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Annual Report
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RUW - Community Education Committee Activities 2018-19							
	CAD	CBFS	CL	CE	CGS	OSA	INJAZ
Training and Development		ICF Awareness and Coaching Event, Feb. 2019	The 1st Annual Research Symposium on International Commercial Arbitration alongside the 9th Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot, March 2019		Offering Community Service Course (CGS)		INJAZ Young Entrepresenurship Company Program (Training and Industry Engagement), April 2019
		Trade Quest competition, October 2018-March 2019	The 9th annual Midlle east VIS Pre-Moot Training and Competiton International Commercial Arbitration, March 2019				Innovation Camp (ICamp) 2019 with CBFS students, April 2019
		4th Banking and Finance Forum- Fintech and Growth of Payment Industry in GCC, April 2019					Head Start programme with INJAZ with CAD students, Feb.-March 2019
Awareness		Flat6Lab Awareness Event, Feb 2019	Forum 70th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights Form, January 2019		Offering Community Service Course (LAR 138)	RUW International Cultural Festival	
		Entrepreurship Breakthrough exhibition and Forum, 2019, April 2019			Annual Debate - RUW and WVU, march 2019		
					Guest Speaker through the US Embassy for Women's History Month		
Service	CAD's participation in Bahrain International Design Week 2019, Feb. 2019		The Elimination of Violence Against Women Bahraini Law No. 17 of 2015, December 2018	Participating to Beach Clean-up event At Malkiya Beach in Bahrain	Community Service Student Projects		
	CAD's participation in the National Charter Day exhibition, Feb. 2019						
	Architectural Design Conservation project in Old Manama						

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EVENTS

As earlier mentioned, the CEC prepared its event planner for 2018-19 at the beginning of the academic year. All colleges, department and center contributed to this planner by adding the activities in which would fall in one or more of the three main categories identified in the CEC mandate. As such, a variety of events were conducted during AY 2018-19 which CEC was involved in initiating, conducting, or facilitating in collaboration with RUW colleges, centers and offices. Following is a list of some of the outstanding achievements:

1.1. Events supported by CBFS:

1.1.1. INJAZ Company Program, Wyndham Hotel, Supervised by Dr. Nehal Elnaggar, April 29, 2019:

The INJAZ Bahrain Company Program reflects a modern, state of the art learning approach for high school and university students. to start up entrepreneurial companies. Comprising of 12 consecutive meetings, the program emphasizes company start-up content, while providing complementary focus on contemporary issues, research and analysis, communication, organization, mathematics, reading and writing skills.

Students start a company, run all operations, sell products and then showcase their corporate performance in different departments in a competition between different University students. Competition is run over three different categories; Best Social Impact, Best Product (RUW Got Nominated over 17 Student companies), Best Company Award (RUW Got Nominated over 17 Student companies). RUW Students were highly appreciated and recognized and they had a rich learning experience.





1.1.2. INJAZ Innovation Camp (I-Camp) 2019, Alba Club, Bahrain, April 25, 2019, Supervised by: Dr. Nehal El Naggar, Dr. Najdat, Dr. Elizabeth and Dr. Ilene supervising (40 Students):

The Innovation Day Camp was an exciting one-day workshop that challenged students to find innovative solutions to a real business challenge using creativity, thinking out of the box, and teamwork. Students experienced leadership, critical thinking, and presentation skills and learn about business start-ups in a fun way.

Students were divided into teams that competed against each other through a set of educational activities and recreational games. Students were given a business challenge to which they have to propose a solution within a very limited time, given access to tools, information and resources. Students had the possibility to foster an understanding of the world of work and a spirit of entrepreneurship through the principle of learning by doing. They were able to develop their interpersonal as well as problem-solving skills and learn to work under very tight deadlines. The workshop was delivered by trained corporate volunteers from the private sector. The volunteers helped them expand their horizons and direct their team towards an entrepreneurial future.



1.1.3. International Coaching Federation (ICF) Awareness Session, Royal University for Women, February 19, 2019:

"Coaching has become a common word in our business life and it is directly associated to performance improvement, career enhancements or being able to maintain a better Work/Life Balance. Nowadays it is being used as supporting, guiding, communicating or even a teaching or instruction tool."

On February 19, RUW organized a Coaching awareness open day in coordination with the International Coaching Federation. This session was represented by coaches of The International Coach Federation. They have explained the differences between coaching and mentoring, how to be a coach or mentor, and what the requirements are. Furthermore, the core coaching competencies which are developed to support greater understanding about the skills and approaches used within today's coaching profession.

There were around 12 Coaches who run around 25 quick coaching sessions, it was a great opportunity for coaches and potential coaches. It has provided well summarized information on coaching and benefits of receiving coaching, practicing coaching and steps for becoming certified coaches.



1.1.4. Event: Flat6labs, Royal University for Women, February 5, 2019:

Flat6Labs is a startup accelerator program that fosters and invests in bright and passionate entrepreneurs with cutting-edge ideas. It provides seed funding, strategic mentorship, a creative workspace, a multitude of perks, entrepreneurship-focused business training, and directly support our startups through an expansive network of partner entities, mentors and investors.

Flat6Labs Bahrain is a local and regional entity that shared their experience on how it can benefit students looking to start their own business. In collaboration with Flat6Labs and partnership with RUW, A workshop was delivered on the different collaboration opportunities with Flat6labs, two of the female founders described their experiences and gave advice on what it means to start one's own company.



1.1.5. Trade quest competition, Bahrain Bourse, October 2018 – March 2019:

A team of 8 members from College of Business and Financial Sciences under the supervision of Dr. Arpita A. Mehrotra HOD, Banking and Finance Department and eight students participated in Trade Quest competition initiated by Bahrain Bourse, for schools and universities, to inculcate investment practices. The idea of Trade Quest is constructing a portfolio of stocks only and trading, while maintaining a good financial performance. The stocks to be chosen must be listed in NYSE or NASDAQ and Bahrain Bourse.

Two portfolios were constructed, for each bourse separately. The team won third place in the competition (universities level) and received a 2000 BHD award.

1.1.6. 4th Banking and Finance Forum, Fintech and Growth of Payment Industry in GCC, RUW, April 23, 2019:

The College of Business and Financial Sciences, Banking and Finance department conducted a Banking and Finance forum on “Fintech and Growth of Payment Industry in GCC”. The forum is a part of this strategy with the intention to reach out to business experts involved in FinTech, and to engage them in a communication with students and faculty members. Various professionals from the industry were invited as speakers at this event and the presentation and the panel discussion were an interactive session. The event was attended by CSBF students and faculty.

1.1.7. Entrepreneurship Breakthrough, Exhibition and Forum 2019, RUW, April 10, 2019:

The “Entrepreneurship Breakthrough, Exhibition and Forum 2019” held on April 10, 2019 at the university campus, Riffa, Kingdom of Bahrain is an annual event of CBFS showcasing academic engagement in women empowerment with RUW stakeholders.

The tagline, Inspiring Entrepreneurs, Empowering Women advocates CBFS and RUW’s core values of 5R’s (responsibility, reliability, respect, relationship and resources) in preparing and shaping the minds of students to become empowered individuals. Information on entrepreneurship support was presented by representatives from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Tourism, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce, UNIDO-AICEI Bahrain. In addition to A presentation from Mr. Jaafar Hamza of Boxobia Digital Marketing who encouraged everyone to market the value of the products of every entrepreneur.

The Exhibition event showcased various Students Projects in Business Planning and backside with 30 active Entrepreneurs who stablish Micro-business like; Home-base and Social Media-base.

7.2: Activities by College of Art and Design (CAD):

7.2.1. CAD’s participation in Bahrain International Design Week 2019, The avenues, Bahrain, February 4-7, 2019:

From Feb 04th until Feb 7th the College of Art & Design participated in the largest design festival event in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Bahrain International Design Week. It was held in the Avenues Mall in Manama. CAD showcased its works in the various design disciplines it offers, showing support the community and how it may give back to it.



7.2.2. CAD's participation in the National Charter Day, Bahrain, February 14, 2019:

CAD cooperated with community as a Part of Royal University for Women participation in the National Charter Celebration Exhibition held at The Ministry of Education Hall on 14th of February 14, 2019. Students and faculty members joined in preparing a booth at the annual exhibition of MOE. In this booth they presented CAD and presented it to the community.



7.2.3. Architectural Conservation project in Old Manama, Semester 2, 2018-19:

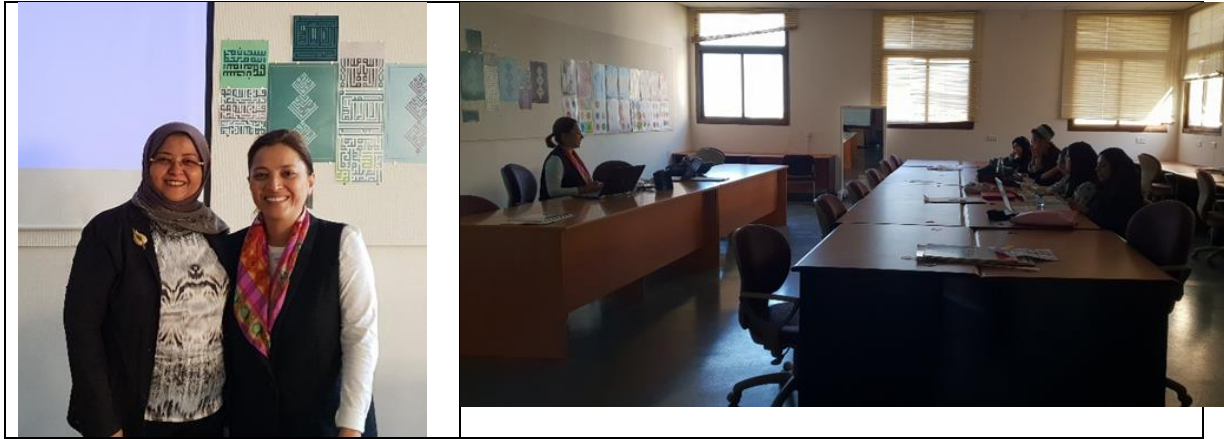
As part of a project underway at the Bahrain Authority of Culture and Antiquates, the year 4 students through their course on Architectural Conservation under the supervisor of Dr. Dina Huwaidi, participated in documenting three traditional/historical houses assigned to them by the Authority.

The results of their work, which was excellent, will be shared with the authority and included in the study they are conducting.



7.2.4. Head Start Programme with Injaz, RUW, February- March 2019:

16 Students from CAD participated in the “Short Course training- Head Start Program” through Injaz. The training focused on enhancing the students professional practice skills and help the students to learn how to be well prepared for the market and the different methods to find their dream job. The training, which was presented by one of the professionals, helped the students to finish the final project and search for a real job after looking for the market’s needs. Through the training students were asked to select one of the companies in the market and suggest a developing plan for each firm. The program started Feb. 2019 and ended March.2019.



7.3. Activities by the College of law:

7.3.1. Elimination of Violence Against Women Lecture

On December 23, In the occasion of the international day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women RUW College of LAW organized a lecture delivered by Dr. Mohamed Almasry, Legal Consultant, from Supreme Council for Women.



7.3.2. Forum on the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

On January 29, College of Law organized the UDHR (United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights) Event to celebrate its 70th anniversary in collaboration with United Nations (UN) Bahrain, National Institute for Human Rights (NIHR), and International Peace Institute (IPI), and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Kingdom of Bahrain, In order to Contribute and expand on the knowledge of the UDHR through a youth-society and women nexus via an educational platform.



7.3.3. 1st RUW Research Symposium in International Commercial Arbitration

On March 7, College of Law organized the 1st RUW Research Symposium in International Commercial Arbitration. Speakers from International Chamber of Commerce, University of Pittsburgh, the UK based Law firm Ely Place discussed about International Mediation and Arbitration. Academicians, Lawyers, Arbitrators and students attended the event.



7.3.4. 9th Annual Middle East VIS Pre-Moot Training and Competition in International Commercial Arbitration, RUW, 5-9, March 2019:

The Royal University for Women hosted the Ninth Annual International Commercial Arbitration Tribunal for the Middle East (WCMC), in cooperation with the Commercial Law Development Program (US Department of Commerce), International Arbitration Court, Bahrain Chamber of Dispute Resolution, Mena Chambers Bahrain, UNCITRAL, and the Center for International Legal Education at the University of Petersburg.

This year marks the ninth anniversary of Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, a major representation of the region's commitment to international commercial arbitration. Where for the third time in a row during the last four years, the Faculty of Law at the Royal University for Women is hosting the Syrian Competition for Commercial Arbitration in its ninth session on campus, in line with its focus on linking the university with the labor market and providing students with the necessary practical knowledge tools.

7.4. Community Activities conducted by the College of Engineering (WVU-CE) programme:

7.4.1. Participating to Beach Clean-up event At Malkiya Beach in Bahrain, March 1, 2019, RUW and WVU students and faculty:

Clean-Up Bahrain is the only officially registered environmental NGO in Bahrain. It is a volunteer group initiated in January 2016 with aiming to raise environmental awareness through active participation and involvement of the local community.

Clean up Bahrain organizes on a regular basis clean-up events at Bahrain beaches. They have organized a beach clean-up at Malkiya Beach on Friday, 01 March 2019. CEE program students together with their instructor, Dr. Gulnur Jasim attended this event. There were many plastic and cartoon materials, as well as aluminium, glass and general waste on the beach. With collective effort of other volunteers, huge amount of waste has been collected from Malkiya Beach within 1.5 hours work.



7.5. Activities by Centre of General Studies (CGS):

The centre of general studies through offering a LAR course on Community Service, which was offered in semesters 1&2, conducted many activities in community service and community engagement and awareness. The following activities took place as projects conducted under the supervision of the course instructor Ms. Amy Owen and the support of RUW faculty and staff:

7.5.1. CGS Students Visit Muharraq Social Welfare Centre

Real life experiences are the best lessons; and to get an exposure into such an experience was the agenda of the Centre for General Studies on November 1, 2018. Around 50 students of EAS level 2 visited the Muharraq Social Welfare Centre, a home that provides holistic care to the elderly, as part of a project-based field trip. The students were enthusiastic and compassionate as they presented the patients with flowers, food items, and small gifts. It was an enriching experience for the students to meet men and women who were aged, yet vibrant in their behavior. The staff members gave a tour of the place and shared valuable inputs about the type of special care that is given to the elderly people. The students also had a brief session of singing traditional songs along with seeking their valuable advice for life.



7.5.2. CGS Students Visit to The Civil Defense

Real heroes work to save lives and protect the citizens from dangers. The students of EAS level 1 went for a field trip to the Civil Defense, Riffa, on the 26th of November 2018. The trip was a complete package of information, hands on experience of fighting fire and an insight into the life of a firefighter. The students were given a complete presentation on firefighting measures undertaken and a peek into the loaded fire engines. They were also given a live demo of how the security personnel's work during times of emergency. The most interesting part of the trip was when the students got an opportunity to use the firefighting machinery and learn to extinguish fire.



7.5.3. RUW Participates in a Beach Clean Up Day

As part of the Community Service course and RUW's commitment to serve the community, Ms. Amy Owen-ALKhaldi, with the assistance of students Ms. Fizza and Ms. Houria Zain from organized an RUW Beach Clean Up in collaboration with Clean Up Bahrain where nearly 500KG of waste was collected. The event took place on Friday, December 7th from 8:30 AM- 10:30 AM at Jid ALHaj Beach. Community service students were joined by RUW faculty and administrative staff to take part in this service-based commitment.



7.5.4. RUW Workers' Appreciation Day

As part of the Community Service course activities, Ms. Amy Owen-ALKhaldi and her students organized an RUW Workers' Appreciation Day for cleaning, security, ICT, and facilities staff. The event was held on Thursday, December 20th from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM in the Student Center. The cheerful recognition event included giving gifts, fun activities, a pizza party and a photo booth.



7.5.5. Community Service Students Organize Dog Walk with BSPCA

Students from the Community Service course organized a dog walking event in collaboration with the BSPCA in Askar, Bahrain. The event took place on Saturday, December 22, from 10am-1pm. The purpose of the walk was to generate awareness about animals in need and to encourage volunteering at the BSPCA.



7.5.6. WVU - RUW Debate

On March 12, Centre for General Studies at the RUW celebrated International Women's Day with a debate between students of WVU and RUW. The debate focused on the impact of the third wave of feminism on men and women. There was great interaction between the participants with strong opinions and arguments presented by both sides on the subject matter. In the end, the debate fulfilled the objective of both institutions, which was to engage in a constructive dialogue and leave the room with new ideas. This year the debate was attended

by students of University of Bahrain who greatly enjoyed the debate along with attending faculty from UOB.



7.5.7. RUW Hosts Inspiring Speaker in Collaboration with US Embassy

On the occasion of Women's History Month, and in collaboration with the US Embassy, and as per HEC approval, Center for General Studies hosted Ms. Cathy Allen, Owner and President of Connections Group, and lecturer at the University of Washington. Throughout her career, Ms. Allen has helped recruit, train and elect women in 49 countries all over the world including Kuwait, Jordan and Morocco. Ms. Allen, a frequent political commentator for PBS, NBC, and CNN debated with RUW students and faculty members on "Why this generation of women (under 35 years of age) will succeed where others did not". Ms. Allen gave a few leadership tips to the students in a thought enhancing session. RUW thanks the US Embassy in particular Ms. Karin Ehlert and Mr. Ali Swar for nominating RUW as the venue to host such a discussion.



7.5.8. Photo Voice Awareness Campaign for Bukuwarah Bakery

As part of a photo voice project which aims to represent a community's or subject's voice through pictures, students in Ms. Amy Owen's Community Service course beautifully capture the hard labor and sacrifice that goes in to running one of the oldest bakeries in Bahrain. AlBukuwarah Bakery's specialty is its traditional Bahraini

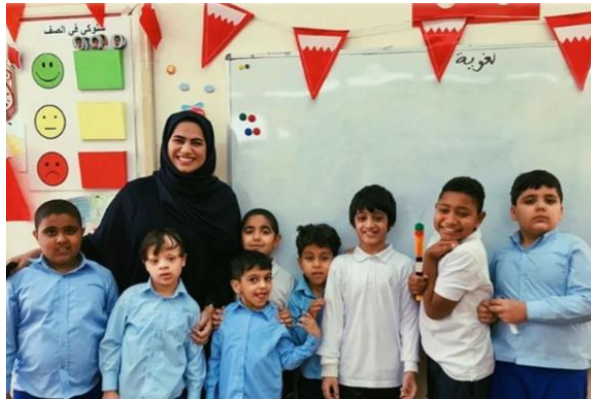
bread cooked by sticking dough to the side of stone oven walls. The bread is sold at the rate of 100 fils for 5 pieces. What a delicious deal!

These pictures were later used in a fundraising campaign by the students. All proceeds went to renovating the bakery.



7.5.9. Volunteer Work at The Hope Institute

For 6 weeks, students from the Community Service course volunteered at The Hope Institute in Bahrain. The Hope Institute is an organization that provides education and development services to students with special needs. The Community Service students served as teachers for the children and tutored them on various subjects. They also oversaw various activities, including an arts and crafts day they organized in collaboration with The Hope Institute.



7.5.10. Student Project with Dar AlBar Elderly Home

As part of the Community Service course with Ms. Amy Owen, a group of students volunteered at Dar AlBar Elderly Home for 6 weeks. The students tended to the daily needs of the residents and organized various activities in collaboration with the organization including a drawing competition with the theme of traditions in Bahrain, and a cooking competition.



7.5.11. Students Collaborate with Bahrain Down Syndrome Society for Community Service Project

In RUW's Community Service course, students spent 6 weeks volunteering at Bahrain Down Syndrome Society where they served as teachers in the classroom and organized activities for the children. Additionally, with the guidance of the organization's director, the students spent a weekend painting the ground of the outdoor area with different shapes and designs which will be used for developmental and educational games and activities.



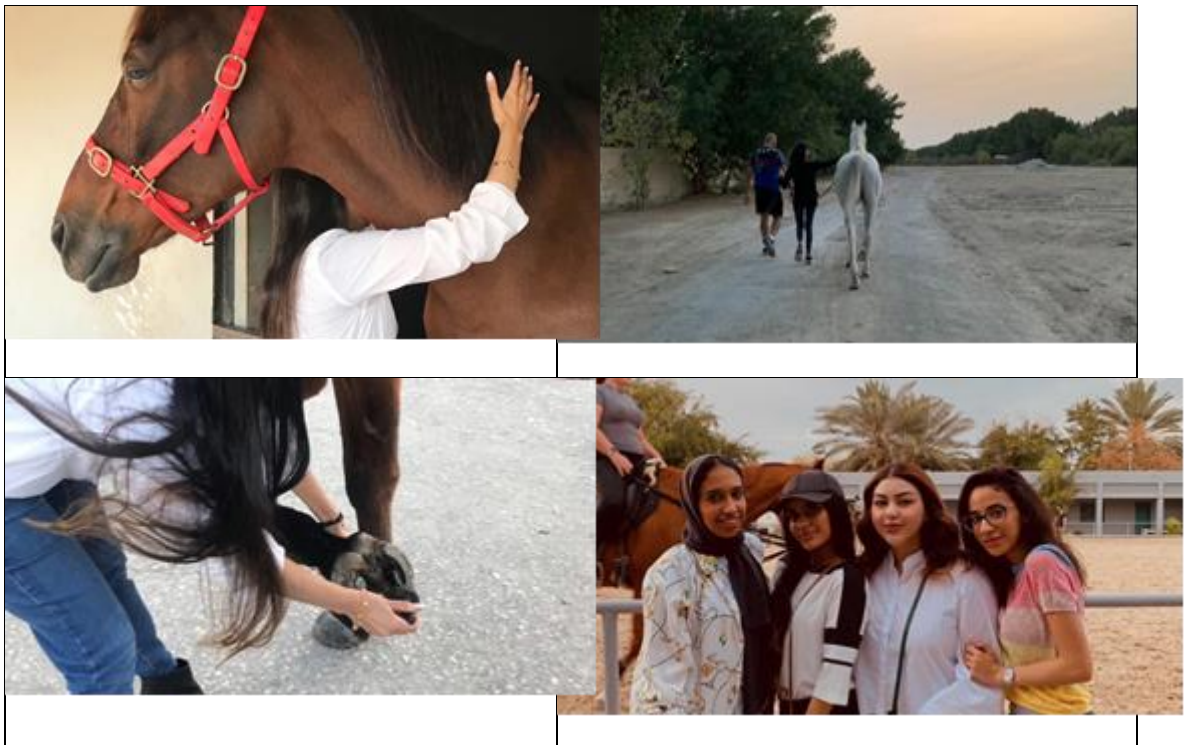
7.5.12. RUW Students Teach Pre-Schoolers on the Importance of Health

For 6 weeks, students in Ms. Amy Owen's Community Service course volunteered at Little Starz Preschool in Riffa where they served as teacher assistants. They also collected and donated snacks and toys for the school and held a sports day which included educational games about health. In the pictures above, students are playing a game in which they sort through healthy and unhealthy snacks and take turns running items to labeled crates.



7.5.13. Students Engage in Community Service at Alfakhwari Stables

As part of the Community Service course taught by Ms. Amy Owen, a group of students spent 6 weeks volunteering at Alfakhwari Stables near Bahrain Fort. The students wanted to focus their work on animals, as they felt they are often overlooked in Bahrain, yet are in serious need. During their time volunteering, the students learned how to properly care for horses and tend to their needs. They cleaned out their stables, groomed them, and even helped train them. Finally, to conclude their work at Alfakhwari Stables, they held a small event where guests could learn about the importance of taking care of animals properly.



7.5.14. RUW Students Volunteer to Teach English to Children

In collaboration with the non-profit organization Dream Big, students from the Community Service course volunteered for 6 weeks as English teachers for

children. In addition to helping their students with English, they also were responsible for contributing to the activities and events organized by Dream Big. For example, they assisted in planning a Career Day, where students learned about various professions, a Colors Day, where students learned about the various colors and voted on the best, and a Movie Day, where teachers selected a movie and enjoyed with their classes. The students plan on continuing their service work, as they feel it is such a rewarding experience.



7.5.15. Community Service Students Volunteer to Deliver Meals on Saturdays

For 8 weeks, students in the Community Service course taught by Ms. Amy Owen volunteered with a group called Saturday Biryani Party to deliver meals to workers throughout Bahrain. Each Saturday, the group would meet at 12:30PM at different locations and provide an average of 160 meals to workers. The students enjoyed this rewarding experience very much, and regularly brought family and friends to participate in the cause.



7.5.16. RUW Students Organize 24th Anniversary Party for UCO Parents Care Center

Students in the Community Service course with Ms. Amy Owen spent the semester working at UCO Parents Care Center. Unlike many elderly care centers, UCO Parents Care Center is not a live-in facility, rather a center where members come during the day or for workshops for social and entertainment purposes. During their time working there, the students helped organize many activities for the members including a computer skills workshop, handcrafts workshop, and foreign language classes. In the final week of their service, the students held an event in celebration of the centers 24th anniversary. The students gave speeches about the history of the center and its success, and food and entertainment for the event.



7.5.17. Community Service Student Helps Families Prepare for Ramadan

Over the last 2 months, a student in the Community Service course, Rayana Jawahery has been volunteering at AlNasr Islamic Center. During her service work, she worked with the mosque to deliver donated goods to families in need throughout Bahrain. In the last few weeks, the focus shifted to preparing for Ramadan, and the student donated a generous supply of water and dates which were distributed to families in preparation for the month.





7.6. Activities by the Office of students Affairs:

7.6.1. RUW International Cultural Festival

On 10, February RUW International Club in collaboration with Office of Student Affairs initiated International Cultural Festival with ASEAN Bahrain Council First on 10th February 2019. The event encompassed Cultural Dance Show (Pakistani, Palestinian, Indonesian, Thailand Traditional Dance), Catwalk Presentation of a variety of National Dresses of ASEAN Countries and Live Cooking. This event was a first of its kind held at RUW and celebrated the cultural diversity of Bahrain and RUW.

