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Hello BBS Alums!

The Alumni Highlight is a monthly newsletter that aims to highlight the philanthropic, academic, entrepreneurial and professional achievements made by our thriving BBS Alumni community.

Khalid AlMutawa graduated from BBS in 2007 and went on to complete an undergraduate degree in Management Information Systems from Gulf University for Science and Technology. He most recently launched the online student recruitment platform, "Student Hub" aimed at providing employment opportunities for current students and recent college graduates.

When did you realize you had a passion for technology and programing ?

I've always had a passion for building and inventing new things using chemistry as well as creating things from junk and raw materials. I learned the basics of Java programming during High School at BBS through the AP Java class, and that served as the core which had me learn other programming languages over the coming few years.

How did the idea for Student Hub come about?

I've always wanted to build a recruitment platform as the current ones out there are not efficient nor successful in what they do. Saleem (my coworker) approached me with a startup that targets students in the United States, and so we decided to build something similar for our region.

How did you learn the skills needed to start a website?

I ordered multiple books from Amazon, one for each programming language I needed to produce the end result I wished - Researching what you need via Google is the way to go. My beginning was in game development, so all my books were about Flash, ActionScript, and game development. Later on I had to learn how to draw and pick up some design skills (2D and 3D) before diving deeper into learning more complex programming.

Was it difficult to find support for your IT entrepreneurial venture in Kuwait?

I believe the support is available if you know what you lack and you know who to approach to help you get what you need. I've been advised to hide my weaknesses, but based on experience - by showing your weakness, people looking to support you will help you fix these weaknesses.

Do you have any plans to expand the Student Hub platform in the near future?

We are expanding the platform day by day with new features. Hopefully once it's popular in Kuwait, we will raise funding to launch in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the UAE.

To get in touch with Khalid and find out more about Student Hub, check out the Instagram page @studenthubco and their website: http://www.studenthub.co/

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