



2022



Annual Report

ABOVE &
BEYOND



CEF COPTIC
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION

A celebration of life, love and service

Cherif Youssef

COO and Co-Founder of the Coptic Educational Foundation (CEF)

October 28, 1951 - December 27, 2022

Celebrating a great man...

In addition to being a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished grandfather, Cherif was an accomplished Engineer with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from USC. He began his illustrious career at the Southern California Gas Company, where he worked in several different roles until his retirement over 40 years later.

...and a greater servant

Merely excelling in his career was never enough for Cherif. In addition to his busy personal and professional life, Cherif believed in giving back to his community.

As an active board member to many organizations, Cherif accomplished great things. Some of his many highlights included managing the rebuilding of St. Mark Coptic Church in Los Angeles after it burned down, and co-leading the large-scale Pharaoh's Festival in Santa Monica on behalf of St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Church.

...whose impact will be felt by generations.

In the spirit of serving the future of his community, Cherif joined the Coptic Educational Foundation as Chief Operating Officer. In the coming years, the organization grew from three churches, with localized services, to a multi-disciplinary, structured organization with a long list of services, serving youth across all of California, and expanding to Dubai and Egypt.

Cherif loved the quote "strive to leave every place better than you found it," and he ignited others to do the same. His tireless and humble service changed the trajectory of countless lives and will be felt for generations to come.



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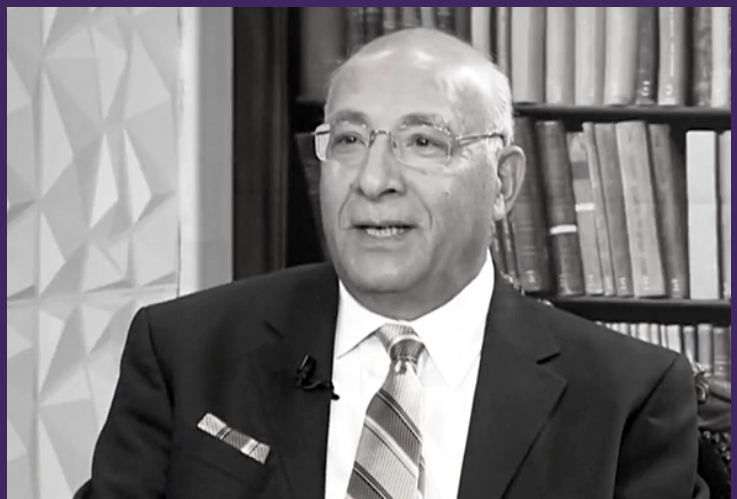
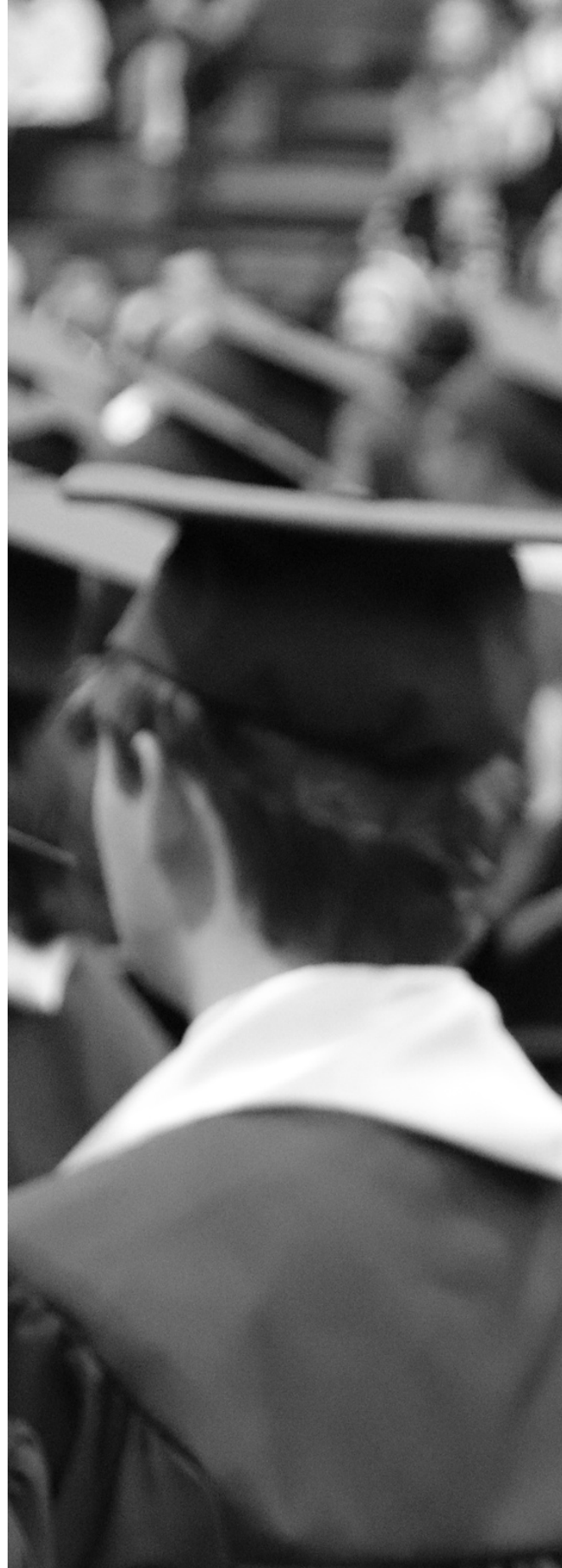


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2022 Highlights

Workshops

630

Registered Students



from **26** Churches



Undergraduate Merit Achievement Scholarship

15

Students

Awarded **\$1000 EACH**

Graduate School Merit Achievement Scholarship

5

Students Awarded

\$2,000

Each

1,438



New student sign-ups in CEF's database

69

Committed Church Mentors

Al Tafawok Scholarship Pilot in Egypt



17,589

47% increase in reach YOY



One-on-One Counseling

52

Registered Students

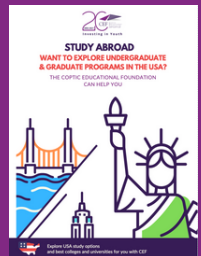


New Churches served in 2022

8

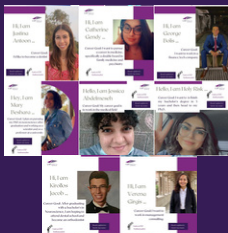
Bringing our total to **52** Churches

Study Abroad Pilot



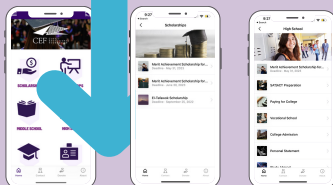
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Student Ambassadors Joined the Foundation



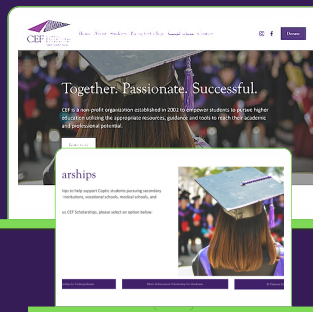
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CEF App Downloads



7,856

Website Visits



7

NEW Publications



A Year in Review

New Programs

To continue our growth and outreach, CEF launched the following pilots in 2022:

- **Study Abroad Program:** Pilot program introduced in Dubai and Egypt to provide prospective international students with information and guidance to meet US-based college admission requirements.
- **Al Tafawok Scholarship:** Pilot program to recognize academic and non-academic achievements of 10 public high school main stream (thanawya ama) graduates who were accepted to public universities in Egypt.



12
Applicants



6
Churches



L.E. 50,000
Awarded



EAI Tafawok Recipients

*CEF has a lot to offer, not only to US-based students,
but to the Coptic community at large.*

-Cherif Youssef

Workshops

CEF's trained staff of academic counselors conducted 36 separate workshops attended by over 630 students. The content of the workshops was geared towards meeting the educational needs of different age groups from middle school through college.



**Students
Registered**

204



Churches

22

COLLEGE ADMISSION WORKSHOP

Helps high school students and parents understand the US college system, its requirements, and the admission process.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Focused on the steps students should take in 6th – 8th grades to prepare themselves for high school.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

Helps high school students & parents learn about different resources available to fund college expenses, including available scholarships.

179

26

53

12



Just like our forefathers, from Pope Cyril the IV in the 1800 to our current Pope Tawadros the II, CEF continues to place high importance on education.

-Cherif Youssef



**Students
Registered**



Churches

CHSPE & MORE

Dedicated to understanding the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE).

49

5

HOW TO HELP YOUR KIDS SUCCEED

This workshop provides advice, tips, and recommendations on how to help your kids excel in school and was conducted in both English & Arabic.

64

8

APPLYING TO GRAD SCHOOL

Helps students understand graduate school requirements, including Masters and PhD Programs, Law School, and Medical School.

25

19

PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP

Focuses on helping high school juniors and seniors write impactful personal statements for college applications.

56

17



Our primary mission is to help all of you to get into college! We come to you ... to your church, to offer you advice, assistance and to help you meet your goals.

-Cherif Youssef

One-on-One Counseling

CEF offered individual counseling to numerous students and parents to address their educational needs in many areas including:

- Reviewed 52 personal statements and provided individualized consultations
- Supported 4 students by providing counseling services and thorough reviews of each step of the college admission process

CEF COPTIC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

GO FROM CAMPUS TO CAREER

Ever wished you could talk to a career counselor and an academic advisor at the same time?

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

Reach out to CEF and schedule a 30-minute career counseling and guidance session to answer your career and coursework-related questions!

SCHEDULE YOUR 30 MINUTES TODAY

For more information, visit www.copticedu.org or contact us at info@copticedu.org

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52 STUDENTS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN A 1:1 SUPPORT MODEL



College Applications



Advisement on course selection



Finding Tutors



Detailed review of college application



Major selection advisement



Detailed review of financial aid application



Review of college application list



CEF continues to help thousands of youth unlock their potential and succeed both academically and professionally. We need to create opportunities for students, to guide them, set them on the path to success so that they become proud, successful, and active members of the Coptic community for many years to come.

-Cherif Youssef

Scholarships

- CEF collaborated with the Gene Wolfe organization and offered 15 Merit Achievement Scholarships of \$1,000 each to high school seniors and community college transfer students who demonstrated outstanding academic and non-academic achievements and were accepted to a 4-year college/university.
- CEF launched PEAKS, a new scholarship for Graduate Students who possess an undergraduate degree (BA or BS) from an accredited US University or College and were accepted to an accredited graduate school in the United States. Five students were awarded \$2,000 each.

MERIT ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP



Students Applied

58



Churches

40



Awarded

\$15,000

PEAKS



Students Applied

23



Churches

16



Awarded

\$10,000



ST. MARY OF EGYPT



ST. MARY OF EGYPT



ST. MARY & ST. ATHANASIUS



ST. ANTONIUS CHURCH



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SAN JACINTO



ST. PETER & PAUL, SANTA MONICA



The Merit Achievement Scholarship is not just about excelling academically, but also about excelling in the non-academic. This is what helps a student stand out in their college application!

-Cherif Youssef

Partnerships

In partnership with the organizations listed below, CEF amplified our impact on the members of our community:

- **American Career College:** CEF continued to support people who were interested in attending trade or vocational schools
- **Princeton Review:** CEF offered discounted rates for SAT preparation classes
- **Revolution Prep:** CEF connected interested 6th – 12th grade students with Unlimited Homework Help
- **Global Grid for Learning:** CEF signed a partnership agreement with GG4L to offer a discounted rate for a library of online technology skills trainings available through Coursera.org



"Blessings, participation, commitment, partnership and support are the core beliefs of CEF"
-Cherif Youssef

Our Mission

Empower students to pursue higher education and equip them with the appropriate resources, guidance and tools to reach their academic and professional potential.



Our Values

1

Togetherness

Our program leaders, mentors and students partner in a constant pursuit of excellence. We come together with a deep sense of pride in what we do, how we do it, and who we do it for.

2

Passion

Our passion is rooted in dedication and diligence. We are driven by an ethos of support and openness that respects diversity, facilitates communication and makes collaboration constructive.

3

Success

We believe in recognizing and celebrating the achievements and success of our youth as they build a brighter future.

Our Team

Our Board and Staff are dedicated to using their skills and talents to unlock the true potential of our youth.

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