



Meet Our UN Representatives: Dania Itani Mousa

Dania Itani Mousa, 24 years old, is committed to enhancing the health of the world's most vulnerable people. Dania graduated with her BSN from California State University, Long Beach with magna cum laude honors. She is a certified medical surgical nurse at a Magnet-recognized hospital in Long Beach, California. Dania is also pursuing her Doctorate in Nursing Practice at Loma Linda University. Dania would like to become a family nurse practitioner to continue helping vulnerable communities. Dania is in pursuit of excellence in nursing practice through advocacy, leadership, and education to make a difference in health worldwide.

Dania is a global advocate for youth. She recognizes young people as essential partners in the creation of positive change. She works to ensure young people are not only heard but understood, not only engaged but empowered, and not only supporting but leading global efforts. She is excited to support Sigma's great strides in world health advancement and nursing excellence as a United Nations youth representative.

During her undergraduate studies, Dania demonstrated a commitment to international community service. She volunteered with SAMS to help provide medical care and treatment to refugees in camps in countries like Lebanon, Greece, Jordan, and Mexico. In addition, Dania has taught English in Thailand and Turkey and participated in relief trips to Haiti. These voluntary service opportunities helped reinforce what role she wants to take on in the world as a nurse, mentor, and most importantly as a human being.

In June 2018, Dania started a youth-led nonprofit organization called Shifaa, whose mission is to address the immediate needs of the most vulnerable people around the world. The Shifaa team partners with vetted humanitarian organizations to aggregate and distribute resources to the world's most vulnerable communities. To date, they have distributed more than US \$150,000 collected through grassroots efforts across 27 countries. In addition, Dania is on the board of directors for Zam Zam, which is a humanitarian organization devoted to eradicating poverty by providing clean water, access to quality education, and more equitable opportunities to villages across the globe. She had a direct role in facilitating implementation in Zam Zam's fifth operating country, Malawi.

Volunteering in developing countries and with vulnerable communities has helped Dania embrace her moral responsibility to act for the benefit of all societies, not just her own. Dania, who strives to represent the mission, vision, and values of Sigma, is an engaged member of the Iota Eta Chapter and the Gamma Alpha Chapter. She takes pride in being part of an international community that has the momentum to exert influence to advance nursing and global health. As a United Nations youth representative, she is excited to continue working toward enhancing the wellness and health of the world's people.