



## Student Spotlight: Laila Khan

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This Spotlight series recognizes a UW-Fox Valley student's academic achievements and personal story. Students are nominated for this spotlight by faculty and staff.

Laila K

**Name:** Laila Khan

**Age:** 21

**Hometown:** Pakistan

**Currently Residing:** Kimberly, WI

**Career program/major:** Accounting

**High School Attended:** Milton High School

**UWFox student clubs/organizations:**

Business club (Fall 2017-present); chemistry tutor (Fall 2017); math tutor (Fall 2017-present)

**What led you to choose your program or major?**

When I took my first accounting course in high school, I loved it; so, I decided that I will do accounting as a major. I like numbers and problem solving, and these both are in the accounting field. I also like to help others make decisions or be part of one, so this career is the best option for me.

**Why did you decide to become a University of Wisconsin student at UWFox?**

I felt that this is the best choice: It has reasonable tuition that I could pay and it is much smaller in terms of class size, which means that a student will have more time to discuss their questions with professors and get help. As a student, for me, beginning with a small step is better than a big step. I am more comfortable attending a two-year college first and then transferring to a four-year college, because I believe that the two-year college will help me get comfortable with my peers and professors.

**Is there someone at UWFox who made a difference in your life or inspired you?**

There are three professors that inspired me through their own stories: Assistant Professor Jill Halverson, Associate Professor Carie Tirel, and Terri Deprez, coordinator in the Developmental Math Lab. They have helped me in every situation, no matter how busy they were in their lives. Sharing my problems with them has helped me get that motivation and positive thinking that I need to go one step farther.

**What is one piece of advice you would give to an incoming UW Fox student?**

Think about one semester ahead. When they graduate, at least they know what they are interested in, so they can proceed towards that direction. Also, join as many clubs as they can to explore new ideas and learn from other students.

**Describe something unexpected that happened here at UWFox.**

Being a math tutor and helping almost every student—I consider myself lucky. This is unexpected for me: when I talk to someone, they know that I am a math tutor, which makes me so happy. People are interested in math and they know me, so they are comfortable getting help from me.

**When not in class or studying, what keeps you busy?**

Honestly speaking, in my free time I like to talk to my friends about their problems related to school; I like to give them advice. Other times, I also try to plan ahead about my homework, so most of the time I like to work two weeks ahead in order to be on track with class.

**What are your plans after UWFox?**

After earning my Associate Degree, I will be transferring to UW Oshkosh and majoring in accounting, with a minor in social justice. I will also continue with tutoring math at UW Oshkosh in their Developmental Mathematics Lab, and Mathematics Tutoring Lab. Last, but not least, my goal is to join UW Oshkosh business and math clubs, in order to learn more about others and explore new ideas.

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