

Dedication: In Memory of Dr. Abubaker Saad (1944-2020)

Dr. Abubaker Saad was one of the hidden gems at Western Connecticut State University. His life story was inspiring. Before coming to the United States, Dr. Saad acted as a diplomatic interpreter for the Libyan dictator, Muammar Gaddafi. After taking part in a failed coup, Dr. Saad was forced to flee Libya for his life, becoming a political refugee. Eventually his path led him to Western Connecticut State University to teach in the Department of History and Non-Western Cultures.

Dr. Saad led a truly amazing life that had taken many unexpected turns, some adventurous, some extremely dangerous. He was an exuberant person who appreciated all of his life experiences and saw the important lessons those moments held. There is much Dr. Saad taught the Western community, which went far beyond the classroom walls.



“Life time experiences – it is not something you are going learn in a book or in a discipline of study.” -Dr. Abubaker Saad