

ELITE PERFORMANCE CAMP 'ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS'

The Bachar Houli Foundation (BHF) travelled to the Sunshine Coast for its annual Elite Performance Camp last month, holding the program domestically for the first time due to international travel restrictions.

The 14 participants, aged between 15 and 18, were tested physically and mentally during the six-day camp, with activities ranging from football training and athleticism testing to yoga and identity-building exercises.





BACHAR HOULI

“Alhamdulillah [thanks to God] the Elite Performance Camp was another great success and I was extremely proud of the effort and leadership of the participants.

“This camp is always special for me spending a week with a small group of participants where we can really focus on one-on-one development and provide each of them with quality time and space.”



AHMED SAAD

“It was great to be back on a program face-to-face with the participants, rather than what we had been doing online during the COVID-19 lockdown.

“The participants get so much more out of it from both a bonding and training perspective; and it’s also important for them to spend quality time with each other and create lifelong friendships.”



MARWAN EL HOULI

"The experience of being around boys of a similar age, that have the same deep passion for football and are of the same religious background as me was one that I found exhilarating.

“The wealth of knowledge provided by the likes of Bachar Houli and Ahmed Saad allowed me to improve my footballing ability, leadership qualities as well as my identity as a young Australian Muslim.

I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunity the Bachar Houli Foundation has given me to take part in their program; it is an experience that I’ll never forget.”



“I PINCH MYSELF EVERY DAY” SAYS BHF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT HADDAD

Abdullah Haddad is a Diversity Coordinator at AFL Queensland (AFLQ) and has been a participant in the Bachar Houli Foundation (BHF) Employment Program since 2017.

“The traineeship provided invaluable exposure to the operations of an elite football club; it allowed me to learn on the job through a funded certificate course, as well as lay a foundation to secure ongoing, full-time employment post-certificate completion,” Haddad said.



AMRAN IBRAHIM

“I think the BHF Employment Program is really crucial in allowing Muslim representation within the AFL. It allows young Muslims the opportunity to enter the workforce with jobs that they might not otherwise have known were possible for them.”



BILAL ALI

“I believe that the Bachar Houli Employment Program is imperative in ensuring Muslim representation in the AFL; and with more representation it’s easier for us to interact with our colleagues, and for them to understand how we live and we go about our day to day lives, including our prayers and the different types of food that we eat.”

NASTEHO HASHI

“My confidence shot through the roof as soon as I got this traineeship. I’m so excited for the opportunities that this traineeship will bring in the future as well.

“The Bachar Houli Foundation has made me feel more comfortable with the way that I can share my culture and the way that I love to talk about my culture with others.”



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HUMAN APPEAL AUSTRALIA'S YEAR 12 MUSLIM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to all the students who were recognised in the annual Human Appeal Australia Year 12 Muslim Achievement Awards yesterday.

We were honoured to attend this prestigious event held by our partners at Human Appeal, and present an award to one of the bright young minds of the future.

Human Appeal Australia is a longstanding partner of the Bachar Houli Foundation, and we appreciate their support, as well as the support of all of our other partners.





JUNIOR BOYS ACADEMY TRIALS

We held our Junior Boys Academy trials at Punt Road Oval in March, and there was an array of skills on display as the participants vied for selection.

There were over 70 participants, aged between 12 and 14, trialling for a place in the Junior Boys Academy in April.

“Hopefully we can pick some great talents, but what we focus on is far greater than talent; which is identity, their leadership skills and making good decision in life,” Bachar Houli said when reflecting on the trial day.

