

## **Young Alumni Donor Feature: Ahmed Hamed '20**

### **About your OWU experience:**

As a student I had the pleasure of serving in many leadership positions including Co-Director of the 2020 Mock Convention and OWU's interfaith programming. As an athlete I won the NCAC's Don Hunsinger award for most outstanding student athlete my senior year. The experiences I had as a student will stay with me forever, as an alum I love connecting with fellow alumni in addition to current students.

### **After OWU:**

I have spent most of the last few years professionally at Ernst and Young as a Tax Consultant where I earned my CPA. Currently I am working as a Financial Analyst for CFI Partners in Chicago. In my free time I still enjoy running semi-competitively and spending time with my friends here in Chicago. Now that I no longer live in central Ohio I haven't had the chance to attend many alumni events. However, I was able to cheer on the Bishops at the 2021 Regional Cross Country Championships which was a blast. I hope to return soon for Homecoming Weekend and enjoy more alumni programming in the coming years!

### **Why do you support OWU?**

The opportunities I had as a student at OWU have been instrumental in shaping the person I am today. I truly appreciate all that those in the OWU community have done for me over the years including fellow students, alumni, faculty, staff, and so many more. I hope to continue to give to OWU both financially and with my time so that I can continue to pay it forward for all those who will go through Ohio Wesleyan!

I mainly support the athletics program, specifically the Cross Country and Track programs. Due to the generosity of alumni when I was part of the program we never had to fundraise and could instead focus on our studies and our athletic performance. I want to give that gift to the current Bishops! I have also given towards the general fund, OWU Connection fund and specific departments including the Politics and Government department. I was deeply impacted by multiple programs at OWU and want to spread the love whenever I donate.

Should you have the means, I think it is incredibly impactful to give in ways that directly impact those it seeks to help. I know these gifts do that since I myself was one of those beneficiaries. I would encourage fellow alumni to give; to give in ways meaningful to their OWU experience and in ways that benefit the students and the University in what needs it the most.

**I am OWU!**