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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 10th issue of the 2nd year of the President's News Digest.



I would like to start this edition by congratulating the University for achieving first place for the third year running in the competition by the Capital Governorate for the best decorated building in the educational sector in the Capital Governorate during the National and Accession Day celebrations. Many thanks are due to the Deanship of Students Affairs, Student Council, Marketing, HR, Procurement, IT and, most importantly, our students who took part in the photography competition. We will receive the first place award soon from HE Sheikh Hisham Bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate.

On Thursday, 5 January, the Governor of the Capital Governorate, Sheikh Hisham, informed us of a scholarship to be awarded to one of our students to study for a year at a university in China. We will announce soon the selection criteria, but we are aiming for a graduating student. This is a major achievement and we have been informed that this scholarship has a substantial amount of money to cover all expenses. Ms Edyta, who played a major role in this achievement, will provide you with more details about the scholarship if needed. This is fantastic news for the University and it shows the reputation we are building amongst influential circles in Bahrain and beyond.

It was absolutely delightful to see last week our physical/organisational charts displayed on all screens across campus. This is a major achievement and will help our accreditation work. In addition, it will help our students in recognising who is working in the University. Mr Yasser and Mr Rifat will add the Student Council to these charts to help our staff recognise Student Council members. I would like to thank Dr Mohammed Yousif and Mr Abdulla Alkhaja for their leadership, Mr Yasser, Mr Rifat, Mr Maan, Mr Ibrahim and other colleagues in HR and IT and other parts of the University who helped in achieving this. A special thank you should go to Yasser and Rifat for their dedication and hard work.

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This week, we will have the QQA visit for our programmes with limited confidence. Our colleagues have worked hard to turn these programmes into full confidence, let's us wish them well.

On Thursday, 5 January, the Deanship of Students Affairs organised a small ceremony to recognise our students who took part in the Photography competition where 12 entries were recognised and financial rewards were given to students who have achieved the top 3 places.

On 7 January and under the patronage of the President, the University hosted a joint event between the Social Media Club and Bahrain Society for Training and Development to recognize 18 coaches from various sectors who spoke about their experiences in training and development. More than 250 colleagues and guests attended this event. Many thanks are due to Dr Mohammed Alhamami for his leadership and dedication to support our University.



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY THE CAPITAL GOVERNORATE

On 5 January 2017, the University President, Prof Ghassan Aouad with the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Faiza Zitouni and Head of Marketing and Student Recruitment, Edyta Przybyla attended the weekly majlis of Shaikh Hisham Bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa at Capital Governorate.

During the meeting Shaikh Hisham offered ASU a one year scholarship worth of BD 35,000 to be awarded to one of our students to study for a year at a university in China. It is the first scholarship awarded by the Capital Governorate to a university in Bahrain.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HELD ITS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

On Wednesday, 21 December 2016, the Computer Science Department held its advisory board meeting for 2016 - 2017 at Al Safer Hotel.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Assem Al-Hajj, the VP for the Academic Affairs & Development and the following members:



1. Dr. Belal Zaqaibeh - Dean of the College of Arts and Science
2. Dr. Moaiad Khder - Head of the Department,
3. Dr. Jamal Sultan - the Programme Coordinator
4. Prof. Hussein Zedan - Professor
5. Mr. Nizar Ma'roof - external member
6. Mr. Nawaf AbdulRahman - external member
7. Mr. Salah bin Jassim - external member
8. Ms. Maha AlBanki - external member



## "CROWDBABBLER" - POWERFUL SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS FOR BUSY MARKETERS

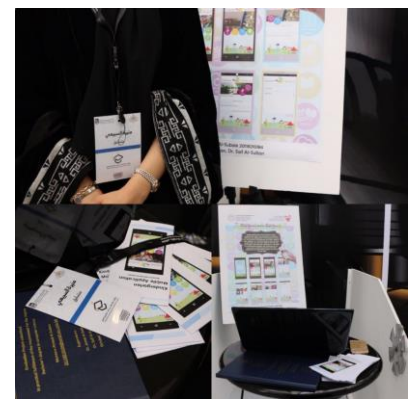
On 2 January 2017, Dr. Mohammed Al Hamami and Edyta Przybyla attended the workshop "Crowdbabblér" - Powerful Social Media Analytics For Busy Marketers by Mr. Abbas Alidina, the Founder and CEO of the company and organised by Ali Sabkar at the Capital Club.



## SHEIKH KHALID BIN HAMAD AWARD FOR GRADUATION PROJECTS

On Thursday, 22 December 2016, under the sponsorship of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, the curtains were brought down on the activities of the Khalid bin Hamad Award for Graduation Projects Forum which took place at University of Bahrain with participation from 10 universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This award was open for to all disciplines of the faculties of Engineering and Information Technology and was an ideal opportunity for all students to demonstrate their scientific innovation.



Muneera AlSubaie, a Computer Science graduate represented ASU in the competition with her project which was selected among the best 25 projects in the second round out of 110 other participating projects.

## NATIONAL DAY PHOTO COMPETITION



In spirit of celebrating the Bahrain National Day, ASU decorated its building with red and white lights and upon this celebration, the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organised a photography competition for our talented students called "My University through My Lenses 3". Twelve students participated in this competition and their photos were posted in Instagram.



The results were based on 30% Instagram Likes and 70% Committee member's votes (Dr. Faiza Zitouni, Dr. Mohammed Yousif, Dr. Waseem, Dr. Ashraf, Mr. Mohamed Najjar, Ms. Hadeel Bucheerei and Mrs. Ruqaya Mohsin). First Place went to Maryam Shareeda, second place Ashraf Tawalba and third place went to Mohamed Qambar.

On 5 January 2017, all the participants were honoured by Prof. Ghassan Aouad for their amazing participation who was very happy with the talent that our university has.





## AL SHURRA COUNCIL VISIT

On 4 December 2016, Ms. Noora Musalam, a lecturer in the College of Law took her students of the “Constitutional Law 2” course to the Bahraini Shurra Council where a lecture about the origins and the mechanism of legislative work and the legislative relationship between the Shurra Council and Parliament was given. The lecture was presented by Mr. Ali Alaradi who gave our students a chance to discuss, attend one of the Shurra Council sessions and meet the Shurra Council President, Mr. Ali Bin Saleh Al Saleh. The Shurra Council representatives were very proud of ASU students whom they seek to support and achieve the highest level of quality through educational process; thus achieving a high competence of their graduates in the legal field.



## REIMINDER OF THE WEEK

Programme reviews: Political Science, MIS and Master of Accounting and Finance: 11 and 12 January

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious”*

**Albert Einstein**

*Happy Reading*

