



Academic Success Centre Highlights

Spring 2021

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A Word from our Dean on How to Succeed




Find out everything you need to know about how the Academic Success Center works and the ethos behind the center's vision to help you achieve academic success. Listen firsthand from Dr. Sreethi, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, about why the ASC is essential for each one of you.

Watch it live on the link posted below...don't miss it!

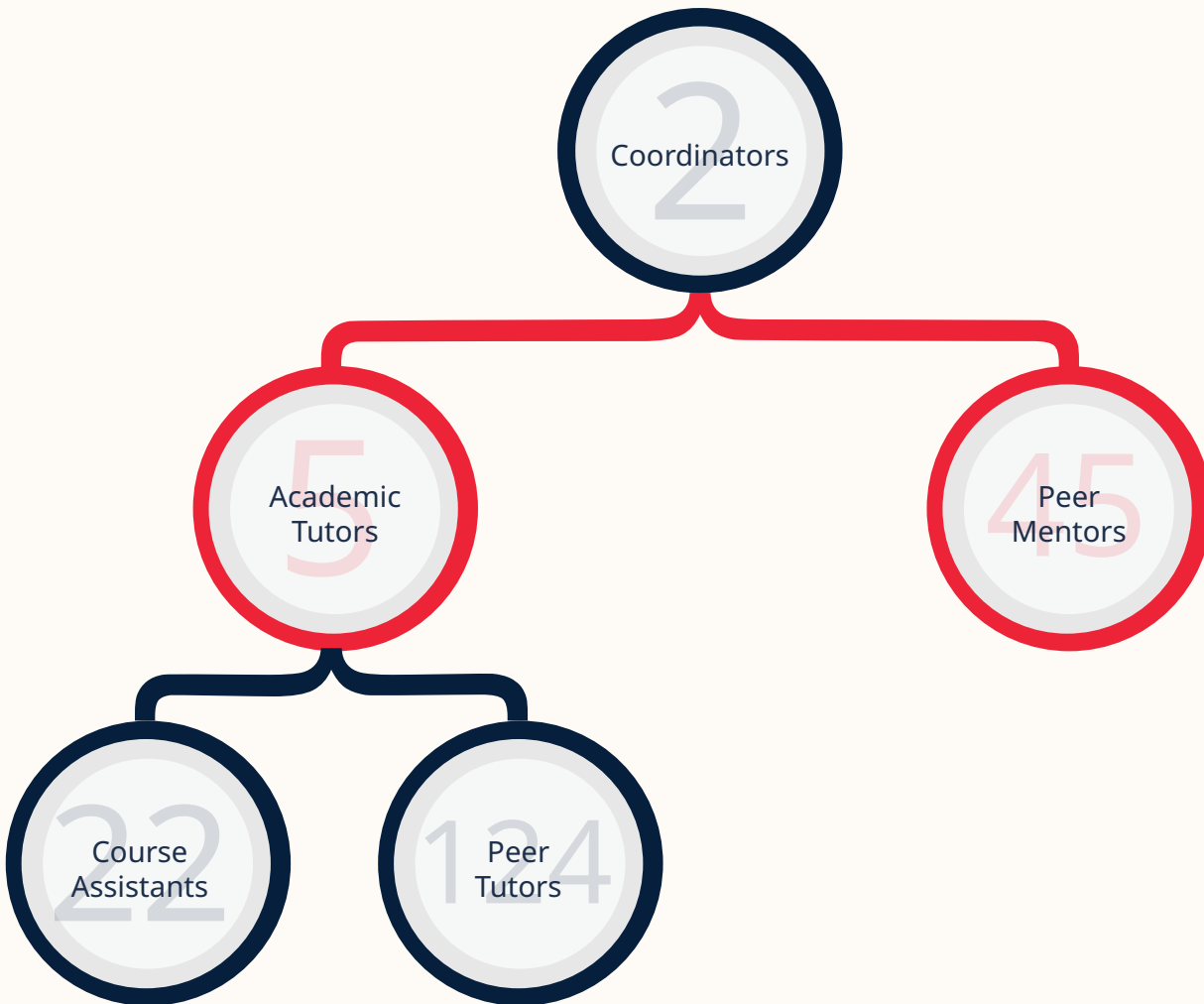
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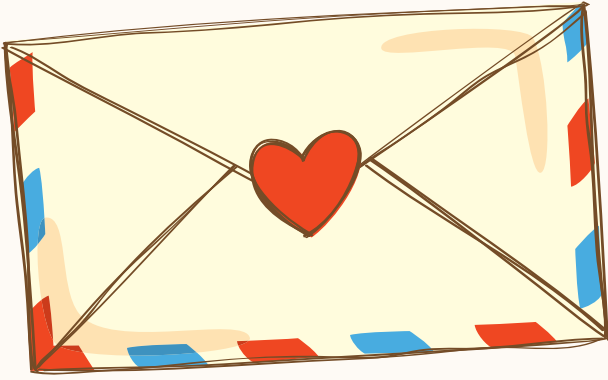
Dr. Sreethi Nair
Dean, College of Arts
and Sciences

Meet the **Alpha Team**

Find out who the ASC Coordinators, Academic Tutors, Course Assistants, Peer Tutors, and Peer Mentors of the Spring semester were by clicking on the link: [Click here](#) 

If you would like to follow in their footsteps, please drop an email to asc@adu.ac.ae





Wish Capsule

To become the hub for students' academic aspirations, led by outstanding, qualified academic tutors, course assistants, peer tutors and peer mentors.

Ms. Deenaz Kanji
Coordinator of ASC AA



I would like to see the ASC offer self-development conferences, such as "Ted Talks" on social media.

Mariam Abdul Samea



I hope that the ASC makes it on TV one day because of its outstanding accomplishments!

Tasneem Khaled Elmandouh



I hope the ASC starts an innovation centre to help outstanding students with their research and turn their dream into reality!

Maryam Abdisalam



I hope to see the ASC branch out and expand its team and services to become an essential part of each university in the UAE.

Sadaf Salim Lokhande



I highly wish to see ASC in a very stable position so that it not only provides its facilities to Abu Dhabi university students but also to the students of other universities.

Reem Munawar Ali



I would like to see the ASC offer certified programs that help improve career skills for senior students and alumni.

**Alvina Ashraf
Mohammad Ashraf**



I hope that the ASC's tutoring and mentoring services become available online to students all over the world!

Elen Abuowda



I would like to see the ASC offer development and training programs for individuals who are planning on pursuing their career in academics.

Sara Herzallah



I wish to see the ASC organize huge educational trips in collaboration with universities around the world. It would be a great opportunity to bond with the team and learn about different cultures and different learning styles used abroad!

Joaquin Rafael



I wish to see the ASC offering workshops related to programs that will come in handy during university years such as Microsoft and Adobe in collaboration with other outstanding universities in the UAE.

**Mostafa Ashraf
Mostafa**



I wish to see more in-house events organized in collaboration with well-known motivational speakers.

Ahmed Jasim



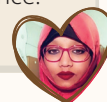
I would like to see the ASC host events in schools or educational organizations on various topics such as how to manage time to help with academics. This could lead to more students selecting ADU because of its immense support for students' success.

Mohammed Shehab



Academic excellence is a continuous process of growth in knowledge, experience, in life and above all, personality development. I wish that the Academic Success Center (ASC)'s works meticulously towards helping students in their endeavors with diligent support and guidance.

Shagufta Siffat



Reminiscence



Ms. Beena Vijayavalsalan- Coordinator of ASC AD

While we have the ASC up and running on-line, it would be remiss of me if I said that I did not miss meeting the freshmen and students face to face. There were students constantly coming in and leaving the center and tutors constantly brainstorming to organize different events. I miss the electric energy on the air when you are sitting with the students discussing coursework and coordinating activities. I do hope sooner rather than later that we can all come together and not just meet each other in virtual boxes. It will no doubt be a landmark day!

Huda Sawafta – Academic Tutor

As an ADU Alumni and current staff member, I have proudly watched the ASC grow over the past few years. It has grown remarkably and is now a huge part of the ADU community, in my opinion. I was part of the ASC as a Peer Tutor while I was a freshman at ADU and now after becoming an Academic Tutor, it is safe to say that this is one of the most enriching experiences I have ever been through! Of course, these two roles hold different responsibilities, but they both have the same end goal – supporting students, whether they are tutees or part of the ASC Team. One of the greatest feelings I experienced was whenever tutees came back to me after finishing an assessment and expressed how grateful they were for the support that was offered during the tutoring sessions. The feeling of giving back is by far the most rewarding and fulfilling.



Waleed Ihsan UI Haq – Academic Tutor

I received an email from one of my instructors inquiring if helping other students by tutoring them is something that would interest me. It was the third year of my graduate program when I enthusiastically joined the Academic Success Center as a Peer Tutor for math courses. At present, I am one of the five Academic Tutors leading teams of students to tutor, mentor, retain and engage students. What ASC does is just like planting trees, where our team nurtures freshmen in particular and prepares students for the world.

Feda Mustafa – Academic Tutor

A cherished moment need not necessarily be a moment of huge significance. It could simply be a moment that leaves a lasting impact. I have so many of these with my mentees but one that stayed with me was when I could evidently see a student progress not just academically but emotionally. I was able to help a student cope with a lower grade and rather than getting defensive, keep calm and work towards rectifying the learning process. Not only did the student do better but also came and thanked me for helping her deal with the disappointment. I was able to offer constructive advice and see a student develop which was genuinely gratifying.



Reminiscence



Tarteel Jaafar – Academic Tutor

I joined the ASC as an Academic Tutor in November 2019. I had some of the best times at the center at Al Ain Campus. Students visited the ASC not only to ask for tutoring sessions; they came to the center to practice before their presentations. They asked for sisterly advice, and a lot of them worked on their projects with my assistance there. Ever since the COVID-19 situation and having to work from home, I've been missing all of that. I have created special bonds with my colleagues as we always tried our best to help students improve and grow academically. I am grateful that although the center had to continue offering its services online, we were still able to help many more students from both Al Ain and Abu Dhabi campuses. With much anticipation, I am looking forward to going back to the center and meeting all our great tutors and students once again.

Aqsa Gul – Course Assistant

I remember once when I had tutored a student for a few sessions who was weak in a course, and then when she was done with her exam, she messaged me saying it went quite well for her. Then when she messaged me her results (out of her own willingness), there was a feeling in my heart that cannot be described in words- the feeling of joy and happiness that your hard work had paid off. And it is for this feeling of joy that I have been tutoring at the ASC for more than a year now!!



Shagufta Siffat – Peer Mentor & Peer Tutor

Have you wondered if the movie "Frozen" can really be true? For those of you who may not know, it is a story about a girl who goes above and beyond to save her sister from the villain. My personal savior was Ms. Huda Sawafta – with her "Let It Go" approach to help me in math and pull me out of my fear of numbers when I was overwhelmed with Numerophobia!

Saeed Al-Zubaidi's – Course Assistant & Peer Mentor

"أنا الطالب سعيد الزبيدي طالب في كلية الاعلام وفي السنة الثالثة، وفي عامي الثاني ضمن مركز النجاح الأكاديمي وبالنسبة لي هذه التجربة جميلة جدا ولقد ساهمت في تطوير من مهاراتي ومساعدة الطلاب والتعاون معهم، ولقد استفدت كثير في إعادة المراجعة لأنها ساهمت في تثبيت المعلومات لدي بسبب التكرار وإعادة المراجعة، وأيضا ساعدني المركز في تعزيز مهارات التواصل مع الآخرين والتواصل وأيضا المحاضرات والورش التي تقدمها للطلبة، وهذه التجربة جميلة جدا وطورت مني."



Winners of **Photography Captioning Contest**

1

Mohamed Nader
Mohamed Anas

2

Rofa Goltay

3

Ma Mayijiang

Winners of **Math Competition**

1

Ashraf Mewafi

2

Razan Abdlhadi

3

Joaquin Pagaling

We have set up some fun interactive games for you to enjoy during your breaks.

Make sure to enter them soon...the first three submissions that get them all RIGHT will win exciting prizes! Get clicking and possibly winning!




GAMENIGHT

Spot the Differences

Spot the **5** differences between the two sets of pictures for a chance to win our special giveaway!



Feel like you got them all right? Make sure to submit your answers through this link for a chance to win exciting prizes! [Click here](#) 



Created by: Juman Feras Sebai (Peer Tutor)

Sudoku

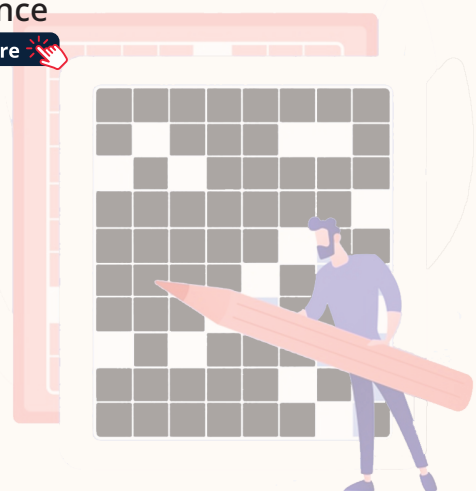
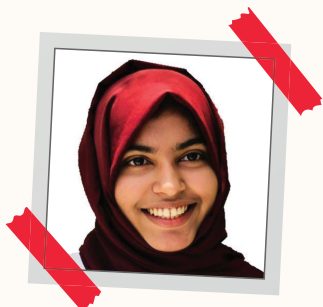
Sudoku is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

The objective is to complete a 9x9 grid by filling in missing digits from 1 to 9, without using the numbers more than once in each row, column, and grid. The game is one of organizing numbers in their rightful place. You only need a keen eye and logical thinking to triumph.

1			7	4		6		
4		6				9	3	7
	7	8	6			1		
	1		9		7	8	2	5
		5		1	3	7		9
	9	7		8				1
	3	1		7		2	9	6
8	6		5		1			3
7		9		2		5	1	

Please submit your answers through this link for a chance to win! Make sure to upload the full Sudoku grid

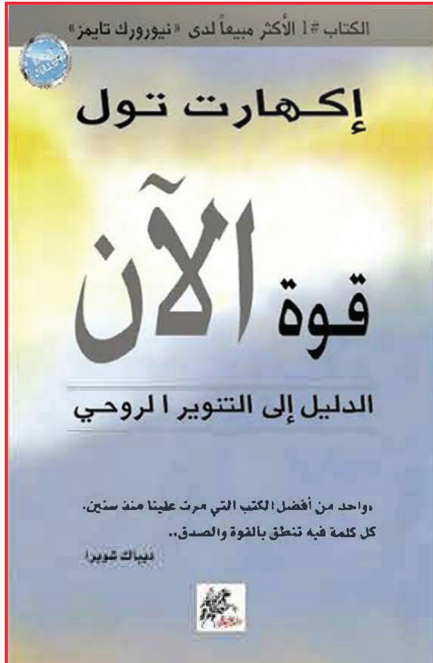
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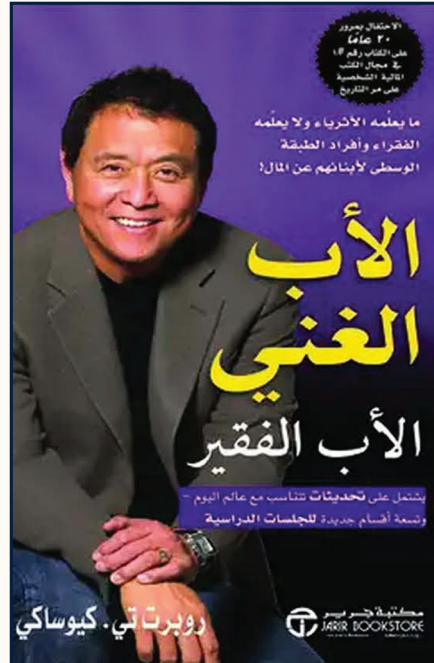
Created by: Dana Ali (Course Assistant)

Book Recommendations For Self Improvement

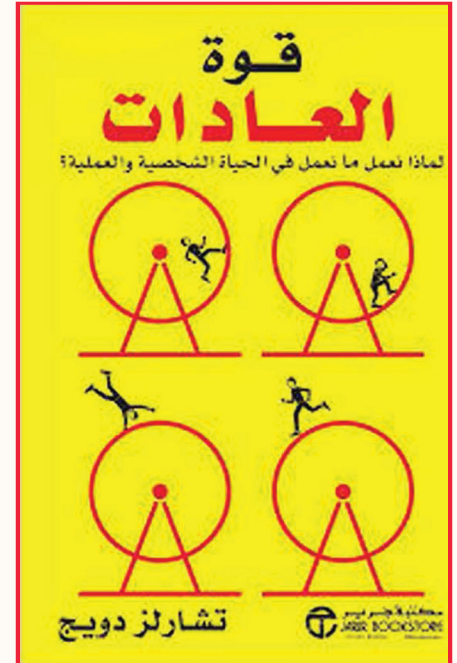
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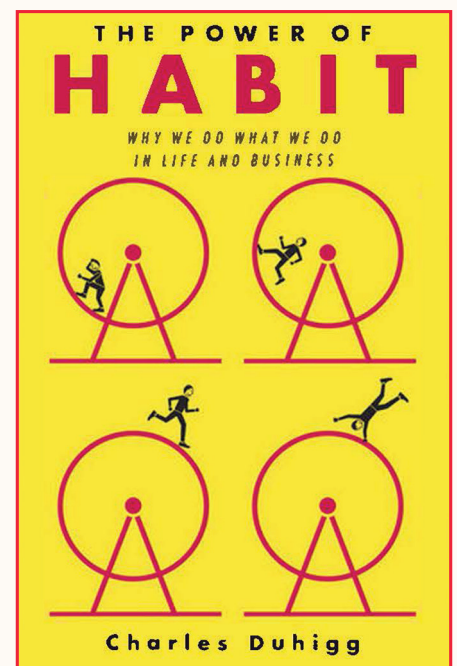
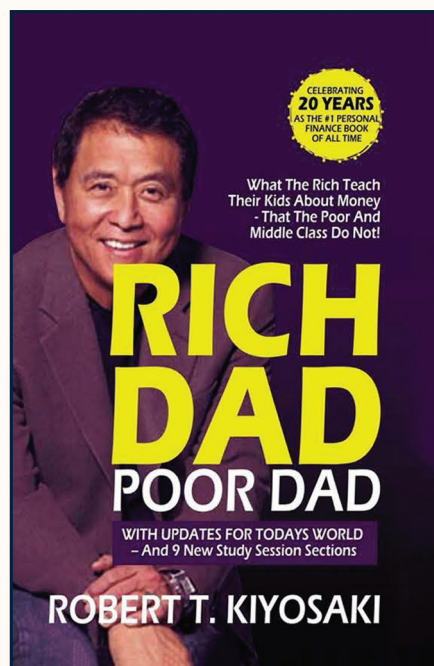
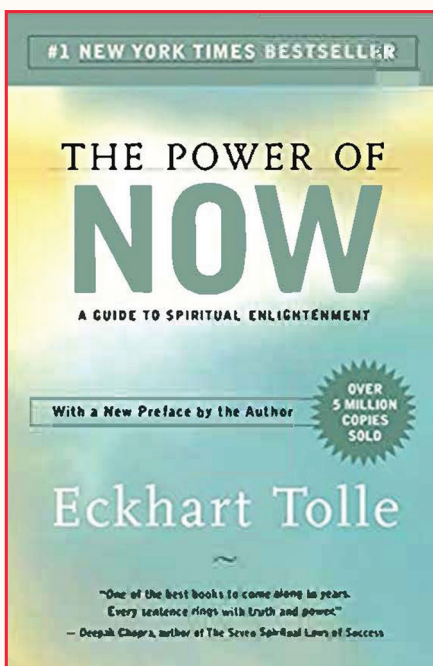
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Writer: Eckhart Tolle
Published: 1997
Rate on goodreads : 4.1/5
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Writer: Robert T. Kiyosaki
Published: 1997
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HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS AS AN ONLINE COLLEGE STUDENT



Join a club, so you can attend the workshops and events that are organized by the club that you are interested in. You will find peers who share similar interests as you, which will help you connect and make friends.

Interact with your classmates through social media accounts to get to know them more and build long lasting friendships and create a chatting group, so you can communicate more and see each others interests.



Open virtual studying groups to study together before exams or decide on particular days for your group study.

Organize zoom parties, chat together about your hobbies and interests, celebrate birthdays, and make time to play games online as a stress buster.



Follow university's social media accounts, so you can see the events and workshops that are organized, participate in competitions, and engage in any other activities that happen regularly.



A UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IS NOT ENOUGH

BELOW ARE SOME WEBSITES THAT CAN HELP YOU TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

A university degree is not enough. You need specific skills for employment after graduation, and you have limited time at the university to prepare your CV. Based on the requirements of the labor market, look for jobs related to your academic major and see what skills they need, and then start working on them. Here are some useful sites that provide e-learning with certificates that can enhance your skills and strengthen your CV.



Focus on: Everything

Language : Arabic + English

Price: Free

Access: Unlimited

Certificate :No

Link : [Click here](#)



Focus on: Technology, Personal development, Business, Education, Architecture and Design, Languages, Science, Health, Art, and Media.

Language: Arabic + English

Price: Free

Access: Unlimited

Certificate : Yes

Link : [Click here](#)



Focus: Animal Care, Secretarial, Beauty, Business, Education, Finance, Fitness, Health, Hospitality, Horticulture, Languages
Language: English, Medical, Personal Development, Professional Development, and Sales.

Language: English

Price: Free to 400 \$

Certificate : Yes

Link : [Click here](#)



Focus on: Design, Development, Marketing, Teaching, Health, Finance, IT, Personal Development, Business, Photography, and Music.

Language: English

Price: Free - low price

Access: Unlimited

Certificate : Yes

Link : [Click here](#)

Focus on: IT, Languages, Sales, Management, Business, Health, Engineering , Personal Development, and Teaching.

Language: English

Price: most are Free - low price

Certificate : Yes

Link : [Click here](#)



Focus on: Animation, Design, Illustration, Lifestyle, Photo and Firm, Business, and Writing.

Language: English

Price: Free + premium membership

19\$/mon or 99\$/year

Access: Unlimited

Certificate : Yes

Link : [Click here](#)



ASC's Spring 2021 Achievements



17+ Workshops

Numerous informative workshops were conducted in collaboration with the faculty to ensure that the students made the best out of their experience. The workshops offered students the opportunity to gather valuable pointers and resources to help them in their academic journey. Approximately 580 students attended these workshops.

36+ CLASS VISITS

The ASC team visited different classes to introduce its services to the students.

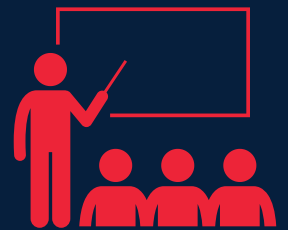


569+ 1-ON-1 SESSIONS

Individual sessions for different courses were offered by Academic Tutors, Course Assistants, and Peer Tutors to enhance students' academic performance.

60+ GROUP SESSIONS

Group sessions for some courses were also offered by Academic Tutors and Course Assistants, where these sessions focused mainly on revision and answering questions on different topics.



45 PEER MENTORS

Around 270 freshmen were offered help and added to MS Teams & Whatsapp groups to make it easier for them to clear their doubts regarding the university's system and offer them timely support.

52+ WORKSHEETS

Worksheets for a number of courses were prepared by Peer Tutors and Course Assistants. After that, they were reviewed by course instructors before being uploaded to the ASC repository.



We are thankful to

Ahmed Zaitoun (Peer Mentor)

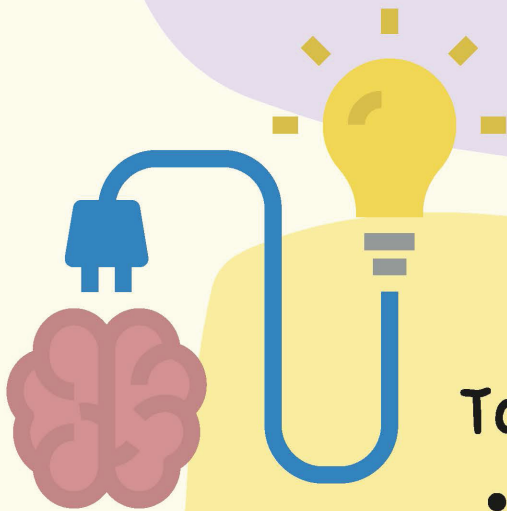
Elline Flores (Peer Tutor)

Shagufta Siffat (Peer Tutor and Peer Mentor)

Widad Nasir (Peer Mentor)

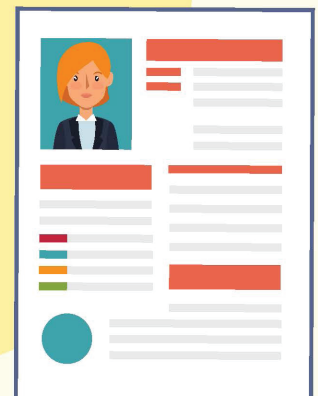
and all of the magnificent students
in the ASC Team who contributed in
creating the ASC Highlights.

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To discover your

- Interests
- Talents
- Connect with others
- Give back
- Build your resume



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