

2008 MYNA Convention

Fleeting Moments: Grasping the Sands of Time

Friday, July 3

TIME	EVENT/SPEAKERS	ROOM
3:00 – 4:30 PM	MAIN SESSION 1 illuminating our Hearts: A Step Towards Serenity We all strive for serenity, whether it is in our day-to-day lives, or just to experience that quick moment of pure peace on a busy day. Self reflection and introspection are the keys to finding tranquility within our own hearts, and we have to work to feed this feeling of peace. We can only achieve this beautiful placidity if we practice total submission to Allah (swt) and focus on our inner selves. Let us make a conscious decision to align our hearts to the one who had the most illuminated and tranquil heart, the Prophet (s), and attain peace together. SPEAKERS: Omar Mahmood, Khalid Sattar MODERATOR: Tahirah Cason	151 AB
5:00 – 6:30 PM	MAIN SESSION 2 Fleeting Moments: Grasping the Sands of Time From the very moment we are born, our lives start a constant countdown to our death. Our time on this earth is truly transient—it is constantly moving forward, despite our efforts to stop it. Our lives are simply marked by the steady flow of sand through an hour glass; with every second that passes, another grain of sand falls...and it will never return. Our actions on this earth are represented by the dash between the date of our birth and our death, nothing more. Allah (swt) has given us this limited time on His Earth to make a difference. As Muslims, we should take make the most of every second we are blessed to have; for certainly it is our duty to take hold of the fleeting moments granted to us by our Creator. SPEAKERS: Aatifa Sadiq, Omar Uddin, Aisha Noor, Muhamed Hagmagid Ali	151 AB
6:45 – 8:15 PM	MAIN SESSION 3 A Lil Less Jonas, A Lil more Yunus The Prophet (s) said that his companions are like stars; if you follow them, you will be guided. The stars of today aren't who the Prophet (s) was talking about. Allah (swt)'s stars are found in heaven, but our stars are found in concert halls. It's time to reevaluate who we emulate, taking away a little Jonas and adding a little more Yunus into our lives. SPEAKERS: Saad Omar, Hadia Mubarak MODERATOR: Zuhra Khoyratty	151 AB
7:00 – 8:00 PM	PARALLEL SESSION 1 Smile! It's Sunnah Stress. Failing that class? Out of question. More stress. Free time? Out of question. Stress to the max. Even in its smallest form, stress can be very dangerous to your mind and body. Every one of us will face trials and tribulations—but never will we be burdened with one we cannot bear. Tests will always rain down upon us, but it is solely about	150 AB

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	<p>how we overcome them. It is time to turn to Allah (swt) and the sunnah of our beloved Prophet (s); remember, when nothing seems to be going your way...smile, it's sunnah!</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Habeeb Quadri MODERATOR: Fatimah Safder</p>	
8:30 – 9:00 PM	MAGHRIB	
9:00 – 10:30 PM	<p>Turning Up the Volume: An Insight from the Artists</p> <p>The beat, the lyrics, the artists, the songs, we listen to them all the time. Come and watch your favorite Islamic artists and entertainment session for everyone. But not only will this concert be with pump us up, it will show us a sneak peak into what really goes on in the making of all those songs. Come and ask questions, get to meet the artists, and let's share our ideas.</p> <p>ARTIST: Raef Haggag, Naeem Muhammad MODERATOR: Saad Omar</p>	151 AB
11:00- – 12:30 AM	<p>MYNA LATE NIGHT SESSION</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Usama Canon MODERATOR: Ebrahim Varachia</p>	TBD

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Saturday, July 4

TIME	EVENT/SPEAKERS	ROOM
5:00 AM	FAJR	
5:30 – 6:00 AM	AFTER FAJR TAFSIR SPEAKER: Jawad Shah	TBD
9:00 – 10:00 AM	MYNA National Leadership Retreat Reunion Breakfast SPEAKERS: MYNA Executive Board MODERATOR: Adam Soliman	152 AB
10:45 – 11:30 AM	MAIN SESSION 4 Our Greatest Amana: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle We can feel it in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat—blessings from our Lord. Allah (swt) has given us the Earth, He has placed the most majestic of creation upon the most magnificent and miraculous of all planets—the planet with life. With such a blessing bestowed upon us, should we not be thankful? We have been given such a tremendous trust—His greatest Amana—and yet we abuse it. We are destroying this planet with our own actions, and it is time for us to save our glorious Earth with our actions instead. SPEAKERS: Zaid Shakir, Amjad Tarsin MODERATOR: Mashal Noor	151 AB

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12:00 – 1:00 PM	MAIN SESSION 5 Open Spaces You have secrets. Everybody does. But would you ever share them? That time you were offered a drink by a friend, but didn't know what to do. Or when your parents caught you talking to someone of the opposite gender, and you had no good explanation. Or how about that time you thought you might share your secrets with a Muslim friend of yours, but ended up being judged and looked down upon. You've listened to the lectures, heard the speakers, now it's time for YOU to get YOUR SAY. Speak whatever is on your mind and express yourself in a free and comfortable atmosphere. Come to the MYNA booth to make your own topic, or simply show up to the session and see what everyone else is talking about. This is your space. SPEAKERS: Yasmin Shafiq	151 AB
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12:00 – 1:00PM	PARALLEL SESSION 2 The Gender Factor (Girls only) So what do you do when the boy you like asks you out on a date? What about when you're assigned to do a project with someone of the opposite gender? Do you tell your lifelong friend that she is going to hell because she's dating? Being Muslims in America, interaction with the opposite gender is inevitable. Islam allows interaction between the genders and provides clear rules for engagement. Problems arise when trying to apply these rules to our own situations. Come and honestly discuss issues and situations that you have to deal with on a daily basis at school or at the masjid. SPEAKERS: Shireen Ahmed MODERATOR: Ishrath Farzana	150 AB
12:00 – 1:00PM	PARALLEL SESSION 3 The Gender Factor (Boys only) So what do you do when the girl you like gives you a love note? What about when you're assigned to do a project with someone of the opposite gender? Do you tell your lifelong friend that he is going to hell because he's dating? Being Muslims in America, interaction with the opposite gender is inevitable. Islam allows interaction between the genders and provides clear rules for engagement. Problems arise when trying to apply these rules to our own situations. Come and honestly discuss issues and situations that you have to deal with on a daily basis at school or at the masjid. SPEAKERS: Habeeb Quadri MODERATOR: Amin Gharad	152 AB
1:00 – 1:30 PM	ZUHR	
1:30 – 2:30 PM	MYNA JAM SESSION	151 AB
3:00 – 4:30 PM	MAIN SESSION 6 MYNA Walking: Keeping Pace with the Movement SPEAKERS: MYNA Executive Committee	151 AB
4:30 – 5:00 PM	ASR	
5:00 – 6:30 PM	MAIN SESSION 7 Scrubbing Our Souls with the Soap Suds of Sabr Our souls were likened to cooking pots; the longer we wait to clean the black film that accumulates at the outside bottom of the pot, the more difficult it becomes to remove all the tarnish. Likewise, with every sin we commit our hearts are blackened, and the longer we wait to seek forgiveness the harder it becomes to rid ourselves of the impurities. There are many diseases of the heart, but we can cleanse the black film they make with the prophetic traits. A common habit we as youth fall into is lack of trust in Allah and His divine decree. With the virtue of Sabr however, we can wash this lack of trust away and learn to accept and be happy with whatever has been decided for us whether it be in our schoolwork, friends, or future careers. SPEAKER: Monem Salam MODERATOR: Rahaf Safi	151 AB

TIME	EVENT/SPEAKERS	ROOM
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<p>Quiz Competition: Bring it--MYNA Style!</p> <p>This is survival of the fittest. Will you last? Test your knowledge of Islam with friends at this Muslim quiz competition. Bring your team of 10 to compete in answering the highest number of questions correctly for our Grand Prize! Register your team at the MYNA PR booth.</p> <p>MODERATOR: Rayyan Najeeb</p>	152 AB
7:00 – 8:30 PM	<p>MAIN SESSION 8</p> <p>The World is But Chattels of Deception</p> <p>We live in a society that encourages materialism. As youth, it is difficult to escape the consumerism that demands us to keep up with the latest trends and fashions. It is important for us to remember Ibn al-Qayyim’s wise words, This dunya is like a shadow. If you try to catch it, you will never be able to do so. If you turn your back towards it, it has no choice but to follow you. Come and learn how we can turn our backs to the deceptive chattels of this world and seek what our hearts truly desire, our home in jannah.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Usama Canon, Faraz Rabbani</p> <p>MODERATOR: Sumrah Iqbal</p>	151 AB

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7:00 – 8:00 PM	<p>PARALLEL SESSION 4</p> <p>Endless Hallways: Surviving Projects, Peer Pressure, and Prom</p> <p>With projects, peer pressure, and prom, school can be a pretty scary place to be. Every day, we are bombarded by academic and social challenges, and it is part of our lives as American youth to draw the line between adapting and assimilating. How far can we go to adapt ourselves to society while maintaining our Islamic values? Where do we draw the line? More importantly, how can we use our secular education to our spiritual advantage? Lets discuss some ways to spend our time getting straight A’s in the school system and with Allah (swt) at the same time.</p> <p>SPEAKER: Monem Salam</p> <p>MODERATOR: Muneer Khalid</p>	150 AB
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Sunday, July 5

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5:00 AM	FAJR	
5:30 – 6:00 AM	AFTER FAJR TAFSIR SPEAKERS: Jawad Shah	TBD
9:30 – 11:00 AM	MAIN SESSION 9 Unplugged: Finding Beauty Outside of the Box Now more than ever television, cell phones, and computers have become indispensable in our daily lives. We communicate with our loved ones through screens, but the very technology we are using to maintain our relationships is also destroying us. Life has now become simple existence in a box; we experience things through the virtual world and let ourselves be bombarded with images and sounds that aren't real. The result? We've forgotten how to truly interact with the real world. Unplug yourself, throw open the lid, and let there be light! SPEAKERS: Altaf Hussain, Omar Mahmood MODERATOR: Maimuna Lubega	151 AB
10:00 – 11:00 AM	WORKSHOP: INTERFAITH YOUTH CORE The Muslim community in the United States is currently facing the challenge of conveying an American Muslim identity which showcases the Islamic imperative to civic and social engagement. Muslim youth are at the center of this struggle, and in light of current world events, Muslim youth in America are in a unique position to demonstrate the values of Islam through interfaith dialogue and service learning. With emphasis on a methodology based on storytelling, service-learning and common action, we will present an in-depth training in the how-to's of interfaith initiatives through which Muslim youth will be empowered with the skills of an interfaith organizer. It is imperative to mobilize the entire Islamic community to support the future of young Muslims with such dynamic leadership opportunities. SPEAKERS: Interfaith Youth Core Representative	150 AB
12:00- 1:30 PM	MAIN SESSION 10 AmerIslam: Connections Between Our Country and Our Faith As Dr. Umar Faruq Abd-Allah writes, Islam over the centuries has been likened to a clear river; our completed Deen is pure, sweet, and life-giving but has no specific color. Islam reflects the vibrantly colored bedrock of culture and customs of the country we live in. Giving relevance to diverse cultures, countries, and civilization has been a long success of Islam. Our Deen's ability to prune and build upon indigenous ways is the key to understanding how we can develop a sound Muslim American identity in the United States while still upholding Islamic laws and traditions. The Qur'an was written from the ink of the heavens and shows us how we can comfortably fulfill our responsibilities to Allah (swt) and our country. Come and fulfill your Islamic and civic duty. SPEAKER: Hamza Yusuf MODERATOR: Aatifa Sadiq	151 AB

TIME	EVENT/SPEAKERS	ROOM
1:00 – 1:30 PM	ZUHR	
1:30 – 2:45 PM	<p>Bite the Bug: Partnership to Eradicate Malaria</p> <p>Youth from MYNA, MSA, and all across the nation have helped to develop a campaign that puts malaria eradication on the Muslim community’s radar. Islamic Relief USA is focusing on empowering youth and has unprecedented volunteer involvement. Using Social Networking and Web 2.0 based tools to raise awareness and funds, this campaign is a step process to educate, communicate and eradicate malaria:</p> <p>Educate — Learn about malaria, its victims, and the steps we can take towards prevention and eradication.</p> <p>Communicate — Tell others what you’ve learned. Tell friends, families, and associates so more people can learn and help.</p> <p>Eradicate — Eradicate malaria by joining our campaign and taking part in a malaria eradication project in Mali.</p> <p>Learn more about the coalition to eradicate Malaria worldwide and get involved with the movement at this session.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Zaid Shakir, Naeem Muhammad, Nazia Hossain</p> <p>MODERATOR: Aisha Noor</p>	151 AB

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3:00 – 4:30 PM	<p>MAIN SESSION 11</p> <p>Driving Out the Evil Undertones: Cultivating our Hearts Against Shaitan</p> <p>Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib, may Allah (swt) be pleased with him, said: Surely the heart of the youth is like the uncultivated ground– it will accept whatever you throw upon it [and that is what will grow from it].</p> <p>The whispers of shaitan continuously bombard us and seek to imprison our hearts and minds by capturing them with temptation. As Muslim youth, we struggle to free ourselves from these evil murmurs as we try to remain on the straight path. As tough as a struggle this is, we can be hopeful and draw strength from each other, surrounding ourselves with good people and the words Allah (swt). With the help of Allah (swt), our hearts will be cultivated, and we and others can collect the beautiful fruits and flowers that will start to grow from within.</p> <p>SPEAKER: Usama Canon, Kamran Riaz</p> <p>MODERATOR: Jasmin Ullah</p>	151 AB
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3:00 – 4:00 PM	PARALLEL SESSION 5 Pursuit of Paradise: Pleasing One’s Parents Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age In thy life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honor. - Surah Al Isra, Ayah 23 In Islam, obeying ones parents is next to worshipping Allah (swt), and this obedience means to also show kindness, compassion, and respect. The Prophet (s) has told us that our parents are our keys to Jannah; to insure their comfort and happiness is to secure our spots in paradise. They are the ones that have the greatest claims on us with regards to service and kind treatment, and this occupies a special place in the teachings of Islam. Likewise, our parents should occupy a special place in our hearts. SPEAKERS: Jawad Shah MODERATOR: Eeba Ali	150 AB
4:30 – 5:00 PM	ASR	
5:00 – 6:30 PM	MAIN SESSION 12 Learning from a Legacy of Change: You Say You Want a Revolution... We all want to change the world, but we have been groomed to think youth aren’t capable of making such a huge difference. If we look back at the time of Prophet (s), many youth took on important roles in passing Islam down to later generations. These youth were brilliant examples and we can emulate them by getting more involved and showing that our opinion as Muslim youth does matter. In following the Khulafaa of yesterday we can become the leaders of today. So raise your voice for a good cause, and if you say you want a revolution, are you ready to work for the solution? SPEAKERS: Jawad Shah, Naeem Muhammad MODERATOR: Ibrahim Bengali	151 AB
5:00 – 6:00 PM	PARALLEL SESSION 6 From the Havens on Earth to the Heavens in the Skies If we spend our time in the houses of Allah (swt) in the dunya, we will have a haven on the day when there is no respite. A day when the sun will beat down mercilessly from one mile above our heads, and the only shade will be that of the throne of Allah (swt). Will we be fortunate enough to earn that shade? Those who spend their youth in the remembrance of Allah (swt) will be shaded, and what better place to remember our Creator than in the masjid? Lets earn our shade in the palaces of Allah (swt) on earth, and maybe we will be neighbors in the palaces of heaven. SPEAKERS: Amjad Tarsin MODERATOR: Iffath Farzana	150 AB