

## STUDENT PINNACLE AWARD




Fatima Farag Hussein Alharazi is a proud Yemeni Ethiopian woman whose multicultural roots have shaped her worldview, ambitions and passions. Born in Saudi Arabia to parents from Yemen and Ethiopia, Fatima grew up immersed in rich traditions, diverse perspectives and the understanding that borders are merely lines on a map. This foundation led her to Vancouver, where she embarked on her academic journey at Fairleigh Dickinson University as a transfer student, a decision that would transform Fatima's life in ways she never imagined.

Throughout her Bachelor of Science in business administration program with a concentration in international business, Fatima has maintained a 3.8+ GPR, earning consistent recognition on the Honors List and the distinct privilege of being inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma in 2024. Furthermore, Fatima is graduating *magna cum laude*. These achievements represent not just academic success but also her unwavering commitment to excellence and growth.

Fatima's professional journey reflects her boundless curiosity. Before pursuing business, she spent her formative years as a kindergarten teacher, discovering the profound impact of education and the joy of nurturing young minds. This experience instilled in Fatima patience, adaptability and emotional intelligence—qualities she later applied in B2B and C2B sales, where she mastered negotiation, relationship-building and strategic thinking.

Beyond academics and career, Fatima is deeply passionate about fashion, self-care and exploring the world. Traveling to different countries



has broadened her perspective, allowing her to appreciate diverse cultures, cuisines and lifestyles. Cooking is another creative outlet for Fatima, blending flavors from her Yemeni Ethiopian heritage with global inspirations. These experiences have reinforced Fatima's belief in the power of cultural exchange and holistic well-being.

What excites Fatima most is what lies ahead. She dreams of a career without borders, working across continents in management and marketing roles, absorbing business practices from different cultures and ultimately launching her own sustainable enterprise. Sustainability is at the heart of Fatima's vision; she aims to build a company that not only thrives economically but also contributes positively to the environment and society.

However, success to Fatima is meaningless without purpose. Her deepest motivation is to give her parents financial freedom, honoring their sacrifices and unwavering support. She is equally committed to paying forward the opportunities she has received by supporting educational initiatives in underserved communities and empowering others to pursue their dreams, just as her parents empowered her.

Fairleigh Dickinson University has been more than an academic institution—it is where strangers became family, where challenges became triumphs and where Fatima discovered that her mixed heritage is not just her background but her superpower. As she steps into the next chapter, Fatima carries with her the lessons learned, the relationships forged and the determination to foster inclusivity, innovate sustainably and create lasting global impact. Staying connected with her professors has been pivotal to Fatima's growth, providing invaluable guidance and support as she navigates her academic and professional journey.

With every new endeavor, Fatima remains inspired by the knowledge that her journey is not just hers alone—it is a reflection of the sacrifices made by her family, the support of her mentors and the dreams of the generations that came before her. The road ahead is full of opportunities, and Fatima is ready to forge a path that honors her heritage, her education and her passion for a better world.