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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 30th issue of the President's News Digest. Last week, we held a very successful graduation ceremony. I would like to thank all staff for showing the University at its best. Graduation can be seen as the fruit of our tireless efforts to see our graduates shining on stage. The ceremony was brilliant, and organized with precision. I know that all of you worked so hard, especially Dr Faiza Zitouni in coordinating the graduation ceremony. We produced some good publications like the University life magazine, ten years on the road to excellence book dedicated to Professor Waheeb Alkhaja which we kept, as you know, as a secret from him and as a surprise, and the video. The 10 year Book is an excellent publication. Please read it and you will enjoy it as you discover more about Professor Waheeb Alkhaja's vision.



The support we got for the graduation ceremony from Mr Sameer Nass, Professor Waheeb Alkhaja, HE Mr Ali bin Mohammed Al-Rumaihi, Dr Riyad Hamzah and Dr Mona Albalooshi amongst many others was great. Let's keep ASU a shining star and work hard to make the transformation we are aiming for. Once again I am grateful for all your support and cooperation. The graduation committee including Students Affairs, PR, Admissions, HR, Procurement, IT, security, President's office, colleagues, volunteers, and students have worked so hard and should be acknowledged.

On 22 May 2016, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the President visited Dr Mona Albalooshi, Acting Secretary General of the Higher Education Council to discuss various opportunities that can help our university. On the afternoon of the same day, the President in the presence of Ms. Edyta Przybyla, received Mr Terry Kehoe from the Bahrain International Investment Park, to discuss opportunities for our students through companies based in this Park.

Between 24 and 27 May 2016, the President attended the third Arab and European Conference in Higher Education in Barcelona. The presence of our university in such conferences will put us on the international map and help us set up some strong collaboration with European and international universities.

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What's New?





## ASU CELEBRATED ITS 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY



The University held its graduation ceremony on 23 May 2016 for its ninth cohort of students under the patronage of the Chairman of the Board of Directors His Excellency Sameer Abdullah Nass, in the presence of, the University Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Alkhaja, and the University President, Professor Ghassan Aouad, and staff, as well as a number of public figures and parents of graduates. More than 320 graduates received their degrees from the Patron of the ceremony. HE the Minister of Information Affairs, Mr Ali Al-Rumaihi, was the guest of honor at the celebration.



His Excellency Mr. Nass delivered the opening speech where he expressed his delight for the graduation of the ninth cohort of the University's students who have completed their studies and worked very hard to graduate with excellence. He encouraged students to pursue their hard work in order to serve their country.



For his part, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the founding President of the University Professor Waheeb Ahmed Alkhaja stated that graduation from Applied Science University is a precious gift that we cherish so dearly. Our happiness today comes from our sense of satisfaction and peace of mind.



Professor Ghassan Aouad, President of the University delivered a speech where he acknowledged that Graduation is a special occasion for our graduates, and their families and friends. He added "when ASU was established more than ten years ago, we were convinced of our role in contributing to the prosperity of our beloved Bahrain, and today we provide the evidence in playing a leading role in the education of its human capital".



ASU's success over the years is the result of the great efforts of our staff, students, and our alumni – and also to the strong support of the community here in Bahrain and at regional and international levels. The Ministry of Education and the Higher Education Council are major contributors to this success.





## THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL WEEK FOR COACHING 16-22 MAY 2016

Prof Saad Darwish on behalf of the Community Engagement Office, arranged to host the closing session of “The Activities of the International Week for Coaching”. This was done in collaboration with the Bahrain Society for Training & Development. Professional speakers Ms. Asma Askar, Dr Salman Al Fardan, Dr Hib Aghareeb, Mr. Abdullah Almuzain, Eng. Isaac Al Koohachi and Mrs Hind Mahmood gave excellent presentations on the development of coaching in Bahrain.



The event was under the Patronage of Dr Ebrahim Al Dossary the Honorary, President for Bahrain Society for Training & Development. Dr Al Dossary praised ASU and presented the Society Trophy as a sign of gratitude to ASU’s continuous support to the society which was received by Prof Saad Darwish on behalf of the president. Dr Hooriya AlDeeb, the Community Engagement Office Director attended the event.

This concept of coaching gained grounds since 1995 where it is defined as partnering with clients in a thought-provoking and creative process that inspires them to maximize their personal and professional potential. This includes a variety of coaching areas, including Executive Coaching, Life Coaching, Leadership Coaching, Relationship Coaching, Career Coaching and other skilled coaching fields.

Reported research showed that most clients reported improved work performance, better business management, more efficient time management, increased team effectiveness, and more growth and opportunities through coaching. The same study found that coaching clients noted greater self-confidence, enhanced relationships, more effective communications skills, better work-and-life balance and an improvement in wellness. Nearly 70 percent of *individuals* indicated they had at least made back their initial investment. The median suggests that a client who achieved financial benefit from coaching can typically expect a ROI of more than three times the amount spent.

<https://coachfederation.org/files/FileDownloads/2013OrgCoachingStudy.pdf>

## ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS: BOOK LAUNCH CEREMONY

Mr. Salah Al bin Jassim and Mr. Nezar Marouf, the advisory board members of Applied Science University published their new book “ثغرات في الجدار”. Dr. Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami was present in the book launch ceremony on behalf of the Community Engagement Office at ASU. We congratulate our colleagues for their wonderful work. This book is a distinguished contribution to the field of information security.

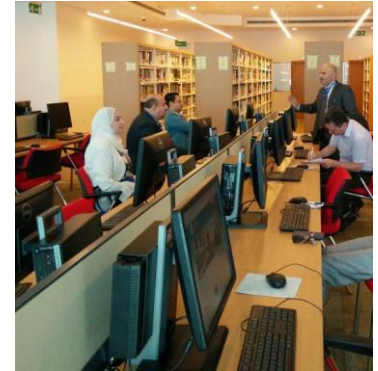
The aim of the book is to create awareness about information security to the different levels of the community. The authors thanked ASU for attending and supporting the community in the different disciplines.





## TURNITIN & PLAGIARISM WORKSHOP

The Academic Staff Development Unit in cooperation with the University Library organized a workshop titled “Turnitin & Plagiarism” which was held on 25 and 26 May 2016. The workshop was delivered by Dr Ammar Jalamneh, Director of ASU Library which aimed to train the Faculty members on how to effectively use Turnitin.



## ROYAL CHARITY ORGANIZATION VISITED ASU



A delegation from the Royal Charity Organization, headed by the Director of Customer Services Manager Mr Bader Ali Qambar visited the President of Applied Science University, Professor Ghassan Aouad to explore opportunities for collaboration. The meeting

was attended by Dr Faiza Zitouni, Abdullah Alkhaja, Mohammed Najjar from ASU, Sawsan Youssef Ahmed and Yacoub Amin from Royal Charity.

During the meeting Prof Aouad praised the outstanding efforts of the Royal Charity Organization in society and expressed the keenness of the university to support the orphans to ensure the provision of appropriate educational environment for the development.

## “THE BEST FINANCIAL RESEARCH FOR THE ISLAMIC BANKING 2016”

On 16 May 2016, Dr. Bashar Jabril Matarna and Dr. Bishr Mohamed Mowafaq, from the Finance Department at the Administrative Sciences College, participated in a joint research in a competition titled “The Best Financial Research for the Islamic Banking 2016” and won the third place.

The competition was held at Sharqa University under the patronage of Shaikh Sultan Qasemi, the ruler of Sharqa, Dr. Ibrahim Mansoori, the Director of Sharqa Islamic Centre as well as an audience specialized in this field from UAE, Morocco, Bahrain and other countries.





## BAHRAIN TRUST

On Thursday, 26 May 2016, the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organized a presentation delivered by Bahrain Trust foundation team for ASU students.

Bahrain Trust Foundation (BFT) is a non-for-profit organization. Its aim is to help people that are deprived from their basic needs, like clean water, electricity, health care, schools, etc....



The presentation was about BFT next charity project that will be in Egypt during October month 2016. Many ASU students want to participate by bringing new ideas to this volunteering project and helping others. A project plan will be developed by the Deanship in order to help our students succeed in such a worthy adventure.

## REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Keep your course portfolio up to date

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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*“The measure of intelligence is the ability to change”*

***Albert Einstein***



*Enjoy Reading*

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