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EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 1-5, 2021



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About

Connect Arab America: Empowerment Summit

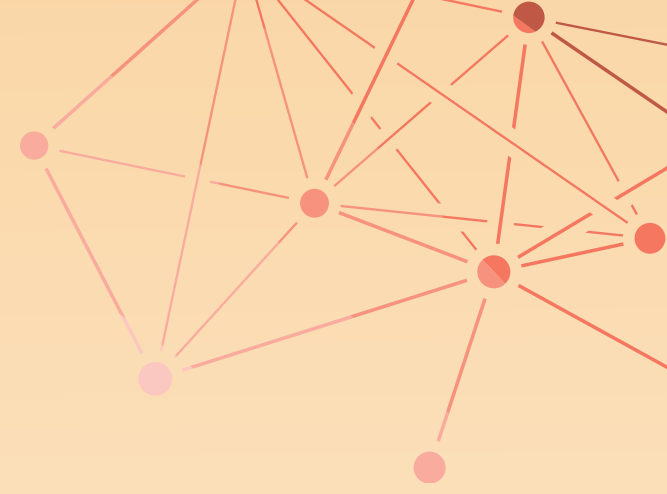
The Arab America Foundation celebrates Arab American heritage and identity with discussions from exciting speakers in public service, cultural institutions, business innovators, influencers, and performances by exciting artists from the U.S. and abroad at this year's first annual Connect Arab America: Empowerment Summit, February 1-5, 2021. The primary purpose of the conference is to connect, educate, and empower young Arab Americans by bringing inspiring and successful Arab Americans to the discussion table.

The Connect Arab America: Empowerment Summit will run virtually on Zoom, February 1-5, 2021 Monday-Friday, from 7-8 pm ET with networking to follow each evening from 8-8:30 pm.

JOIN US AS WE HIGHLIGHT MANY OF ARAB AMERICA'S FINEST REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL BE JOINING US FOR THIS UNIQUE SERIES OF EVENTS HIGHLIGHTING ARAB AMERICAN IDENTITY."

— WARREN DAVID,
CO-FOUNDER — ARAB AMERICA FOUNDATION | PRESIDENT — ARAB AMERICA.

Day 1



Connecting with Public Officials

Monday, February 1, 2021

Though we're a marginalized community, Arab Americans are becoming more active politically in municipal, regional, state, and all levels of politics. This panel will meet some of the public officials that are making a difference in their respective communities.



GHIDA FAKHRY
(Moderator)
Program Presenter,
TRT World



FAYROUZ SAAD
Executive Director of Global
Michigan,
State of Michigan



RASHIDA TLAIB
U.S. Representative
(13th District), MI



MIKE KHADER
City Council President,
Yonkers (NY)



ANDRE SAYEGH
City Mayor,
Paterson (NJ)



ABRAHAM AIYASH
House of Representatives (MI)



SAM RASOUL
House of Delegates (VA)



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Day 2

Connecting with Cultural Institutions

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Outreach is important in edifying and promoting Arab culture and identity. Join us as we talk with leaders of major Arab cultural institutions in the U.S. who are making an impact on the Arab American narrative.



MALIKA BILAL

(Moderator)
Host, Producer at Al Jazeera English



KATE SEELYE

VP Arts & Culture,
Middle East Institute (MEI)



DIANA ABOUALI

Director,
Arab American National Museum



BESHARA DOUMANI

Mahmoud Darwish Chair of Palestinian Studies,
Brown University



AKRAM KHATER

Director of Moise A. Khayrallah Center,
North Carolina State University



SALLY HOWELL

Director,
Center for Arab American Studies
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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Day 3

Connecting with Business Leaders

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Many Arab Americans have created their own businesses and have become icons in the entrepreneurial world. Join us as we recognize prominent and rising Arab American entrepreneurs who have proudly promoted their heritage and identity through their work.



ABDERRAHIM FOUKARA
(Moderator) Washington D.C. Bureau
Chief, Aljazeera



RAMI KASHOU
CEO, Rami Kashou Brand



FAROUK SHAMI
Founder, Farouk Systems



MANAL SAAB
CEO, SGCS



SAMY KOBROSLY
Co-founder, *Snacklins*



ANEESA MUTHANA
CEO Pioneer Service, Inc



Day 4

Connecting with Influencers

Thursday, February 4, 2021

With a new generation comes a new way of keeping in touch with the broader community. As technology has changed, so has the way Arab Americans see themselves in the world. Meet the new generation of change-makers who are using digital social presence through art, food, and entertainment to make their mark on Arab-American society.



SHEREEN AHMED
(Moderator)
Singer/Actress



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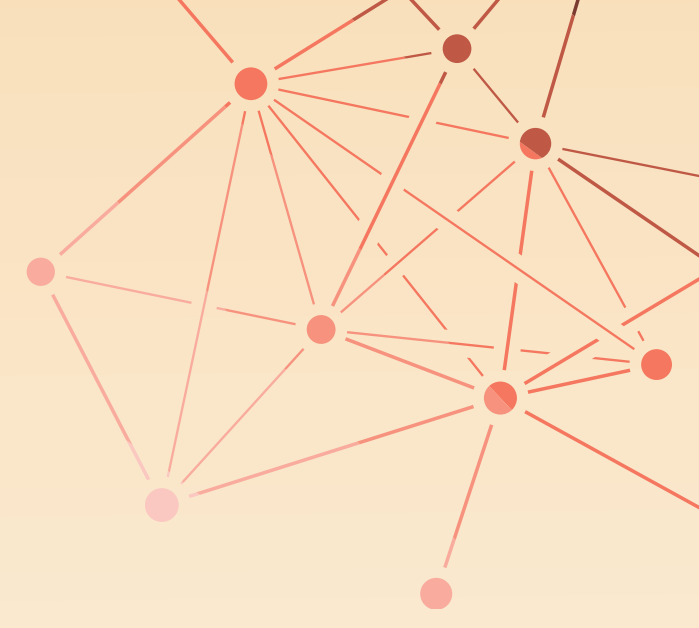
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@TheFurrhaFamily



Day 5



Connecting with Our Culture

Friday, February 5, 2021

They're our cultural representatives to the world: actors, musicians, and comedians, proudly representing Arab heritage in their respective fields. Enjoy connecting with our rich, Arab heritage as we talk with inspiring artists.



BLANCHE SHAHEEN

(Moderator)
Journalist, Author &
Blogger



AHMED AHMED

Arab American
Comedian



ABIR

Pop Singer



MAY RIHANI

Former Director at Kahlil Gibran
Chair for Values & Peace



EMAD BATAYEH

Arab Vocalist & Musician

