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#### **Al Ain University Earns AACSB International Accreditation**





The College of Business at Al Ain University has earned the AACSB international accreditation. AACSB is obtained by distinguished business schools around the world, which indicates that Al Ain University has been able to achieve standards of excellence in education and quality in the programs of the College of Business.

The AACSB founded in 1916, is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools, and the largest business education network connecting learners, educators, and businesses worldwide. Obtaining the AACSB international accreditation is an assurance towards quality of education in any educational institution that offers degrees.



### Al Ain University achieves advanced positions in the "Webometrics" Ranking of World Universities



In the recent "Webometrics" ranking of World Universities, published in Feb-2022, Al Ain University (AAU) has again improved its rank by getting the 11th in the United Arab Emirates, and 128th among the Arab Region.

Dr. Noor El Deen Atatreh (AAU Chancellor), said that AAU has been remarkably performing better in the university ranking platforms and this time from the "2022, Webometrics Ranking of World Universities". He also mentioned that this result gives immense pleasure and reminds the responsibility AAU has towards society in terms of quality education.

Prof. Ghaleb El Refae (AAU President), expressed his pride in this excellent achievement. He stated that every achievement of AAU is a combined effort of all AAU stakeholders. He also expressed his gratitude to the "Webometrics Ranking of World Universities"



## Pharmacy students at Al Ain University achieve first places in "DUPHAT 2022"





The College of Pharmacy students at Al Ain University, won 5 prizes at DUPHAT 2022, judging by a panel of prominent international judges in the field of pharmacy.

The first best 'Poster Presentation' award was obtained by Hala El Khat-

ib, Dana AlHamdan, and Marina Al Nassrallah (Al Ain campus), under the supervision of Dr. Mohamed Majed. While the second-best 'Informative Poster' award went to Sedra Kremesh, Lama Abu Amer, and Yusra Al Sheikh (Abu Dhabi campus).





## Honoring distinguished students in the presence of the AAU President



In the presence of Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, the Deanship of Student Affairs celebrated the honoring of distinguished students for the first semester of the academic year 2021-2022.



The celebration included 34 students from different colleges and was organized at Al Ain campus in the presence of Prof. Ibtehal Aburezeq-Vice President of Development and Follow Up and the Dean of Student Affairs, and Deans.



### Various activities on the Fifth Annual Environmental Day at AAU





The College of Business at Al Ain University organized the Fifth Annual Environmental Day (Virtual) under the theme Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Insights from SDG7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) under the supervision of Dr. Mosab I. Tabash, Dr. Shorouq Eletter, Dr. Tahira Yasmin, and in the presence of Prof. Ghaleb El Refae,

AAU President, academic and administrative staffs, and students. The main objective of this day is to raise awareness about United Nations Sustainable Development goals, particularly SDG7 (Affordable and Clean Energy). The day was enriched by different views from the governmental sector, academia, industry, and research.



### An invitation to the AAU students to participate in UAE Engineering Challenge



Prof. Ghaleb El Refae- AAU President, recently received in his office Mr. Awni Battikhi – Regional Sales Manager for the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) and Ms. Gillian Brailsford- Senior Customer Consultant Elsevier Engineering Solutions (Elsevier) with the presence of Dr. Abdoulaye Kaba – Library Director, as part of cooperation

and collaboration between the parties.

The visitors briefed the President about the first "UAE Engineering Challenge" and invited AAU students to participate in this important event. The President appreciated this invitation and expressed support for the participation of AAU students in the event.



### A blood donation campaign to promote social solidarity





The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain and Abu Dhabi campuses) launched a blood donation campaign in cooperation with the Blood Bank - SEHA, as part of its continuous activities to serve the community.

 $\hbox{Dr. Noor El Deen Atatreh, the AAU Chancellor, stressed the university's}$ 

keenness to organize blood donation campaigns periodically, to enhance its social responsibility, spread its values aimed at communication along with social solidarity, to encourage volunteer and charitable work.



# Launching the Innovation Center at Al Ain University in the presence of a delegation from the Department of Economic Development



On the Occasion of Innovation Month, Al Ain University (AAU) launched the Open Ceremony for Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Small Business Development Center, which was held by Prof. Amer Qasim, Vice President of AAU, and Mrs. Mouza Al Nasri, Executive Director SMEs

Sector, Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (ADDED). Mrs. Mouza Al Nasri introduced Several New Projects of 'ADDED' for Entrepreneurship, Small Business Development, and Start Ups' Support, which welcomes recommendations and collaboration from AAU.





#### **Awareness lecture on Electronic Extortion**





In the presence of the AAU Vice President, Prof. Amer Qasem and a number of faculty members, the Deanship of Student Affairs, in cooperation with the Social Support Centers (Abu Dhabi Police) organized a lecture entitled "How to Deal with Electronic Extortion"

presented by Major Abdul Aziz Al Balushi - Director of the Victims Support Branch. A number of university students from various disciplines participated in the event, especially students of the College of Law and students of the applied sociology program.



# The College of Pharmacy enhances the student's experiences in the pharmaceutical field



The College of Pharmacy organized a lecture entitled; The future prospects of the pharmacy graduate: the experiences from a leader pharmacist, presented by Dr. Saeed Hussein from Zayed Military Hospital, and moderated by Dr. Asim Ahmed- Assistant Professor-



College of Pharmacy. The workshop dealt with a number of themes, including The skills that a pharmacist must possess to engage in the labor market with full merit, including accuracy, integrity, and interpersonal skills.



# AAU Virtual Career development and Training Fair attracts graduates and job seekers



After the hugely successful initial fair, Al Ain University organized the second virtual Career Development and Training Fair with the participation of 15 governmental and private institutions in the UAE, providing an opportunity for students, graduates and job seekers to communicate with experts in job companies to enhance their skills and get benefit from their experiences in the labor market.

Each institution made a separate virtual presentation through which the participants could communicate with the most important experts in various fields such as; engineering, pharmacy, law, education, business, communication and media.

The exhibition aims at providing training opportunities for prospective graduates and job opportunities for job seeking graduates, in addition to, providing professional development workshops to enhance the skills of individuals in line with the current labor market requirements.



### Enhancing cooperation between Al Ain University and University of Nebraska



The Faculty members from the College of Pharmacy represented Al Ain University in a meeting between representatives of the University of Nebraska and higher education institutions in Abu Dhabi, under the supervision and support of ADEK.

Prof. Suhad Abumweis and Prof. Mahmoud Abu Ghoush from the

Nutrition and Dietetics program, and Dr. Rose Ghemrawi- Director of Al Ain University Health and Biomedical Research Center, attended the meeting and discussed future collaboration with Dr. Tala Awada, Dr. Galen Erickson, and Dr. Joe Luck from the University of Nebraska.



#### Al Ain University participates in "Umex and Simtex" 2022



Al Ain University participated in the exhibitions (Umex and Simtex)2022, which are held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center (ADNEC), Under the patronage of HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE



Armed Forces.

The booth presented students' projects in the field of technology, smart systems, and modern technology, in addition to a special section that presents the programs and services of the university.





#### A series of seminars on "Takamul" services to promote innovation



On the occasion of Innovation Month, The Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Small Business Development Center, in collaboration with the College of Engineering & the College of Business organized seminar series entitled; Takamul Services & Intellectual Property Rights, presented by Mrs. Rawya Al Jneibi and Mr. Charles Shaban, from

Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development.

This series aims to introduce the National Innovation Support Program, which works to provide support to inventors and consolidate a culture of innovation in the country.



## Workshop on How to Avoid Issues and Reduce Similarity Percentage on Turnitin

In coordination with the College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Khalifa Library at Al Ain University (AAU) organized a workshop on "How to Avoid Issues and Reduce Similarity Percentages on Turnitin?". The workshop was conducted by Dr. Sura Qiqieh — Assistant Professor, Al Ain University and moderated by Dr. Abdoulaye Kaba-Library Director. Dr. Sura discussed with examples and live demonstrations the importance of using Turnitin, how does Turnitin work for students? And how to read and interpret Turnitin reports? She also discussed in details important steps.







## Enhance the nutrition student's skills with a visit to Gulfood

The Faculty members and students from the College of Pharmacy, Nutrition, and Dietetics program from both AAU campuses attended and participated in the Gulfood meeting, which was held in Dubai.

The Gulfood meeting introduced the AAU students to different food production sectors in the UAE. Where one of the most important aims of the Nutrition and Dietetics program is to engage the students with different activities related to Nutrition and Food Science and to represent Al Ain University at these activities.



## Health activities on the occasion of World Cancer Day

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus) organized a health event on the occasion of World Cancer Day, in cooperation with Mediclinic Hospital (Al Ain Branch). The event included an awareness lecture on cancer, presented by Dr. Adel Sadiq from the College of Pharmacy, who talked about cancer, its causes, the factors that contribute to the disease and the types of cancer, stressing the importance of early detection of the disease, its stages of diagnosis, various treatment methods and ways to prevent it.

It is noteworthy that the event also included a variety of blood pressure and diabetes tests provided by Mediclinic Hospital.





## AAU Library strengthens partnership with OCLC and Edutech

Khalifa Library of Al Ain University, Al Ain Campus, recently received Mr. Eric Van Lubeek - Vice president of Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), Mr. Christian Negrel, Director-library solutions-EMEA (OCLC), and Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Head of Information and Learning Solutions, Edutech. The visitors received a warm welcome from Dr. Abdoulaye Kaba - Library Director, Ms. Sameera Mohammed, Deputy Library Director, and other library staff followed by a brief update about AAU library.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed essential issues of partnership on the provision of information resources and services. In this regards, the visitors briefed AAU librarians of different products that should help AAU library to enhance library resources and services.







## Workshop on Managing Risks in cooperation with Zayed Volunteers Team

The Deanship of Student Affairs in cooperation with the Zayed Search and Rescue Volunteers Team organized an introductory workshop on Managing Security Risks in Emergency, presented by Mr. Suhaib Suwaid-Adviser to Zayed Search and Rescue Volunteers Team.

The workshop identified the concept of emergency, crisis, and disaster, how to prepare for emergencies and crises and how to deal with them. The trainer also gave a detailed explanation of the most important risks that can be exposed during crises and disasters and how to deal with them wisely and cautiously.



## A cultural lecture on radio, its establishment and development

In the presence of the AAU Vice President, Prof. Amer Qasem, and a number of Deputy Deans, the Deanship of Student Affairs, in cooperation with the College of Communication and Media, organized a cultural lecture entitled "Radio: The Long Life of Short Waves" presented by Dr. Muhammad Chetah - Director of the Communication and Media Program, in conjunction with the World Radio Day.

The lecture dealt with the establishment and development of the radio, which has been one of the most attractive means in presenting news and in the fields of culture, and entertainment.





### Enhancing the media student's skills to create useful media content

The Deanship of Student Affairs (Al Ain Campus) organized a workshop entitled "Towards Creating Good Media Content", presented by Mr. Ahmed Al Sheryani - a marketing consultant and a social media blogger. The workshop dealt with the most important skills needed for a content creator, including: refraining from questioning the efforts of others, searching for an idea that serves society, not searching for early fame, being patient and not despairing.

In turn, the Vice President for Development and Follow-up Affairs and the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Ibtehal Aburezeq, invited the university students and the local community to get benefited from the workshop, considering the importance of the social media in each home.







## A workshop to enhance students' experiences in field training

The Deanship of Student Affairs organized a workshop entitled; "Your Way to A Successful Training", presented by Dr. Adel Sadiq, Field Training Officer at the College of Pharmacy. Who talked about the successful training strategies, the qualities of the distinguished trainee, and the ways to prove oneself and gain as much experience as possible during the training period.

Dr. Adel indicated that Al Ain University is keen to empower students with these skills, thus providing the local community and the labor market with highly qualified employees ready for the labor market.



## The College of Business Promotes Research Collaboration

The College of Business (COB) at Al Ain University organized an international research webinar entitled "Collaborating for Research: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly". The seminar was presented by Prof. Peter Stokes, from De Montfort University, UK. While Dr. Mosab Tabash took initiative to organize it, and was attended by academic staff, administrative staff, MBA students, and other researchers.

The main objective of the seminar was to help faculty members and researchers to achieve synergy in publishing more quantity with quality articles. The speaker presented and addressed some interesting key points regarding collaboration in the early/mid/late career of the faculty member. Additionally, an interactive session was taken place between Prof. Stokes and faculty members.





## A Seminar to enhance students' skills in the field of Geotechnical Engineering

The College of Engineering —Civil Engineering Program- organized a seminar on Foundation Engineering Solutions at Al Ain University Abu Dhabi Campus, and virtually at Al Ain campus.

Speakers Mr. Georgios Chrysovitsiotis and Ms. Ghina Ali Faour from NSCC International introduced Geotechnical engineering and presented realistic models of projects that have been completed within the country.

The seminar witnessed an interactive discussion from the students who enriched the session with their questions in the field of the labor market.







## Al Ain University organizes a visit for its employees to explore Expo Dubai 2020

The Human Resources Unit, in cooperation with the Public Relations Office, organized a visit to "Expo Dubai 2020" for the administrative staff and workers at the university in both campuses (Al Ain and Abu Dhabi), with the aim of learning about the countries traditions, exploring their cultures and breaking the work routine.

The tour included a visit to the Sustainability Zone, as well as a visit to the pavilions of the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and a number of other pavilions.





#### A virtual trip to the Louvre Abu Dhabi

The Deanship of Student Affairs (Abu Dhabi Campus), in cooperation with the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum Administration, organized a virtual promotional session for a group of students of the College of Communication and Media to get to know the museum and its art collection, presented by Ms. Aisha Al Dhaheri - Museum Education Officer. The session, dealt with an introduction to the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum and an introduction to the education and educational resources in the museum, in addition to the educational programs in the fifth season. She also gave a detailed explanation of the research center at the Louvre Abu Dhabi.



