

**WELCOME NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Prof. Mazin Jumaah, RUW President**



Prof. Mazin Jumaah  
RUW President

Dear Colleagues,  
Greetings! It is my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all new and returning colleagues to Royal University for Women (RUW) for the Academic Year 2015 -16- a beginning filled with promise. This academic year RUW is celebrating ten years of operation since its establishment in 2005. These ten years are a testimony to RUW's 'Journey of Excellence'. My heartiest congratulations on reaching this important milestone. I attribute this success to our dedication to excellence, as well as our focus on education as a journey of self-discovery and personal fulfillment. As RUW enters its next decade, I want to encourage you to utilize your time here and take full advantage of the existing available extensive array of possibilities. This is your opportunity to strive for excellence in the field of education to make your mark in the world. Due to the efforts made by each individual to ensure smooth and effective implementation of strategies and the commitment to collaboration, creativity and innovation, AY 2014 -15 was a year filled with noteworthy achievements. I am certain 2015 will also continue this trend. Some of the noteworthy awards and achievements are as follows:

- Shaikha Sabeeka Bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa for Bahraini Women Empowerment
- College of Business and Financial Sciences received confidence rating

The following programmes listed below successfully satisfied all review requirements and have each been awarded a 'Confidence' rating:

- Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
- Bachelor of Business in Human Resources
- Bachelor of Business in International Business
- RUW Achieved 6 Medals in Bahrain National Skills Competition
- RUW listed on National Qualifications Framework

I am confident that our journey will become more dynamic in the years to come. This AY 2015 -16 presents a great challenge as RUW has been selected as only private university to participate in the National Accreditation pilot project of the HEC. This is a great honour for RUW, however one that will require the dedication and commitment to produce the high quality of Teaching & Learning and adequate documentation to receive National Accreditation leading to International Accreditation in the future. This academic year RUW also activated the Marketing specialization of the College of Business and Financial Sciences, providing more options to the students to choose the majors. For consistent growth it is recommended that all faculty and staff participate and generate new ideas for innovations and ongoing development. I also encourage the faculties to engage in more productively in Research, Community Engagement, Continuing Education and Professional Development work in accordance with University policies. Our students are the essence of the campus and we value their opinion. We always strive to provide the best of our services to them. In view of this, we have made renovations in some areas of the campus and classrooms for our students and also many changes have been incorporated in response to student suggestions received through various mediums. Student Council members are requested to participate more in the campus activities and also to act as an ambassadors of RUW to promote the University. In our aspiration to connect with students, various modes of communication are used to inform students actions taken by the University in response to their feedback and other ongoing initiatives in the University. These include, the question and answer sessions, announcements on the CCTV camera or live telecast of RUW Graduation ceremony on the RUW website I encourage you to visit our website to become better acquainted with developments in Registration, Quality Assurance, our achievements and plans, our growing infrastructure and facilities, and, above all, our unyielding commitment to realizing our mission and vision. We live in an era when knowledge is growing and expectations and demands of higher education are intensifying. I see many unprecedented opportunities in these developments—opportunities for teaching, for research, and for global connections and outreach. I hope you will take a moment to reflect on the astounding array of resources that are available to support you in your endeavor. Use these resources fully and wisely to excel in your chosen areas of expertise. I look forward to working together as a team to accomplish common goals. You have my best wishes for a fulfilling and productive academic year 2015-16.

Sincerely  
Prof. Mazin Juma'ah, PhD

## FACULTY OF THE MONTH

### Dr. Maria Casoria, Assistant Professor, Commercial Law, College of Law



Dr. Maria is a new member of the RUW family, as she joined the College of Law last September. This is her first working experience in a Middle East. She has a Bachelor of Law and International Organizations, Masters of Law and Ph.D. in Markets Law. Her academic background is rooted in Comparative Law, and she also specialised in Competition Law. She currently teaches courses related to Commercial and Civil Law at the College of Law.

For several years she served at the University of Siena, in Italy, as tutor for undergraduates and lecturer in Comparative Private and Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Rights, and Economic Analysis of Law. Meanwhile she spent a period as Global Stiefel Fellow in Antitrust Law at New York Law School, Institute for Information Law & Policy. Dr. Maria is fully aware that the theoretical and practical approaches are fundamental for a full preparation in the legal field, after her graduation she received the qualification of Barrister at Law, and Mediator in Civil and Commercial Disputes. Before moving to Bahrain, she worked in Rome at the Italian Competition Authority, Legal Affairs and Litigation Department.

Her unique professional ambition has always been becoming a professor, because she strongly believes that the University is not just a place where acquiring expertise in a specific sector, but a training ground in preparing for the challenges of adulthood. Indeed, her motto for the students is "you are at the University to learn how to learn". Like all Italian women, Dr. Maria likes cooking especially for her little nephew and her friends. She loves travelling and getting in touch with new people and get to know new cultures, walking along the seaside, and reading old Latin and Greek books. Her childhood dream is to live in a cottage by the Hudson River in New York City, listen to Frank Sinatra and the peaceful sound of the waves.

#### RUW VISION

"The Royal University for Women will become the regional leader in academic excellence for women. Programmes and practices that meet international standards will prepare our graduates to become leaders who are engaged members of their society demonstrating initiative & life-long habits of learning and individual development. The RUW graduate will be creative, confident and forward thinking."

#### RUW MISSION

To offer our students a rewarding and challenging multi-cultural learning environment that cultivates strong, well-rounded personalities, encourages leadership, and builds character, social consciousness and community. To realize our commitment to teaching, learning, research and service through the activities of all members of the University community.

#### Academic Programmes Offered at RUW

Centre for General Studies  
- English for Academic Success

##### College of Art and Design

- Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
- Bachelor of Architecture in Architectural Design
- Master of Arts in Design Management
- Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting

##### College of Business and Financial Sciences

- Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
- Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Business in International Business
- Bachelor of Business in Marketing

##### College of Information Technology

- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

##### College of Law

- Bachelor of Law



## A Note from the Editorial Board

Dear RUW Members, Colleagues and Students,

At the beginning of the academic year 2015/ 2016 we would like to first of all welcome you to RUW and remind you of our duty as part of the editorial board. We document, portray and proudly exhibit all the achievements within our esteemed university throughout the year.

The Editorial Committee is looking towards the academic year 2015/2016 with much excitement and has made subtle changes and interesting new additions to the monthly newsletter. The addition of a section for the student council will add a much-needed touch of students' interaction to the newsletter and we look forward to all the creativeness and spirit that will doubtlessly shine through in this section. We have also adjusted the layout to give it a fresh and updated look. The level of professionalism and high standards that the university has set itself to achieve will be a challenge to continuously work to meet such high standards. The editorial board will continue to publish and portray your achievements as it is certainly merited and we look forward to the new term with vigor and great enthusiasm. As always the editorial board is committed to serve the RUW family and it welcomes any suggestions, improvements or general input.

Our main goal is also to inform the readers about the University's accomplishments and events, thereby inviting everyone to share in the unique and prestigious vibe that The Royal University for Women has to offer. It is a priority to us that the visual elements neatly compliment the accompanying text. We look forward to your cooperation and support in our journey to completing an editorial every month in order to share our positive sentiments and achievements with one another in the Royal University for Women cooperative spirit. We wish you all the best throughout this Academic Year and your contributions to the newsletter would be much appreciated as well as your continued cooperation.

Thank you!

The Editorial Board

#### RUW Students gear up for the Academic Year 2015 -16



The Office of Student Affairs at the Royal University for Women (RUW) began its annual Students Orientation Programme on 13- 14th September, 2015. During the event, RUW President Prof. Mazin Jumah welcomed the new students and wished them success in their academic endeavors. He added that the orientation programme is an integral part of welcoming new students to the RUW family as well as part of a broader plan to provide world-class educational services to all students, to help them become well-rounded, mature, leading individuals while familiarizing themselves with RUW as a place where they can excel academically and develop socially.

Ms Intisar Alkurdi, Manager of Student Affairs, welcomed the students and their families and provided an overview of the various services, and extra-curricular activities and student clubs organized by the office of Student Affairs as well as the facilities available to students. She stressed that RUW provides world class resources that serve the students of the University and its Vision of being the region's leading university devoted to the higher education of women. The presentation by the Manager of Student Affairs was followed by a brief talk by Ms Shadya Al Tamimi, President of the RUW Student Council, and presentations by RUW Alumnae.

The programme was followed by a campus tour to the Library, Residence Halls, Art and Design Exhibition Center, Learning Center, Gym, RUW Sports Stadium, Café and newly opened restaurants and retail spaces. The tour was followed by ice breaker activities along with an opportunity to meet representatives of the various student clubs and the Student Council as well as Alumnae of Royal University for Women.

#### RUW Staff Orientation for AY 2015 -16



Royal University for Women (RUW) launched its new academic year by holding its two day annual staff orientation programme on 9-10 September 2015, at the RUW campus. The orientation day witnessed the attendance and participation of more than 90 members from the academic and administration staff of the university. The orientation day started with a welcome speech from Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women wherein he welcomed the returning employees and welcomed the new members of the RUW team. The speech was followed by presentations from the Academic Vice President, the Student Affairs Manager, Human Resources Manager, Library Manager, Director of Quality Assurance and the Registrar. The presentations covered a range of subjects including the programmes, policies and services at RUW and the required standard expected from RUW representatives. In addition, Deans from the College of Art and Design, College of Business and Financial Sciences, College of Law, College of Information Technology and Centre for General Studies outlined curriculum plans and Academic expectations for AY 2015 -16 in preparation for newly registered and returning students. Royal University for Women faculty draws strength from their diversity and experience, thriving on challenges, and are committed to imparting both knowledge and character. RUW students are encouraged to explore their fullest potential, test the limits of their creativity and talent, and reinforce their confidence and individuality. Royal University for Women offers Bachelor and Masters Programmes within the four colleges, College of Art and Design, College of Business and Financial Sciences, College of Law and College of Information Technology. RUW boasts one of the most beautiful campuses in the GCC including residence halls, state of the art labs and classrooms, exhibition halls, auditoriums, sports center, swimming pool, gymnasium, restaurants, hair salon, and shops all within a safe thriving college community and atmosphere.

#### RUW Alumnae Inspire First Year Students



The alumnae tackled their experiences, the challenges they faced and how they successfully managed to overcome any obstacle. The common theme or message among the graduates was encouraging the newly registered students to make the most out of their time at university in terms of academics and from a social and personal development aspect. Ms. Sarah Nabil who graduated from the College of Business and Financial Sciences with a GPA of 3.99 emphasized on the encouraging environment of studying at RUW stating that, "Unlike other universities I've visited, the atmosphere at RUW encourages a much healthier learning environment that allows the students to breathe while still getting high-quality education, both in the classroom and hands-on experiences." While Ms. Noura Al Mohannah & Ms. Noura Al Miraj, College of IT graduates, encouraged the students to persevere while facing any obstacles mentioning that "a word of advice that our lecturers always have said to us and we would like to pass it to the new students or to the student whom still have few years to go is that to: never give up and you can do it." The participation of the Alumnae during Student Orientation Day proved to be a successful idea and one that would be repeated on annual basis.

#### RUW awarded "LISTED" status on the National Qualifications Register

The QAAU submitted the Institutional Listing application along with all relevant supporting documents to the National Authority of Qualifications and Quality Assurance for Education and Training (NAQQAET) in the Kingdom of Bahrain during this academic year. RUW took part in the institutional Listing exercise mandated by the NAQQAET and is proud to announce obtaining the 'listed' status. Receiving this status shows that RUW has effective governance and operational structure to ensure that the learning environment at RUW and the qualifications awarded meet required standards and are of high quality. This is a great success for the RUW family and great news for our students. The status of RUW and the listing decision is now published by the NAQQAET and can be seen on their website ([www.qqa.edu.bh](http://www.qqa.edu.bh)).

#### WVU Delegates to prepare for WVU President's visit to RUW



As RUW is preparing to host the President of its Strategic Partner University West Virginia University (WVU), Dr. Gordon Gee, a WVU delegation came to RUW on September 7-9, 2015, to prepare the visit. The delegation led by Dr. David Stewart, Associate Vice-President for International Student Life and Global Services and composed of Prof. Radhey Sharma, Chair of Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dr. Brian Anderson, Director WVU Energy Institute, GE Plastics Materials Engineering Professor in Chemical Engineering and Dr. Nancy McIntyre, Interim Dean, College of Business and Economics met with the RUW team to discuss the schedule of the visit as well as some current and future projects with WVU in various fields. Dr. Gee will be meeting with RUW officials during the week of November 16-18, esteemed officials from Bahrain government, WVU alumni from the region and attend the opening ceremony of the 4th Workshop on Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination.

#### RUW Delegation visits the University of Nicosia, Cyprus



Following the visit at RUW of Dr. Pavlos Pavlou, Vice-President for Enrolment and Development from University of Nicosia and upon the invitation of Dr. Nicos Peristianis, President of the Council at University of Nicosia, an RUW delegation composed of Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President and Dr. Vivien Exartier, Assistant Professor in CBFS and International Affairs Officer visited University of Nicosia in Cyprus on August 27-28, 2015. The University of Nicosia is a private university located in Cyprus of 7,500 students enrolled in Bachelors, Masters and Ph.Ds. The university is accredited in Europe, is part of the Erasmus programme and has been accredited in the region and has a good reputation. The RUW delegation toured the University of Nicosia campus facilities. Nicosia has an urban campus and has been expanding over time, taking over former factories across town. The RUW team met with the following members of the University of Nicosia leadership: Prof. Nicos Peristianis: President of the Council, Dr. Michalis Attalides, Rector (the equivalent of the Vice-President Academic and Chair of the Senate), Dr. Andreas Polemitis, Senior Vice-Rector and Dr. Pavlos Pavlou, Vice-President for Enrolment and Development. During the visit, RUW president received trophy from University of Nicosia President. Both parties continued cooperation discussion as they recognized the commonalities of Cyprus and Bahrain, both islands, with a similar population with one public university and a few private universities. The Republic of Cyprus is also the closest European Union country to the Gulf region.

# ALUMNA OF THE MONTH



Mrs. Heeba Haroon Sait

## Background Information

Name: Mrs. Heeba Haroon Sait  
 Graduation Year: 2011  
 Professional Occupation: Creative Director – Head of Design.  
 Involvement at RUW: Graduated from the College of Art and Design with a major in Fashion Design in the Academic Year 2010 /2011 with High Distinction.

## Her Words:

“Four Years at RUW just flew by and my time-spent at RUW has left some unforgettable memories etched forever. After graduating and working in the field of Fashion I decided to build myself along with my husband whose family has been in the clothing business for 105 years. Using this to my advantage I decided to develop a Couture range of garments under the menswear category. Together, we launched our label called Aliph, which debuted at Cannes Film Festival in 2014 where known celebrities wore our 20 Tuxedo looks on the Red Carpet. We revisited Cannes this year in May 2015 and had the pleasure of dressing up French actor Yassine Azzouz in our 2015 collection that he wore to the Red Carpet Events. We launched our label Aliph in Dubai in March 2015. We aim to grow and expand in the Middle East. Following its impressive debut at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival Earlier last year, Aliph Showcases its 2015 Collection of Suits, Tuxedos, Sherwanis, Kurtas Bandhalas and Lots more. Our latest Collection of Aliph luxury men’s wear is available at AARA Fashion on Al Wasl road in Jumeirah. The 2015 Collection offers Suits, Tuxedos, Sherwanis, Bandhgallas, Bundis, Kurtas, Shirts and Party wear for the most discerning of clientele. Featuring Fabrics from Vitale Barberis Canonico, Ermenegildo Zegna, Loro Piana among others. The Collection focuses on international Fits, Surface textures, Cutwork Embroidery, Paint Stroke Embroidery, Metal embroidery and Handwork that sets it apart from other offerings in the market. This year’s collection also highlights the use of rare linen and silk fabrics while fusing Traditional and Contemporary production techniques and design to offer an exclusive never seen before range of menswear that holds its own against some of the most well-known luxury brands in the world.

I thoroughly enjoy what I’m doing and I’m thankful to RUW and the College of Art and Design especially Dr Mona for instilling such strong academic values in us that helps us reach places in our competitive work environment.”

## Achievements:

- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design.
- Fabricated 60 garments for menswear collection and 12 handcrafted pieces for women’s wear from Design to final conceptualization.
- First Indian menswear brand to showcase at the Cannes Film Festival for two consecutive years 2014 and 2015.
- Launched our store in Dubai.

## Award Winning Research Paper for Dr. Georgios, RUW representative at International Conference representing RUW

Dr Georgios Palaiologos, Assistant Professor at the College of Business and Financial Sciences, represented RUW at the 7th International Conference on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Small Business – Venture Creation Development in the Borderless World (IICIES) held in Bandung, Indonesia on August 42015 ,6-. This representation added to RUW’s achievements as Dr Georgios was awarded the best paper presented “Arab Family Business: towards a Conceptualisation” in ‘Management of Small Business, Family Business and Start-Ups’. Additional, the participants had the chance to know about RUW, enhancing RUW reputation and possible calls for further research and collaborations. Bandung, where the conference took was held, is a city Known for its educational contributions as most Business & Entrepreneurship programmes are delivered there.

## His Highness the Prime Minister receives Dr. Rashid Al-Jalahma, RUW Faculty Member

His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of Bahrain received Dr. Rashid Bin Saqr Al Jalahma, part-time faculty member at the College of Business and Financial Sciences, at Qudhabia Palace on September 13, 2015. Dr. Rashid gave the Prime Minister a copy of his book "The impact of organizational culture on TQM implementation barriers". During the meeting, His Royal Highness the Prime Minister praised Dr. Rashid Jalahma for the efforts he did in the preparation of this book, which is an important reference in the field of organizational culture and Total Quality Management. His Highness stressed the importance of the role played by Bahraini researchers and academics in creating intellectual and applied innovations in order to develop critical thinking skills in young people and future generations. Dr. Al Jalahma’s areas of interest in teaching at the College of Business and Financial Sciences include operations management, supply chain management, total quality management, logistics management.

## CBFS Student Orientation Day

On September 14, The College of Business and Financial Sciences hosted an orientation session for newly admitted students. A total of 39 students attended the orientation session. Dr Hala Elias, Dean of CBFS welcomed the new students and introduced the CBFS faculty who were present. Dr Hala Elias provided an overview of the College, programmers offered, graduation requirements and expectations from new students, rules of attendance and class behavior, cell phone use and other related issues. Dr Hala urged the new students to maintain the decorum of the College.

Dr Arpita, the Head of Banking and Finance department spoke about the career opportunities to students graduating with a banking and finance degree; she also spoke about the advising system and urged students to meet with their advisers frequently. Dr Kasi, the Acting Head of Business department welcomed all students and discussed career opportunities available to students graduating from Human Resources and Marketing. The orientation session ended with a Q&A session, with students, clarifying issues dealing with GPA, class participation and attendance and deferral exams.



## CBFS Faculty Specific Staff Orientation

On September 10, The College of Business and Financial Sciences held its college specific orientation. Dr Hala welcomed the college members to the orientation event of the AY 2015/16-. She presented the CBFS organizational chart and explained the composition of the two departments. Then she continued with a discussion on expectations from college members and university and faculty service, when the various committees’ members were introduced. Dr Hala also discussed general guidelines such as:

- Program Handbook
- Course Folders
- Assessment Policy
- Academic Advising
- Study Plan
- Relationship with students
- Office hours

Dr Hala also discussed other academic guidelines. Dr Arpita presented academic related issues such as the new course specifications template, marking criteria, model answers and grading rubrics. Finally, Dr Arpita discussed academic advising issues, the role of advisors and relationships with students.

## CAD Student Orientation

Following the general orientation session conducted for all RUW new students, CAD held its College specific orientation on Sept. 14th, 2015. The orientation which took place in AC 01 was attended for over 100 new and returning CAD students.

During the orientation, Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD, welcomed all the new and returning students, introduced all the CAD faculty members and staff, then gave a detailed presentation about CAD, its programs, explanation of the Edexcel Foundation program, an explanation of the major programs provided by CAD at undergraduate and post graduate levels, an introduction of some main highlights of the college, its major events, and participations. She also explained the advisory process in brief and encouraged students to keep in close contact with their advisors, encouraged them to make best use of all facilities offered at RUW and encouraged them to be active members of the RUW family. Dr. Janon answered questions and concerns of students and wished them all a great academic year and journey at RUW.



## English for Academic Success Students’ Orientation

More than 30 new students and six returning students attended a formative orientation session lead by the CGS Director, Dr Eugenie Samier on 14th of September 2015. Dr Samier presented to the students the nature of the program they have joined. She also introduced them to their English lecturers and highlighted the program’s requirements and expectations. After the session, the students asked questions that were addressed by CGS team.

## Workshop on Academic Advising

On September 17, a Workshop on Academic Advising conducted by Dr Mona Suri, Academic Vice President, was held for the academic staff. Dr Suri stressed that Academic Advising is an essential component of the educational process at RUW. Academic Advising includes assistance with course selections and registration, a review of graduation requirements, an examination of internship and job opportunities and a periodic review of student progress toward goals. The revised study plan template was also discussed which will assist the advisors and students in registering for courses in each semester. Dr Suri stressed that the advisor should meet with the advisees at least four times in a semester; at the time of registration, before and after the mid-term exams and before the final exams. Furthermore, the role of Advisor, advisee, college and Office of registrar was also discussed.

## Master’s Program Orientation Session

The new group of students who joined CAD for the masters programs in Design Management and master of Fine Arts in Drawing and painting, were greeted at an orientation session held by CAD on Sept. 20th, 2015. This was attended by Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of RUW, CAD faculty members and the new and returning Masters students.

Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD began the session by welcoming all new and returning students to RUW. She introduced Prof. Mazin Jumaah and requested Dr Mazin to address the group. Prof. Jumaah welcomed the students and spoke of the importance of their decision to continue their post graduate education and the relevance of them choosing RUW to pursue this degree. He explained the uniqueness of the Masters programs offered at RUW and encouraged the students to make the best of their journey at RUW by engaging in activities, research and all.

Following this, Dr. Janon gave an overview of the Masters programs at RUW, the requirements, coursework, thesis, recourses, events and all. Ms Rana Hamad Khalifa, a RUW Master of Design management recipient of 2015, was invited to speak to the students about her experience as a master’s student at RUW and how this enriched her life and career.

## College of LAW Students Orientation

On September 14, the College of Law held its College specific orientation for the new students. All 22 new students attended and the Dean Dr. Pasquale Borea, provided an overview of the Law curriculum, the study plan and the students’ handbook as well as policies and procedures for the attending students. The new college of Law staff members, Dr Maria Casoria and Dr. Louna Farhat were also introduced to the students.

## Workshop on Self-Service and E-Learning Opportunities

On September 17, a Workshop on how to use Self-Service conducted by the System Administrator, Mr Sami Mohd, to the academic staff. Self-Service is an Internet software system designed to provide students, faculty, administrators, and other members of an educational institution’s learning community with “anytime, anywhere” access to information services. Main topics covered in the workshop:

- Set up Course Home Pages
- Advising of Students
- Enter Attendance
- Enter students’ grades

On September 20, a Workshop was held on how to use Self-Service conducted by the System Administrator for the newly joined students. Main topics covered in the workshop:

- Logging into Self-Service
- Registering for Courses
- View Course Schedule
- View Unofficial Transcript
- Accessing a Course Home Page
- View Grade Report

## Library Orientation



Three Library Orientation Programmes were conducted by the library in the month of September:

On September 10, the Library Orientation was conducted for the faculty members. It was divided in to two parts: first, familiarising faculty with - Library Rules and Regulations, Book Purchase Templates and procedures and also familiarising faculty with online library and online databases. On September 14, the Library Orientation was conducted for the new students. The students visited the library in three groups and were made aware of library arrangement of books on the shelves, categories of books, seating space and other procedures. The students were provided with the Library Brochure.

On September 29, the detailed exposure to library resources, library rules and regulations and the loan policy were given to the students, familiarising them with how to search the library catalogue online from the Library link and Quick link. They were also given an exposure to online databases along with a workshop schedule.

## Royal University for Women Conducts Safety & Fire Training



On September 17, The Royal University for Women conducted a training session for its selected fire and safety procedures for the academic year 2015/16/. The session in coordination with the Electricity & Water Authority is part of RUW’s plans to raise the level of awareness on fire safety and security procedures at the university. A Senior Engineer from Industrial Security & Safety Directorate provided a thorough and extensive presentation regarding all the possibilities of fire, hazards, accidents as well as the following:

- Basic definition of Hazard, Safety and Accident.
- How to spot and control hazards.
- Fire Triangle.
- Methods of fire spread & Classes of fire.
- Actions taken in case of fire and more.

The Safety and fire training was very informative, useful and it provided awareness to prevent any unfortunate events which could occur, whether it is in the office or at home. RUW has never underestimated safety and security protocols and also never will. Such measures are not optional to us as they rank among our main objectives at the university.

## CAD Faculty Orientation

Following the general orientation of all RUW new and returning faculty and staff, CAD held a separate orientation session on September 10th for all CAD faculty members, returning and new.

Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD, welcomed all faculty members introducing new members. She gave a presentation to the faculty members briefing all about the College and its main programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The orientation provided a review of college related issues, such as updates to curriculum and how these are reflected in the study plans, advising, role of advisors in implementing study plans, following up on students, course specifications, course folders, PD participations, encouraging research, community outreach, continuing education opportunities and also other issues raised by faculty members. The orientation was attended by all CAD faculty members and staff and it was very interactive.

# STUDENT COUNCIL



## A Note from the President of the RUW Student Council

About 10 years ago, something incredible happened, something that has changed the world of education in the kingdom of Bahrain. The Royal University for Women opened its doors as the first ever private university solely dedicated to educating women in Bahrain. Thus, we at the student council office will be working twice as hard to make this year a year of Enovation and ultimate excitement!

First we will arrange a meeting with the student body. In this meeting there will be an open discussion with the students on what they would like to have in the year 2015/16/, from events to guest speakers, even ideas for new clubs and workshops. With this input we will have a better understanding of the students we are representing, for us to be able to tailor what we are working on to the student’s desire. Then we get to the best part! Working and bringing our ideas to life, but we won’t be able to do this alone and I quote Helen Keller on this “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” and to make it even clearer, we need YOU! We need students who are driven, creative and want to, not only make a change, but also to be the change. In other words we also need a Volunteer! We all have been given the best opportunity as a student to learn and grow here at RUW, so we best not waste it. As of right now, we are working on having fun and light events, like a video game tournament (winners will win prizes) and a movie showing with popcorn and all the good stuff.

(Candy too). As a treat on the second week of October we will finally initiate a project: sharing –board, we will have a white board set at the entrance of the canteen with weekly topics and you can share your opinions on it. The topics will vary from silly and funny, to deep and meaningful.

This will help us all to get to know each other and strengthen our bond as a big family. In that same week will be the launch of our new and improved social media accounts (Instagram and snapchat), which will have fun surprises in store and now I’ve saved the best for last - remember when I said the university is giving us so many amazing opportunities, well one of them is right under your nose, Literally! They have given us, the students, a whole page in the RUW monthly newsletter, where we can express and voice ourselves, from quirky articles, to Arabic poetry, to social issues... etc. and remember your thoughts and words are powerful and we care. If you have anything you want to share or have any questions, feel free to visit us at our office located next to the Students Affairs Office, or contact us via phone. You can find our numbers on the board outside the Students Affairs Office, our doors are open all the time.

Ms. Shadya Al Tamimi  
 RUW Student Council President

# MABROOK!! CONGRATULATIONS RUW!

RUW awarded “LISTED” status on the National Qualifications Register.

## NEW JOINERS

Dr Najah Shahin – Assistant Professor (CBFS)  
 Dr Louna Farhat – Assistant Professor (CL)  
 Dr Maria Casoria – Assistant Professor (CL)  
 Dr Najwa Al Hamamy – Associate Professor (CAD)  
 Dr Rashmi Jalota – Assistant Professor (CAD)  
 Ms Sumera Saleem – Student Activities Officer (OSA)  
 Ms Maryam Alsada – Senior Officer / Lecturer (Research Centre / CGS)  
 Mr Raheesan Methadani - Painter (Facilities & Services)

## RUW BABIES

Mr. Sami Moh’d Dagash, Lecturer, College of Information Technology, and his spouse were blessed with a baby girl LAYAN born on September 28, 2015.

## ELECTED RUW STUDENT COUNCIL AY 2015- 2016

Ms. Shadya Al- Tamimi, CBFS, President  
 Ms. Zainab Shafeeq Mohamed, LAW, Vice President  
 Ms. Hend Bucheeri, CBFS, VP Clubs (Activities Officer)  
 Ms. Shams Alkharajji, CAD, Stu. Support Officer  
 Ms. Fatima Moh’d Hafiz, CBFS, (FR) Treasurer  
 Ms. Fatima Yusuf Ahmed, CAD, Secretary