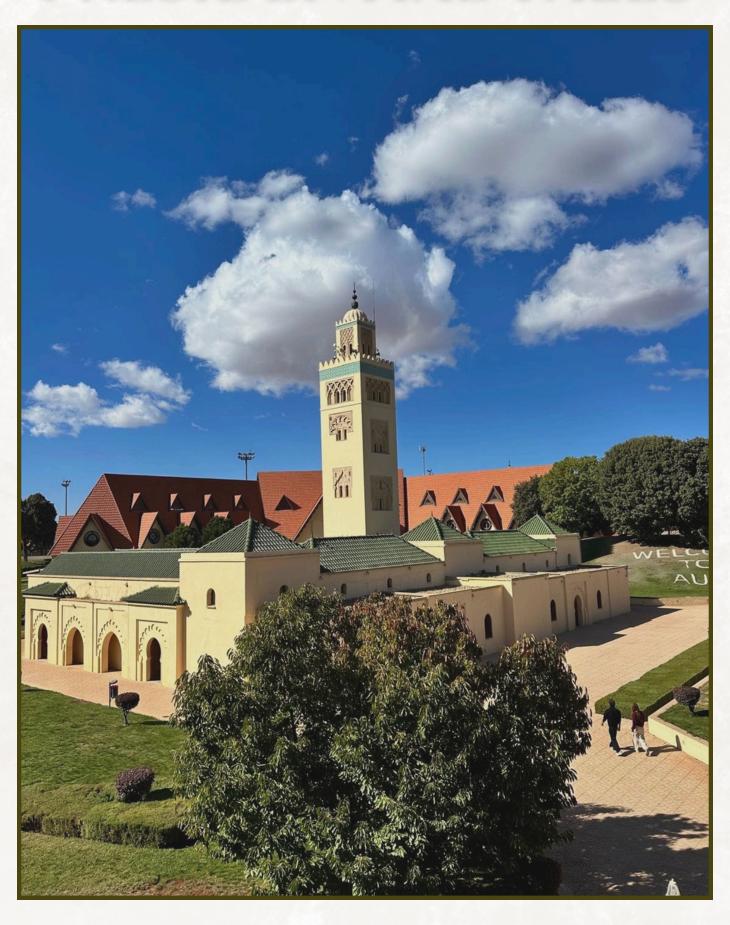
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#### Meet Our Interns

Our Presidential Interns are a diverse, driven, and passionate team, representing perspectives from across the globe. United by leadership, creativity, and a commitment to inspiring others, they bring energy and innovation to every project. Dive into this newsletter to explore their journeys, achievements, and the unique ways they're shaping the AUI community.

#### **Presidential Spotlights**



#### **PIETRA REGIS**

Pietra is a Brazilian International Relations graduate with a strong academic background that includes studies in Brazil and an exchange program in India. She minored in Latin American Politics and Political Science, with a research focus on Environmental Studies.

As the PiP for the Athletics Office, Pietra plays an active role in managing projects, research, and events that strengthen student engagement and institutional collaboration.

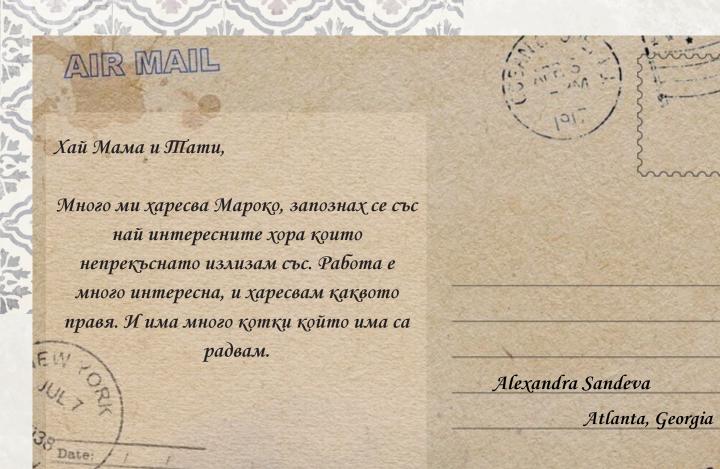
Beyond her professional work, Pietra is deeply involved in the AUI community -performing with the Orchestra and Choir, participating in Interfaith and Kickboxing clubs, and sharing her culture by teaching Brazilian Portuguese classes as the advisor of the Brazilian Club.

#### **ZAYNA ABDELRAHIM**

Zayna is the Language Center's Tutoring Program Facilitator. As she leads the tutoring program, she aims to leverage her extensive experience in foreign language acquisition to help her students advance their English skills.

Zayna is a two-time citizen diplomat by means of her reception of the Critical Language Scholarship to Japan and the Gilman Scholarship to Morocco. She aspires to gain enough experience in the MENA region to pursue a career in human rights and development with a regional focus on the Levant.





#### Letters From Afar

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## Chère famille, Bonjour au Maroc! Je suis ici depuis deux mots, et j'aime l'université et mes nouveaux amis ici. Le temps est magnifique dans les montagnes, et je voyage beaucoup avec mes amis! Le week-end dernier, je suis allé à Fès, et ce week-end prochain, je vais aller à Toulouse; je veux pratiquer mon français. Mais j'ai hâte de te voir. Je vous enverrai des photos! Sarah Finch Je t'embrasse, Washington, DC







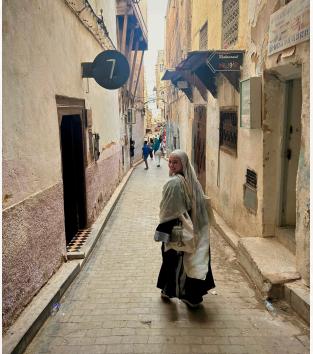


#### **Behind The Work**

Their dedication, creativity, and leadership shine through every project they take on.

In the top left photo, the Office of Academic Support and Progress (OASP) recently hosted a new workshop focused on helping first-year students adapt to university life called Mastering Change: Adaptability at AUI. Led by Presidential Intern Umayma Mohsin and her colleague, Abir Mouidi, the session guided students through interactive activities about handling peer pressure, communicating across cultures, and managing finances with confidence. The workshop encouraged meaningful conversations, practical learning, and self-reflection. Students left with tools they can use both inside and outside the classroom as they continue to grow and thrive at AUI. Umayma looks forward to offering more workshops through OASP that empower AUI students on their academic and personal journeys.

In the right photo, Presidential Intern Charles Cheatwood, from the Office of Employability and Entrepreneurship, shares words of motivation with graduating seniors in the School of Engineering's capstone class. Drawing from his own experiences, Charles spoke about the power of networking and the importance of holistic preparation for life after graduation. With the support of our Readiness and Transition coaches, he encouraged students to take full advantage of the personalized resources available to them. In the bottom left photo, the office of employability held their annual event-Innovation Day, for the School of Engineering graduating students to present their initiatives.







# EXPLORING GREATER MOROCCO

Our Presidential Interns have embarked on countless journeys to experience the beauty and richness of Morocco. From enjoying msemen and mint tea to wandering through vibrant souks and historic medinas, they've fully embraced Moroccan culture. Eager to connect even more deeply, the interns are learning the language, engaging with locals, and discovering the rhythms of life here–excited for every new adventure that awaits!

