

Welcome Note from the Dean of the College of Art and Design



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Dear Students and Colleagues,

Welcome to the College of Art and Design at Royal University for Women. The College of Art & Design at Royal University for Women is a place rich in tradition and vibrant with creativity and innovation. It is a community of diverse people bound by a common vision of a world transformed—made into a better, more beautiful place by art and design. It aims at nurturing the knowledge and skills of young women with creative talents for visual art and design.

Our mission is to enable our students to make a mark for themselves in Fashion, Graphics, Interior and Architectural Design at the undergraduate level and in Design Management and Drawing and Painting at the postgraduate level.

With a well-structured international accredited curriculum, highly qualified instructors, and quality infrastructure consisting of professional quality studios, modern class rooms and a very well stocked library, we make the study at Art and Design intensive, active and interactive while ensuring a personal and collaborative approach. Here, we learn by theory as well as by practice. We develop the technical, intellectual, and spiritual skills for survival in tomorrow's complex reality and cultivate appreciation of the beauty in the world and respect for all those who live in it. We prepare individuals for prospective careers within a highly motivating learning environment, which makes studying an enjoyable, creative and innovative learning experience.

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 & lifelong habits of learning and individual development. The RUW graduate will be creative, confident and forward thinking."

Academic Programmes Offered at RUW

- Academic Programmes Offered at RUW
- Centre for General Studies
- English for Academic Success
- College of Art and Design
- Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
 - Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
 - Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
 - Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
 - Bachelor in Architectural Design
 - Master of Design Management
 - Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting
- College of Business and Financial Sciences
- Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
 - Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
 - Bachelor of Business in International Business
 - Bachelor of Business in Marketing
- College of Law
- Bachelor of Law
- College of Engineering
- B.Sc. Civil Engineering (West Virginia University programme hosted by RUW)

Duke of York visits Royal University for Women



Royal University for Women (RUW) had the great honour and privilege to receive His Royal Highness The Duke of York, HRH Prince Andrew, Chancellor of University of Huddersfield. HRH Prince Andrew was accompanied by Prof. Bob Cryan, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive. HRH Prince Andrew and Prof. Cryan met with Mr. Essa Mohammed Najibi, Chairman of RUW Executive Committee and Member Board of Trustees and Dr. David Stewart, Acting President of RUW. HRH The Duke of York also met HE Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council, Dr. Abdulghani Ali Al Showaikh, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council and esteemed RUW Board of Trustees members, Dr Mohammed Ahmed Jumaan and Dr Aref Abdulla Al Ashban and the academic leadership of the university. HRH Prince Andrew also met students and visited the CAD Exhibition room.

WVU Student Trip to RUW



The Centre for General Studies welcomed West Virginia University students visiting RUW and the Kingdom of Bahrain as part of a week-long student exchange program from March 10-16, 2019. The goal of this program is to promote the cultural ties between the United States of America, and the Kingdom of Bahrain and to enhance the strong relationship between the two universities as well as expose the students to international students and exchange cultural, educational and social knowledge. RUW organizes this program with West Virginia University as both institutions are engaged in a strategic partnership covering a wide range of projects and it is one which the students from both institutions look forward to on an annual basis.

9th Annual Middle East Vis Pre Moot



RUW hosted the 9th Annual Middle East Vis Pre Moot Training and Competition in International Commercial Arbitration, in collaboration with the Commercial Law Development Program (US Department of Commerce), International Court of Arbitration (ICC), Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA), Mena Chambers Bahrain (MCB), UNCITRAL, and the Center for International Legal Education of the University of Pittsburgh (CILE).

7th Annual Workshop on Forensic Analytics and Accounting Technology



Under the patronage of the Central Bank of Bahrain and with Strategic Partner Tamkeen, RUW in collaboration with its strategic partner, West Virginia University, hosted the 7th Annual Workshop on Forensic Analytics and Accounting Technology which was presented by WVU Dr. Mark Nigrini. WVU is a leader in forensic applications and education in accounting and fraud investigation, working with major US government agencies and institutions including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Internal Revenue Service.

Responsible Conduct of Research Conference



Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Mariam Al-Jalalma, Chief Executive of the National Health Regulatory Authority and in collaboration with Tamkeen, WVU in association with RUW held a conference on Responsible Conduct of Research: The Importance of Integrity to Research Success. The conference took place on March 19 and 20, 2019 at the RUW campus.

WVU Visiting Professorship

On March 8-14, College of Law and College of Business and Financial Sciences hosted visiting professor Dr. Paolo Farah from the Department of Public Administration at WVU. Dr. Paolo presented lectures on Intellectual Property and Alternative Dispute Resolutions at the College of Law and on International Political Economy in CBFS. Besides his insightful lectures, Dr. Paolo assisted both colleges in the area of curriculum review, second marking and external verification. Dr. Paolo and Deans of CBFS and Law also discussed long term cooperation initiatives with RUW leadership.

MEET ICT 2019



An RUW delegation participated in the Ninth Edition of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) conference, MEET ICT, and the Bahrain International Technology Exhibition (BITEX) held under the patronage of Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal bin Ahmed at the Gulf Hotel Bahrain from 19th to 21st of March 2019. 26 national and international speakers enlightened the audience on the role of digital information and ICT in sustaining projects. The conference included 6 plenaries and 6 workshops focusing on domains related to ICT including the Internet of things, Big Data and Cloud Computing.

H.E Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs visits RUW



H.E. Hon. Guglielmo Picchi, Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs visited RUW along with the Italian Ambassador to Bahrain H.E. Domenico Bellato. After a meeting with Board members and RUW AVP and Deans, H.E. visited the Italian language course. Cooperation with Italian Cultural and Academic Institutions and student exchange programs in Italy were discussed during the visit coordinated by Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of College of Law.

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.

Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Ms. Yasmine Mohamed Eid

Graduation Year: 2018

Professional Occupation: Interior Designer

Involvement at RUW: Member of the Student Council

Her Words:
So strange how we draw our paths yet end up walking the path that was meant for us. I remember when my best friend dragged me with her one morning to get her admission paper from RUW, thinking I would never study in an all women university. If only I knew back then that, I would end up not only studying in RUW but also enjoying every moment I spent in its campus. RUW taught me many things and it helped me become a stronger person. I was taught to challenge and question stereotypes and try opening up to the world by accepting change and differences. Yes, university was never easy or loads of fun, but I somehow managed to enjoy the "harsh" life of university, and of course, the never-ending stress. Each of my professors taught me a different skill; some taught me patience while others taught me to challenge myself and some inspired me to try to be as respectable and decent as them. As for my classmates, they are one of the reasons I have excelled in my life and career as an interior designer because we were always there for one another. My mom always said that the friends you make in university are those who stay with you for life, but I think it is the memories that you can never forget. For all those of you who are lucky enough to still be in the university phase, make use of it and enjoy it to the maximum.

Achievements:
After I graduated, I was offered a number of jobs as an event planner because of the efforts I have done in the university. After a couple of months, I was hired as a Junior Interior Designer in International Design Associates, Bahrain. Now I am working on projects not only in Bahrain but also in the Gulf Region with an astonishing team of designers who never cease to teach me day after day.

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 provoking session. RUW thanks the US Embassy in particular Ms. Karin Ehler and Mr. Ali Swar for nominating RUW as the venue to host such a discussion.

United States Commission for International Religious Freedom

A USCIRF delegation led by Vice-Chair Ms Gayle Manchin visited RUW on March 27. The USCIRF, a bi-partisan commission has the mandate to monitor the essential human right to freedom of religion or belief abroad. USCIRF issues policy recommendations to the US President, Secretary of State, and the US Congress. USCIRF Commissioners are appointed by the President and Congressional leaders of both political parties. Their work is supported by a professional, nonpartisan staff. Vice-Chair Manchin, the former First Lady of West Virginia, an advocate for West Virginia children and families, came along with Commissioner Nadine Menza, the Chair of Hardwired Global, an organization working to stop religious oppression around the world. Dr. Dwight Bashir, Director of Research, expert on human rights and religious freedom in the MENA Policy and Scott Weiner, a policy analyst focusing on religious freedom in the Arabian Peninsula and Iran accompanied the commissioners. The Commission which was on a fact finding mission in a unique country in terms of religious freedom, wanted to meet representatives of a higher education institution known for embracing multiculturalism and diversity. RUW administrative and academic leadership contributed to a fruitful exchange with the Commission.

Stress Management Workshop

On 5, March OSA organized Stress Management Workshop by Ms. Shireen Omar who holds a Professional Diploma in Resource Therapy approved by the Australasian Ego State Therapy Association (AESTA) and an MSc. in Clinical Neurodevelopmental Sciences from the Prestigious Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN), King's College London, ranked second in the world in Psychiatry and Psychology. The workshop focused on the psychological & physiological causes and effects of stress among university students and different types of stress in the general population and highlighted tips and techniques to manage and overcome stress in everyday life.

BBQ for WVU Students

On March 12, 2019 the OSA in collaboration with CGS organized a BBQ for the visiting WVU Student Exchange group and RUW faculty and Staff. The Bahraini themed event included traditional Bahraini tents, music, sweets, Saqqar (Falconer), pottery painting and henna. The evening was a pleasant combination of great company and good food and was enjoyed by all in particular the visitors from WVU.

Conference at DAH University, KSA



From March 11 - 14, the College of Art & Design participated in the Future of Architectural Education in the Middle East Conference, held at Dar Al-Hekma University in KSA. 24 speakers enlightened the audience on the current most efficient pedagogical methods of teaching architecture. 3 CAD speakers including Dr. Janon, Dr. Hisham and Dr. Amine participated in this debate through highlighting the crucial role of the multidisciplinary approach in architectural education system. This approach provides our students with enough skills to can tackle the tremendous urban and architectural challenges that are facing our cities.

Alumnae Guest speaker for CAD

On March 17th, the College of Art & Design organized a lecture for Graphic Design students in foundation and year 3 & 4. The RUW Alumnae Ms. Nayla Al Sada shared her experience with "Quby" a creative design and product innovation agency. The Alumna made a short presentation about "storytelling through design". She discussed her interaction with clients and the different obstacles faced with working in the industry. She further enriched the presentation with her prior work in different projects like the Saudi Design Week, Salam House, Ammar Bashir, and the Protein Kitchen.

CAD Fashion Show in the Royal Hospital



On March 21st, under the theme of celebrating mother's day, the College of Art & Design organized a fashion show as part of the soft launch of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Bahrain. Two fashion brands namely LC WAIKIKI and Aeropostale sponsored the show with three collections of ready to wear outfits and the fourth collection was a collection of Jalabiya from our student's projects.

CAD Students Visit Bahrain Heritage Sites



On March 20th, under the final project of Architectural Conservation class, 16 CAD students from the architecture department participated in the "Intensive Heritage Building Survey Workshop & Training" conducted by a heritage specialist Mr. Ghassan Chemali in the National Museum of Bahrain. This project will be under the supervision and cooperation of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Kingdom of Bahrain. After the approval of her Excellency Shaikha Mai Al Khalifa to give our students real practical experience in the heritage site.

CBFS Participates in the Stakeholder's Conference at UoB



On March 11th 2019, Dr. Hala Elias, Dean, College of Business and Financial Sciences and Dr. Arpita A Mehrotra, Head of Department of Banking and Finance attended a stakeholder's conference at the University of Bahrain. The conference focused on the internationalization and quality assurance and strategy planning for accreditation.

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 International Mediation and Arbitration. Academicians, Lawyers, Arbitrators and students attended the event.

Presentation to WVU Students



Dr. Hema Siriwardane, Professor and Chairman, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at West Virginia University (WVU), Morgantown campus, gave a presentation on one of his research topics of "Extend of Hydraulic Fractures in a Multilayered Geological Media" to WVU students and academic staff.

Beach Clean-up

On Friday, March 1st, 2019, CEE program students together with their instructor, Dr. Gulnur Jasim, attended the Clean-Up Bahrain beach event at the Malkiya beach. Clean-Up Bahrain is the only officially registered environmental NGO in Bahrain. It is a volunteer group initiated in January 2016 which aims to raise environmental awareness through active participation and involvement in the local community. Clean-Up Bahrain organizes on a regular basis clean-up events for Bahrain's beaches.

Conference Participation

As part of the RUW team participating in the 1st Architectural Conference, "The Future of Architectural Education in the Middle East", organized by the school of Architecture and Design at Dar Al-Hekma University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, March 10-11, 2019, Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of the College of Engineering and Dr. Hisham Al-Azzawi, HOD Architectural Design Dept. presented a paper entitled "Developing Landscaping projects with the Northern and Southern Municipalities of Bahrain: A Collaborative project with the Bahraini Community".

Team Development Through Art

As part of the activities planned for the visiting WVU students this year, Dr. Janon Kadhim and Ms. Amy Owen planned an exciting activity for the team where they joined forces in creating a beautiful mural on the interior walls of the reception area of the WVU-CE Bahrain Campus building. Students from the WVU-Bahrain campus and WVU main campus worked hard on the project, and bonded through the experience.

Inspiration for the design came from a similar geometric pattern on the walls of Riffa Views International School, Bahrain, spotted by Dr. Janon, and then redesigned to suit the WVU color scheme.

This project was a great experience for the students, and created memories that will live within the building and within their minds for a very long time. The energy was great, and the final result is awesome!

Seminar on Road Construction

On March 11, 2019 Ms Bana Qasem, sophomore CE Student gave a presentation to CE 1st year students, as part of her collegiate engagement activities.

Her presentation was titled "What Materials are Used for Road Construction?" Ms. Qasem spoke about the evolution of materials used in road construction such as asphalt, aggregate, cobblestone, etc. She concluded with concrete being suggested as a more cost-effective and environmentally friendly material to be used in road construction.

MENA 9th Vis Pre Moot

From March 5-9, the College of Law hosted the 9th MENA Vis Pre Moot training and competition in International Commercial Arbitration. 180 people attended with 17 Law schools from 12 countries and 65 lawyers and legal professionals. The event was organized in collaboration with CLDP, BCDR, University of Pittsburgh and ICC.

COL Advisory Committee Meeting

On March 28, College of Law hosted the Advisory Committee Meeting which was attended by members of the committee which includes Lawyers, Judges and RUW Law Alumnae.

RUW Delegation Visits Jeddah



An RUW delegation including Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean College of Engineering, Dr. Vivien Exartier, international Affairs Officer, Mr. Sami Dagash, Manager Registrar, Sh. May Al Khalifa and Ms. Sarah Al Hammar, Lecturers, CAD traveled to Jeddah on February 24 and 25. The delegation attended the 10th Gulf Education Conference and Exhibition titled 'Megatrends in Education towards green economy' held on the campus of University of Business and Technology. RUW's team visited the partner institution University of Dar Al hekma to go over MOU collaboration initiatives and was warmly received by Deans of Graduate Studies, School of Design and Architecture, Directors of Scientific Research Center and Library, and Director of Development and Alumnae Relations, Chair of new department of Law and Diplomacy and Senior Officer Accreditation and Quality Support. Finally, the team had the opportunity to visit leading higher education institution, King Abdulaziz University of Sciences and Technology. HR Executive Manager, Mr Ferooz Janahi father of RUW CBFS student Saba Janahi, and Ms. Sav Boutsis, Office of Student Affairs graciously facilitated a tour and meet and greet with Prof. Martin Mai, Associate Dean, Physical Science and Engineering and Prof. Tad Patzek, Director, Ali I. Al-Naimi Petroleum Engineering Research Center to discuss possible areas of collaboration with the College of Engineering.