


# BARD'S BEACON THE BULLETIN



**Abdul Razak Dawood - Founder & Chairman BARD Foundation**

 "As I begin the next phase of my life after returning from the government, I will devote most of my time to philanthropic endeavours through our family foundation - BARD Foundation. Our mission is to support talented individuals in the pursuit of excellence in their chosen field."

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BARD Foundation has recently collaborated with celebrated female mountaineer, Naila Kiani, for her upcoming mountain climbing expedition. Scheduled for June 2022, Naila Kiani will be attempting to become the first female Pakistani mountain climber to summit the world's 2nd highest peak, Mount Godwin Austin, more commonly known as the K2.

Naila Kiani has thus far successfully climbed Gasherbrum II (8,035 meters), which is the world's 13th highest mountain. Her love for the mountainous regions inspired her to carry out her wedding ceremony right at the K2 basecamp in 2018. She boldly summited an 8,000+m peak, the Gasherbrum II, right after giving birth to her child.

She is a true symbol of empowered, strong, and resilient female athletes in the country, and was presented with an award in December 2021 by the President of Pakistan, to acknowledge her great achievements and contributions towards mountaineering. She continues to inspire global competitiveness among the Pakistani women, while also propagating gender-equality across the world.

# Haniya Minhas Legacy in Making - Wins Bronze at IMG Future Stars in Greece



BARD's pride Haniya Minhas secured Bronze Medal for Pakistan at the Unofficial World Championships IMG Future Stars in Greece where 24 best girls and boys were only invited.

Haniya Minhas is making waves in the Tennis world. She officially became no. 3 in Tennis Under 14 girls. On the way to win the bronze medal, Haniya won against New Zealand no.1 Una Mistic, Tunisia no.1 Jeineb Jaiez and Austria no.1 Anna Pircher.

She defeated Austria's Anna Pircher in the quarter-final of the IMG Future Stars event at TATOI Club. It is a matter of pride for BARD Foundation and Pakistan.

# BARD Foundation Sets Up Descon Endowment Fund at PU



DESCON Endowment Fund has been established at PU, it will be available to both male and female students (preferably from rural areas) enrolling in the institute from the next academic year (2023 - 2024), based on their financial backgrounds and academic skills.

The students eligible for this fund will be selected from across the country by a special committee, which will also include a BARD Foundation representative.

# BARD Foundation Sets Up Descon Endowment Fund at GIK



BARD Foundation has established a DESCON Endowment Fund at GIK. This fund will be available to both male and female students from underprivileged backgrounds enrolling in GIK Institute from September 2022.



At BARD we firmly believe that industry-academia collaboration enhances knowledge, innovation and plays an integral part in the economic growth of developing countries.



The objective of our endowment funds is to empower students from underprivileged backgrounds to acquire the right set of technical skills and knowledge so their talent is channelized in the right direction.

Experts believe that universities create knowledge and unless that knowledge is not based on the industrial need, it is of no use.

# Mahin Aftab Creating Waves at Barcelona Tennis Academy with BARD Sponsorship



BARD Foundation will be supporting Mahin Aftab Qureshi with her Pro-Career at the world-renowned Barcelona Tennis Academy in Spain. In 2015, Mahin became the first-ever female tennis player of Pakistan to claim a singles international tennis title by winning the Asian Under-14 tournament. She later went on to win the Under-16 tournament held by the Barcelona Federation in 2016. At the age of 15, she created history by winning four titles in Subh e Nau Tennis Championships in PTF Islamabad. Mahin's impressive performance continued at the 2019 SAF games where she won a bronze medal.

As the Academy's student she will be given strength and conditioning sessions, incorporating speed, agility, and weights, in between on-court sessions. Mahin will work with the best coaches, fitness trainers, and sport psychologists. She was able to secure a European ranking by winning a tournament in Europe this May.

# Sponsoring Huzaifa Abdul Rehman for His Tennis Pro-career



The 19 year old tennis star's sponsorship includes training at the Next Gen Academy in Florida and funding for his professional tennis career in the Men's Circuit. Huzaifa has so far had a remarkable career in Tennis: In 2016, he was ranked #2 in Asia Under-14, while winning the Under-14 tournament in Thailand. In 2018, he won the Under-14 Title in Saudi Arabia and a Gold in the Junior Davis Cup. In January 2020, he was the Top-Ranked Pakistani player globally. Huzaifa is trained by David Pierce, brother and trainer of Mary Pierce (3x Grand Slam winner).

In 2020-2021 the young tennis star spent 18 months at Next Gen Academy, while competing in 25 international tournaments in Asia & USA. Huzaifa's coach at the Next Gen Academy, Travis Brady, believes that he has an exciting future ahead.

# Sponsoring Aisam ul Haq's Initiative of Establishing Ace Academy for Tennis Enthusiasts



BARD Foundation is sponsoring Aisam ul Haq's initiative of enriching the future of Pakistani tennis, by scouting young, talented sportspeople who can be groomed into outstanding athlete citizens through best-in-class sports knowledge and training.

It is a program for 18 and under tennis enthusiasts of Pakistan that will be coached by top local talent. The players will receive customized training, fitness and nutrition plans in Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi & Peshawar. Through regular progress evaluation and adjusting methods the top 2 athletes will be selected, who then will be given a chance to represent Pakistan in international tournaments.



# BARD Foundation Establishes 2 Deans' Chairs at LUMS



To further strengthen the research ethos at LUMS, BARD Foundation has made a generous donation to establish the Abdul Razak Dawood Dean's Chair at the Suleman Dawood School of Business, and the Bilquis Dawood Dean's Chair at the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School for Humanities and Social Sciences. These Chairs will provide the two schools at LUMS the opportunity to offer PhD scholarships and faculty fellowships, that would pave the way for research initiatives that can address national and regional issues. A speaker series will also be arranged to enhance linkages with academics, industry experts and leaders.

The Razak Dawood family has been supporting LUMS since its inception for over three decades with the largest donation being the funding for the Suleman Dawood School of Business. Previous support initiatives also include establishing the first-ever male hostel at LUMS in 1998, as well as an auditorium at the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law in 2014.