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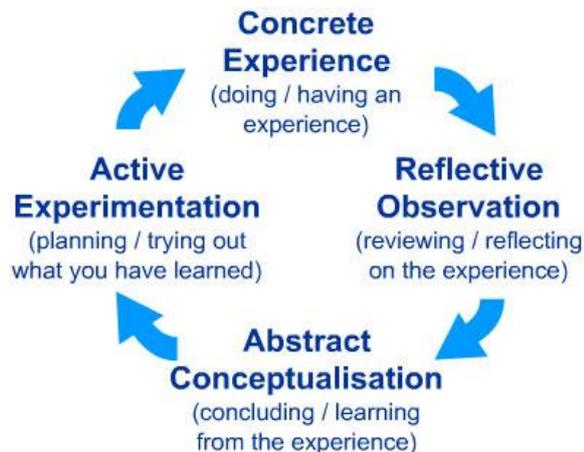
## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 15th issue of the 4th year of the President's News Digest. In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “learning styles in universities”.



The idea of learning styles began in the 1970s. People process new information in a number of different ways indicating different learning styles. Students have preferences for certain learning styles, which can help them maximize their academic success. Learning style preferences refer to the characteristic strengths and preferences in the ways we take in and process information.

David Kolb published his learning styles model in 1984 from which he developed his learning style inventory.



The University of Waterloo (web link provided), provides good information about learning styles, a snapshot is included below. The Soloman-Felder model of learning styles, which incorporates, self-test learning preferences for university students is widely used. Each of the four scales of the Soloman-Felder index of learning styles has two opposite preferences. Everyone uses all preferences at different times, but not usually with equal levels of confidence.

The active/reflective scale: How do you prefer to process information?

The sensing/intuitive scale: How do you prefer to take in information?

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The sequential/global scale: How do you prefer to organize information?

Universities' students have different abilities and varying learning style preferences. Understanding such learning styles by academic staff will help our students perform better. Students' preferred learning styles have significant influence on their behavior and achievements and should be taken into account in devising learning strategies.

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## ASU JOINS THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES OF ADMINISTRATION (IASIA)

As part of its internationalization strategy, ASU has recently joined the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) which is an association of organizations and individuals whose activities and interests focus on public administration and management. It is an entity of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS).

The activities of IASIA target the education and training of public administrators and managers, and with the mission "to strengthen administrative capacity building around the world, to advance excellence in public administration education and training, and to conduct, discuss, and disseminate cutting-edge scholarly research and "smart practices" on governance and administration."

## INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Rawan Waleed Araiqt

Position: Cashier in the Financial Affairs Department

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

I am Palestinian, and was born in Bahrain. I obtained my BSc degree in Banking & Finance from the University of Bahrain.

### 2. Tell us about your job at ASU

I have joined ASU a year ago. My tasks are mainly collecting payments from students specially the fees, preparing payments for the suppliers, and assisting in preparing reports when required.

### 3. Tell us about your aspirations for the University

I wish ASU to become a world leading university.

### 4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy working in a team environment, where I learn from my colleagues and discover my strengths and weaknesses when dealing with different kinds of people.

### 5. Tell us about your hobbies

Swimming and reading.

Through becoming member of this extensive international network, ASU aspires to push its research agenda forward and open the doors wide open for collaborations on joint research projects, events and publications with renowned institutions worldwide.

By joining IASIA, ASU follows in the footsteps of many prestigious universities and institutes such as the University of Pittsburgh, Binghamton University, Institute for Public Management and Community Service (USA), the Institute of Public Administration (KSA) and Bahrain Institute of Public Administration (BIPA).

## UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATION IN BIDW 2019

On 2-4 February 2019, the Directorate of Marketing and Public Relations, in partnership with the College of Arts & Science participated in BIDW “Bahrain International Design Week 2019”, which was held under the patronage of HE Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al-Khalifa, the Governor of the Capital Governorate. The exhibition is held at the Avenues Mall, with the participation of large number of leading artists and design firms.



The Exhibition was inaugurated by the Governor of Capital Governorate in the presence of Ms Ruqaya Mohsin, the Director of Marketing of Public Relations, Mr Ali Mohammed, the Assistant Director and the Directorate staff.

During the exhibition, the University promoted its students’ projects and artworks from the Interior Design and Graphic Design programmes under the guidance of Dr Uday Aljuboori and Dr Eman Elgewely from the College of Arts & Science. The event was an opportunity for the University to promote its academic programmes and provide career advice to those who were interested in ASU.

## STUDENTS ORIENTATION DAY – SEMESTER 2 ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

On 3 February 2019, the Deanship of Student Affairs organized “The Orientation Day” for the newly enrolled students for the second semester of the academic year 2018/2019.



### 6. Tell us about your favourite food

Seafood.

### 7. Tell us about the book you are reading now

“Simply self” talking about 100 ways to simplify your lifestyle and nourish the soul

### 8. Final words

Obtain good ethics no matter of what the morals of others are.



The event covered two parts; the first one was welcoming speeches session which was delivered by various staff within the University in the presence and support from; Professor Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University; the VP Dr Mohamed Yousif, Acting Dean of Student Affairs Professor Ayman Aldmoor, Colleges Deans, Deanship of Student Affairs and Director of Marketing and Public Affairs Ms. Ruqaya Mohsin. In addition, a wonderful video was produced and presented by the student council members and the media club, explaining the student's study journey mainly the admission and registration procedures, university by-laws & policies, finance processes and the support within the Deanship of Student Affairs that falls under the umbrella of the 3 offices; the Office of Students Services, the Office of Counseling, the Office of Career Development and Alumni Affairs.

The second part included a campus tour for the new students, led by the student council members, divided into groups each by their colleges, showing the facilities available. The deans of each college also briefed the students about their study journey at ASU.



The event was very successful and many thanks goes to all staff at the Deanship of Student Affairs, especially Mr Mohamed Najjar, Ms Hadeel Bucheerei and all members of the Student Council for all their hard work.

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES LEAGUE



This year, ASU participated in the National Universities League with three teams playing football, basketball and volleyball. Last week, ASU football team won the match that was against Bahrain Training Institute scoring 5 goals. The football team is leading the league with 15 points and the team captain (student) Abdulla Waheed is the top scorer bringing in 14 goals. As for the volleyball team, they won the match for the first time against Al Ahlia University with the final score 2-0 which gave them the spirit of competing and wining more matches. ASU is very happy with their student's performance as they played extremely well and is still waiting for more winnings. The National Universities League is still on and as planned and expected to end in the month of April 2019.



## THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE ACTIVITIES

### Applied Science University Visited the United Nation House



The Community Engagement Office (CE) at Applied Science University and in collaboration with the Department of Political Science and the College of Law, organized a visit to the United Nation House in Manama on Tuesday 5 February 2019, which was represented by Dr. Mohammad Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office, Mr. Thaer AlRamini, member of CE Office and Student Care, and

a number of academic staff including Dr. Khaleel Ibrahim, Dr.Samer AlDuros, Ms. Ghada Ihsan, Dr. Rajab Ebrahem, Dr. Ammar Al-Sammaraee, Dr. Radwan Kharabsheh. Students from the Political Science Department and the College of Law were present too.

During the visit, Mr. Samir Al-Darabi, the United Nations Information Center Director, talked about UN responsibilities, roles and activities, followed by a lecture about Sustainable Development Goals delivered by H.E. Mr. Amin El Sharkawi, the Resident Representative of UNDP in Bahrain. At the end of the visit, Dr. Mohammad Al-Hamami thanked the UN House in Manama for the warm reception; he praised the role played by the UN to achieve the objectives of sustainable development goals, and stressed on the readiness of ASU to cooperate in supporting the UN initiatives in various fields.



## INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name:	Jassim Mohammed Alshaikh
Workplace:	Looking for a job opportunity
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Law
Do you intend to pursue further Higher Education? What Major?	Yes, Masters in Law
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	The advanced teaching methods that are used by the academics at ASU in the classrooms provide a comprehensive learning experience, in addition to the new and easy methods innovative teaching methods that skilled teachers implement before they appeal to mainstream students.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	ASU is the place where I met my real best friends, who I got to know them through interacting with each other in group work.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	I have been through many stages in the university, fluctuating GPA was the main issue, but I did not despair and made every effort to be successful and obtain my degree.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	Larger car park area.
Final words	Special thanks to every academic and admin member at ASU.

Interviewed By: Maheera Faisal, Alumni Affairs Committee Chair; ASU Alumni Club

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.”*  
**Ronald E. Osborn**

*Happy Reading!*