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AAU LAUNCHES NEW SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

JANUARY

Al Ain University of Science and Technology has launched a package of new services that aim to provide premium services for students through the Admission and Registration Unit and the Department of Finance. This came as a translation of the aspirations of the university administration to provide better services for students. The Admission and Registration Unit has started using the "Q-system" to regulate the registration and paying fees processes. In addition, a staff assessment was put in place for students to evaluate the employees and the degree of acceptance of the provided services to assist the administration in knowing the degree of student satisfaction to improve the level of services.



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AAU CONCLUDES FIRST CULTURAL EXCELLENCE

MARCH

In a competitiveness-charged atmosphere, the AAU First Inter-School Cultural Excellence Competition concluded at Al Ain University of Science and Technology for the academic year 2012 – 2013 in which schools in the eastern region of Abu Dhabi participated. The competition, the first of its kind in UAE universities, was organized to support distinguished high school students in the academic field. The competition took place at AAU - Al Ain Campus in Yas Auditorium and lasted for ten days. Eighteen schools took part in the competition as they were divided into groups where one team from each group qualifies to the quarter finals, then the semi-finals, and the finals. Accordingly, the top three teams were named. Al Khalil Private Secondary School came first winning twenty thousand dirhams.



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LEARNING OUTCOMES' QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOP AT AAU

FEBRUARY

The Quality Assurance and Institutional Research Center at Al Ain University of Science and Technology organized a workshop on quality assurance at AAU campuses in Al Ain and Abu Dhabi. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Rafiq Hijazi, Director of QAIRC, and Dr. Zafar Husain, Deputy Director of QAIRC. This workshop is a translation of the quality standards as set by the Academic Accreditation Commission at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the UAE.

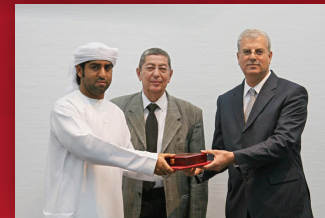


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AAU HONORS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

APRIL

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University of Science and Technology held a ceremony at Al Ain and Abu Dhabi Campuses to honor the academically distinguished students across colleges. The ceremony aimed at encouraging students to exert effort to enhance their knowledge and academic skills as well as to maintain their academic distinction. Professor Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, expressed his appreciation of the 70 outstanding students. In his address to the students, Prof. El Refae mentioned that excellence requires intensive effort and diligence when it is academic distinction that the person seeks. Students striving for excellence need to know how to employ the sources of information and stay up to date with the latest advancements in knowledge.



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AAU HOSTS SAUDI PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY

▼ MAY

As part of the scientific cooperation between the College of Pharmacy at Al Ain University of Science and Technology and the Saudi Pharmaceutical Society (SPS), AAU and SPS organized a symposium for the students of the college of pharmacy. The symposium tackled issues pertaining to the academic methodology in pharmacy and the future of the career as well as development opportunities for future generations of pharmacists. On his part, Dr. Noor Aldeen Atareh, AAU Chancellor, reiterated that the symposium has contributed to connect students with modern pharmaceuticals and the available career paths to follow upon their graduation. Atareh added that AAU will be hosting more meetings for all colleges which are based on academic partnerships with various organizations in order to enhance the AAU learning outcomes.



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AAU COLLEGE OF PHARMACY RECEIVES FINAL ACCREDITATION

▼ JULY

In culmination of Al Ain University of Science and Technology's continued effort in development, quality assurance, and improvement of the research and learning processes directed towards community service, the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR) granted the AAU College of Pharmacy the final accreditation for the BSc in Pharmacy program. On this occasion, Dr. Noor Aldeen Atareh, AAU Chancellor, extended his appreciation to the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) and the faculty members at the College of Pharmacy for the great effort exerted to obtain this achievement.



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HAMDAN BIN MUBARAK PATRONS AAU 4TH COHORT GRADUATION: REITERATES UAE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

▼ JUNE

His Excellency Shaikh Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, presided over the graduation ceremony of the 4th cohort of Al Ain University of Science and Technology's students held at Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi. His Excellency Humaid Al Qutami, the Minister of Education and His Excellency Dr. Mughair Khamees Al Khaili, the Director General of Abu Dhabi Education Council also attended the ceremony in addition to sheikhs, dignitaries, representatives of public and private institutions, members of the Board of Trustees, and the graduates' families.



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A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR: AAU LAUNCHES NEW LABS AND FACILITIES

▼ AUGUST

A year ago, Al Ain University of Science and Technology moved from its old campus in Al Towayya to the new campus in Al Jimi, Al Ain, and with the move a new era of academic achievements began. Today, AAU carries on the process it commenced since its establishment in 2004. In this regard, Dr. Noor Aldeen Atareh, AAU Chancellor, pointed out that the new buildings and labs are a translation of the directions of the UAE leadership with regard to providing the best support possible for educational institutions in the country on all levels. It is also the result of the intensive follow up by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, namely Shekih Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, to provide the necessary support for the students and the educational process.



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**AAU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING STUDENT
AMONG TOP 10 CONTESTANTS AT GITEX 2013**

SEPTEMBER

The GITEX Technology week, one of the most important technology exhibitions in the world, will kick off in October at Dubai World Trade Center. This year, GITEX will launch the "Student Lab Competition" to recognize and encourage the ICT students to innovate and experiment. The organizers have received numerous entries from universities in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia as well as the UAE. The best 18 applications were selected, and the 18 teams competed in the second round of the competition where all the 18 projects were evaluated by a jury who selected the top 10 projects. The student "Karam Alnafous" from the AAU College of Engineering and Information Technology has been selected among the top 10 at GITEX Technology Week 2013 - Student Lab Competition for his project entitled: "Connection between PC and Smart Phone with Map Technology".



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**NAHYAN BIN MUBARAK VISITS AAU
PAVILION AT NAJAH 2013**

NOVEMBER

His Excellency Shaikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, the Minister of Culture, Youth, and Community Development, visited the AAU's pavilion at NAJAH for Education and Careers Exhibition 2013 during the opening of the exhibition which took place at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre. Dr. Noor Aldeen Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, received H.E. Shaikh Nahyan and gave him a brief on AAU, its programs and specializations. This year's participation is AAU's fifth in a row in realization of the importance of the exhibition that gathers some of the biggest educational institutions. Dr. Noor Aldeen Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, mentioned that "H.E. Shaikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, the Minister of Culture, Youth, and Community Development, visiting the AAU pavilion is a reflection of the care he gives and the development the sector of higher education is witnessing.



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HEALTHCARE OPEN DAY AT AAU

OCTOBER

Under the title "Healthy Body: Healthy Mind", the Deanship of Student Affairs, in collaboration with Al Ain Cromwell Hospital, Al Ain Pharmacy Group, and the Foot Care Center, organized a health event at AAU campus in Al Ain. During the event, the participating centers offered medical consultation and free medical screening for the diagnosis of eye diseases, LASIK evaluation, BMI, muscle mass, osteoporosis, and nicotine level tests as well as providing advice to students, faculty, and staff. Moreover, awareness brochures were distributed, and the specialists ensured all questions and inquiries concerning all health issues were addressed thoroughly.



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**AAU MARKS THE 42ND UAE NATIONAL
DAY**

DECEMBER

The AAU three-day celebrations marking the 42nd UAE National Day were launched at AAU's both campuses in Al Ain and Abu Dhabi. The celebrations include heritage-based performances, poetry recitals and interactive activities. The AAU Chancellor, Dr. Noor Aldeen Atatreh, accompanied by Professor Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, and Professor Abdelhafid Belarbi, AAU Vice President, in addition to an audience of special guests and students attended the kick off ceremonial event. The event began with the UAE National anthem and a recital from the Holy Quran. The event also included activities such as poetry recitals, traditional dances, and heritage exhibits in commemoration of the occasion. On this occasion, Dr. Noor Aldeen Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, mentioned that celebrating the UAE 42nd National Day carries deep and lasting connotations.



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