

Welcome Note from the Director of Student Affairs



Ms. Doris Martin
Director of Student Affairs

Dear new and returning students,

When I started as Director of Student Affairs at Royal University for Women, I received a warm, helpful, and supportive welcome which went a long way toward helping me gain my footing and achieve a successful year. I know that you too will also be warmly received, and guided through a successful year. On behalf of the Office of Student Affairs, I wish you a very warm welcome to campus, and for our returning students we are happy to see you again. For our new students, please know that you have arrived at a caring and supportive community, one that's on the move, that's quickly changing, and remains focused on your success. We will do all that we can to help you achieve your goals. We are here to support the academic and personal success for all our students. Fortunately we have many options open to you:

- Academic Advising & Career Centre is the place to visit if you have questions about your program, study skills, or future career options.
- Athletics & Recreation is where you can keep fit, play a sport, join a learn to play program, or simply have fun, and manage stress. Be proactive, get moving and enjoy our new world-class facility in the Sports Center. We want to be the healthiest campus in Bahrain!
- Department of Student Life will help you to get involved and experience campus life outside the classroom.
- Health & Wellness Centre is where you can visit with a nurse or social worker on campus using your student ID and to address any health wellbeing concerns.
- Student Housing & Residence Life provides support and programming for those of you living on campus, as well as off-campus housing support and advice.

You will also find a variety of student clubs to choose from as well as student associations that are affiliated with your academic departments, so please take advantage of what's available to support your success. Get involved! There are so many opportunities to do so. Your safety is our priority. Our campus is a safe, supportive, and caring community. Please do your part to keep our community safe by making wise choices, respecting boundaries, and knowing what's acceptable and what's not. Keep an eye out for awareness campaigns, information sessions, and educational programming that will help you get the information you may need to remain healthy, get engaged, and personal development.

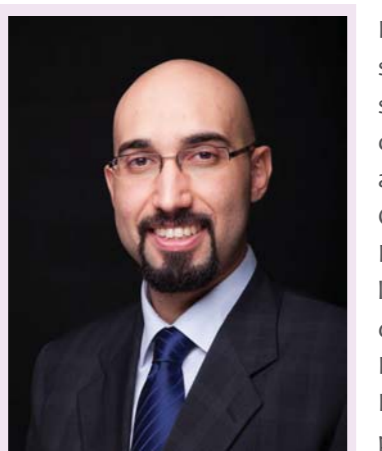
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RUW Mission
To offer our students a rewarding and challenging multi-cultural learning environment that cultivates strong, well-rounded personalities, encourages leadership, and builds character, social consciousness and community. To realize our commitment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

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."

Faculty Of The Month

Dr. Yazan Alamarat, Assistant Professor,
College of Art & Design



Dr. Yazan Alamarat

Dr. Yazan Alamarat is an Assistant Professor in the College of Art & Design at the Royal University for Women. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design from AlAhliyya Amman University in Jordan, Followed by a Master's Degree in Art & Design (Graphic Design) from University of Leeds in the United Kingdom with a thesis about (Dynamic Logo). His Doctoral thesis was about (The Philosophy of Graphic Design through Multimedia), and was obtained from the College of fine art in Helwan University – Egypt. During his 6 years' experience, he taught Graphic Design and multimedia throughout different levels, such as Logo Design, Dynamic Logo Design, Branding & corporate identities, Campaign design, Adobe Suite, History of Art & design at many universities in Jordan, and Oman. Dr. Yazan had got a several certificate in related to graphic design such as Adobe Certified Expert in Photoshop, Web & Graphic Design Certificate from SAE Institute in Amman, and had participated in several Art Exhibitions in Jordan and Egypt.

Delegation from National Institute of Audiovisual, INA, France visits Bahrain



On November 15-16, 2016, H.E. M. Jean-Marc Boero, The General Secretary of INA and Mr. Olivier Porcherot, Coordinator for Management Unit and Production of Audiovisual and Multimedia Content INA visited the Kingdom of Bahrain. INA, The National Institute of Audiovisual in France is a leading European professional training centre for the audiovisual and digital industry. INA in collaboration with RUW organized a 30 day Professional Certificate in Production of News Report in France for 4 groups of 8 professionals from The Ministry of Information Affairs Authority between October 2015 and May 2016. During the visit, the delegation had fruitful meetings to review the accomplishments of the training initiative and discuss future projects. As part of their itinerary, the INA team visited the campus of Royal University for Women and met with President Prof. Mazin Jumaah, with esteemed members of the RUW Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, Mr. Essa Najibi, Mr. Waleed Al Zamil and Mr. Khalid Al Dossieri. As INA is a public institute in France, the French embassy in Bahrain contributed to the visit and organized some sessions for the delegation including meeting with the French Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Bernard Regnaud-Fabre and a visit of the Bahrain National Museum.

RUW continues its collaboration with HEA to support professional development of academic staff



The Royal University for Women (RUW) is working with the Higher Education Academy (HEA) for their ongoing professional development programme for academic staff, through a series of bespoke workshops conducted by HEA. RUW welcomed His Excellency Dr Abdul Ghani Saleh Alshowaikh, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council in Bahrain and Her Excellency Dr Muna AlBalooshi, Assistant General Secretary for Evaluation and Accreditation Higher Education Council at Ministry of Education to the Professional Development Workshops at RUW on 16th November 2016. The dignitaries were appreciative of RUW taking a lead in organising the professional development activities for their staff. Two workshops were conducted by Dr Fiona Smart, Senior Fellow from Higher Education Academy, UK, on November 15, 16 & 17, 2016. As per the plan, HEA delivered three workshops at RUW in September and November this year. The September workshop was devoted to Teaching Methodologies, including the use of technology in teaching. Two workshops in November focused on 'Assessment and Feedback' and 'HEA Fellowship'. All the 40 academic staff attended the workshops. As per Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of RUW, "The collaboration between RUW and the HEA will maintain and enhance academic excellence at RUW. HEA, with its 'global input network', is conducting a series of capacity building workshops for RUW academic staff to enhance the quality of teaching and learning support and experience for students, ensuring that the education they receive is truly world class." Dr Mona Suri, Academic Vice-President, says, "As per the mission of RUW these capacity building workshops for the academic staff at RUW aim to make enhancements to their practice and to achieve international recognition as Fellows of HEA. RUW is looking forward to benefiting from this partnership with HEA, especially with the knowledge, experience and expertise that HEA has in higher education."



Under the patronage of the Minister of Housing, Forensic and Fraud Examination workshop launched at Royal University for Women in cooperation with West Virginia University, USA



Under the patronage of His Excellency Eng. Basim Bin Yacob Al Hamer Minister of Housing and Chairman Tender Board, Royal University for Women in cooperation with West Virginia University, USA, launched the fifth annual three day Workshop on Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination, which was held from 28th November to 30th November 2016, at its premises in Riffa. The workshop witnessed the participation of over 70 participants from various sectors including the banking industry, law firms, academics, and ministries. The opening ceremony started with a welcome note from Royal University for Women president, Professor Mazin Jumaah, who thanked the participants for their participation and reiterated the commitment of Royal University for Women to offer high quality workshops that benefit sectors of society and provide an opportunity to obtain a certification from West Virginia University in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The opening remarks was followed by a keynote speech from His Excellency Eng. Basim Bin Yacob Al Hamer Minister of Housing who conveyed greetings and commended Royal University for Women for continuing to host annually such high level workshops stating that it's a reflection on RUW's commitment to cooperating with the public sector and enhancing sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The ceremony continued with a word from speaker Dr. Arron Scott Fleming, a veteran in the accounting fraud examination, and ethics field, Associate professor in the department of accounting at West Virginia University, describing the opportunity as a "great setting to introduce the fundamentals of fraud examination and a chance for the participants to learn financial investigative techniques and explore case studies as well as acquire the necessary tools and research behavioural aspects of accounting and business ". This year's workshop will focus on risk assessment, fraud detection, case studies, collusive frauds, financial corruption and investment fraud.

Royal University for Women and British Council Organize Research Workshops To Boost Local Researchers Skills



The UK Government is working in partnership with the British Council to launch a series of science events, which allow researchers to come together and tackle some of the challenges, both countries face. The Capacity Building Workshop for Researchers, that took place at the Royal University for Women and aims to support young researchers in Bahrain; was held on 27 to 29 November. It is one of a series of twelve events scheduled to take place across the Gulf over the next six months. The Capacity Building Workshop for Researchers in Bahrain forms part of the UK Government's broader strategic commitment to strengthen partnerships with research bodies and higher education institutions in Bahrain and the Gulf region through a new programme called the 'Gulf Science Innovation and Knowledge Economy programme'. Suzanne Jones, the programme director, noted that "International collaboration in scientific research plays a crucial role in promoting prosperity and sustainable growth in this region. Water, energy and food security are a particular concern in the Gulf, and we hope to see a number of long term research projects established in partnership between the UK and Gulf research institutions as a result of this Symposium." Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of the Royal University for Women noted that "This three-day workshop aimed at building the skills necessary for researchers to participate more fluidly in the international academic community. Royal University for Women is looking forward to facilitating the event to help foster research culture among the Bahraini research community and in the region." Alan Rutt, Country Director Bahrain said that "A nation with a strong research base will not only benefit from the progress created by cutting-edge research, it will develop a new generation of researchers and attract talented thinkers from abroad, further strengthening its ability to drive innovation and economic development."

Royal University for Women participates in the First Forum for Combating Economic Crimes



On November 29, Dr. Amer ElSaedi, Assistant Professor, College of Law has represented Royal University for Women attending the First Forum for Combating Economic Crimes organized by the Ministry of Interior. The forum included several meetings with officials of the Fraud departments - Ministry of Interior. Moreover, there were visits to the classes, and lecture halls by the officials to enhance awareness against fraud and forensic (via lectures). No doubt, it was a successful forum with all means.

Royal University for Women participates in the Third National Conference for Bahraini Women



The College of Law at the Royal University for Women participated in the Third National Conference for Bahraini Women that was held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of the King of Bahrain, President of the Supreme Council for Women. The conference was held in Sofitel Hotel from 1 – 3 November 2016 as part of the Bahraini Women's Day 2016, under the theme "Bahraini Women in the Legal and Judicial Field." A delegation from the university attended the conference headed by the President Prof. Mazin Jumaah and the college of law dean Dr. Pasquale Borea and the college members Dr. Amer Alsaedi and Dr. Louna Farhat. College of law students attended the conference are Asia Bukoua, Sara Jassim, Israa Alaradi and Marwa Haider. The college of law student Ms. Sara Jassim has won the first place of the best legal research competition on the Bahraini law and women. The student has been awarded by her Excellency Shaikha Mariam bint Hassan Al Khalifa in the presence of her Excellency Shaikha Sabika bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa, the Wife of the King of Bahrain. The participation in the national conference was very effective, where dialogic sessions on women and law were held over the three days.

RUW participates in the 12th Bahrain Universities Model United Nations (BUMUN) Conference



RUW participated in the 12th Bahrain Universities Model United Nations Conference. It was held on Saturday & Sunday, 26th and 27th November in the Conference Hall, Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel Bahrain. The conference is held under the Patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Charity and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Royal Charity Organization, Supreme Council for Youth & Sports Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President. This year's conference theme was "religion freedom." Approximately 38 university participants from the MENA region participated in the two days niche conference. 250 participants attended from government and international universities. BUMUN provided a unique, learning experience and networking opportunity for our students while building confidence and providing valuable perspective on global issues. Congratulations to Ms. Maryam Abdulnabi for doing a great job in chairing in Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc) BUMUN 2016 and Ms. Salwa Mukhtar for receiving the Diplomacy Award 2016 for her outstanding performance in Economic and Social Council. She will be chairing Ecosoc in BUMUN 2017. Further, we would like to congratulate RUW MUN club members for their great performance.

Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Ms. Shereen Fekri

Graduation Year: 2014

Professional Occupation:
Design and Communications at Annada

Involvement at RUW:
Graduated from the College of Art and Design (Fashion Design) with High Distinction.

Her Words:

“My time at the Royal University for Women set the foundation for me to find what matters to me the most and work on it. I was given creative freedom, something that helped me develop my own design identity, and I had a voice that was constantly heard. The university also made sure that my attitude to work never involved settling, but always striving to be better, and I always had exposure to the real world and the industry that I wanted to break into, globally and locally. Two Years after graduation, I found myself working in the fashion sector of the Art industry, and industry that I care deeply about, where I am surrounded with color and soul on an everyday basis. I am still striving to explore and experiment, hoping to keep learning, and somehow make a difference doing what I do, and ultimately make a difference in a world that needs it.”

Achievements:

- Selected Volunteer by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities for Bahrain Pavilion at Expo Milano 2015.
- Active member of the Arab Youth Climate Movement, Bahrain.
- Design and Communications at Annada.

Officials from the Northern Area Municipality Council visit RUW



On November 27, Officials from the Northern Area Municipality Council visited Royal University for Women and discussed areas of cooperation in research.

CEC members attend the American Chamber of Commerce business talk and dinner with Ms. Nina Vaca



On November 3, Community Education Committee members attended the American Chamber of Commerce business talk and dinner with Nina Vaca, CEO Prinnacle Group & Global Entrepreneur in Ajoor Majlis. The purpose is to market Royal University for Women and its entrepreneurship program and to build business relations with the community.

CAD attends a workshop on Tory Burch Brand, City Centre – Bahrain



On November 28, Fashion students attended a workshop on Tory Burch Brand, City Centre – Bahrain. The workshop was about Color Analysis and Styling, with the stylist Ms. Abir Achkar. Ms. Achkar is a certified Image consultant from the Association of image consultant international AICI, a trainer, stylist and Image/Etiquette Coach. Ms. Achkar spoke with the fashion students about the history of color analysis and the science behind it.

Workshop on Photography Techniques



On November 29, CAD students attended a workshop on Photography by Mr. Rinzi Ruiz, at RUW. OSA along with the US embassy arranged for a workshop on Photography techniques for the CAD students. Mr. Rinzi Ruiz is a Los Angeles based freelance photographer. His work has been featured in the Los Angeles Times So Cal Moments, the Think Tank Gallery YOU ARE HERE Exhibit, at the Hatakeyama Gallery Street Photography Exhibit and his first solo exhibit, Street Zen, at the Perfect Exposure Gallery.

RUW delegation attends training workshops organized by British Embassy



As part of the 200th anniversary of the UK-Bahrain friendship, the British embassy hosted a UK Education and Training Trade Mission led by the Department for International Trade and The Training Gateway. On this occasion, a series of short workshops was organized and was attended by Dr. Mona Suri, Academic Vice-President and Dr. Vivien Exartier, International Affairs Officer on November 30, 2016. The concurring sessions topics included “Advanced Negotiation”, “Maximizing learning in Schools”, “Trends and Diversity in the UK University Pathway Sector” and “Creating a High Performance Culture”. The 30 minute workshops were delivered by UK training institutes as a way to promote awareness about their activities on the region.

RUW participates in the 16th Regional Environmental Public Speaking Competition



RUW has participated in the 16th regional environmental public speaking competition. The competition was held in Dubai from 23th November to 24th November 2016 and was organized by the emirates environmental group EEG. College of Law team presented a speech on the topic “e-Waste: Where is the green?” coordinated by Dr. Louna Farhat. The team includes 4 Law students: Ms. Noof Almoawda, Ms. Marwa Alnafa, Ms. Noof Alzayed and Ms. Sara Jassim.

RUW visits the Elderly Home in Muharraq



On November 30, Community Education Committee Chair and seven students, including student representatives visited the elderly home in Muharraq. The purpose of the visit is for students to learn different approaches for community services. Further, they foster volunteer work and support in the elderly home services. The students presented gifts such as shawls, thobes, scarves, sweets and sandwiches to the elders. They exchanged conversation and read stories to them.

OSA organizes “Me in a CV” workshop in collaboration with Tamkeen



On November 23, as part of Career Guidance Program, Office of Student Affairs in collaboration with Tamkeen organized “Me in a CV” workshop. It was a practical workshop where the participants worked on developing and personal branding in a CV.

Library Open Day



On November 22, Library celebrated Open Day. 181 Students from all colleges participated. Along with quiz and games, 7 workshops & training sessions - on ‘Plagiarism’, ‘submitting assignments on Turnitin’, workshops on ‘Ebrary’ and ‘ProQuest’ and ‘Introduction to Library Resource’s with parallel sessions - were conducted. CGS faculty took 2 sessions one on ‘Writing Review of Literature’ and other on ‘Essay writing’. On 30th Nov, another session on ‘Library E Resources’ was conducted for 1st Year law students. 21 students attended the session.

RUW hosts a lecture on Electricity and Water Conservation



On November 27, RUW hosted a lecture on Electricity and Water Conservation presented by the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA).

CGS Celebrates Arabic Language Day



Dr. Shaheen organized a CGS event to celebrate the Arabic Language. The Arabic Language students presented Arabic poetry, skits, Arabic riddles, and other activities. The event was attended by Prof. Mazin and Dr. Suri, RUW faculty members and 80 RUW students.

Community Education Committee organizes a workshop on Women Empowerment in collaboration with UNDP

On November 13, Community Education Committee Chair – Ms. Doris Martin, Director and Founder of Bahrain Universities Model United Nations organized a workshop on Women Empowerment in collaboration with UNDP in Ministry of Youth & Sports Innovation Center Um Al Hassam Manama. 70 students, including 10 RUW students attended this event. The purpose is to learn about women advancement programs in Bahrain and the region.

CAD participates in Abu Dhabi Art Fair 2016

Abu Dhabi Art Fair 2016 is an annual art fair that is highly attended by some of the most famous and outstanding art galleries in the world, showcasing works of famous artist from around the world. This year the Art Fair held at Manart Al Sasydyat, Abu Dhabi, from November 17th to 19th. Dr. Hanaa Mallalah, showcased by Park Gallery, of London. One of her exhibited works focused on examining the notion of the Arabesque as an encounter of the traditional motifs of the Islamic reflection on the underlying order and unity of nature as it engages and collides with the excess of secular western consumerism.

CAD hosts Graphic Design Alumna Ms. Maha Aldossary as Guest Speaker

On November 22, CAD hosted as guest speaker Ms. Maha Aldossary, RUW Graphic Design alumna, to give a talk sharing her experience in Graphic Design and the achievements she did in this field during the four years of BA at RUW starting from foundation studies till the Final Year Project. Foundation students and seniors from Graphic Design program attended the session.

CAD attends Bahrain Bay development project inaugural ceremony

On November 23, CAD attended Bahrain Bay development project inaugural ceremony. As part of the Bahrain Bay development project, French Artist, ElSeed was invited to create a number of mural artworks in the area. This work which was sponsored by Bahrain bay Waterfront Development in collaboration with the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority. The inaugural ceremony of these artworks was under the patronage of Sh. May Al-Khalifa and attended by many officials, artist and others.

CBFS hosts a Guest Speaker on Managing Teams

On November 23, CBFS invited Dr. Ahmed El Sayed as a guest speaker on Managing Teams. Dr. Ahmed has a huge experience in Sales Management specifically in the area of Team Building and Sales activities being a Senior Management Consultant dealing with Multinational Pharmaceutical Companies. Dr. Ahmed, Had a very interesting way of engaging students, He discussed his career moves, leadership influence in managing teams, different types of characters, different types of challenges facing teams.

CBFS hosts a Guest Speaker on Islamic Financing

On November 23, CBFS invited Mr Ahmed Al- Bassam as a guest speaker on Islamic Financing. Mr Ahmed Al- Bassam- Manager in the Bahrain Islamic Bank (BISB) delivered a lecture about the practical aspects of Islamic financing as it practiced in the BISB. Mr Ahmed Explained the different types of Islamic Financing like Mudharaba, Murabaha, Ijara and also Explained the process of Issuing Sukuk (Islamic Bonds) by Islamic Banks.

CBFS hosts a Guest Speaker on Human Resources Management

On November 23, CBFS invited Ms. Nabeela Al Qaseer as a guest speaker on Human Resources Management. Ms. Nabeela Al Qaseer, Consultant – Human Resources Management, Mentor & Life Coach was invited as Guest Lecturer in the class BUS 226 Managing Human Resources. She has 30 years of professional banking experience, spanning different specialities. She have shared relevant information with the emphasis of the students’ role who will be the future members of Bahrain workforce.

RUW visits Ahlia School, Dhahran

On November 3, OSA and PR organized a visit to Ahlia School Dhahran. The school visit provided a platform for Royal University for Women to introduce its programs, facilities and educational opportunities, 80 prospective applications were received. The RUW team comprised of Director of Student Affairs Ms. Doris Martin, Public Relations Officer Sh. Dwa Al Khalifa, Admission Officer Ms. Luluwa Al Muraikhi, and Finance Officer Ms. Zaina Al Bassam.

RUW visits Bayan School, Bahrain

On November 20, OSA and PR organized a visit to Bayan School, Bahrain. The school visit provided a platform for Royal University for Women to introduce its programs, facilities and educational opportunities, 11 prospective applications were received. The RUW team comprised of Director of Student Affairs Ms. Doris Martin, Public Relations Officer Sh. Dwa Al Khalifa, Admission Officer Ms. Luluwa Al Muraikhi, and Finance Officer Ms. Zaina Al Bassam.

RUW visits Gulf International School

On Nov 22, OSA and PR organized a visit to Gulf International School. The school visit provided a platform for Royal University for Women to introduce its programs, facilities and educational opportunities, 40 prospective applications were received. The RUW team comprised of Director of Student Affairs Ms. Doris Martin, Public Relations Officer Sh. Dwa Al Khalifa, Admission Officer Ms. Luluwa Al Muraikhi, and Finance Officer Ms. Zaina Al Bassam.

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NEW JOINERS

Ms. Sumaya AlSayed, Senior Manager, Finance.

RESEARCH FORUM PRESENTATIONS

- On November 1, Dr. Abdurhaheem Shaheen, Assistant Professor, Centre for General Studies, presented a topic on “The Arabic language is the most spoken language”.
- On November 22, Dr. Yazan Alamarat, Assistant Professor, College of Art & Design, presented a topic on “Philosophy of movement through multimedia”.
- On November 22, Dr. Henaa Abdul-Razzak, Assistant Professor, College of Art & Design, presented a topic on “Matter of Public Space Sculpture”.

What R U saying?



By Ms. Reem Beshams
College of Law

To Die with Life

I stare into the eyes of the universe
Too scared for what I may see
But I stand tall, head high
Yet the inevitable consumes me

Unable to feel my breath
Without the fatal frost of death
As the universe will always be a reminder
Of the little time we have left

Can you not see?
The deception in it all;
We live life to the fullest
But nevertheless we still fall

And once the ground will take me
Ill lay with blissful tears
For life will not consume me
But rather, I would have lived the years.

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