



## **2021 International ACAC Annual Awards**

### **Rising Star Award**

**Moustafa Ezz**  
**Director of International Recruitment**  
**Huron University College**

***Members who nominated Moustafa for the Rising Star Award shared these comments:***

Deeply principled, inspiring professional, and wonderfully human, Moustafa is guided by what is good and right and is unafraid to act. He is dedicated to ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, can access higher education, including students from refugee backgrounds. This is evidenced both through his actions in providing scholarships to refugee students as well as his advocacy of refugee students.

Moustafa's aspiration was to have Huron University College be the first institution in Canada that offered means-based aid. Despite having no precedent in his national context for need-based aid, he called several US colleagues to learn more and began to make headway at his university in regards to a needs-based financial aid program. That he did so from his own initiative, rather than waiting to be directed from leadership as to what to do, speaks to Moustafa's commitment to making education accessible to all. Moustafa did not think to himself, "oh this is too much work," or "oh, I can't ask my president about this because this would use up my social capital" - instead, he went ahead and just asked, because he cared about the student and less about himself.

One of his nominators said "As a former international student from Egypt, Moustafa also brings a cultural sensitivity and empathy to international students that is at the highest level. I have personally seen him change the lives of students. Without Moustafa, I truly believe their lives would not have been changed. He's a destiny bender."

Moustafa's ability to build relationships and communicate clearly with college access counselors will certainly bring a positive impact to the International ACAC community.

**International ACAC is proud to award Moustafa the Rising Star Award!**