



## Modi Al-Harbi

Modi Al-Harbi, 27 years old, calls her mother her role model: "She didn't complete her education, but she encourages me to do so," she says. Modi, who holds a bachelors degree in mathematics, recently completed a training course in Information Technology (IT) and professional development through the Women in Technology (WIT) program at Effat College, in Jeddah.

"I heard about the program through one of my relatives," she says, and she was pleasantly surprised by the low enrollment fees. Modi made time for her courses while balancing her responsibilities as a mother and a housewife, and she completed the program in August 2007. Her family was encouraging and supportive throughout.

Inspired by her mother, Modi is devoted above all to children—her own, and those in her community with special needs. Her dream isn't to find a high-paying job in the IT industry; Modi sees no obstacles that would prevent her from finding such a job, but, she says, "I prefer to raise my children." At the same time, she is currently taking a training course in caring for children with special needs. Her dream job is to work as a volunteer with special needs children, while raising her own family.

Modi sees computer skills as a form of development for women, and for their children. "I benefitted a lot from this program," she says, "and my children's education will be even more advanced."

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