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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 30th issue of the 4th year of the President's News Digest. In this issue, I will cover the importance of social events in the development of universities.



Social events are important for the development of community spirit in any organisation. This was reflected in our recent Ghabgha (traditional Bahraini gathering associated with the holy month of Ramadan) that was held at the Grove Hotel on the evening of 17 May.



More than 300 people including BOD and BOT members, staff and their families, students, and invited external guests attended the Ghabgha night. There was a dominant sense of community and belonging throughout the evening. The presence of Prof. Waheeb and his family also greatly enhanced the strong sense of community on the night.

At this event we recognised and celebrated our students' achievement in winning the Injaz National Company of the Year 2019 for their online mobile application that was developed to support drivers when faced with vehicle breakdowns. In addition, we recognised 20 of our loyal staff members who have been with the University for more than 10 years.

Throughout the evening, there were plenty of games and fun activities and two talented Bahraini entertainers/comedians generated a lot of energy and interest with their sense of humour and funny jokes.



The event certainly strengthened the bonds between the various stakeholders of the University and this demonstrates that innovative internal social activities are vital for creating a team spirit environment and for the promotion of excellence.

Many congratulations to the staff who received recognition for being with the University for more than 10 years. Those who missed receiving recognition missed a golden opportunity to be on stage and be recognised for their contribution to the University.



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Many congratulations are also due to our students who won the Injaz competition and to the colleagues who helped them including Dr. Ahlam, Dr. Faiza, Ms. Manal and our external mentor Ms. Hajar

The evening was amazing with plenty of traditional Bahraini music and our two entertainers/comedians were brilliant. The video about our achievements was also brilliant and there were plenty of prizes handed out including free flight tickets to Dubai and Kuwait.



Our staff, students, alumni, invited guests and their families enjoyed the evening and many commented that this was best Ghabgha so far. Team spirit was at its best during the Ghabgha night and this type of activity will strengthen our bonds and our loyalty to our beloved ASU. This was also the first event where our 15 years in existence started to be publicised – an achievement that should make all very proud.

The Ghabgha event was organised by the Directorate of Marketing and Public Relations with the help of other divisions and the MC was the one and only Ms. Ruqaya, Mashallah naturally talented. This Ghabgha was the best organised and most enjoyable so far!



## INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Abdel Rasheed Issa Ahmad

Position: Programmer in Applications Development Department

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

I was born and raised in Jordan. I obtained my BSc Degree in IT/Computer Science from W.I.S.E University.

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

I joined ASU as a Programmer in the Applications Development Department in the Directorate of ICT & Knowledge Management. We develop and implement applications that help employees to perform their tasks.

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

After Accreditation, I wish ASU to continue to grow stronger nationally and internationally.

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

Dealing with different codecs is a daily challenge at the end of the day which makes me acquire new skills.



**5. Tell us about your hobbies**

Programming, developing, AOT, and MMA

**6. Tell us about your favourite food**

Mansaf

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

Oracle Advanced PL/SQL Developer Professional Guide

**8. Final words**

I love ASU; it's my second family.

## INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name:	Ahmed Hussain Alhamar
Workplace:	Recently Graduated
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Law
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	Job training provided me with career-specific education tools and practical experience while performing various legal jobs at the graduate level.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	The Mock Court Room, located on the 3rd floor, is a state-of-the-art facility that allowed us to experience simulated court activities as part of our course providing additional flexibility for us to run simulated trials, not just hypothetical appeal arguments.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	I faced my fear of speaking in front of audience through practicing class presentations, as confidence comes with practice.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	Moving to digital and e-books instead of printed books for the text books.
Final words	Thank you ASU

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

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Don't be the reason someone feels insecure. Be the reason someone feels seen, heard and supported."*

**Cleo Wade**

*Happy Reading!*