

**Welcome Note from the Dean of the College of Law**

Dear Students and Colleagues,

Welcome to the second semester of this Academic Year 2017/2018! College of Law achieved many goals during the last few years, and is now consolidated as a unique Law programme in Bahrain.

The international learning experience of law students has been enhanced through the participation, for the third consecutive year, in the annual Willem Vis Moot Court competition in commercial arbitration. Our team is ready to fly to Vienna to participate in the annual international competition. College of Law also hosted the 8th Middle East Vis Pre-Moot competition in commercial arbitration in partnership with the CLDP of US Government, BCDR, Mena Chambers, and UNCITRAL. It has been a truly successful event, hosting on campus more than 120 law students coming from 15 universities in 10 different countries across the Middle East, and more than 70 lawyers, judges, and legal professionals from top international and local law firms, who acted as arbitrators in the competition.

College of Law has also started offering revised curriculum this academic year, which contributes to embed employability skills in the law programme, and to match the current market needs. The new curriculum has been developed in cooperation with our esteemed members of the College Advisory Committee, representatives of foreign universities, members of the Bahraini legal community, and law firms and representatives from the Judiciary. College of Law has also signed several MoUs with law firms and legal institutions to enrich our students' internship experiences. The College is also proud to note that, according to our last alumnae tracking and last alumnae gathering, employment rates for our law graduates are very high, and most of our alumnae are employed in reputable international, local law firms, and governmental bodies. Some of them are also pursuing post-graduate studies in various reputable universities, such as the University of Oxford. New and more exciting challenges are yet to come, and I am sure that the College of Law will be able to achieve the best results that our students deserve.

Dr. Pasquale Borea Ph. D.  
Dean of the College of Law

**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."

**Under the Patronage of H.E. Dr. Majid bin Ali Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Education, Chairman of the Higher Education Council, Royal University for Women hosted the 8th Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot**



Under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council, the Royal University for Women hosted, from the 19th to 23rd of February, 2018, the 8th Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot in collaboration with the Commercial Law Development Programme (US Department of Commerce), Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA), Mena Chambers (MCB), UNCITRAL, ICC (International Court of Arbitration), and CILE (Center for International Legal Education of the University of Pittsburg). The Middle East Vis Pre Moot aims to develop advocacy skills for the next generation of lawyers in international commercial arbitration, and provide a unique opportunity for law students, academics, lawyers, and arbitrators, and to cultivate a regional network that fosters the study of international commercial law and arbitration for resolution of international business disputes. University teams from the Middle East region included 15 teams from Bahrain (RUW Law team), Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates. The teams were trained for three days and competed through eliminatory rounds, defending cases released internationally by the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in front of panels of international and local arbitrators. The programme was organized in three different phases: day 1-day 3, training for coaches and students; day 3: arbitrators roundtable; day 4-day 5: Vis Pre-Moot Court Competition. RUW was awarded as Best Academic Partner for the Vis Pre-Moot.

**Occupational Medicine Conference held at RUW in cooperation with West Virginia University**



**College of Business and Financial Sciences signs a Memorandum of Understanding with GARMCO**



To support the mission of the Royal University for Women (RUW), the College of Business and Financial Sciences signed an MoU with Gulf Aluminum Rolling Mill (GARMCO), the first and one of the largest downstream aluminum producers in the Middle East. The purpose of the MoU is to support student learning, and to contribute to the needs of the industry, economic development, and growth of the country. RUW president, Professor Mazin Jumaah, stated the university is always seeking to provide distinguished opportunities for its students and prepare them with the necessary skills to make them employable. Mr. Mohamed Issa, GM GARMCO, expressed the company's pride in signing the agreement with the Royal University for Women. Dr. Hala Elias, Dean of the College of Business and Financial Sciences, emphasized that the college has moved beyond the traditional way of teaching by ensuring the best quality education environment.

**RUW students, faculty and staff celebrate Bahrain National Sports Day**



RUW organized the annual celebrations of Bahrain National Sports Day on February 13th, 2018, between 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, at the RUW Campus in Riffa. There was active participation by a number of enthusiastic academics, administrative staff, and students, led by Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of RUW. The event included a number of sports competitions and activities, including a 4 kilometer walkathon that started from the Sports Center and ended by the Residence. Professor Mazin Jumaah expressed his gratitude toward having the opportunity to spend this valuable time in recreational activities, which reflect the university's interest in creating a vibrant and functional environment for the students, as well as creating a spirit of challenge and determination for a healthy lifestyle.

**HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Tournament for Universities**



Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth Affairs and Sports and Chairman of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized the draw ceremony and press conference of the "Nasser Bin Hamad Universities League" on the 21st of February, 2018, at the Arab Open University campus. The ceremony was attended by Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of the Royal University for Women, as well as all university presidents. Yasmin Eid, from CAD represented RUW in the draw.

**RUW hosts parliamentarians in a dialogue about the Role of Women in the National Charter**



Royal University for Women welcomed at its campus members of the parliament for a lively discussion with the students held for the celebrations of the National Charter Day. RUW students participated in a dialogue with the parliamentarians HE Ms. Rua Al-Hayki and HE Ms. Hanan Al-Mudhahki, in the presence of Professor Mazin Jumaah, the President of Royal University of Women, faculty, and students. Professor Mazin Jumaah expressed his gratitude to the panelists for their participation in the event, and stressed the importance of the National Charter, which the RUW derives its vision and work from to facilitate the success by empowering them through higher education. In addition, Dr. Janon Abdul Wahab, Dean of the College of Art and Design, stated that "this is an annual tradition through which we host influential women to discuss the National Charter and its effects on empowering women in Bahrain".

**RUW participates in Ministry of Education National Charter Celebrations**



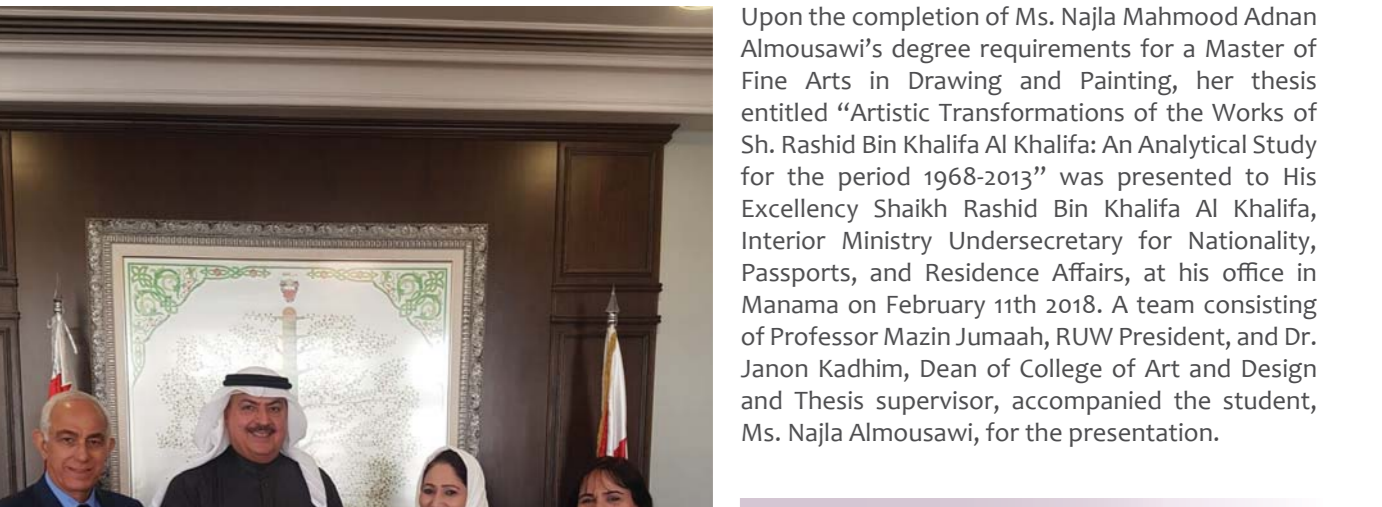
Royal University for Women participated in the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Higher Education Council (HEC) National Charter Celebrations on February 14th, 2018. The celebrations included a parade for which each university showcased a decorated truck to the public on a pre-planned route. Moreover, the RUW booth at The National Charter Monument outdoor area presented a number of projects from each of the colleges at RUW. His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Professor Riyad Hamzah, President of University of Bahrain, and Ms. Latifa Al-Bunodha, Undersecretary for General and Technical Education, visited the RUW booth at The National Charter Monument.

**RUW hosts 'Barahat Al Khair'**



His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate inaugurated "Barahat Al Khair", a charity driven festival hosted at the RUW Campus. His Highness chose the RUW Campus as the venue, and university officials have been working closely with their counterparts at the Southern Governorate to ensure the success of the festival. The festival was held over two weekends during February 23rd and 24th, as well as March 2nd and March 3rd, from 4:00 - 9:00 pm. Reflecting on this event, Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of RUW, thanked His Highness and stated the full support of RUW to the events of the Southern Governorate and expressed his pride in hosting the festival on the University premises.

**Master of Fine Arts student presents thesis to His Excellency Shaikh Rashid Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa**



**College of Art and Design students participate in high profile design competition**

College of Art and Design students were asked to participate in a design competition at Bab Al Bahrain Exhibition Hall. The students were tasked with taking measurements for a majlis zone. They were given the responsibility of designing for three zones: a workshop space for children over the age of 12, a space for an artist who will conduct a workshop or masterclass and a space for younger children to free play, play board games, or do clay modeling.

# Alumna of the Month



Ms. Reem Hassan El-Asad

## Background Information

**Name:** Ms. Reem Hassan El-Asad

**Graduation Year:** 2017

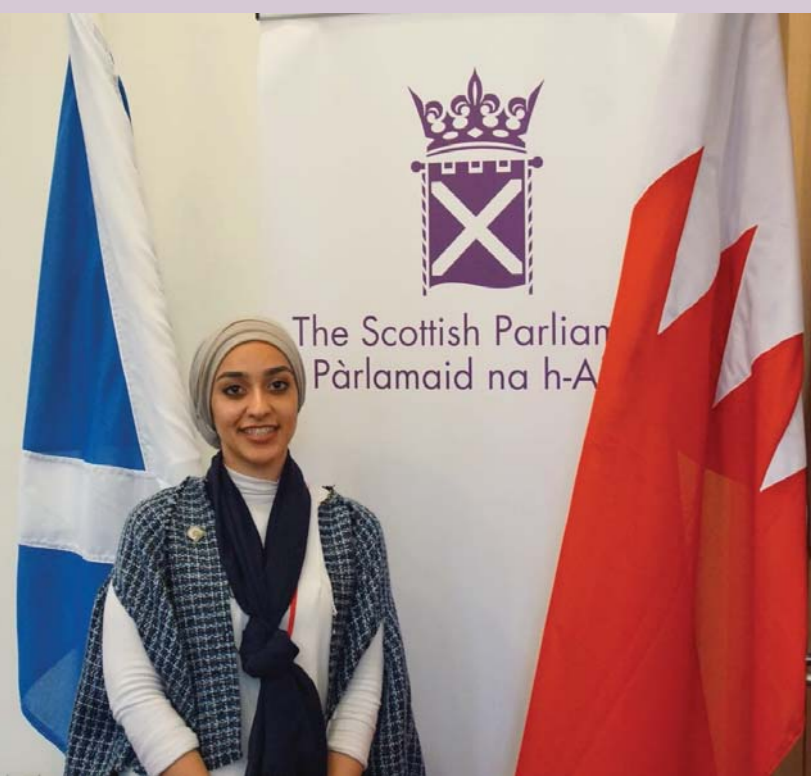
**Professional Occupation:**  
Enrolled in the Post Graduate Programme in Foundations of Diplomacy at the University of Oxford, UK.

- Involvement at RUW:**
- Graduated from the College of Law with a Bachelor's in Law.
  - Represented RUW in the 2017 7th Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East Pre-Moot competition.
  - Attended the 2017 Arab Gulf Forum of Jurists on behalf of the College of Law.
  - Attended the CSI and Criminology workshop held at RUW.
  - Undertook Internships at Trowers & Hamlins and AlTamimi & Co. as an RUW intern.

## Her Words:

"My four-year experience at the Royal University for Women was the main reason I went to Oxford. Having the opportunity to be involved in what our university provided over the years has had a great impact in developing our confidence, skills, and abilities. Before I mention my experience at Oxford, I would like to show special gratitude to our faculty, the college of law. I am extremely thankful and grateful to, Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dr. Maria Casoria, Dr. Amer ElSaeedi, Dr. Louna Farhat, Dr. Mallalah AlHamadi, and Dr. Aseel Zimmo for their continued guidance, support, and advice throughout our university years. During our final days at RUW, the college of law introduced us to the program offered by the University of Oxford. We were encouraged by our dean to apply for this Pre-Master's course, and so I did. At the beginning, I was hesitant to accept the offer; however, I thought to myself, this is a great opportunity to represent my university, and a great opportunity to explore the "University of Oxford". For those who want to apply, you should know that the Pre-Master's course expects students to be able to work under A LOT of pressure. Their grading system is quite difficult, yet fair. You won't be alone in this. The department offers one-on-one tutorials which aims to develop your academic writing and speaking skills, in addition to classes such as Critical Reading, Writing, and Academic Literacy, which are highly advantageous to students of all ages and backgrounds. I would definitely recommend this course to current and future RUW alumni."

## College of Law Student participates in the Youth Parliamentarian Program 2017, U.K.



College of Law student, Ms. Reem Beshams, participated in the Youth Parliamentarian Program conducted by the Youth Pioneer Society. After an extensive 6-month program with 50 participants, Ms. Reem was chosen alongside 9 others as part of the Bahraini delegation to the United Kingdom. Meetings with the British Members of Parliament, Scottish Members of Parliament, as well as various charity organizations were conducted with the aim of understanding the youth's role in the development of society. The trip shed light to the different perspectives and systems concerning youth participation, especially considering both Britain and Scotland have a well-functioning Youth Parliament.

# Faculty of the Month

Dr. Hadeel Regal, Associate Professor, College of Art and Design



Dr. Hadeel Regal

Dr. Hadeel Regal, Associate Professor of Interior Architecture, has over 26 years in both academic and professional field experience. Dr. Regal is a Ph.D. (2004) and Master's degree (1999) holder in Fine Arts and Interior Architecture from the Interior Design Department of Alexandria University. Her Ph.D. dissertation is titled "Interior Architecture Between Globalization and National Identity." In academia, she has worked as an associate professor in the Faculty of Fine Art, Alexandria University; Associate Professor and Staff member of Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport; Associate Professor in the Faculty of Art and Design, Interior Design Department at American University of Madaba, Jordan. She has been an academic advisor for Ph.D. and Master's students, has participated in numerous conferences, and played vital roles in organizing committees. Dr. Hadeel continually searches for new inspiration, superior design and representational skills, and clarity in communication with openness to collaboration. She has a strong commitment to innovative teaching practices, cultural awareness, concern about architecture and national identity, low cost interior solutions, the re-use, adaptation, and transformation of existing interior architecture: restoration, renovation, and rehabilitation of old buildings, advanced visualization, digital fabrication, critical practice, theoretical and conceptual design, furniture design. Additionally, her various specializations include, but are not limited to: preservation, materials research, preservation, materials research, lighting, execution, Eco designs, sustainability, human space, and spatial design. She strongly believes in nurturing relationships with design professionals and the community, and staying savvy on current design trends. As an Interior Designer she has multifaceted specialties ranging from design of accessories and furniture, lighting designs, to human interior spaces, and all-purpose designing. She actively maintains a knowledge of local and international vendors in career arenas, as well as successfully coordinates with vendors and manages construction teams with ease. She is always driven to bring customized design concepts to life in order to guarantee complete customer satisfaction.

## CBFS Banking and Finance Forum



On February 28th, The Banking and Finance Department of College of Business and Financial Sciences conducted a Banking and Finance forum. The speaker was Mr. Adel El Labban, the group CEO and MD of Ahli United Bank, Kingdom of Bahrain. Dr. Hala, Dean of College of Business and Financial Sciences, commenced the forum by welcoming the guests. Mr. Adel El Labban then give an elaborate speech about the contemporary issues in the banking sector, particularly about "why banks fail." The forum was attended by RUW President, Professor Mazin Jumaah, board members, advisory committee members, alumnae, College of Business and Financial Sciences students, and College of Law students and faculty. The forum was very informative and the CBFS students and CL students were very much impressed with the forum.

## Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Entrepreneurship

CBFS participated in the knowledge sharing workshop on entrepreneurship held at the Higher Education Council on February 27th, 2018. This event was intended to encourage universities to discuss the different entrepreneurial initiatives. The Head of the HEC welcomed university representatives, and praised the entrepreneurial experience at Kuwait University. He encouraged the attendees to join forces and to showcase the different universities' experiences in a large event to be announced and prepared for.

## College of Art and Design Educational Trip to London



The Royal University for Women organized a nine-day educational trip to London during the month of January, 2018. During the trip, the students visited museums, galleries, a Broadway show, and various London attractions. Twelve Alumnae and students from Graphic, Fashion, and Interior Design attended a four-day course at the University of the Arts London (UAL), Chelsea. Alongside the students were two chaperones from the Art & Design Faculty: Shaikha Mai Khalifa Al-Khalifa Graphic Design Lecturer, and Ms. Sara Khalid Al Hamar, Graphic Design Lecturer. The University of the Arts London, Chelsea lectures focused on the topics of retail display, design creativity, innovative thinking, and branding for startups.

## Dr. Janon and Dr. Hisham attend Iraqi Architects Symposium



As part of the activities of the Iraqi Architects Society, members Dr. Janon and Dr. Hisham attended a two-day event in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on the 9th and 10th of February, 2018. During the event, they engaged in activities, lectures, and presentations featuring various topics addressing issues related to rebuilding cities after war, new thoughts and ideas in urban design and urban regeneration, renovation of historic cities, and others. A gala and a visit to the latest artistic and architectural attractions in the UAE was also part of the program. The event was a great opportunity for architects to connect and share experiences, thoughts, and inspirations. It was attended by over 80 architects, who gathered from various parts of the world.

## Three day Lighting workshop for Interior Design students by visiting professor



As part of the activities conducted by WVU visiting professor Ms. Lee Mullet for the College of Art and Design, a 3-day workshop on Lighting Design for the Interior Design Year 3 students, and a number of CAD IDN alumnae. The workshop covered various topics, from the physiology of light, various lighting types, lighting design, to finally, a practical session on planning lighting for a space. The workshop was very productive, and students engaged actively in the workshop.

## 3rd Year architecture students study project site & conduct site visit to 5-stars hotel



On the 22nd of February, 2018, a field trip to Amwaj Islands was organized by the College of Art and Design for the students registered in the "Course of Architectural Design 4." A total of sixteen students were accompanied and guided by the course instructor, Dr. Aisha Darwish. During the visit, they chose the site of their design project, which is located next to Art Rotana Amwaj, and examined the newly opened 5-star hotel in the area, The Grove Hotel. Students were requested to take notes and photos prior to submitting the site analysis and starting their own concepts and designs.

## Architecture students attend Bahrain Annual Garden Show 2018



As part of the course of landscaping, year three architectural design students accompanied by course instructor Dr. Janon Kadhim, visited the Bahrain Annual Garden Show on Sunday, February 25th, 2018. The exhibition was a great opportunity for the students to learn about a variety of landscaping elements, ideas, and concepts presented at the exhibition. It was also a good learning experience since they were able to interact with providers and specialists in the field, and learn more about local Bahraini flora.

## RUW Academics attend Academic Leadership Workshop

A workshop on Academic Leadership was held at the University of Bahrain, in collaboration Higher Education Academy (HEA) from Feb 19th -22nd, 2018. The focus of the ALP (Academic Leadership Programme) was on helping the members to reflect on the nature of academic leadership in particular contexts and situations at present, and on the conditions that need to be created to enable participants to become effective academic leaders in the coming future. The programme was attended by Dr. Shweta Kinra, Dr. Amer El Saeedi, and Dr. Mathias Bode. The workshop included participants from six other universities in Bahrain.

## 'History of Interior Design' lecture by WVU visiting Professor Lee Mullet

As part of the activities conducted by WVU visiting professor Ms. Lee Mullet, the College of Art and Design, organized a lecture on the History of French Baroque and rococo Interiors to the year 2 Interior Design students. The lecture served as a part of their "History of Interior Design" course. The lecture was attended by Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD, course instructor, Dr. Hadeel Reagal, architect Ameena Al Harairi, year 2 Interior Design students, and a number of interested students from other Interior Design levels.

## Q & A session with College of Art and Design Students

The College of Art and Design held its first Q&A session during AY 2017-18 on February 7th 2018. The session was conducted by Dr. Janon Kadhim accompanied by the two Heads of Department. It was attended by 82 CAD students from various programs and levels. During the meeting, the students raised a number of issues that were of concern. All these issues were discussed thoroughly, and measures are in place to ensure effective solutions.

## RUW Fashion Design Alumnae hosts successful Workshop

As part of the ongoing relationship the university enjoys with its alumnae, the College of Art and Design hosted Shaikha Haya Al Khalifa, a graduate of the college with a specialization in Fashion Design. Shaikha Haya Al Khalifa initiated a four-day workshop with 8 participants from the neighboring Shaikha Hessa Girls School. The workshop focused on introduction to fashion design and sewing techniques. Students were taught basic sewing skills, hands-on experience, and knowledge about the fashion design process.

## College of Law academic staff and students attend the Bahrain National Charter Anniversary celebrations

The Dean of College of Law, Dr. Pasquale Borea, along with Dr. Amer El Saeedi, Dr. Raed Alnimer, and the Constitutional Law students, attended a conference celebrating the Anniversary of the National Charter. The event, attended by Bahrain officials, members of parliament, members of the judiciary, and academics, marked the 17th Anniversary of the Bahraini revised constitution as a result of the establishment of the National Action Charter.

## College of Law attends International Forum on Business & Human Rights

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) organized a forum to serve as a global platform to discuss trends and challenges in the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and to promote dialogue and cooperation on issues linked to business and human rights. Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of College of Law at RUW, was invited as a chair of the working group on 'Human Rights and access to Medicine: Copyright or not?' A group of 9 students from College of Law and the Human Rights course also attended the forum.

## College of Law hosts a guest lecture on 'The Importance of Legal Research in Common Law Legal Systems'

Ronald Brand, Director of the Center for International Legal Education at the University of Pittsburg School of Law, delivered a guest lecture on 'The Importance of Legal Research in Common Law Legal Systems', as part of the learning activities within the course of Legal Research and Writing Skills. The session was very interactive and has benefited the students.

## Site Visit by Bachelor of Architecture Students

On February 7th, RUW Bachelor of Architecture students conducted a site visit in Juffair led by Dr. Sherif Kashaba. The students visited a proposed general hospital, and were briefed on the specifications and plans of the site.