

Welcome Note from the Acting President of RUW



Dr David Stewart
Acting President, RUW

Dear Colleagues and Students, Greetings! It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our new and returning colleagues and students back to campus for the start of another exciting academic year. I very much look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Universities throughout the world are facing enormous challenges – budget cuts, low student enrollment, fierce competition for international students – and in Bahrain we face additional competition from the increasing number of new universities established each year. Yet this should not daunt us. Instead, we should see this as an opportunity to re-think who we are, why we exist, and what we want to achieve.

The heart of a university is its students and the responsibility to teach them. Yes, we do want to conduct research, attract the best faculty, engage in meaningful ways with the community, help solve some of the world's most pressing problems. But, we do all this with the knowledge that we will be more effective and responsible teachers and produce students who are equipped to go into the world and make a positive contribution. Indeed, the vision of RUW is to prepare our students "to become leaders who are engaged members of their society demonstrating initiative and life-long habits of learning and individual development".

It is for this reason that RUW has declared this year as the Year of the Student. We will respond to the challenges facing higher education both globally and at home by showing that RUW is a place where students truly can learn, grow, develop their potential, and realise their dreams. We will educate our students, challenge our students, give them the support they need both in and out of the classroom, provide them with opportunities, and let them know that we fully believe in our motto "Students are our number one priority".

Students, you are our number one priority. RUW exists because of you and I am extremely proud of all of you. This is your University, and this year I want you to take the initiative to make it even more your University. Study hard, attend class, be intellectually curious, and develop within you a desire for life-long learning. In addition to focusing on your studies take advantage of all the amazing opportunities RUW offers because you are our number one priority - such as education abroad, student leadership opportunities in such events as INJAZ, Vis-Moot, by serving on the Student Council, engaging in volunteer projects, and participating in a whole host of social and cultural programmes which will be organised throughout the year.

Colleagues, in the midst of all the challenges facing higher education both globally and at home, let us take pride in our students, celebrate the great work they do, ignite within them the desire to learn, explore, question, and enter worlds of thought they have never entered before. Moreover, let us show to them that this year is the 'Year of the Student' and that "Students are our number one priority".

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."

Academic programmes offered at RUW

- Academic Programmes Offered at RUW
- College of Art and 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)

RUW Students start their journey in campus for Academic year 2019/2020



The Office of Student Life (OSL) at Royal University for Women (RUW) held its annual Student Orientation Programme at RUW campus located in West Riffa. RUW Acting President Dr David Stewart welcomed new students and wished them every success in their university life. In his message to new students and their families, Dr Stewart emphasised the world-class educational services that are provided by RUW to all students, which help them become well-rounded, mature, leading individuals. Dr Stewart reiterated Royal University for Women's commitment to providing a quality education and its efforts to offer an environment where students can excel both academically and personally.

RUW Student Council and College representatives welcomed students and their families explaining the various services, clubs and extra-curricular activities organized by the Student Council and Colleges as well as the facilities available to all students. The President of the Student Council, Ms. Reem Benshams, stressed that Royal University for Women fosters a spirit of cooperation and warmth that encourages the students to grow and explore all the options available to them.

In a brief set of speeches, other Senior Management in addition to the Deans, Director of Student Life, Registrar, and Library Manager welcomed the new students. Finally, RUW alumnae from different colleges talked about their experience as former students of RUW and provided the new students with their tips and words of advice.

Following the formal event, members of the Student Council and College representatives took the new joiners on a campus tour and introduced them to the academic support staff and facilities at the university such as the Office of Student Life, Library, Residence, Library, cafeteria, and the Sports Centre which hosts a 600-seat stadium, a temperature-controlled swimming pool, and gymnasium.

RUW Inaugurates the First Centre for Italian Language and Culture in the Kingdom of Bahrain



Under the Patronage of His Excellency Mr. Domenico Bellato, Ambassador of Italy to Kingdom of Bahrain, and within the occasion of XIXth Week of Italian Language in the World, Royal University for Women (RUW) inaugurated the First Centre for Italian Language and Culture in Kingdom of Bahrain. With the presence of H.E. Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Shaikha Aysha bint Ahmad Al Khalifa, Director of European Affairs and European Union Directorate as well as Dr. Naser Mohamed Yusuf Al-Balooshi, Ambassador of Kingdom of Bahrain to Italy alongside Dr. David Stewart, Acting President of Royal University for Women and members of RUW's Board of Trustees, Deans, and Directors of the various departments.

The event started with a speech by His Excellency Mr. Domenico Bellato, Ambassador of Italy to Kingdom of Bahrain, in which he expressed his pride in inaugurating the First Italian Centre for Language and Culture in the region and in the Kingdom of Bahrain specifically. H.E. the Ambassador explained that Italian Language is the language of arts, emotions and architecture, and it will allow students to explore the culture of Italy and its history.

The speech was followed by a lecture featured Prof. Marco Ruffini from University of Sapienza in Rome, Italy, the title of the lecture was "Leonardo Da Vinci and Michel Angelo: Masters and Rivals". Students have widened their knowledge about art, history and techniques of artworks related to both artists.

Royal University for Women holds cancer awareness day



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The event included an exhibition of projects of students from RUW various colleges and their paintings, as well as a corner of participating restaurants, in which the profits will be used for charity work in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in addition to games and activities organised by the Student Council in the university.

Mr Mohammed Al Rumaihi met the members of RUW Student Council, in which he praised their outstanding organisation of the event and their social responsibility towards society. He noted that the Southern Governorate always seeks to empower and support women in all fields and in various occasions. He also emphasised on the importance of making these awareness events to raise health awareness in addition to supporting patients in all possible ways.

The event also included a scientific lecture entitled "Early Detection of Cancer" by Dr Ghufraan Jassim From Family Medicine, as well as the participation of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children with health-checkups for those who were present at the event.

Dr. David Stewart expressed his deep gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa for patronizing the event and praised the efforts of the university students who have risen awareness in the student community about cancer and health in general. Dr. Stewart explained that this event is considered as a participation in the International Cancer Awareness Month (October).

Building Bridges and Breaking Geographical Boundaries

During September and October, RUW hosted delegations representing German Embassy, Republic of South Korea Embassy and Malaysian Embassy. Several meetings were conducted to discuss areas of collaboration including but not limited to culture and language learning opportunities in line with the RUW strategy to become a global university and to provide multiple international opportunities for the students.



RUW Delegation visits University of Huddersfield



A delegation led by Dr. David Stewart, Acting President of RUW and composed of Dr. Hala Elias, Dean of College of Business and Financial Sciences, Dr. Shweta Kinra, Dean of College of Art and Design and Dr. Vivien Exartier, International Affairs Officer, visited University of Huddersfield to discuss collaboration items including: offering postgraduate degrees, faculty and student exchange, participation in conferences and research. The team visited the School of Business and the School of Design and met with their leadership. The delegation had fruitful discussions with Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Tim Thornton, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andrew Ball and Dr Mostaffa Alghaldi, Manager Research and Enterprise. University of Huddersfield has received countless awards over the past few years including Entrepreneurship University of the Year, Top Placement and Internship Employers, University of the Year and Teaching Excellence Framework and Research Excellence Framework.

It is worth mentioning that on March 2019, the Chancellor of Huddersfield University, HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York and Vice-Chancellor Prof Bob Cryan visited RUW in the presence of HE Dr Majed bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Chairman of Higher Education Council.

Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Ms Fatima Yousif Ahmedi

Graduation Year: 2016

Professional Occupation: Interior Designer

Involvement at RUW: Secretary at Student Council

Her Words:

I had four years filled with great experiences at RUW as an Interior Design major! The journey from basics to profession was invaluable. Life at university was very comfortable as I received endless guidance and knowledge from all of my instructors, whom taught me to always strive to better myself and keep learning.

Applying for a job was the first step after graduation. Such step led me to become employed at Fatima Alansari Design and Execution Company after a three-month training with her. Becoming employed directly after graduation will assure you that your choices of university and major were correct and effective. After obtaining employment you must work hard with an effort that comes naturally if you love your job and treat it as a hobby, rather than a routine to develop yourself. Getting a promotion one year later to be project coordinator proved that hard work generates great rewards and responsibilities. Furthermore, it gave me confidence to believe more in myself and in the fact that I can achieve anything I set my mind to. Year after year working in the same field, attending exhibitions in and out of Bahrain, in addition to dealing with many clients develops your social skills and builds your experience.

Achievements:

- An Employee at Fatima Alansari Design & Execution
- Designing commercial and residential projects.
- Promoting to project coordinator
- Attending and participating exhibitions in and out of Bahrain

Celebrating National day of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Celebrations for Saudi National Day was held at RUW. Students, faculty and administrative staff attended the event to promote the unity of Bahraini and Saudi people. The event was spearheaded by Ms Shahad Almorohen, a Saudi student in College of Business and Financial Sciences.



Team from WVU Provost Office visits RUW



RUW hosted a delegation from West Virginia University Provost Office, headed by Dr Marc Gavin, Associate Provost for Academic Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives and Dr Amber Brugno-li, Assistant Vice President for Global Strategy and International Affairs. The visit provided the opportunity to go over the collaboration strategy for the upcoming years and to explore the synergies between the programs of both institutions. The team met with the faculty, administration and students from the WVU Bahrain Campus. They also visited with Ms Dheyaa Al Manaai HE Dr AbdulGhani Alshuwaikh, Secretary-General of Higher Education Council in Kingdom of Bahrain

RUW Fashion Design Alumna Haya Khalifa receives an award for her fashion line in 'Arab Sat Festival.'



Bahraini fashion design wins prestigious award

A BAHRAINI fashion designer has won a prestigious regional award. Haya Khalifa was presented with the Best Arab Fashion Designer Award at an event in Egypt on Sunday night. "Deciding to switch my career from architecture to fashion was the biggest risk and I'm so grateful it worked out," said Ms Khalifa on her official Twitter account. "It felt surreal being awarded the Best Arab fashion brand in a 12-studded event. "My mother would have been the one to give it because it wouldn't have been possible without her," she added.

Four deals signed ■ Ms Khalifa after receiving the award

Fashion designer, Ms Haya Khalifa was honoured in the 10th addition of the Arab Sat Festival. She was the first Bahraini designer to be recognised in this festival which was held in Egypt amid a large crowd of Arab celebrities such as Nadine Nassib Njeim, Singer Angham, Mohammed Ramadhan and singer Dounia Batma. She received the Best Arab Designer Award for her brand "Naseem Al Andalus". Haya Khalifa mentioned she is forever grateful to the Royal University for Women, where she learned the fundamentals of fashion design and helped her to start her journey.

Staff Orientation Day in RUW



Royal University for Women (RUW) launched its new academic year by holding its two day staff orientation programme on the beginning of September 2019, at the RUW campus in West Riffa. The orientation day witnessed the attendance and participation of more than 70 members from the academic and administration staff of the university. The presentations covered a wide range of subjects including the programmes, policies and services at RUW and the required standard expected from RUW representatives. In addition to the roadmap for this academic year. Royal University for Women faculty draws strength from its diversity and experience, thriving on challenges, and is committed to imparting both knowledge and character.

Congratulations to Dr Hanna Razak



Dr Hannah Malallah, Associate Professor, Fine Arts, was selected to exhibit her project titled, 'She/He Has No picture', at MoMa PS1/ New York. It is a privileged moment for the College of Art and Design to be selected and to exhibit at such a prestigious platform.

Library Open Day



Library Open Day was organised for Students and Staff in the Library from 9 am to 2 pm. The event was vibrant with its display of beautiful banner & posters. Sessions on library resources were taken by Dr Muthumathi Dharuman & Ms Sajitha Madan Mohan and informative presentations on "Writing review of Literature", "Time Management" and "Stress Management" were conducted by Dr Matthias Bode (Faculty, CBFS), Dr Amine Mouley (Faculty, CAD) and Dr Sahana Mitra (Faculty, CGS) respectively. The event concluded with exciting games, quizzes and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Visit of Zagreb School of Economics and Management



Following initial talks between Zagreb School of Economics and Management, Croatia and RUW College of Business and Financial Sciences, Dr Vivien Exartier, International Affairs Officer and Assistant Professor in CBFS on behalf of Dr Hala Elias, Dean of CBFS, met with Dr Duro Njavro, ZSEM Dean, Dr. Zoran Barac, Managing Director, Ms. Josipa, International Projects, Ms Nikol Šćrbec, Coordinator Summer School, on August 27 in Zagreb. It was a productive meeting where RUW and ZSEM discussed collaboration opportunities, including participation in summer school programs, student and faculty exchange, support on AACSB. ZSEM is one of the best business schools in South-East Europe and is AACSB accredited.

CBFS Dean and the College discuss the scope of implementation of the new Learning Management System, MOODLE

Dr Hala Elias, Dean of College of Business and Financial Sciences, met with the College Council on how to use the Learning Management System, Moodle in the various courses offered this semester and the implications for the students. Moodle has been introduced at Royal University for Women this 19/20 academic year.

Intelaaq Youth Empowerment Forum (supported by Tamkeen)

Dr Nehal Elneggar, Coordinator of Center for Economic Empowerment for Women, escorted students to the Intelaaq Youth Empowerment Forum at Wyndham Grand Hotel. The student consultancy program connects students with corporations for a 12-week project and divides them into groups where students are teamed up with other students from different universities and majors. The program advocates bridging educational institutions with the corporate and professional environment.

RUW delegation attends Bahraini Woman and Future Science Forum



Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, an event titled 'Scientific Forum of Bahraini Woman' was held in Polytechnic Bahrain in line with this year's Bahraini Women's Day theme "Bahraini Women and Future Science". RUW faculty and students attended the event. The focus was on the recent achievements of Bahraini women, developments in science and the role of Bahraini woman in these developments. The forum acknowledged several women achievers and showcased their achievements.

The 10th Annual Middle East Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot Programme



Dr Maria Casoria attended a training on Legal Research and Writing related to the Problem in the 27th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court, organised at the Abu Dhabi Global Market Arbitration Centre by the United States Commercial Law Development Programme (CLDP), the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), the University of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

The Second International Conference of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration

Dr. Husham Alawsy attended The Second International Conference of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration "The Evolution of Arbitration in the Middle East and North Africa: "Realities and Perspectives" in 14th & 15th October, organised at Saudi Arabia (Riyadh) by Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA19).

RUW choose Moodle Learning Management system Platform

To enhance the learning environment at RUW, Moodle, the new Learning Management System platform was installed and integrated with the existing Student information system. Moodle is considered as the world's most widely used Learning Management System and by using latest Moodle version, RUW students will be able to use variety of the latest virtual learning tools starting from AY 2019/20 semester 1. This project was implemented through 'eThink company', a certified Moodle and Elucian Partners who have long experience with Moodle integration services.



History of Bahrain Students Visit Bahrain National Museum



As part of a project-based field trip, Dr AbdulRaheem Shaheen accompanied History of Bahrain (LAR 121) students to the Bahrain National Museum. On the trip, students were given a tour of the museum where they learned about the history of Bahrain when it was known as the land of "Dilmun". They were also free to explore the various artifacts and ask questions to the experts guiding their visit.

CGS Launches Conversation Program with Kobe Women's University

A new collaboration initiative between Royal University for Women and Kobe Women's University, Japan has been created. RUW Orientation Students participated in the 1st session of the conversation programme with their Japanese counterparts. Students from both universities conducted conversations in English. Students expressed high interest in the programme which aids to develop their conversation English skills as well as cultivating cultural relationships and building cultural awareness. Kobe Women's University is the first East - Asian university partner for RUW. Both institutions hope to forge a long-term relationship and look forward to additional initiatives.