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IN BOTH FAITH AND COLLECTIVE
ACTIONS, FOSTERING A RESILIENT
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FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE
ISLAMIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At ISLA, we understand that our work as educators is driven by a higher purpose. Most of us have entered into this field because we are seeking Allah's pleasure and wish to do our part to ensure the preservation of this *deen* in the hearts of our children and in this world for the generations to come.

At times, our daily tasks become mundane and we lose sight of our purpose. Challenges we face in our school and work environment may take away from this initial drive. Yet, sometimes it takes an event that shakes us to our core to remind us of our ultimate goal, once again. With the ongoing genocide in Gaza, we at ISLA are reminded that our efforts in Islamic schools have transformative potential, not just for the teachers and students in our schools, but for the world.

At ISLA, we are honored to serve as a leading organization for Islamic school educators in the United States and we take this job seriously. We are grateful for your engagement and commitment to ISLA as we work together to uphold and enact the principles of Islam every day.

Shaza Khan, PhD

Executive Director, ISLA

ISLA LEADERSHIP

MEET THE PEOPLE SERVING THE ISLA



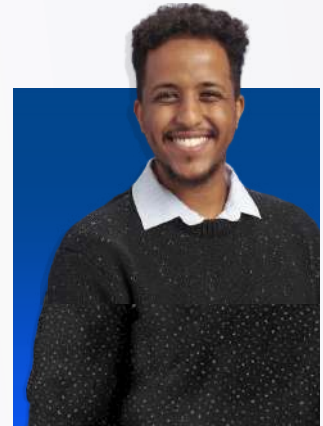
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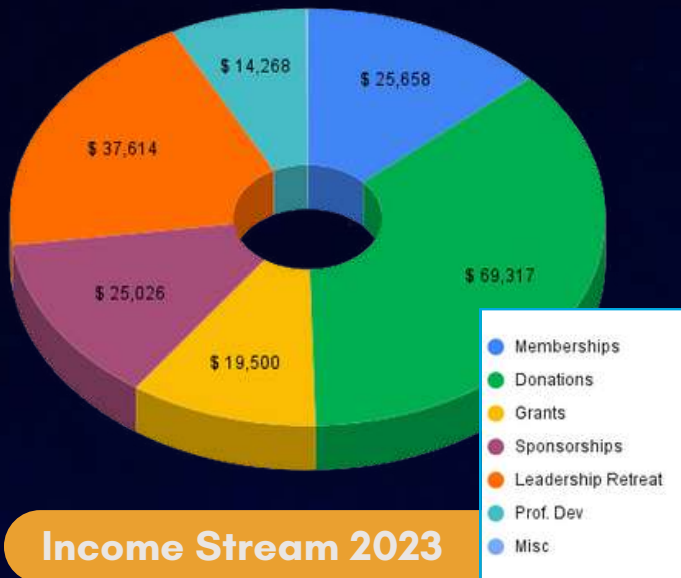


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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS



ISLA has continued to diversify its income streams through a membership model that allows schools, corporates and individuals to join a professional organization dedicated specifically to Islamic schools, and which offers exclusive access to networking opportunities and valuable resources.

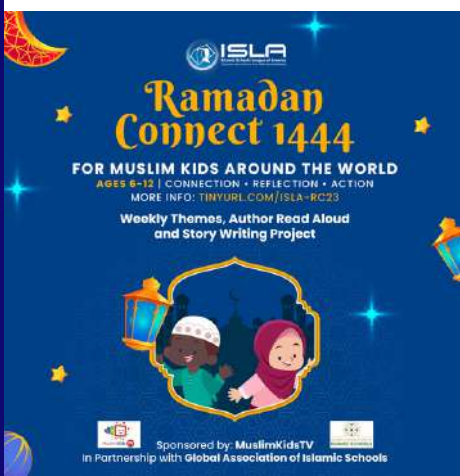
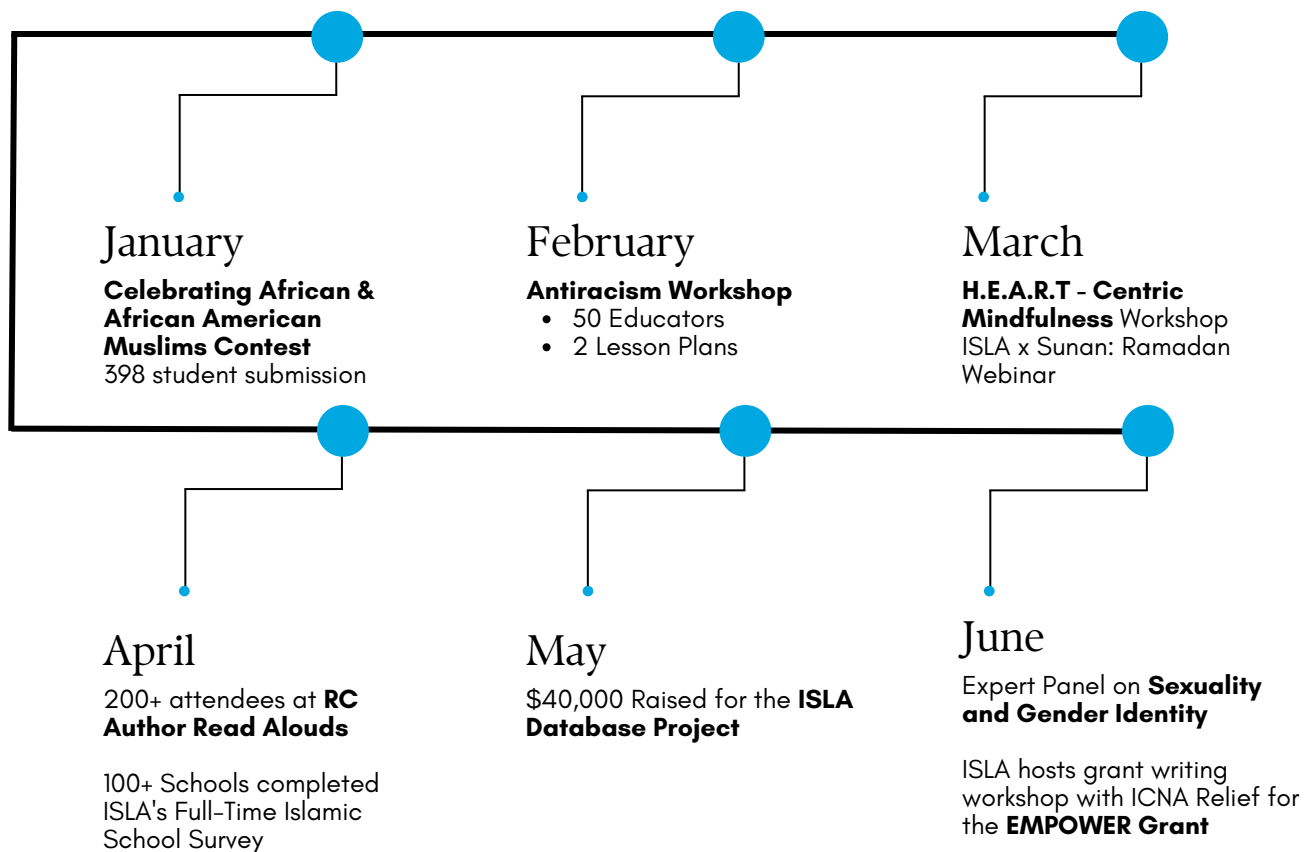
The Leadership Retreat, a flagship event and a rare in-person gathering of the ISLA community, is a significant aspect of our programming and budget.

Through grants and the invaluable support of our donors, we are able to engage in critical and foundational research on Islamic education and provide much-needed resources to the broader community through assets such as the Crisis Response Toolkit and more.

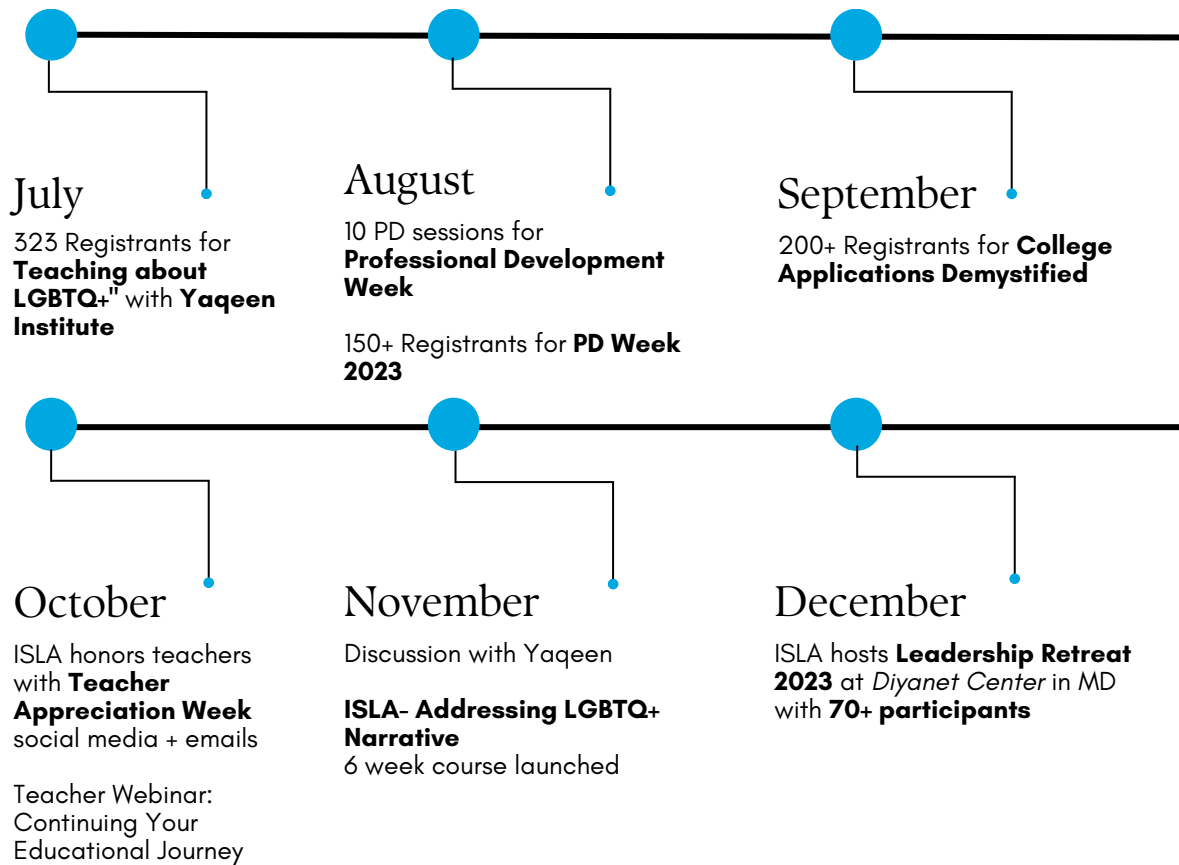
Professional development continues to be an important service provided by top experts in education through ISLA, offering solutions that respond to the unique environment in which Islamic schools operate.



YEAR IN REVIEW



A TIMELINE OF OUR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES




Yaqeen Curriculum Showcase & Walkthrough

Looking for free, comprehensive, easy-to-use Islamic lessons for your high school students? Learn how you can adapt Yaqeen Curriculum in your classroom in this interactive session! Our curriculum developers will walk you through their unit development process, design, and components to help you get the most out of this resource.

Monday, January 29th
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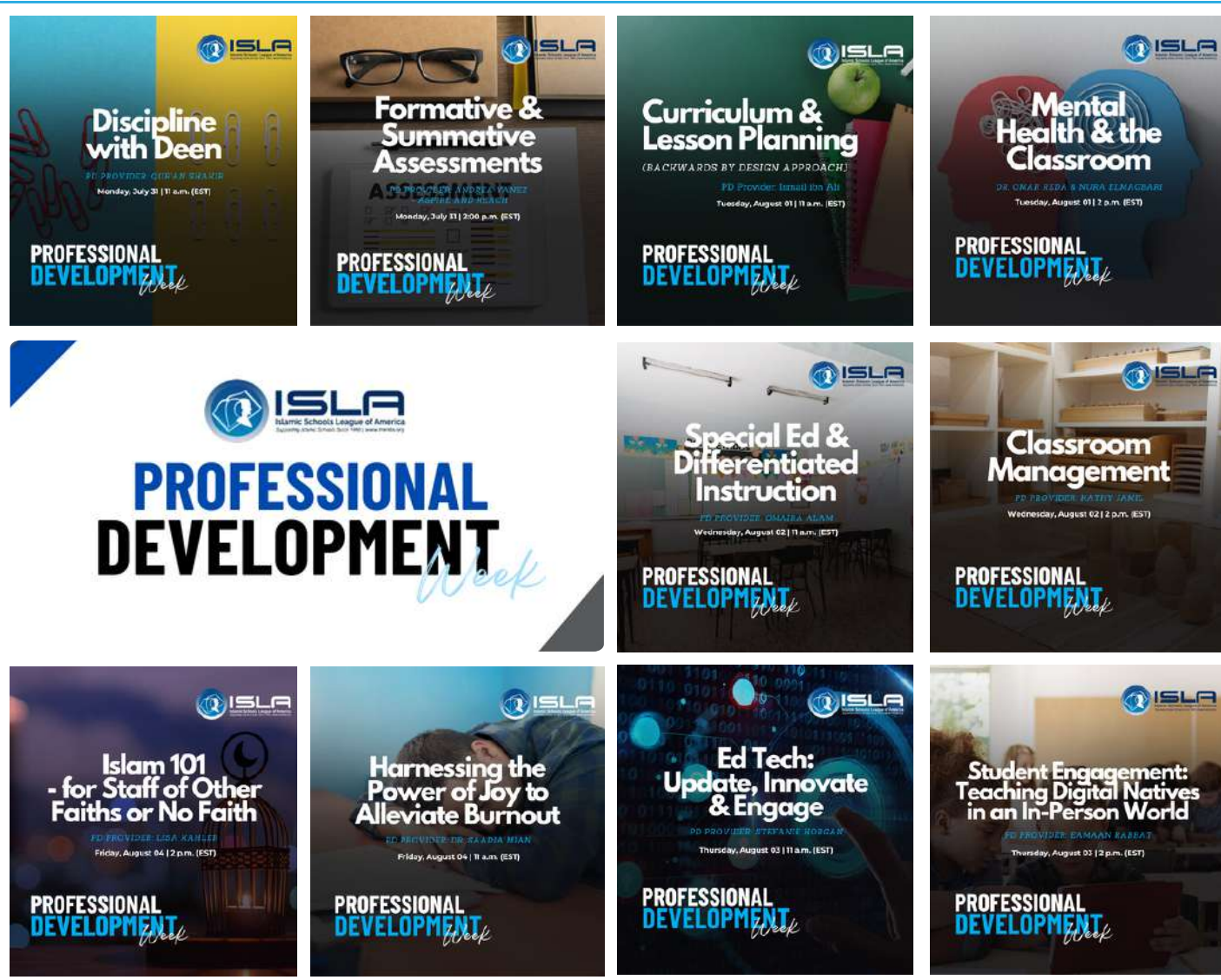
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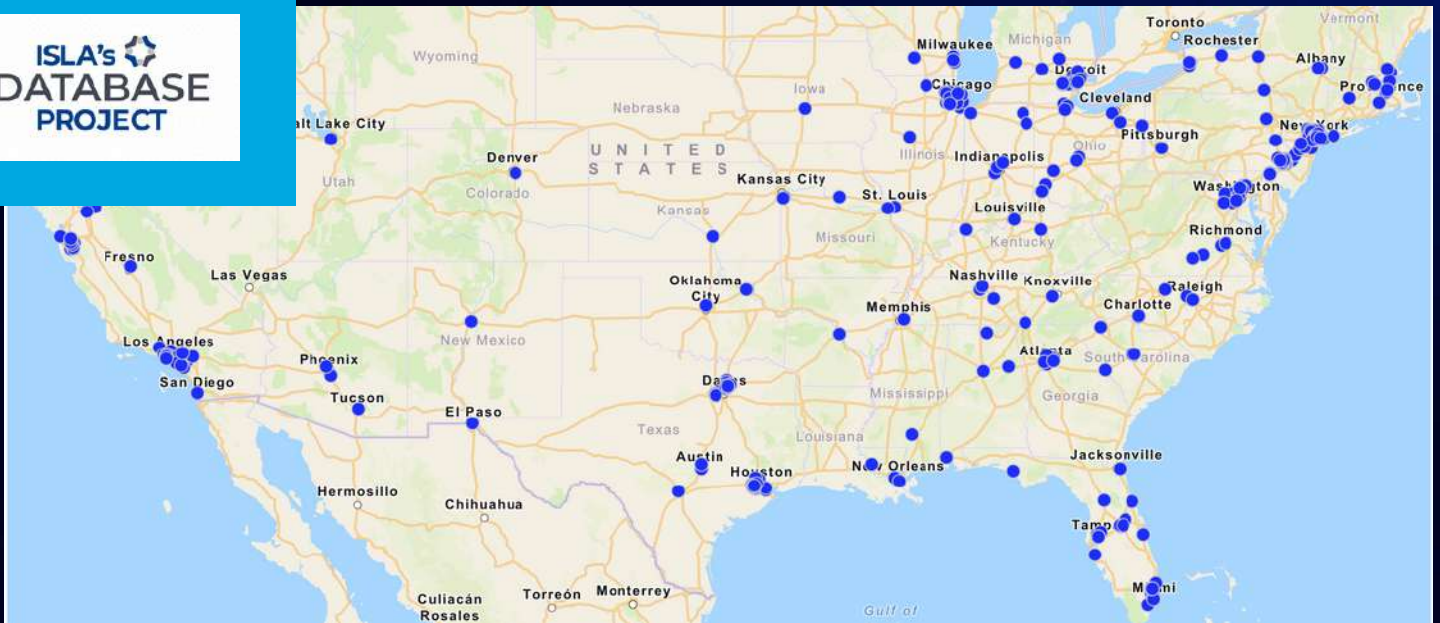
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- 4 GB Ram
- 11.6" Screen
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ISLA'S PD WEEK

ISLA's PDW week has become a signature annual event at which educators can receive training that addresses the specific needs and challenges that teachers face in Islamic schools. ISLA's Professional Development Providers have decades of experience in Islamic schools and are experts in school leadership, classroom pedagogy, character development, and more. Through the weeklong training, teachers from across the country gain knowledge, skills and access to resources that help jump start their school year on a positive note!





Note from Dr. Samar Al-Majaideh

As the Database Project Manager, I'm pleased to share we have updated our **Islamic school directory**, with up-to-date information about nearly 300 schools. Notably, we have launched an **interactive map**, enhancing user experience. Our team has made significant strides in fostering a data-driven culture, engaging the community, and collecting extensive data from 104 full-time Islamic schools nationwide. We've also initiated the sharing of preliminary findings with stakeholders, promoting transparency and collaborative insights.

FACILITATING INFORMED DECISION MAKING:

ISLA'S DATABASE PROJECT

Looking ahead, we're focused on broadening our project's reach through research partnerships and the release of a comprehensive report of data-based Islamic School profiles via diverse reporting formats to serve a wider audience. Moving forward, our goal is to expand the project's impact by forming research collaborations and publishing a detailed report on Islamic School profiles in multiple formats.

Additionally, our ongoing commitment includes regularly updating our database ensuring it remains a valuable resource for the Islamic school community and beyond.

280+ FULL-TIME ISLAMIC SCHOOLS VERIFIED AND UPDATED



104 completed
surveys



29 email
announcements



15+ engagements
with School leaders



6 published Articles
+ Reports



ISLA LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2023

Breaking the Silence: Addressing the Realities of Health & Sex Education in Islamic Schools

The ISLA Leadership Retreat 2023 held at the Diyanet Centre of America in Lanham, Maryland, brought together over 70 dedicated educators from across the nation from December 1st to December 3rd, 2023.

Hosted by Dr. Haroon Baqai and the staff at Al-Huda School, the retreat began with a warm welcome and an insightful school tour. Participants were treated to engaging sessions led by experts such as Sr. Afeefa Syeed, Br. Mobeen Vaid, and Dr. Amber Khan, covering topics ranging from curriculum development to understanding LGBTQ+ issues in education.

Interactive workshops and collaborative activities empowered educators to explore innovative approaches to curriculum planning and professional development. Notable highlights included a SWOT Analysis workshop led by Rasha El-Haggan and dynamic sessions on curriculum crafting by Sr. Afeefa Syeed & Uzma Baig from Al-Fatih Academy.

The retreat concluded with schools mapping out actionable plans to address health and sex education within Islamic schools. Dr. Shaza Khan and Imam Safi Khan led a reflective moment, emphasizing the importance of mindfulness in educational leadership.

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Through the engagement of Islamic school administrators, board members, educators, parents and donors, we are able to work towards enhancing Islamic schools so that they are preferred centers of learning for Muslim families.

Every member, every donor, and every dua-maker is part of our accomplishments and story. We are grateful to you and request your ongoing prayers and support as we strive to improve Islamic schools for everyone.

Jazakumallahu khairun,

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