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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 49th issue of the 3rd year of the President's News Digest.

In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of "Students in the 21st Century".



Today's students are much more demanding than ever before as they are seen as customers in their schools and universities. It is therefore of crucial importance to provide them with the right skills to enter the market place. These skills could be based around collaboration and teamwork, creativity and imagination, critical thinking, and Problem solving.

More than technological expertise, 21st century skills refer to content knowledge, literacies and proficiencies that prepare individuals to meet the challenges and opportunities of today's world. In addition, skills related to flexibility and adaptability, global and cultural awareness, information literacy, leadership, civic literacy and citizenship, oral and written communication skills, social responsibility and ethics, technology literacy and taking initiative will be essential for graduates to enter the market place.

In our University, we have developed a set of graduate attributes in order to enable our students to acquire skills that will prepare them well for the 21st century.

ASU Graduate Attributes

ASU strives to prepare its graduates to be leaders in their discipline by being:

Critical thinkers and reflective learners

- Having the ability to use the knowledge and skills to solve problems.
- Having the ability to generate new ideas, being creative and innovative.
- Knowing the research methodologies in their field, and being able to interpret the findings.

- Motivated individuals capable of carrying out research-led independent work

Entrepreneurially spirited enjoying practical work

- Want to learn, experiment, apply, share, and partner.

Knowledgeable and skilled in their field

- Having the ability to apply their skills, and knowledge in the workplace.

Effective Communicators

- Communicating effectively either orally or in writing.

Team Players

- Working in collaboration with others, and within teams

Proficient Practitioners and Collaborators

- Experienced in working in variety of roles
- Experienced in working in teams and groups of different sizes
- Conduct themselves professionally and work positively as part of a team
- Having relevant practical and technical skills

Ethically and Socially responsible

- Understanding their social responsibility and good citizenship
- Engaging in their community

Committed to lifelong learning

- Participating and seeking continuous development.

Technical content and discipline knowledge are important. However, it is equally important to equip our students with important skills like critical thinking, research, oral and written communication, leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship amongst many others.

This will make them employable and will enable them to cope with a changing market place.

<https://www.envisionexperience.com/blog/13-essential-21st-century-skills-for-todays-students>

INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Latifa Salman Ali Fandi

Position: Office Manager (College of Arts and Science)

1. Tell us about yourself: (Your childhood, academic background)

I was born and raised in Isa Town, Bahrain. I had a wonderful childhood shared with my caring family and friends. Happily married with 2 cute and lovely angels: Mai and Fai

I graduated from Applied Science University with a bachelor degree in Business Administration

2. Tell us about your job at ASU

I joined ASU in April 2010 working in the College of Arts and Science as an office admin. My hard work was recognized and I became an Office Manager of the College of Arts and Science as they say: When you do good work, people will notice you.

3. Tell us about your aspirations for the University

To see ASU a leading university not just in Bahrain but in the Gulf area and Arab world, and to see people remember ASU when they talk about excellence and distinguished graduate students.

THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED REPRESENTATIVES FROM OXFORD BUSINESS GROUP IN HIS OFFICE

The President received Vy Tran - Country Director, Ms Jana Treeck, Managing Director, and Chas Kissick - Editor from Oxford Business Group - Bahrain where they discussed ways of collaboration between the two parties.



PREPARING FOR IEEE DAY- MEETING WITH CHAIR, IEEE BAHRAIN SECTION



On Sunday 23 Sep 2018, the Computer Science (CS) Department had a meeting with Dr. Adel A. H. Abdulla, Academic Director, Global Institute, Chair, IEEE Bahrain Section, and Dr. Ghossoon AlSadoon, Chair of Student

Branches Activities in order to prepare for IEEE Day which will be held at ASU on 7 October 2018 under the patronage of Prof. Ghassan Aouad, President of ASU. Dr. Adel discussed with the CS department the agenda for IEEE day and the preparation for that event.

The CS department represented by Prof. Ayman AlDmoor and Dr. Moaiad Khder stressed on the effective communication ASU has with the community, local and international organizations, and the full support given by the University management for such events.

The Computer Science department will deliver a seminar on new trends in Computer Science field to be delivered by Dr. Moaiad Khder and two Computer Science students: Samah Fujo and Reem Yahya.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE HELD A MEETING FOR ITS STAFF AND STUDENTS

On Sunday 25 September 2018, Prof. Ayman AlDmoor, Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Science had a meeting with the College staff and students at Abdulla Nass Auditorium. Prof Ayman started the meeting by introducing the staff of the college to students, then he presented various important topics to the students which included: ASU website contents, Student Handbook,



4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

Family environment, being able to manage my work during hard times and pressure

5. Tell us about your hobbies

My hobby is reading in general

6. Tell us about your favourite food

Italian and Lebanese food

7. Tell us about the book you are reading now

I have read "Zorba by Nikos Kazantzakis"

8. Final words

I believe that working with good people matters because then the work environment is good. If there is a sense of respect and belief among the people you work with, that is when good work is done. You only do good work when you're taking risks and pushing yourself.

some important bylaws and policies. He emphasized on the importance of academic advising, attending classes regularly, and advised the students to visit their lecturers, academics advisors, HODs , and the Dean if they need any help.

The senior students of the college participated in the presentation, where Hajar AlManea from Computer Science Department browsed the Student Information System (SIS) and guided the junior students to the system facilities and how to use it. Three students: Samah Fujo-Computer Science, Fatema Mohamed Merza-Graphics Design, and Fathia Abujobarah-Interior Design shared their own experience in their respective majors, the obstacles that they came across and how they dealt with it. They also guided the new students on the right registration process for courses, the study, and choosing the majors, etc..

CORPORATE VISITS

On Thursday 4 October 2018, Ms Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of Marketing & Public Relations and Mr Ali Mohammed, Assistant Director visited Mr Zuhair Tawfiqi - Corporate Communications Manager at Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC).



Number of topics were discussed during the meeting in order to expand the university long term recruiting objectives. These topics concluded the following key elements:

1. A promotional video of Dr Abdulrahman Jawahri (GPIC) President, sharing his educational experience at London South Bank University (LSBU) as he is one of their "alumni"
2. Circulating the promotional materials of the University programmes among their staff, their family members and children through the GPIC Labour Union.
3. Sponsoring scholarships to their staff according to the company's need which could be done through the Training Division

Furthermore, Mr Tawfiqi admired the University's media presence and the quality level of education been delivered to society.



On Sunday 7 October 2018, another corporate visit took place to Alba headed by Dr Mohammed Yousif, VP for Administration and Finance and Community Engagement, Ms Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of MKT & PR and Mr Abdulla Alkhaja, Director of Administration and Finance. ASU team discussed with Mr Abdulla Seyadee Acting Head of Training Admin topics related to the hosted and existing programmes, scholarships, internships and community engagement. Mr Seyadee was very supportive showing his interest towards building a mutual long term relation between Alba and ASU.

THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Community Engagement Office Attended Friendship Society for the Blind Bahrain Celebration

On Thursday 27 September 2018, Dr. Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office attended the celebration that was organized by the Friendship Society for the Blind Bahrain on the occasion of the end of its summer activities in the Society Building.



Dr. Al-Hamami was awarded in the celebration for his contribution in supporting the society.

The Community Engagement Office Attended the 3rd Fares Bahraini Youth Award Ceremony



On Saturday 29 September 2018, The Community Engagement Office represented by Dr. Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Office and Mr. Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, member of the Office and Student Care attended the 3rd Fares Bahraini Youth Award ceremony that was organized by Al-Khaldia Youth Society to honor the winners of the 3rd Fares Bahraini Youth Award.

During the ceremony, Ms. Noora Musalem, Manager of the Career Development and Alumni Affairs Office at the Deanship of Student Affairs, was honored for being a member in the jury committee of the award.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Self-belief and hard work will always earn you success.”

Virat Kohli

 *Happy Reading!* 