

## Yazan Meqbil



**Yazan Meqbil**, a senior, is studying Molecular Biology and Biochemistry at Goshen College, Indiana. Meqbil is a undergraduate research assistant with interest in Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Biology. In addition he as a teacher and a laboratory assistant in the Biology Department and an admissions ambassador at Goshen College.

Yazan grew up in the town of Beit Ommar, just north of Hebron in the West Bank where he graduated from high school. In Beit Ommar, Meqbil started the *Local Committee for Youth-Beit Ommar*, an effort aimed to create the space and resources for students ages 10-15 for extracurricular activities.

In the summers of 2013 & 2014 Yazan participated in the Seeds Of Peace youth program in Otisfield, Maine. The program brings together Palestinian, Israeli & US teenagers in a camp setting toward mutual understanding.



Yazan won the 2017 **C. Harry Smith Oratorical Contest** at Goshen College, a competition named for a Mennonite historian. Yazan's speech was entitled, *Beyond Occupation of Mind and*



In June of 2017 Yazan testified at a **Congressional Hearing** in Washington DC. The hearing highlighted the treatment of Youth in Occupied Palestine and was sponsored by the *No Way to Treat a Child Campaign* of American Friends Service Committee & DCI Palestine.