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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 8th issue of the 4th year of the President's News Digest.

In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “code of ethics”.



The need for written "codes of ethics/conduct" for universities is becoming more pressing in a fast changing higher education sector, especially with the wider use of social media by students and staff alike. Academic dishonesty has become an important issue in institutions of higher education and should be addressed urgently in order to avoid reputational damages to our universities.

Ethical behavior in universities is a must, as we want to be role models for our students. The University will be working on a comprehensive code that covers important issues that protects staff, students and the University as a whole. Issues related to behavioral matters as well as teaching and research will be covered. There should be zero tolerance when it comes to plagiarism, conducting research without ethical approval, and any improper interactions between staff and students.

The Code of Ethics usually documents the basic ethical standards for students, and academic and administrative members of a university, which are usually, related to their values propositions. All staff and students should adhere to the values of the University by demonstrating loyalty to ASU.

The University's core values are as follows:

Integrity: ASU's community values honesty, fairness and academic integrity as fundamental to its vision and mission, and will recognize, affirm and uphold this value in a responsible and committed manner.

Collaboration and Team Spirit: ASU's community recognizes collaboration and team spirit to be at the heart of the institutional culture and will promote these values in a dedicated manner.

Loyalty: ASU's students, faculty and staff cherish loyalty and commitment and recognize these values to be inherent in their culture of cooperation and dedication.

Social Responsiveness and Community Engagement:

ASU's students, faculty and staff value their partners, networks and communities and intend to engage with them, in a thoughtful, respectful, responsible and meaningful manner.

Quality: ASU's community values quality as an ideal and standard that should characterize its processes, outcomes, people and partners.

Taking into account the University's core values, there are some basic ethical principles that we should follow. All students have the right to feel safe and protected (emotionally and physically) and should be treated as our children in order to provide an environment, which is intellectually stimulating. Staff should maintain a professional relationship with students inside and outside of the University. For instance, if you need to speak with a student privately, leave your office door open. Finally students and staff should be dressed professionally according to the University's dress code and in line with the Kingdom and the University's cultural norms.

Individual members of staff are responsible for ensuring that any ethical issues arising from their research, teaching, students and community engagement, and students' supervision are properly addressed. From a moral and ethical point of view, it is our duty to provide our students with the most pleasant and memorable learning experiences.

<https://www.brown.edu/about/administration/policies/code-conduct>

THE "COMPANY PROGRAM" FROM "INJAZ BAHRAIN" AT APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

Under the umbrella of the Deanship of Student Affairs, Applied Science University took part this year in the capacity-building program offered by INJAZ Bahrain titled "Company Program".

The "Company Program" "empowers students to experience the risks and rewards of entrepreneurship by creating their own company and enhancing their employability skills by using innovative thinking and developing business knowledge, positive attitudes and team working spirit, as well as exploring their career options. The program also provides the students with further extended learning opportunities such as participating in a national / regional competition".



INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Shatha Ghani Zayyan

Position: Administrator in the College of Law

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

I was born and raised in Bahrain. I obtained my B.S. degree in Accounting in 2010, with a high GPA from University of Bahrain. Previously, I worked in a contracting company.

2. Tell us about your job at ASU

I joined the College of Law as Administrator in 2016, I consider myself lucky to be part of this friendly cooperative college, in which I learned a lot.

3. Tell us about your aspirations for the University

As I see, all the efforts are dedicated from everyone here, to move our University forward. I wish these efforts will lead to a brighter future, having our University's name amongst the most well-known prestigious universities.

4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy dealing with people from different backgrounds and culture; I have learned a lot from everyone and everything around me; I have changed and discovered my strengths and weaknesses and still, I'm on the non-stop learning phase.



The Bachelor students taking the course “Entrepreneurship” with Dr. Ahlam Al-Ithawi had the chance to participate in this programme and already started undertaking weekly sessions with

INJAZ volunteering instructors, Ms. Hejer Krichene and Mr. Abdulrazaq Alabbasi. The sessions are all practice-based and held in a friendly and pro-active setup where students are encouraged to put into practice what they learned in the classrooms. At this stage of the programme, the student teams have already identified their project ideas and shall start working on turning them into real-life businesses. Best of luck to our students!

About INJAZ Bahrain:

Chaired by H.H. Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, INJAZ Bahrain is a “non-profit organization that was established in 2005 as part of Junior Achievement Worldwide with the aim of empowering young people to own their economic success and be prepared for today's business challenges. With the help of its partners and volunteers, INJAZ Bahrain impacts thousands of students every year bringing them closer to the real world and opening their minds to their own potential”.

REPORT ON SURVEYING PROJECT



Under the supervision of Prof Zaher Kyle, the Acting Dean of the College of Engineering; Students in Year 2 of the Civil and Construction Engineering Course have carried out the surveying

of our University campus as a part of their coursework of the module titled “Surveying and Structures” on 6 and 13 December 2018.

The project was carried out under the supervision and guidance of the Senior Surveyor, Mr Jasbir Singh from NASS Contracting Company, and Mr Yoonusraj Kodakkadan, the academic staff from the College of Engineering.



The students were divided into groups of 5-6 members to carry out the project. The surveying started by taking the coordinates at the RM6936 as the bench mark. The project was completed by

working two Thursdays (6 and 13 December 2018) and students were asked to submit the drawing in the AutoCAD by using the measurements.

5. Tell us about your hobbies

I enjoy reading in general, especially social novels, newspapers, also I enjoy preparing sweets.

6. Tell us about your favourite food

WARQ ENAB (Palestinian dish), it should be too much sour.

7. Tell us about the book you are reading now

Currently, I'm not reading any book , I have just finished from a novel (Angels and Demons).

8. Final words

Never stop learning, as life never stops teaching.

DEANSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES INVITES THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, TO DELIVER A LECTURE ON “CREATING A RESEARCH CULTURE AT ASU”



Based on the University's strategic plan in developing and creating an incubating environment for scientific research and distinctive graduate programs, the Deanship of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies established a series of meetings, lectures and workshops that contribute to establishing this environment. Several steps must be taken before this stage, first and most importantly is researcher's capacity building and starting a culture of research at the University.

The Deanship of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies was very happy to invite Professor Ghassan Auoad, the University President, to deliver a lecture on “Creating a Research Culture at ASU”. The lecture was the first in a series of workshops and seminars to establish a scientific research excellence in the university. The President highlighted several important issues related to creation of research environment and culture at ASU. These included: research drivers (individual, institutional, and national), ASU research priorities, research themes and groups at ASU, process for building up new research capacity, research proposals framework, the art and science of doing research, linking research and innovation and many other interesting topics.



Due its importance and to give all the staff the opportunity to attend, the lecture was held twice, on 9 and 11 December, 2018. The attendees were very interested in the presentation and its informative content. In addition, they urged to continue holding such events due to their effect on the advancement of research and graduate programs at ASU.



THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE ACTIVITIES

A Special Day for Down Syndrome Care Center at Applied Science University



prepared a special day for them.

On Wednesday 12 December 2018, on the occasion of the Kingdom's 47th Glorious National Day and 19th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne, and as part of Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University initiatives in supporting the community; the University received a group from the Down Syndrome Care Center and

Upon arrival, the visitors had a warm welcome, then the activities kicked off by playing the National Anthem and distributing Kingdom of Bahrain flags, followed by songs and poets for the occasion of the Kingdom's 47th Glorious National Day and 19th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne. Magic tricks provided by the magician, painting on pottery, face painting, participating in competitions, singing and dancing, and distributing gifts were all part of the activities on that day.

The event was attended by University academic and administrative staff, as well as, students. A number of public figures and artists were also invited and were present.



The management of the Down Syndrome Care Center thanked Applied Science University for this unforgettable day, which provided the participants with joy and happiness, and for supporting the special needs and the community in general.



INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name:	Mohammed Mubarak Alduwaihi
Workplace:	Bahrain Defense Force
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Political Science
Do you intend to pursue further Higher Education? What Major?	Yes, Masters in Political Science



Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	I was lucky to get the opportunity to study at ASU, it was an excellent choice and I am pleased that I made it, and graduated from ASU.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	The simplicity, the openness and the deep passionate sharing of knowledge and experience from the academic staff.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	Personally, the extra curriculum activities I have carried out outside the classroom taught me valuable lessons and skills that I would have otherwise never had the opportunity to do so. It is not about books only, I agree that theory is important but practice adds more value to education.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	Everything is developing with time.
Final words	Thank you from the heart

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Being good is easy, what is difficult is being just”

Victor Hugo

Happy Reading!