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ARAB EMIRATES IN WASHINGTON D.C.



## Stories Reflecting 50 Years of Emirati-American Friendship

The UAE turned 50 last week. Join us as we continue to celebrate the anniversary with [50 Years | 50 Faces](#)—highlighting 50 unique Emirati-American stories.

President George W. Bush, the first sitting US President to visit the UAE, [shared a message](#) celebrating the UAE's Golden Jubilee.

**"You have succeeded in raising a prosperous society out of the desert...America is a proud ally."**

**George W. Bush**

43rd President of the United States

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"It goes back to 1960 when my father first met Sheikh Zayed and they struck up a relationship that's warm, a warm personal relationship that lasted throughout their lives and ultimately led to the openness of his country to outsiders, including the relationship with the United States of America."

**Dr. Scott Kennedy**

The American family who founded Abu Dhabi's first hospital



"My experience in Washington was very unique, because they didn't expect someone like a Muslim girl from a desert country could play hockey and have skills. So some of the [Washington Capital players] approached me and they said that I got good skills and they were impressed."

**Fatima Al Ali**

An Emirati hockey player takes the ice with the Washington Capitals



"A year or so before the games, the UAE coined the term 'people of determination' to refer to people with disabilities. It was such a telling moment because when Tim Shriver met HH Sheikh Mohammed, he asked him, do you give us permission to use the term "people of determination" for our own movement? ... For them to take inspiration from the UAE was a touching moment."

#### **Tala Al Ramahi**

Reflections on bringing the Special Olympics World Games to Abu Dhabi



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"To come over there and be accepted so warmly, by a culture that's completely different, but very similar at the same time ... I've never seen a place like it."

#### **Steve Harvey**

The American entertainer discovers a "culture of peace" in the UAE





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The Embassy of the UAE in the USA ([@uaeembassyus](#)) has launched the 50 Years | 50 Faces series to celebrate the Year of the 50th and reflect on the 50-year partnership between the two countries.

Watch the series on [@uaeembassyus](#). [#UAE50](#)



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### [@MarcelleWahba](#)

Receiving such a warm welcome from Emiratis in the aftermath of 9/11 set a positive tone for my assignment to the UAE & for strengthening our partnership. [#UAE50](#) [@UAEUSAUNITED](#)



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I'm grateful for the many opportunities US academia has offered me. This video filmed in [@BostonCollege](#)'s beautiful campus commemorates US-UAE relations over the past 50 years.

50 years of UAE-US friendship.

**Learn how the UAE and US are united for the next 50.**

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