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Welcome to LEAP participants at OSU 2019

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Assalamu Alaikum,

Welcome on behalf of the students of the Ohio State University.

My name is Samira Shire, and I am a fourth year student here at Ohio State studying Nutritional Science, and I currently serve as the president of the International Society of Muslim Women in Science, otherwise known as ISMWS, here at Ohio State. ISMWS is an international organization dedicated to the support, encouragement, help, and strengthening of confidence of Muslim women in the field of science, campus wide and beyond. I have had the pleasure of working alongside ISMWSs founder and advisor, Dr. Sultana Nahar, who is extremely dedicated to the cause of supporting and inspiring Muslim women and their intellectual abilities in the pursuit of higher scientific education and discipline.

The Ohio State University promotes the respect and support of all who learn, work and socialize upon our campus. Ohio State values diversity in people and ideas and embraces the inclusive sentiments of our mantra, one campus, one university. ISMWS contributes to this message and consists many Muslim Women of different backgrounds, levels of study, fields of science, and more. The ISMWS chapter at OSU is dedicated to personal and social

responsibility for building a more just university and society by encouraging the highest level of scientific education in Muslim women. On the global scale, ISMWS has a network of about 300 members from 31 countries, 4 of which are here today: Professor Farurkh Arjmand, Faiza Abbasi, Qudsia Tahseen, and Subuhi Khan I want to thank you all again for being here, and closing off with an important value that both ISMWS and LEAP share. Leadership skills are crucial for both personal and professional development, and essential for the growth of our communities. Let us continue this harmony in supporting, acknowledging, helping and most importantly, learning from one another, to allow for the cultivation of creativity, excellence and success in society.

Thank you.