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**Texas AandM University at Qatar 'TAMUQ'**

In this technological age, our world has been made much smaller, even allowing for education to be achieved online from across the globe. But there is still a great value in bringing people together and creating a shared cultural experience. Texas A&M's Qatar campus is aiming to do just that, by creating an English-based, co-educational environment that offers the same courses available on the Texas campus all the way in Doha, Qatar. In this episode, host Dave Goldberg is joined by TAMUQ's Mysti Rudd and Ryan McLawhon, along with current TAMUQ students, Rashid Al-Heidous and Taif Mohamed. Join

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### Featured Guests



#### Mysti Rudd

For the past four years, Dr. Mysti Rudd has been an Assistant Professor of English at Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ), an international branch campus offering degrees in mechanical, chemical, petroleum, or electrical and computer engineering. Although she considers herself a Compositionist—having earned her Ph.D. in Composition/TESOL from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2012—she started out as a chemistry major at St. Olaf College in 1980 and has taught chemistry and math in high school, preparing her to enjoy the unique challenges of working with STEM students. Dr. Rudd recently received a grant that funded a trip for 4 TAMUQ students and 2 professors to visit innovative engin

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#### Ryan McLawhon

Dr. Ryan McLawhon joined Texas A&M University at Qatar in 2015 as the Executive Director for Academic Services & Assessment. In this capacity, he oversees the advising, study abroad, scholarships and financial aid, and honor code offices as well as the Academic Success Center, assessment, and faculty development activities. Prior to joining the Qatar campus, he served as the Director of the Office of Institutional Assessment on the main campus of Texas A&M University. Dr. McLawhon is the author of several peer-reviewed journal articles and has delivered keynote addresses and presented on assessment, curriculum mapping and development, and distance learning at numerous professional conferen

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#### Rashid Al-Heidous

Rashid Al-Heidous is a current Chemical engineering student at TEXAS A&M Qatar campus. He graduated from Tariq Bin Ziyad high school -a government school- as the second best in the country. He is working with Qatar Foundation in the research and development department aside from his studies.

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#### Taif Mohamed

Taif Mohamed is a sophomore electrical engineering student at Texas A&M Qatar (TAMUQ).

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