

ADEK Awards - Winning Entry Showcase

Unsung Hero Award | Cycle 2024/25 | Khalifa City School – Sameera Mohammed

Title	Cultivating Change for a Greener, Kinder School Community
Personal Philosophy	True service extends beyond job descriptions. It's about giving selflessly, inspiring others, and leaving a positive mark on people and the planet.
Focus	Lead by example to foster environmental awareness, sustainability, and social responsibility within the school and community – empowering students and colleagues to take ownership of positive change.
Actions & Achievements	- Volunteered to lead more than 18 environmental campaigns, including Green Thursday, My Home is a Farm, Innovation Exhibition, and Recycling Week. - Championed inclusion by ensuring participation from all students, including students of determination and support staff. - Developed creative awareness initiatives such as the Green Fabric and Hydroponic Farming Project, integrating hands-on learning with environmental care. - Managed the school's Instagram account, producing photos and videos that inspired engagement among parents and the wider community. - Encouraged students to distribute harvests to teachers, guards, and families in need – turning each activity into a lesson in kindness and gratitude.
Impact on the School Community	- Built a culture of sustainability and compassion that now forms part of the school's identity. - Increased student participation and attendance through hands-on, purpose-driven initiatives. - Enhanced collaboration among staff, parents, and community partners around environmental education. - Inspired students to view environmental stewardship as both a personal and collective responsibility.

What Makes an Unsung Hero

 Lead through service and purpose, not recognition.	 Create opportunities for students to give, care, and act.	 Build community partnerships that sustain change.	 Inspire environmental responsibility through creativity and example.	 Demonstrate integrity, humility, and consistency in every action.
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What Made This Unsung Hero Stand Out

- Sameera Nasser Mohammed has transformed everyday spaces into learning experiences – from school gardens to recycling corners.
- Her voluntary work, driven purely by passion and purpose, has united the entire school community around environmental care.
- Through creativity, humility, and persistence, she has shown that leadership is not about position but about impact – proving that one person's commitment can inspire an entire community to grow greener, more mindful, and more compassionate.

Judge's Feedback

"The nominee exemplifies the true spirit of the Unsung Hero Award – dedicating her time and creativity to environmental action that inspires others. Her voluntary initiatives have enhanced student engagement, strengthened community bonds, and fostered a culture of sustainability and kindness."