



Fatan Nastas Mitwasi is a talented artist and historian of Palestinian art. It has been her vision and determination that has led to the development of the Visual Arts Department. For many years she served as chairperson of the department. Most recently she shifted focus to serve as head of the Graphic Design and Applied Arts programs.

Maha Khamis Abughannam as director of the Engineering Office and manager of the Cave Artisana, her contributions to the growth of the university can be seen in its magnificent and energy efficient buildings. She supervised the development of plans and the construction of each of the buildings on the campus. Her eye for design can also be seen in the Cave Artisana at the International Center that she managed to provide an outlet for the gifted artists related to the Dar al Kalima programs.



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Women of Vision Scholarship

The Women of Vision Scholarship is an endowed scholarship fund, through Bright Stars of Bethlehem, that benefits outstanding women students at Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture.

Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture engages over 500 students in Bethlehem, Palestine. The only university in the Middle East dedicated to the arts, Dar al-Kalima provides students the opportunity to pursue degrees in fine and applied, including culinary arts, jewelry, authentic tourism and photography. Dar al-Kalima is founded on the belief that creativity is essential to fostering freedom of expression, democracy and social change. This philosophy uniquely positions the university to contribute to an equitable, free Palestinian civil society. The students at Dar al-Kalima are following following hope-filled dreams while meeting the economic, cultural, social and educational needs of Palestinian society.

Founded in 2003, Bright Stars of Bethlehem is a US 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides funding and support to educational and cultural initiatives through Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture.

Bright Stars of Bethlehem's vision is to Educate the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine.

This scholarship honors the contributions of four remarkable women: Nuha Khoury, Rana Khoury, Faten Nastas Mitwasi, and Maha Khamis Abughannam. Each of them has provided vital creative leadership that has shaped Dar al-Kalima University in its first decade. They are truly women of vision.

Since the formation of Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture, these women, alongside colleague and founding President, Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, have made possible an invaluable resource and beacon of hope for generations to come. All four women are mentors, teachers and innovators. They lead with compassion, courage, and hope. It is in recognition of their contributions to the students of Dar al-Kalima University and to the future of Palestine that the Women of Vision Scholarship is established.

Nuha Khoury serves as Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs. It has been under her leadership that the university's academic programs have expanded and flourished. Initially, this included achieving rigorous accreditation standards and forming a faculty. Her greatest passion is in mentoring students to achieve to discover their talents and leadership abilities.



Rana Khoury serves as Vice President for Development and Outreach. She has been with great commitment and energy lead the development of the wide array of highly successful out reach programs to children, youth, students and senior citizen. Having focused her graduate studies on the role of Palestinian women; she has demonstrated a special passion for pioneering programs for women.