to be a part of the Class of 2017 were accepted for admission, and the standardized test profile of the Class of 2017 matched those of the most elite higher education institutions in the US:

- SAT -- Critical Reading (75th percentile): **765**
- SAT -- Math (at 75th percentile): **800**

2. During their four years, the Class of 2017 has excelled in both academic and extracurricular pursuits. It has created student clubs, athletic groups, and built ties with the Abu Dhabi community. Graduates have interned at some of the world’s most respected organizations, including the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and Ministry of Finance in the UAE, European Parliament, United Nations, World Bank, Solar Energy Foundation, American Center for Psychiatry and Neurology, CNN, and *The New York Times*. 89 percent of graduates held at least one internship during their academic career, and many have participated in international academic competitions with university students globally. Highlights of their academic accomplishments include:

- **Rhodes Scholarship**: Two students from NYU Abu Dhabi’s Class of 2017 have been awarded Rhodes Scholarships to pursue graduate studies at the University of Oxford in the UK (bringing to eight the number of Rhodes Scholarships won by students in the University’s first four graduating classes).

- **Fulbright Grants**: One student from NYU Abu Dhabi will be pursuing research supported by Fulbright US Student Program grants.
○ **NYU President’s Service Award:** One student from NYU Abu Dhabi’s Class of 2017 has received the NYU President’s Service Award.

○ **Critical Language Scholarship:** One student from NYU Abu Dhabi’s Class of 2017 has received a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. State Department.

○ **Dalai Lama Fellowship:** One student from NYU Abu Dhabi’s Class of 2017 received a Dalai Lama Fellowship.

3. Members of the graduating class will go on to pursue a range of academic, professional, and creative endeavors.

○ Students have received graduate school offers from a range of institutions, including:

  - Carnegie Mellon
  - Columbia University
  - Georgetown University
  - Harvard University
  - King’s College London
  - London School of Economics
  - Northwestern University
  - Paris School of Economics
  - Princeton University
  - Sciences Po
  - University of Cambridge
  - University of California (Berkeley, San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz)
  - University of Texas, Houston
  - University of Toronto
  - University of Washington
  - University of Victoria
  - Weill Cornell Medical College Qatar
  - Yale University
Students have received job offers from a number of local and global organizations, including:

- Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
- AlphaSights
- Citi
- Deloitte
- Enerwhere Sustainable Energy
- Falcon and Associates
- Goldman Sachs
- Hedayah
- JPMorgan
- McKinsey & Company
- Oliver Wyman
- Parthenon EY
- Partners in Performance
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- SEB Group
- Unilever

Others will be pursuing social, entrepreneurial, and creative pursuits.

Quotes from seniors:

- "Over the past four years, my amazing mentors and professors encouraged me to travel to Baku to exhibit my artwork, work at the UAE Embassy in Washington, D.C., intern at the UAE Mission to the United Nations in New York, and visit Nepal on a trip of cultural exchange. NYUAD has embedded in me, and my classmates, values of global understanding, human compassion, and cultural awareness."
  - Dubai Abulhoul, 20

- “It is perhaps too often done - to reduce NYU Abu Dhabi to simple buzzwords of global leadership and cosmopolitanism, when in reality, NYU Abu Dhabi is like anywhere else wonderful in life. It has been equal parts exhilarating, inspiring, frustrating, peaceful, aggravating, challenging, and unforgettable. It has paved moments for great successes and great failures, fallouts and reconciliations. It has given me opportunities that I could not even imagine existed, and has presented me with obstacles that have tripped me over time and again. It seems only fitting that we leave NYUAD with the all-too-familiar mixture of relief, nostalgia, and overwhelming anticipation for the even greater challenges ahead."
  - Garreth Chan, 22
In my second year at NYUAD, I shared a poem that contained the line: "Home is where the heart is, and I’m leaving little pieces all over the world." We’ve always known that we would graduate and have to say painful goodbyes, but that didn’t stop us from developing friendships in the meantime. These friendships have taught me more about the world than a classroom ever could, and I can’t thank my class enough for our four years together.

Annalisa Galgano, 22

At NYUAD, I met people who taught me that dreaming is not exclusively for the youth, that resistance is a daily practice and that taking care of each other is crucial in these times and in all times. For this, I am eternally grateful. For this, I hope to dedicate my life.

Rand Beiruti, 21

I am grateful to my classmates, whose hard work and kindness have challenged me to pursue excellence, cherish difference, and think beyond binaries. I continue to feel inspired by formal and informal mentors such as our SIG leaders, and hard-working staff to become a better person every day. I will remain deeply affected by the spirit of creative disruption and tolerance that I experienced here.

Martin Slosarik, 23