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Welcome to the 39th issue of the 7th volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue Prof. Ghassan Auwad , President of University shares the End of Year Message



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Message from the President End of Year Message

As the academic year 2021/2022 has come to an end, I would like to thank every one of you including our Chairman of the BOT, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja and senior administration, staff, students, alumni and external stakeholders for all your hard work and commitment in making ASU a shining beacon. The main achievements of the last academic year and the top priorities for the academic year 2022/2023 are highlighted. Notable achievements are: our rankings in the QS and THE and Green-metric university rankings, the QAA-UK international accreditation, the full confidence in our academic programmes, the NQF placement of our academic programmes, the launch of new academic programmes, strong media presence, our great work in the IT and administrative systems, the Students and IEE conference, the Engineering Day, the students competition, the ASUrise Centre achievements and the big increase in the Advance HE/HEA fellows, the smooth running of online teaching and assessment, the students' achievements, and the massive increase in research publications amongst many others.



Prepared By
 Professor Ghassan
 Auwad
 The President of
 Applied Science
 University

Priorities over the next weeks and months:

- Marketing and Students Recruitment: Dr Mohammed, Ms Ruqaya, all
- Preparation for programme reviews of Interior Design and Graphic Design: Prof Hilal, Prof Ayman, Dr Odai, Dr Mohammed Soltan, Ms Mariam
- University Prospectus and handbooks: Prof Khaled, Dr Mohammed, Mr Abdulla, Deans, Ms Ruqaya
- Launch of New Programmes: Deans, Ms Ruqaya
- ASUrise centre re-accreditation: Dr Faiza, Mr Abdulla
- Advance HE Cohort 9: Dr Faiza, Dr Adel, Ms Maheera
- November Conference: GA, Prof Riyad, Mr Abdulla, Ms Mariam
- Auditing of colleges and various divisions: Prof Hilal, Mr Hatem, Ms Maryam Althawadi
- Web site: all, Ms Ruqaya, Mr Muath, Mr Hatem
- Submission of new academic programmes: Prof Khaled, Deans
- International League Tables: Dr Mohammed
- Staff Recruitment: Dr Mohammed, Mr Abdulla
- Engineering labs: Dr Mohammed, Prof Khaled, Mr Abdulla, Dr Marwan
- Development of new academic programmes in collaboration with LSBU: Prof Khaled, Deans

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- International collaboration: Dr Faiza, Mr Noel, Ms Diana, Mr Saqer
- Operational Planning: Ms Eman
- Graduation Ceremony: Ms Ruqaya, Ms Ayat
- Preparation for next semester: Prof Khaled, Dr Mohammed, Mr Abdulla, Deans
- HEC end of year report: Prof Hilal, Prof Khaled, Ms Hessa, Ms Ayat
- HEC monthly reports: Prof Khaled, Ms Diana
- International Professional Accreditation of our academic programmes, Prof Khaled, Deans

I would like to acknowledge the great support of the Chairman of the BOT, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja and to thank him for his great vision and leadership and for his firm belief in teamwork and good communication. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the contributions from various colleagues on the UMC committee and all staff in general, academic and administrative. Many colleagues have provided tremendous support, I am grateful to all of them.

From next week, some of you will be entitled for a well deserved summer break, please come back full of energy and creative ideas and stay safe.

***Happy Holiday to All Academics and Administrators
We Meet at the Beginning of the New Academic Year
2022-2023***

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College of Engineering Achievements at a Glance AY 2021-2022

As the academic year comes to an end, the College of Engineering under the leadership of our dean, Dr. Mohamed Salama, proudly shares with you some of the achievements of the college in the AY 2021-2022. This could not have been done without the tireless effort of our dedicated staff who went above and beyond to contribute to the tasks at hand. Many thanks to Prof Kahled, Dr. Salama, Dr. Marwan, Dr. Wael, Dr. Hamdy, Dr. Ali, Mr. Noel, Dr. Fawzi, Dr. Faiza, Dr. Hend, Dr. Rouya, Mr. Yusuf, Mr. Yoonus, Ms. Safa, Ms. Bayan and all the instructors in the Foundation Year from the other colleges for their effort to make this happen. These achievements show the importance of teamwork; coherent teams produce results.

Throughout the year, We have worked closely with other entities at ASU to be able to make things happen. We are grateful for the support we have received from the Leadership Team, Marketing and Public Relations, Finance and Administration, Admission and Registration, International Partnerships, and Deanship of Student Affairs.



Written By:

Dr. Marwan Aouad, Acting Vice
Dean, College of Engineering

Let us share with you the main accomplishments of the College this year:

- Our Civil and Architectural Engineering programmes have been successfully delivered along with 19 students completing the requirements for their graduation this year.
- We are launching two new programmes in partnership with LSBU, one in Mechanical Engineering and one in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. We have identified the academic staff and the equipment needed for a good start in September.
- LSBU has conducted a comprehensive periodic review of our Civil and Architectural Engineering programmes and has given us high commendations on the quality of the programmes we have delivered.
- We have completed the alignment of our Civil and Architectural Engineering programmes with the National Qualification Framework (NQF) of the Education and Training Quality Authority in Bahrain.
- We are in the final stages to submit the applications for the accreditation of our Civil and Architectural Engineering programmes by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).
- We have prepared all the needed documents for the internal audit of our college conducted by a QAAC committee.
- We have completed a successful internship programme led by Dr. Hamdy and Dr. Faiza with full documentation including videos and photos of our students at their project sites that were posted on social media.
- For the first time, our students have participated in a summer school at LSBU in London with our students praising the workshops conducted and the experiences they had in London. This effort was led by Dr. Faiza.
- We have participated in several successful events throughout the year including the Engineering Day, London Day and Career Day. We encourage you to visit our posts on social media to have an appreciation of the quality of these events.
- Our students have participated in the ASU Students Conference with high recognition of the papers presented by the College of Engineering students.
- We have published several articles in the President's News Digest to give information about our programmes, and give exposure to the activities occurring in the college.
- We have published a large number of papers in conferences and journals and have participated in several conferences.
- We have successfully completed the External Exam Board on July 17 -18 with participation from LSBU and external examiners from other universities.

From all of us in the College of Engineering, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation.

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ASUrise Advance HE Centre Web page is launched

The Academic Staff Development Unit, and ASU-rise Advance HE Centre are pleased and proud to announce that our beloved University has reached 153 Advance-HE recognitions, since the start of the scheme with Advance HE (former HEA).

This number comprises all staff that have been trained, and obtained their recognitions through Applied Science University, including some staff who are no longer part of the University.

Category	Number of Fellows
PFHEA	1
SFHEA	27
FHEA	48
AFHEA	25
Total number of Fellows (per staff regardless the number of achieved recognition)	101
Total number of Recognitions (some academics have more than one recognition)	124
Total number of Recognitions including the individuals who achieved their recognitions through ASU, but are no longer part of ASU staff.	153



Written By:

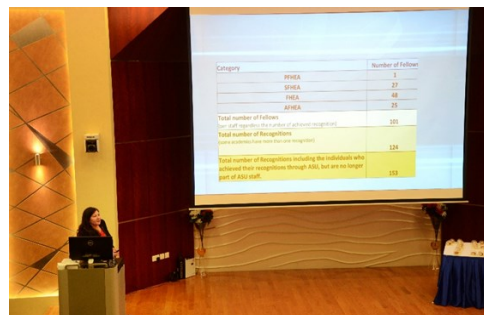
Ms. Maheera Faisal

Coordinator

VP Office for Academic Affairs and Development

ASUrise Advance HE Centre celebrated this magnificent achievement by announcing the launch of its web page on the 20th July 2022, where all staff were present at Abdulla Nass Auditorium.

The web page includes a brief description about Advance HE scheme and photos of the awardees who have successfully completed the Advance-HE Fellowship across the University marking its commitment to enhancing the student experience and delivering exceptional teaching and learning.



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ASUrise: Congratulations to Cohort 8 Advance-HE Fellows

The ASUrise team is delighted to announce that 6 of our colleagues have successfully completed the Advance-HE Fellowship across the University to mark its commitment to enhancing the student experience and delivering exceptional teaching and learning through our own ASUrise Accredited scheme- Cohort 8 of the academic year 2021-2022.

This great achievement would not have been possible without the great and continuous support from Professor Waheeb Al-Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Professor Ghassan Aouad, President of the University.

Our beloved University always raises the bar with great achievements, and we are all proud to be part of ASU, Many Congratulations to our new members of the Advance- HE Fellowship, including:



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Coordinator
VP Office for Academic Affairs
and Development

No.	Name	Category
1	Dr. Osama Ali Zain El Abdin	FHEA
2	Dr. Nader Sonpol	FHEA
3	Dr. Hamad Abdulla Alkaabi	FHEA
4	Mr. Yusuf Yaqoob Yusuf Hasan Abdulla Buzaboon	AFHEA
5	Ms. Fatima Jasim Janahi	AFHEA
6	Ms. Rawan Hassan Bucheery	AFHEA

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Are you ready for summer vacation?

After two years of uncertainties, fear, confusion, isolation, and staying home due to the COVID-19 restrictions, many of us are more than ready to dive into the summer vacation. Summer vacations are the most awaited time of the year for every worker and student in their life. Moreover, it is a chance to take a break from their daily routine, enjoy their present time with their family and friends.



Written By:
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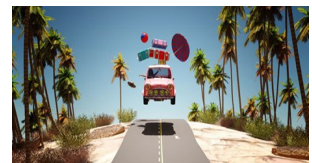


Are you ready for summer vacation?

Be prepared and take a break from your responsibilities and give yourselves a chance to recover from the pandemic? How willing are we to take time off and take care of our health and wellbeing? Whatever our work circumstances are, we must create the time off we need and deserve. Not taking time off is a decision that comes with consequences – poor health, less motivation, relationship troubles, lower productivity, and mediocre performance in personal and professional lives.

Below are some ideas on how to get a break from our daily responsibilities and have the best summer ever.

- 1. Get out of the office and Connecting with nature /** It's important to rejuvenate by exploring and enjoying new experiences. Nature is healing and rejuvenating, it doesn't need a lot of planning, and it can be very affordable. Go to a beach, a mountain, or visiting a local park.
- 2. Disconnect from devices /** In recent years, electronic devices have dominated our lives. Once you put your devices away, you can discover what you are missing in your lives. So, turn off the laptop, silence the phone, and set up an auto-email reply "gone to the beach"? "Please be informed that I am currently out of the office for the upcoming holiday."
- 3. Bonding with people /** The pandemic has taught us that there is no substitute for a genuine human connection. You will feel lighter, happier and healthier when making meaningful connections with others; a new friendship or a closer relationship. It is easier to connect and bond with people in summer as you have more time and are not under the stress of work and deadlines.
- 4. Getting physical and Find a hobby /** A great way to maximize your vacation time during the summer is to make sure you're spending that time on activities that energize you and reinvigorate your creativity. Warm weather and long summer days provide many opportunities to exercise outdoors.
- 5. Changing the venue and fly /** Spending some time away from home and workspace can provide a fresh look at our circumstances and give us a new perspective on life. Exotic and exciting places are always fun to visit.



We all have our favorite ways to spend a vacation. **WHO** Verified We're still living with **#COVID19**, even if cases seem low. Help less people get sick by taking six simple steps:

"By far, the most protection will come from being fully vaccinated and boosted before you embark on your rip."

Enjoy as much as your heart wants so that you can give us a good raise after coming back. I wish you the best summer ever !

Happy holiday



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Mini English Lesson – Plural Nouns

1 Most nouns take -s when we form the plural:

Singular	Plural
Book	Books
Pen	Pens

2 Add -es if the noun ends in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -es

Singular	Plural
Bus	Buses
Class	Classes
Wish	Wishes
Match	Matches

3 If the noun ends in a consonant + -y, the -y changes to -ies

Singular	Plural
University	Universities
Country	Countries

If the noun ends in a vowel + -y, the -y doesn't change

Singular	Plural
Key	Keys
Day	Days

4 Some nouns are irregular. They change their form in plural.

Singular	Plural
Child	Children
Man	Men



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Quote of the Week

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

- *Andrew Carnegie*

من روائع الشعر العربي

دع الأيام تفعل ما تشاء
وطب نفساً إذا حكم القضاء
ولا تجزع لحادثه الليالي
فما لحوادث الدنيا بقاء
وكن رجلاً على الأهوال جلداً
وشيمتك السماحة والوفاء

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