

## Following in the family footsteps at UW Richland



The first four chapters in UW-Richland’s story about the Abdl Haleem family feature, from top left to bottom, Ahmad, Osama, Marryam and Khalid.

Osama Abdl Haleem describes himself as “a farmer from Boaz,” a Richland County village just 10 miles from one of the University of Wisconsin Colleges campuses. He is one of nine children. Because of the size of his family, he says, many of them probably could not have gone to college without an affordable entry point like [UW-Richland](#) [1].

In 2005, UW-Richland welcomed Marryam, who became an honor student. She now is completing a Ph.D. at UW-Madison.

In 2008, UW-Richland welcomed Ahmad, another UW-Richland honor student. Ahmad graduated in December 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and biology. He hopes to enter medical school and study rural medicine.

In 2010, UW-Richland welcomed Osama, also following in the honor student footsteps of his sister and brother and also finding the college “open” and “supportive,” as he explains [here](#) [2]. Not only did he excel academically, Osama also served as a member of the student senate and as a campus

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ambassador. He transferred in the fall of 2012 to UW-Madison to continue his studies in linguistics and cultural anthropology.

UW-Richland staff will miss Osama but welcomed his younger brother Khalid to campus in the fall of 2012. And there are younger siblings, so this long-term relationship with the family may just get longer.

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