

Welcome Note from the Director of the Centre for General Studies



Ms. Norhan Ahmed Ibrahim
Director, Centre for General Studies

Welcome to the Centre for General Studies. We prepare our students to achieve academic excellence through expanding knowledge and potentials, developing their study skills, linguistic skills, critical thinking, and promoting their self-confidence and independent learning abilities.

Our students are immersed in a warm environment of a collaborative educational community solely dedicated to the pursuit and production of knowledge. We enhance their linguistic and communication skills in both Arabic and English, promote their global citizenship, and raise their awareness of human rights. We will also help in shaping their well-rounded character and ensure their capability to voice opinions by being exposed to a wide variety of Liberal Arts courses.

This year we are pleased to include to the variety of 24 LAR courses a new interesting course titled "Community Service", which helps the students develop a sense of caring for and about others. All the projects done by the first batch enrolled in this course provided the opportunity to enhance the quality of life for the individuals served.

In the orientation programme, we optimize the students learning experience by utilizing authentic appealing materials that cater to individuality and assure motivation, engagement, and autonomy. Our students are equipped to be confident, collaborative, independent, life-long learners. In the English for Academic Success programme they are also prepared to become global citizens by celebrating other cultures and having the essence of appreciation.

We are looking forward to a successful academic year.

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Director, Centre for General Studies

RUW Receives ASIC Accreditation

With great pleasure and honor, we would like to announce that in April 2018, RUW officially received international institutional accreditation from Accreditation Services for International Schools, Colleges, and Universities (ASIC), UK. RUW managed to surpass the requirements and as a result was granted "Premier University" status in the ASIC registry. This achievement will no doubt exhibit the quality of education and services provided for the students. The accreditation process was spearheaded by the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Unit and involved all members of the university.

Under the Patronage of
His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi
Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council
RUW 2nd Conference on "Women and Society" Inaugurated at Royal University for Women, 18 and 19 April 2018



Under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, the Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council, Royal University for Women launched their second international conference "Women and Society" with the theme Empowering Women through Higher Education at its campus in an elaborate and noteworthy opening ceremony. The two-day conference on the 18th and 19th of April 2018, included topics on the "Role of Universities in Empowering Women", "Women in Engineering and STEM", "Gender Equality and the UN Sustainable Development Goals", "Women in Leadership", and many other issues covered extensively by experts and internationally renowned speakers within each field. The opening ceremony commenced with a welcoming speech from Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women, who thanked His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi for his patronage of the conference and his constant support and strides undertaken in Higher Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain as well as internationally. Professor Mazin stressed the importance of the conference and the commendable work of the participants within their respected fields, mentioning the leaders and trailblazers in attendance as well as participants in the conference. The opening remarks was followed by a speech from His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, in which he encouraged further cooperation between academia and society, and emphasised on the cooperation between educational institutions, such as Royal University for Women and the public, as the way forward. His Excellency applauded the achievements of Bahraini women in all fields and the capabilities of women to bridge any cultural gaps between societies and work together in unison to achieve common goals. The inaugural session continued with keynote addresses by Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhaki, Chief Executive of Education and Training Quality Authority, Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff, Campus President of Potomac State College, West Virginia University, USA, Dr. Sharifa Al Yahyai, former Minister of Social Development of Oman, Dr. Farzana Al Maraghi, Director of Scientific Research at the Higher Education Council, Dr. Bahjah Al Dallami, mainstreaming women's needs as Development Adviser at the Supreme Council for Women, and Dr. Joyce McConnell, Provost at West Virginia University.

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On Day 2, 19 April, the RUW 2nd Conference on "Women and Society" consisted of four parallel sessions and seven workshops. Every session consisted of subtopics under the main theme of Empowering Women through Higher Education. Each of the sessions was chaired by a leading expert or academic in the field and incorporated different speakers and research paper presentations. The conference had 63 speakers in total; 6 keynote speakers, 16 invited speakers, 21 oral presenters, and 17 poster presenters. Overall, there were 150 participants consisting of speakers, researchers, and conference representatives and delegates from 22 countries including the United States of America, United Kingdom, Kuwait, Nigeria, United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, India, Greece and Canada. The Royal University for Women, is the leading university for women's education in the Kingdom of Bahrain and organises this conference every two years. The conference was supported by Tamkeen, Ahli United Bank, ALBA, Gulf Education, and Gulf Conferences.

RUW 2nd Conference on Women and Society – Post Conference Reflections

The RUW 2nd Conference on Women and Society concluded successfully on April 19th, 2018, however the impact and good will of the conference continued beyond that date with participants sending in mails of congratulations, reflections and testimonials. Among the feedback and responses received, the following reflections from the participants were shared –

*Dr. Joyce McConnell
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
West Virginia University*

"Can't thank you enough for the wonderful hospitality and the excellent conference."

"Very successful conference and one in which I am very proud to have played a part."

*David Stewart, D. Phil
Associate Vice President for Global Strategies and International Affairs
West Virginia University*

*"The conference was a huge success."
"Brought to light many important issues."*

*Jennifer E. Orlikoff, Ph.D.
Campus President
West Virginia University
Potomac State College*

*"I truly enjoyed the conference."
"I hope to see you again in two years!"*

*Mr. David Lock
Chairman,
Gulf Education Advisory Committee*

*"And what pleases me in particular is that some of the participants had noted ideas that they intended to take action on when they got home."
"Congratulations to you and your staff on the conference."*

*Prof. Balghis Badri
Director of the Regional Institute of Gender, Diversity, Peace and Rights
Ahfad University for Women*

*"I was honoured to speak in front of a diverse important audience."
"Presentations of speakers at panels or workshops, had all added value to our knowledge and experience."
"For my part at Ahfad University for Women, I will give a presentation about the conference as a success story both in content and organisation."*

*Ms. Catherine Walker
Acting Director Student Services
Registry Consultant
Bahrain Polytechnic*

*"Thanks to you all for organising such a wonderful event."
"The calibre of speakers was high and they had much to impart."*

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal University for Women Honors the Winners of the Injaz Bahrain Competition & TradeQuest Challenge



The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal University for Women met with the winning team of Injaz Bahrain competition, in the category "Best Company" for universities, which was organized by Injaz Bahrain under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, CEO of Injaz Bahrain. In addition, he met with the winning team of TradeQuest challenge, which was organized by Bahrain Bourse in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Tourism, where the Royal University of Bahrain won second place in this competition. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal University for Women, Mr. Fahad Al-Zamil, praised the girls' academic and professional excellence and the pioneering role played by the academic staff in preparing and training the students. "We are working at the Royal University for Women to provide our students with the necessary intellect, skills, and knowledge to cope with various challenges. We have made this through the achievements of our students in all forms, and we are fully confident that the students of the Royal University for Women have exceeded the concepts of excellence and leadership, with our students being ready to participate in society in all fields. The university record of achievements done by students and monitored by faculty is the translation of our vision, which aims to become the regional leader in academic excellence for women, and to make RUW graduates become creative, confident, and forward thinking, under the directives of the Higher Education Council and the vision of our wise leaders in the field of education." The President of the Royal University for Women, Professor Mazin Jumaah, expressed his pride for the students' victory in the competition. Dr. Nahal Al-Najjar, Assistant Professor in the College of Business and Financial Sciences and coordinator of the winning team in Injaz, expressed her happiness and joy for the success of the university students for the second consecutive year under her guidance.

Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Ms. Svenja Schuetze

Graduation Year: 2016

Professional Occupation:

Owner of Florence – La Maison Méditerranéenne

Involvement at RUW:

- Graduated from the College of Business & Financial Sciences.
- Program Representative for the College of Business & Financial Sciences.
- Dean's List Award.
- Leadership Award Winner.

Her words & Achievements:

I completed my studies at RUW in January 2016. In July 2015, I got the opportunity to start my own business by being offered a beautiful villa in the heart of Adliya. I always wanted to be self-employed, and knew that this was a "one time chance" that I could not resist. Opening my very own restaurant, taking care and being responsible for every single detail, was an exciting journey, which we completed in April 2016 when "Florence – La Maison Méditerranéenne" was finally opened. Our idea was always to create a gathering place that welcomes everyone: friends, families, couples, or individuals who enjoy sitting inside surrounded by our unique décor, or outside in the garden while having some delicious authentic Mediterranean food. The interior was designed by us and most of the interior items were locally manufactured making them unique pieces. Florence offers customers a charming feel-at-home dining experience and brings to Bahrain flavors and flair of the great Mediterranean. The beautiful thing about this house is that it makes you smile the moment you see it, and seeing my guests smile is the best reward ever. Most of all, we wanted to give something back to the people of Bahrain. They were always so welcoming to us that we wanted to create a place that is open for everyone.

West Virginia University Delegation Led by Provost Dr. Joyce McConnell Visits Bahrain



A delegation led by Provost Dr. Joyce McConnell visited RUW. The delegation included Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff, President Potomac State College, satellite campus of WVU, Dr. David Stewart, Associate Vice-President for Global Strategies and International Affairs, and Dr. Scott Fleming, Senior Director Executive Education, College of Business and Economics. All members of the delegation had come to Bahrain on various missions. The agenda of the week included presentations in the 2nd Women and Society Conference and high-level meetings with social, economic, higher education, political, and foreign leaders of the country to discuss projects related to the strategic partnership between WVU and RUW and how to continue to serve the needs of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The delegation met dignitaries such as His Excellency HE Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil, H.E. Dr. Abdulghani Ali Saleh Al Showaikh, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council, H.E. Mr. Adnan Yousef, CEO of Al Baraka Bank and RUW Board of Trustees member, H.E. Ms. Hala Jaber Al Ansari, Secretary General of The Supreme Council for Women, H.E. Mr. Justin Siberrill, US Ambassador, Mr. Munther Al Mudawi, Senior Officer and Government Affairs, and Mr. Geoffrey Hancock, Director of Education Reform from the Bahrain Economic Development Board.

Faculty of the Month

Dr. Raed Alnimer, Assistant Professor, College of Law
Fellow Higher Education Academy, U.K.



Dr. Raed Alnimer is an Assistant Professor specialized in Civil Law. He joined the RUW College of Law in September 2017. He holds a Ph.D. in Private law, a Master's Degree in Intellectual Property, and a Bachelor of Law from the World Islamic Science and Education University, Jordan. He has a long career in teaching Private Law and Civil Law at both undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as in legal consulting for private companies. He is a member of the Jordanian Bar Association, the Union of Arab Trainers, the Arab Union for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights, and the Arab society of Association Mediation and Arbitration in Intellectual Property. He is also an international arbitrator and member of the Scientific Academy Aiacadres. He has presented in many international conferences and is author of several publications in scientific Arab journals in addition to a monographic book. Recently, he has achieved the status of fellow of The Higher Education Academy in recognition of attainment against the UK professional standards framework for teaching and learning support in higher education.

RUW Organizes Annual Career Fair



In light of the approval of the Higher Education Council (HEC) of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Royal University for Women organized the annual career fair on its premises in Riffa in an event that drew international companies, local businesses, alumnae, and current students. The career fair was organized by the student affairs office at the university as an opportunity for students to meet and interact with the job market and explore future employment possibilities. In addition to meeting and talking with employers, attendees learned about training and internship opportunities and attended informative presentations by experts on career progression, work ethics, and CV building.

Under the Patronage of H.E. Mr. Mohamed Al Qaed, Chief Executive of Information & eGovernment Authority of Kingdom of Bahrain, RUW Holds the Second Edition of Cyber Security Workshop in Collaboration with West Virginia University



In light of the approval of the Higher Education Council (HEC) of the Kingdom of Bahrain, more than 50 cyber security experts gathered in a workshop on Cyber Security Assurance Management, hosted and sponsored by the Royal University for Women from the 29th-30th of April 2018. The workshop was held in collaboration with West Virginia University and included the participation of more than 17 private sector agencies and governmental entities. The event was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Al Qaed, Chief Executive of Information and eGovernment Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain, with the presence of Royal University for Women President, Professor Mazin Jumaah, Mr. Khalid Al Dossary, representative for the Board of Directors and member on the Board of Trustees for the university, and the President of the University of Bahrain, Professor Riyadh Hamzah, as well as a number of experts in cybersecurity. Al Qaed stated that, "The government of Bahrain recognizes that the future of the kingdom's security and prosperity rests on its digital foundations. Cyber Security is a key initiative in the Fourth National Telecommunications Plan that sets out the government's strategic plan and general policy for the telecommunications sector in Bahrain." Professor Mazin Jumaah said, "This workshop is one of the fruits of the strategic partnership efforts that gathers the Royal University for Women with West Virginia University, which creates opportunities for professional development in various fields such as women empowerment, administrative and professional workshops, and conferences, with the latest of which is the workshop on cyber security."

CAD Participates in the Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize 2018 with Royal Charity Organization (RCO)



By the invitation of the RCO, CAD participated in the Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize 2018. In this event, 14 schools and 4 universities were invited to participate by submitting art work that would be sold in support for "Children in Need." RUW submitted to pieces of artwork donated by the students. The launching of this event took place through a press conference that took place on April 2nd, 2018. In this event, it was announced that the artwork presented by MDP student, Ms. Zainab Laith, was chosen as one of the works to be presented at the gala dinner that took place on May 5th. All the works of art were showcased at a special exhibition at The Avenues, Bahrain, which was inaugurated on April 24th under the patronage of Sh. May Al- Khalifa, who was represented by Sh. Hala Al Khalifa.

Exhibition and Forum on Inspiring Micropreneurs and Empowering Students; Entrepreneurship Awareness Campaign



On April 11th, the College of Business and Financial Sciences in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Tourism, organized the Exhibition and Forum titled, "Inspiring Micropreneurs and Empowering Students." This event is a result of an accumulated effort over the past four years and dedicated future entrepreneurial orientation by the Royal University for Women (RUW). This year's event took place in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Tourism, where ministry officials discussed the incubation system and its importance to entrepreneurs, startups incubators and accelerators in Bahrain, the CR procedures, and features of virtual commercial registration. The Micropreneurs Exhibition hosted 38 exhibitors and start-up businesses varying between household businesses and small and middle-sized businesses.

CBFS Hosts International Business Forum



Since 2013, the College of Business and Financial Sciences has been hosting forums from each bachelor specialization about a recent trend in the field inviting professionals and alumnae from the public or private sector. This year, following the recent Banking and Finance Forum, featuring Mr. Adel Al Labban, CEO of Ahli United Bank, CBFS organized the International Business Forum on the topic of "What does it take to be a successful manager in a global environment?" on April 23. The topic touched upon the right attributes for a graduate to evolve in her career in an increasingly diverse environment. This forum followed the format of a panel featuring an international business alumna, Lama Al-Moosa, Procurement Specialist with Schlumberger. Mr. Joseph Kiriklan, Vice-President Investments, Mumtalakat, and H.E. Dr. Sai Mendis, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Bahrain. All speakers shared some pearls of wisdom with the audience on how to always be pro-active, be good communicators, get engaged, defy prejudices, and keep challenging themselves to advance professionally and personally. The event was attended by a large audience of CBFS students and the discussion was moderated by Dr. Vivien Exartier, Assistant Professor in International Business.

CAD Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design Certificate Award Ceremony



On April 12th, 2018, the College of Art and Design organized the BTEC Level 3 foundation Diploma in Art and Design certificate award ceremony, under the patronage of Professor Mazin Jumaah, RUW president. The BTEC Level 3 diploma is the joint year 1 Foundation program for the CAD BA programs administered and verified by Pearson, UK. For AY 2016-17 the external verifier by Pearson came for his annual visit in November, and upon his verification of results, the diplomas were delivered to RUW and presented to the students during this ceremony. Students receiving the Diploma were invited along with their parents to grace the occasion and witness the achievement of their wards. Diplomas were awarded to students by Dr. Professor Mazin Jumaah and Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD. It was a big event for CAD as 35 students from CAD foundation program who received their diploma this year.

CAD Advisory Committee Meeting



The College of Art and Design conducted its 2nd College Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for academic year 2017-18 on Monday, April 2nd, 2018. The meeting was attended by the following external members: Arch. Hisham Arafat, and Arch Manar Sirriyeh, in addition to the CAD internal members. During the meeting the main issues that were discussed focused on strengthening the relationship between CAD and the industry, and the role the CAC external members can play in this regard. The CAC members offered to provide support to CAD in providing internship opportunities for CAD students, in addition to offering to attend external examinations panels, attending as guest speakers, providing field trip opportunities for students, and others. The members also shared their ideas and vision on how to support CAD to help promote its programs.

RUW Carnival Celebrations; University Celebrates its Accreditation



On April 14th, the Royal University for Women (RUW) held a nation-wide carnival in celebration of being the first private university to receive HEC accreditation, at its campus in Riffa. The carnival organized by the RUW Student Council and student volunteers witnessed a large crowd of families, children, college students, and visitors from the neighboring country of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Events at the carnival started with a food festival, rides, and local businesses and start-ups selling their products. A welcoming speech by Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women, welcomed the participants, guests, and visitors. A concert featuring popular singer Khalid Fouad followed.

Community Service Course: A Practical Civic Engagement Opportunity for RUW Students



The Centre for General Studies has added to its Liberal Arts Requirement courses a new course "Community Service, which develops the students sense of responsibility towards the community. The students enrolled selected their target community, collected data about their needs, developed a strategy to serve and support this community and that was done with continues reflections on the process. The projects served a variety of communities; special needs, orphans, needy people in a selected neighbourhood and RUW domestic workers and security guards. Ms Norhan A. Rahman the course instructor "I was impressed by the level of dedication each group has demonstrated, it was evident that these girls have sharpened their skills and established the essential key knowledge to become active participants in the community." The students reflections also stated "working with special needs kids taught us that despite their disabilities they have a lot of capabilities" and "this course is so special because what we learn is not about grades, it is more profound, it is how we can use what we learned to support others."