Muslim Saudi Female Student Development, Successes, and Learning Experience at a Catholic Institution

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Abstract
This qualitative research explored the Muslim Saudi female student’s development, successes, and learning experience at a Catholic institution. The main purpose of the research is to assist Privet Catholic institution in the United States to support the essential needs of students enrolling. In the meantime, the number of Muslim Saudi female students is increasing at American institutions. This research is going to provide valuable information which will help administrators, professors and students to understand the Muslim Saudi female student.

Research Objectives
Recognize the challenges that face Muslim Saudi female students

Reflect on the education system, English program, and the university.

Apply some support initiatives to support the Muslim Saudi female students.

Become aware of the Muslim Saudi female students, culture, religion, education history and more

Method
➢ The research is qualitative
➢ The sample data will be collected from University of Dayton, a Catholic Marianist private campus
➢ The University of Dayton has approximately 2000 international students.
➢ The total number of Saudi students is around 200-300 students. 30%-32% of them are female students.

Research questions
How does the Muslim Saudi female students adjust, practice Islam, and be active at a Catholic institution?
How does the Muslim Saudi female student get beyond the language barrier and the culture shock?
How does the Muslim Saudi female student choose their major and how is their academic achievement in it?

Results and findings
Supportive
Respect of other religions, catholic Universities welcomes and engages Muslim Saudi female students on campus
The English program improves the Muslim Saudi female students but it is not enough

Challenging
The language barrier is a difficulty for Muslim Saudi female students
Adjusting to the life style and the environment surrounding
Developing and engaging at the university campus

Conclusion
In conclusion, this research study was to explore the journey of Muslim Saudi female student’s development, success and learning experience at a catholic institution. Moreover, this research study followed what have explored before in Razek research “Cultural impact on Saudi students at a mid-western American university” and Shafer research on “Muslim women on the catholic campus”

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