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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 22nd issue of the 4th year of the President's News Digest.

In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “the joy of winning” following our victory in the football championship.



I have been reflecting on how our football team has won the championship based on my humble observations, as I attended most of their games. We should learn lessons from them in running our daily activities in teaching, research, community engagement and administration.

There is no question that our players are naturally talented, as they play with precision and quality. However, it is my humble opinion that their passion, the team spirit, the fans' support and cheering, thirst for winning, and the continuous training have made them achieved the excellent results. They played as a united team and were coached by an excellent manager who managed the game as an orchestra conductor making sure that the team is playing in harmony. The presence by the senior team, students, alumni and staff during the games has inspired and motivated our players in order to perform even better. It is obvious that when you link talents with leadership, quality, passion, dedication, and support, you will achieve better.

Our team spent hundreds of hours between practicing and playing, and this is on top of their studying and perhaps working for living. This demonstrates that when you are keen to win, you can make it, you just need to believe that you can make it and our team did and I believed in them from the first second.

From day one, they told me we are going to win the championship, I could see it in their eyes, behaviours, and manners reflected in their captain's words “we will make you proud” and they did. The vision and leadership of Prof Waheeb was our inspiration and the strong support from the University and the Deanship of Students Affairs, especially Professor Ayman and Mr Mohammed Najjar (who has a big influence on the team and their performance), and Administration and Finance, especially Dr Mohamed Yousif, Mr Abdulla and Mr Mohamed Nassar has made a big difference.

We should also acknowledge the support of the Student's Council president and members for their presence in all games, and our talented photographer and video producer our student Ahmad Dasmal, and Alrabita for their entertainment and great music and songs. I am sure we will always remember the cheerful moments and the feelings of being winners.

The evening of 27 March 2019 will always be remembered. It will always stay in our memories painted with the joy of our players, students, staff, coaches, and all supporters. For a relatively young university, it is a very big achievement to win the universities' football tournament of the Bahrain Collegiate Athletic Association (Bahraincaa) and demonstrates that our sports and students achievements complement our academic successes. Let's keep up the good work on all fronts in order to make our University a shining star not only in the Kingdom but regionally and internationally.

All the best for our volleyball team in their final game. We will keep you posted about the date of this game.



INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Mohamed Elamir Salah

Position: Head of Admissions Department

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

I was born In Egypt 1981, in a small family. I hold a BSc degree in Computer Science and a post graduate degree in Education Technology. I am married and a father for 2 kids.

Actually, here in Bahrain, I never feel homesick, I am sure we all feel that we are in our home countries.

2. Tell us about your job at ASU

I work at ASU as a Head of Admissions Department. I meet our new students and their parents to give them all the details about our programs and the admissions requirements, and complete the process for their enrollment here at ASU.

3. Tell us about your aspirations for the University

The University is now shining and achieving more and more achievements and success on many levels every day, both locally and regionally and even globally.

It is my pleasure and pride that I belong to this successful entity, which is moving steadily towards more achievements,



PERFUME CARAFE DESIGN COMPETITION



An honoring ceremony was held in Applied Science University to celebrate the winners of the PERFUME CARAFE DESIGN COMPETITION. The three winners; Sayed Hashim, Moneera Amber and Noor Dhiab, are all students in the Programme of Interior Design at the University. They received their prizes from Mr. Ali Hamad Abul, Spokesperson and Founder of BIDW, and Prof. Ghassan Aouad, President of ASU.

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ASU PASSES THE EXTERNAL SURVEILLANCE AUDIT AND RETAINS THE ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION

On Wednesday 27 March 2019, ASU passed the first surveillance audit for its quality management system and successfully retained its ISO 9001:2015 Certification for the provision of administrative support for its students. The surveillance audit comes about one year after the University first achieved the ISO 9001:2015 Certification and is meant to verify that all the measures taken to install a robust quality management system are still in place and are effectively leading to continuous improvement.



and I wish the University more and more to become a shining beacon in the sky of Bahrain.

4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

It is a joy to meet with students every day and offer them everything that can to help them to start their university life, and live with them all stages of their lives at the University, until they reach the stage of graduation and share their joy and joy of the University.

5. Tell us about your hobbies

Reading.

6. Tell us about your favourite food

Seafood

7. Tell us about the book you are reading now

History of the Arabs

8. Final words

I wish more success and excellence to our beloved University and wish my colleagues success and achieve their wishes in all aspects in their personal and practical life.

The audit was performed by an external auditor appointed by RIC1, the IRCA (UK) Approved Certification Body that inspected the University and granted it the certification in the first place.

The external audit consisted of document inspection, site visit and interviews with several staff members from various departments such as the Human Resources Department, the Admissions and Registration Directorate, the Deanship of Student Affairs and the Procurement and Logistics Services Department. The external auditor held a closing meeting at the end of the day with representatives from the various departments within the scope of the ISO 9001:2015 Certification and thanked them all for their cooperation, and confirmed that after his day-long inspection at the University, he concluded that the quality management system installed last year as per the ISO 9001:2015 standard is properly up and running and therefore, he recommends the University to keep its certification. The attendees also thanked for his fine work and professionalism and took a group photo.

Next year, the University will be subject to a second surveillance audit, and the year after it will go through a full re-certification audit.

THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Capital Governorate’s Visit to Applied Science University

On Thursday 28 March 2019, Professor Ghassan Aouad, President of Applied Science University received Ms. Fatima Al Ali, Specialist of Strategic Planning and Projects Management in the Capital Governorate.

A coordination meeting was held in the President office with the presence of Dr. Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami Manager of Community Engagement Office to discuss methods of cooperation between ASU and the Capital Governorate.



Applied Science University Visited Ministry of Foreign Affairs/7/58



The Community Engagement Office, in coordination with the Political Science Department, arranged a visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the visit, a presentation was delivered on the structure and mechanism of some departments in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by Mr. Mohammed Salmin, Advisor to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ms. Mona Abbas Mahmoud Radhi, Director of the Afro-Asian Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dr Ammar Jalamneh, Director of library and Information Services has participated in the 25th Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Special Libraries Association – Arabian Gulf Chapter which was conducted on 5th – 7th March, 2019 in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The topic of the conference was “The Internet of Things: The Future of the Connected Internet Societies” and discussed how future life style, social, technical, economic and other everyday activities and objects are combined with the Internet. Such connectivity linked to the most powerful data analysis and interpretation capabilities will unquestionably change the way we live, work and even play. The Conference also discussed security, privacy, legal; regulatory and rights, applications, knowledge management and finally the standards.

This theme was concerned about the overview of protocols involved in Internet of Things devices and applications. The Internet of Things covers a huge range of industries and use cases that scale from a single constrained device up to massive cross-platform deployments of embedded technologies and cloud systems connecting in real-time. Binding it all together is emerging communication protocols that allow devices and servers to talk to each other in new, more interconnected ways.



THE STUDENT AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

Council of Representatives Visit

On Tuesday 26 March 2019, the Women Club in the Deanship of Student Affairs organized a visit to the Council of Representatives to learn more about the importance of the council and its role in the King’s reform process. Also, the goal of the visit was to strengthen the patriotism of the club members and acknowledge them of the importance of voting. As part of the visit program, a lecture about the council was given to the club members as they were able to have a closer look about various decisions and legislations in addition to attending the council session.



Football Team Dinner

Under the Patronage of Professor Ghassan Aouad the University President and Dr Mohamed Yousif VP of Administration, Finance and Community Engagement and Acting VP of Academic Affairs and Development, Applied Science University organized a dinner for ASU football team to motivate and praise them for reaching the finals in the National Universities League . ASU is very happy and proud of their students and their achievements as the football team promised ASU management to get the golden trophy.



Outstanding Students Honoring Ceremony – Semester One 2018-2019



The Student Services Office in the Deanship of Student Affairs organized on Tuesday 26 March 2019 an award honoring ceremony for our outstanding students of semester one, academic year 2018/2019. The honoring event was under the Patronage of Professor Ghassan Aouad, the University President and was attended by Dr Mohamed Yousif Acting VP for Academic Affairs and development, Prof. Ayman Aldmoor Acting Dean of Student Affairs, College Deans, Deanship of Student Affairs members, Student Council members, a large number of academic staff, students and very proud parents. Sixty Eight students were honored students and were granted fees compensation varying from 5 to 20 percent, depending on their achievement and position on the honor list.

INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name:	Khadija Farooq Ali Alqattan
Workplace:	Civil Service Bureau
Academic Degree	Master
Academic Major	Accounting & finance
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	The decision to pursue postgraduate studies at the ASU was one of the most interesting and important decisions taken by me to bring back the most beautiful memories of school. In terms of teaching methods it is quite a different experience to undergraduate studies, as the faculty role is to coach and facilitate student learning and overall comprehension of material, and to measure student learning through different forms of assessment, like group projects and class participation.



What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	The Student-centered teaching model, where teachers and students play an equally active role in the learning process, active participation in the learning process, engaging in critical thinking and participating in the problem-solving process, all those techniques fostered my learning skills.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	Obtaining a master's degree is an arduous but very rewarding goal, the challenge to balance my work and family commitments alongside with my studies. However, with a lot of self-discipline and good time organisation it was more than possible, I've been able to achieve excellent with Honour's grade.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	Involving students from both the bachelor's and master's degrees in giving tuitions to the new students or students facing difficulties, which opens the way to cooperation between students supervised by the university, also supporting outstanding students to obtain PhD scholarships.
Final words	Learning every day is ultimately the key to success. Don't ever stop learning, dreaming and achieving.

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The key is not the will to win... everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important."

Bobby Knight

Happy Reading!