

# Imam Dr. Shamsan Al-Jabi

**Khateeb, Imam, and Educational Programs Director**

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## Professional Summary

Imam Dr. Shamsan Al-Jabi is a Yemeni-American Imam and classically trained Islamic scholar with deep specialization in both Qur’anic sciences and traditional Islamic studies. He holds Ijazaat in six canonical Qur’anic recitations and multiple advanced degrees across diverse disciplines. Ranked second nationwide in the international scientific high-school track, he earned a prestigious U.S. medical-school scholarship for academic excellence. His work uniquely bridges sacred scholarship and modern academia through visionary leadership, research, and community service. He has been serving the Muslim community as an Imam and a religious director for over a decade in multiple states, MI, IN, CA, and Currently PA.

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## Early Life and Qur’anic Journey

Shaykh Shamsan hails from the ancient city of San’aa, Yemen. He began memorizing the Qur’an at an early age in a family of nine Huffadh, including his mother.

He recited under certified Qurra’ in Yemen and Egypt and received Ijazaat in the following recitations:

- Hafs ‘an ‘Asim
- Shu‘bah ‘an ‘Asim
- Successfully completed a specialized certification in “Usool Riwayat Warsh (according to Al-Shatibiyyah) with practical application” from the American Open University, under the supervision of the Department of Training and Development, achieving a perfect score and ranking first in his class – January 2026.
- He has undertaken extensive studies in multiple Qira’at and is currently advancing his recitation by pursuing higher-level Ijazah certifications in various narrations, including Qaloun and Abu Ja‘far.

## Additional Qur'anic Certification

- Certified in **Warsh 'an Nafi' (Shatibiyyah pathway)** with full practical application — American Open University (January 15, 2026), achieving a perfect score (60/60).
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## Islamic Studies

Imam Shamsan pursued over eleven years of intensive traditional Islamic scholarship under renowned senior scholars, including:

- Shaykh Muhammad ibn Isma'il al-'Amrani
- Imam Muqbil bin Hadi al-Wadi'i and his senior students

He studied major classical works including:

- Sahih al-Bukhari
- Sahih Muslim
- Tafsir Ibn Kathir
- Tafsir al-Sa'di
- Tafsir al-Jalalayn
- 'Aqidah (Theology)
- Fiqh (Jurisprudence)
- Sirah (Prophetic Biography)
- Arabic Grammar (Nahw)

He completed structured Islamic study programs and received numerous certifications in Islamic sciences.

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## Academic Education & Distinction

- **Ph.D. (2025)**

Dissertation: *“The Impact of Political Pressure on Hadith Narrations in the First Six Centuries”*

- Master’s Degree in Islamic Theology (Thought and Sects)
- Equivalency Certification for a Master’s Degree in Poetic Rhetoric and Literary Criticism (2019)
- Bachelor of Science in Biology — California State University, Bakersfield
  - Minor in Mathematics
  - Minor in Organic Chemistry

## Academic Distinction

- Ranked **second nationwide** in the international scientific high-school track
- Awarded a prestigious **U.S. medical-school scholarship** due to outstanding academic excellence

He also served as a tutor at Henry Ford Community College and California State University during his undergraduate studies.

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## Current Role at MCCGP (Since 2021)

Imam Dr. Shamsan joined the Muslim Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh (MCCGP) in 2021 and has since been a transformative force in strengthening the spiritual, educational, and social fabric of the community.

## Key Responsibilities

- Leading the five daily congregational prayers
- Delivering Friday khutbahs and Eid sermons
- Leading full Ramadan Taraweeh prayers
- Providing marital and parental counseling
- Conducting Janazah prayers and overseeing funeral services
- Managing the Adhan system, workshops, and annual competitions
- Organizing and supervising Sunday school teacher development programs

## Educational & Community Programs Initiated

1. Tajweed and Qur'an recitation programs for children
  2. Hifz memorization program
  3. Sisters' and brothers' Qur'an practice circles
  4. Youth mentorship and Young Scholars program
  5. Annual and Ramadan Qur'an competitions
  6. Family activity and educational events
  7. Public speaking and Adhan workshops
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## Past Religious Leadership Experience

- Imam Dr. Shamsan has been serving the Muslim community as an **Imam and Religious Director for over a decade** across multiple U.S. states, including **Michigan (MI), Indiana (IN), California (CA), and currently Pennsylvania (PA).**
- Served over 8 years as:
  - Imam Ratib
  - Weekend School Principal
  - Islamic Studies Teacher

Including at:

- The Islamic Center of Dearborn, Michigan
- Farmington Hills Masjid, Indiana
- Al-Huda Foundation, Fishers, Indiana

Additional leadership roles:

- Marriage Counselor & Human Development Adviser (5 years)
- Youth Director (4 years)

He also contributed to several respected Islamic humanitarian organizations, including:

- Mercy USA
- IMANA
- Pure Hands
- Islamic Relief USA

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## Artistic and Religious Contributions

Imam Shamsan Al-Jabi is not only a distinguished religious leader but also a passionate artist, poet, and Islamic vocalist committed to preserving classical Arabic and Islamic arts.

### Poetic Achievements

- Recognized member of the Poetic Elite in Classical Arabic
- Master Certification in Poetic and Rhetorical Criticism
- Author of an upcoming Poetic Collection (Diwan)

### Mastery of Vocal Arts (Maqamat)

- Studied classical Maqamat (vocal modalities)
- Participated in prestigious vocal competitions including Al-Mizmar Al-Thahabi

### Islamic Nasheed & Media Engagement

- Experienced Munshid (Islamic vocalist)
- Represented Yemen in international nasheed competitions
- Elected in 2022 as Host of the Munshid Al-Sharijah Community interviews

### Qur'anic Recognition

- Honored by the Yemeni Qur'an Committee with the title of Mushaf Murattal Qari' in recognition of excellence in tajwid and recitation

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## Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, Yemeni Qur'an International Committee
  - Active Member, Arab Poetry Committee
  - Certified Black Belt & Martial Arts Coach — World Taekwondo Federation (South Korea)
  - Certified by the American Taekwondo Federation
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## **Other Notable Achievements**

- Black Belt in Taekwondo (South Korea, Yemen, USA)
- Represented California in international Taekwondo competitions
- World-certified Taekwondo coach