

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



Dr. Janon Kadhim  
Dean, CAD

**Happy academic year 2017-18!**

As we begin the second part of semester 1, 2017-18, I would like to wish all our students, faculty, and administration a great semester and AY full of great accomplishments and success. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you CAD's most outstanding accomplishment for 2017. On October 18, 2017 the results of the programme-within-college reviews by the Education and Training Quality Authority of Bahrain (BQA) which began in April 2016 were officially announced and published. As per the approval of BQA which was conferred by the Cabinet of Ministers all four of the reviewed CAD programmes; namely the BA programmes in Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Fashion Design and the Master of Design Management programme received "Full Confidence". We are so proud!

This outstanding accomplishment which RUW and CAD are extremely proud of has been the result of a rigorous process which required a great level of hard work, dedication, professionalism, and tremendously great team work! On this occasion I would like to congratulate the RUW Senior Management, all CAD faculty, staff, students, and everyone who will benefit from this accomplishment. Also on this occasion I would like to thank all those who worked diligently to support us in this accomplishment, beginning with the RUW senior management, the QQAU at RUW, each and every one of the CAD team; faculty and staff, all RUW departments who provided us with the required support throughout the review process, the CAD Advisory Committee members, external examiners, employers, CAD alumnae, and finally a very special thank you to all our CAD students UG and PG for their loving and caring support. We present this accomplishment to you all!

In addition, CAD has been busy and active with many other great activities and projects. Since the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) has declared 2017 as the year of the Bahraini Woman Engineer, CAD has been very energetic with many activities that have been organized and sponsored by SCW throughout the year. As part of RUW's partnership with SCW, I personally had the honour to be assigned the duty of preparing the comprehensive study on the "Role of Bahraini Women in Engineering" to be submitted to SCW for the occasion. I was supported by a small research team. The paper has been accepted by SCW and I was invited to present it at the "Bahraini Women and Engineering" Conference organized by SCW and the Bahraini Engineers' Society under the patronage of HRH Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, Wife of the King of Bahrain, President of the Supreme Council for Women on November 5th, 2017. The executive summary of the study will also be distributed during the SCW's celebration of the Bahraini Women's Day early in December. In addition CAD has been present through its faculty and students at a large number of activities and events that were organized throughout the year on this occasion. This included many focus groups, symposiums, seminars, exhibits, and other.

Other CAD highlights have been our participation in Skill Bahrain 2017 in April 2017. This year RUW and CAD hosted the Fashion Design Technology Skills providing the venue for this skill. In addition CAD students participated in both the Fashion Design Technology Skill and the Graphic Design Skill. Students were trained by CAD experts Dr. Shweta Kinra, Dr. Nessesreen Emelegy and Dr. Mohamed Abuelainin. We were also very proud that 3 of our students won medals at this competition, namely: Ms. Areej Alsheikh & Ms. Amal Alsamajhi winning gold and silver medals for Fashion technology skill, and Ms. Shaikha Al Abbasi who won the Gold medal for Graphic design Skill. Ms. Shaikha later went on to represent Bahrain in the World Skills event that took place in Abu Dhabi, October 2017. Another outstanding project was conducted in collaboration with the Northern Municipality. The year three architecture students as part of their course on Landscaping and under the supervision of their course instructor Dr. Hisham Al-Azzawi presented a number of outstanding designs for parks in the Northern Municipality. The pre-final and final submission of projects were presented to a team from the Municipality that included the Governor of the Northern Municipality. They were very impressed by the students' work and a report of this collaboration will be presented to the Northern Municipality. They later offered the Architecture programme a number of internships for our students during last summer. We look forward to this continued collaboration which reflects CAD's good relationships and service to the community. In the related field of community service and support, CAD students for the second year in a row have volunteered its students and staff to support ArtBAB 2017, an art exhibition that is gaining great popularity and support from the local and international art community. We look forward to being actively involved in the 3rd edition of this exhibition ArtBAB 2018.

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There are many other great accomplishments that we are proud of. To name only a few; our year 4 Fashion Design student Ms. Aisha Abdulmalik, owner of Aisha Jewels, recently received the award for Micro Enterprise of the year. In December 2016 six CAD students participated in Sh. Khalid forum for graduation Projects organized by UOB, and three of our students from Interior Design, Graphic Design and Fashion Design were shortlisted for the final stage. In December 2017 our Interior Design and Master of Design Management students are participating in the graduation projects' competitions organized by SCW and MOE on the occasion of the year of the Bahraini Women Engineering celebrations. Also two of our CAD students were part of the RUW company competition team that won the first prize in Injaz Bahrain and recently went on to represent Bahrain in Injaz AlArab competition in Cairo.

In all the above CAD continues its quest for excellence which includes many other projects. In February 2017 we completed the mapping of the BA programme Foundation year; the Pearson BTEC level 3 Diploma in Art and Design, to be placed on the Bahrain NQF framework. The work has been completed and the preliminary results have been received placing this qualification as a level 5 qualification on the NQF. In addition CAD continues to work hard on mapping all the PG and UG programmes as per a detailed plan. This year CAD has declared AY 2017-18 as a year of research and thus our faculty members are busy working on research as per the college themes. Dr. Hisham Al-Azzawi and his Master of Design Management (DMT) student Ms. Amna Sadeq Hasan presented a paper at a renowned conference at the American University of Emirates. The paper was derived from Ms. Amna's DMT thesis, a trend CAD has made a decision to adopt in order to ensure that the high quality research conducted in the Master's programme can be published and shared at international forums and portals. Many other such research papers are on the way.

All programmes at CAD continue to grow and further develop. Last July all PG and UG CAD programmes were reviewed as per the RUW periodic curriculum review policy. The new curriculums have been introduced and will be implemented to all new students enrolling in 2017-18. The Postgraduate studies programmes in CAD continue to attract students from Bahrain and the region. This year we have had a number of Vivas in the DMT programme, increasing the number of DMT alumni to 11. We are also expecting to graduate the first group of Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting (MDP) students this year. In the month of October 2017 a Viva for the first MDP viva took place inviting an external examiner from abroad. Two other students will have their Vivas very soon. The architecture programmes is now in its fourth year. Our first group of students did their Architecture internships last summer. We had outstanding collaborations from various governmental and private entities and our students did outstandingly well. We have already received requests from many of these companies providing internship opportunities for next summer. All the BA programmes continue to flourish as well; for the past two years we have had a very good number of Fashion design students enrolling for the programme, which is very exciting since there were times in the past where we had limited numbers in this programmes. The Graphic and Interior programmes continue their development as well. There are so many exciting things to share with you about CAD, and we hope to have the opportunity to share more with you through the monthly newsletters and other portals.

As usual all that we do and all that we accomplish could not be possible without the very hard work and dedication of our lovely CAD team, the support of our administration, and the hard work and perseverance of our dedicated students. So to them all a very warm thank you! May Allah bless you all, and may we all continue to create great achievements together. Wishing you all a great academic year!

Dr. Janon Kadhim  
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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

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 Studies

- 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 President contributes to "Women Political Leaders- Global Forum (WPL)" Annual Global Summit 2017, Iceland



RUW President, Prof. Mazin Jumaah was invited to speak during the "Women Political Leaders- Global Forum (WPL) Annual Summit", from the 28th-30th of November 2017 in Reykjavik, Iceland. The Summit was co-hosted by the Parliament and the Government of Iceland. Titled "We Can Do It!" the summit which gathered close to 400 women world leaders provided a forum for exchange on best practices in gender equality including leadership, legislation and agenda-setting. Iceland was chosen to host the event based on the country achievements in this domain. Prof. Mazin provided a remarkable contribution to the panel titled "All you need is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)". The co-panellists were: H.E. Ms. Mariam Liberia Peters, former Prime Minister of the Netherlands Antilles, H.E. Ms. Ann Capoen, Member of Parliament and Women in Parliaments Ambassador, Belgium, and H.E. Ms. Karina Areaga Munoz, Member of the National Assembly in Ecuador. The presentation touched upon the status of women in the field of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) in the Arab region, using the Kingdom of Bahrain as a case study. Prof. Mazin outlined the current situation and examined the challenges obstructing women's engagement with STEM. The paper highlighted the vision, strategies and policies of Kingdom of Bahrain for encouraging and promoting the position of Bahraini women in this field. For example the Supreme Council for Women presided by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King, has supported the role of women in STEM and declared 2017 as the Year of The Bahraini Woman Engineer" featuring several events and activities on the topic.

Royal University for Women (RUW) was also mentioned as an example of a higher education institution truly committed to include STEM in its curriculum as part of the existing specializations or through new degrees (Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Civil Engineering with West Virginia University). As a conclusion, possible solutions to promote STEM included establishing higher Education Institutions dedicated to Science & Engineering, encouraging STEM studies at Master's and PhD level, and deepening linkages with Industry. Following the trip, RUW President mentioned that his experience was very positive as it was a high profile event providing a unique opportunity to promote the university and also to personally meet political leaders such as the President of Iceland, H.E. Mr. Guoni Johannesson and other heads of state and members of Parliament. Dr. Mazin had previously participated in the annual Global Summit of Women in Parliament in 2013 in Brussels.

RUW student Ms. Aisha Mohammed Abdulmalik, Owner of Aisha Jewels receives the national award for Micro Enterprise of the Year Award



Gulf Education team visits partner RUW to start planning major conference



Following the Higher Education Approval to host the 2nd Women and Society Conference /8th Gulf Education Conference: Empowering Women through Higher Education at RUW on April 18-19, 2018, The Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Education Ltd, Mr. Abdlekhailig O. Mohammed accompanied by Mr. Kazim Essa, visited Royal University for Women campus on November 14, 2017. The team was welcomed by RUW President, Prof. Mazin Jumaah and Vice-President Academic, Dr. Mona Suri. The goal of the visit was to discuss the organization of the two day Conference. Gulf Education Ltd, is a leading UK based International Company with specific expertise in event organization focused in the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) region. So far, Gulf Education has organized six Gulf Education conferences in London, Abu Dhabi, Jeddah with different themes aimed at enhancing and improving the standards of education in the Gulf. The 2018 conference will highlight the opportunities and challenges women face in higher education and what universities and the community can do to generate outstanding overall improvement for Women in Higher Education. There will be an emphasis on the education sector in region specifically in GCC and MENA region. The conference will include high official keynote speakers from GCC and across the globe, university leaders, ministry and international organizations officials, and experts/organizations concerned with improving provisions for women, as well as workshops, academic paper presentations and student poster presentations.

Forensic and Fraud Examination workshop launched at Royal University for Women in cooperation with West Virginia University, USA



Under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Essa Mohammed Najibi, Chairman of the Executive Committee at Royal University for Women, the sixth annual Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination workshop launched at Royal University for Women in cooperation with West Virginia University, USA. The workshop will be held from 13th November to 15th November 2017, at the Royal University for Women premises in Riffa. The workshop witnessed the participation of approximately 40 participants from various sectors including the banking industry, law firms, IT firms, academics, and ministries. The opening ceremony started with a welcome note from Royal University for Women president, Professor Mazin Jumaah, who thanked the participants for their participation and reiterated the commitment of Royal University for Women to offer high quality workshops that benefit sectors of society while providing an opportunity to obtain a certification from West Virginia University in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Prof. Mazin hailed the continued cooperation between West Virginia University and Royal University for Women applauding the ties between both universities, which culminated with the launch of a West Virginia University Bahrain Campus earlier this academic year as well as joint workshops, and academic and student exchanges between the two universities. The opening remarks was followed by a speech from His Excellency Mr. Essa Najibi who commended the Royal University for Women for continuing to host annually such high level workshops stating that it's a reflection on RUW's commitment to cooperating with the public sector and enhancing sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

RUW welcomes the Secretary General of the Higher Educational Council (HEC)



On November 14, Royal University for Women welcomed at its premises the Secretary General of the Higher Educational Council (HEC) Dr Abdulghani Al Shuwailkh, the Secretary General of the Higher Education Council alongside a high level delegation of officials. The group toured the West Virginia University Campus hosted by RUW as well as the Royal University for Women premises and met with academics and students.

RUW President Attends the Sacred Heart School Awards Day Celebrations



Throughout the Awards Day celebrations held on November 18th at the Sacred Heart School for the Academic Year 2017/18, Royal University for Women President Prof. Mazin Jumaah joined the ceremony as the chief guest along with RUW's PR, Communications and Marketing Unit's team. Prof. Mazin Jumaah thanked the Sacred Heart School for their warm hospitality and reiterated that it is part of RUW's strategy to reach out to the wider community and build strong ties with all sectors of society.



## Alumna of the Month



Ms. Haya AlFadhel

### Her Words:

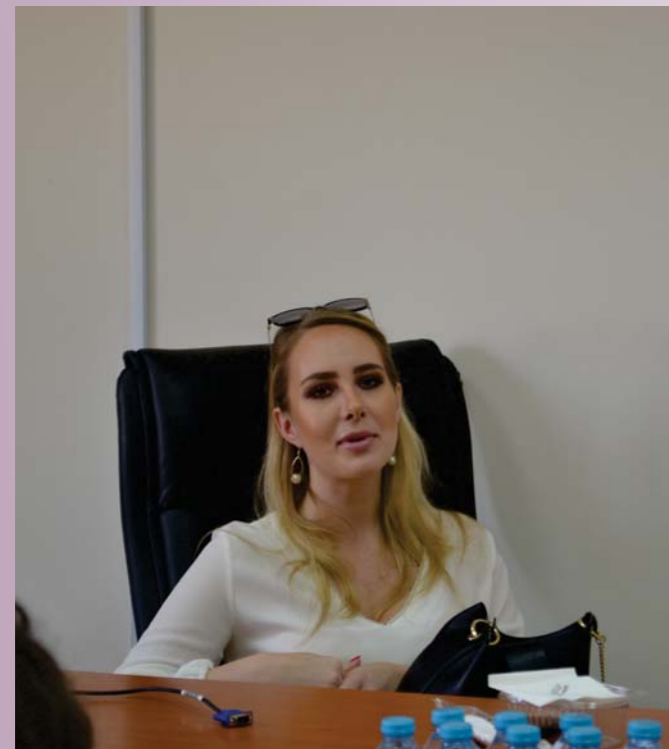
"I was studying Architecture when I fell in love with fashion and decided to study at the Royal University for women. I've learned so much during my 4 years at RUW, where I learned how to balance between having a practical career in fashion and pursuing a professional education in my field. I apply a lot of what I learned in my design process, and it has helped in elevated my brand and business to international standards. I currently hold the position of Creative Director of "Naseem AlAndalos" and I launched my own brand "Haya Khalifa"."

### Achievements:

- Held a fashion show in Harrods in London in 2013.
- Held a fashion show in the Eiffel Tower in Paris in 2014.
- Held a fashion show in George V in Paris during Paris Couture Week in 2017.
- Own a fashion brand that is successful regionally and internationally.

### Alumna Lecture by Ms. Svenja Schuetze

As part of the Alumnae Affairs initiatives and Office of Student Affairs strategy to reach out to Royal University for Women Alumnae, the University hosted Ms Svenja Schuetze, Class of 2016 RUW graduate. Ms Svenja Schuetze is the owner of her own restaurant Florence La Maison Mediterranee, a venture she established while still in her final year at Royal University for Women studying at the College of Business and Financial Sciences. The talk organized by the Alumnae Officer at Royal University for Women Ms. Wadha Al Ajmi, witnessed the attendance of fellow RUW graduates and current students as well. Ms Svenja shared her experience with the audience and encouraged them to pursue entrepreneurial ventures, mentioning that this spirit is fostered and encouraged at the Royal University for Women. Mrs. Sameenah Shirazie, Director of Student Affairs thanked Ms Svenja Schuetze for sharing her experience and stated that the University is proud of their successful alumnae and it is a testament to their determination and vision that RUW alumnae can manage to successfully establish and run their own ventures.



## Faculty of the Month

Dr. Husham Saeed Alawsy, Assistant Professor, College of Law



Dr. Husham Alawsy

Dr. Husham Alawsy is a faculty member in the College of Law since September 2017. He holds a PhD in Private Law, in Commercial Law, and a Master degree in banking law from the University of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has a long career in teaching law, commercial papers, company law, and International Business law in Bahrain including Kingdom University, Bahrain University, and in Ahmed Ibrahim college of Law in Malaysia during his master's degree. He has taught courses at undergraduate levels. He has supervised many training student (Internship). As a legal expert he has had an important role as a legal consultant for commercial, corporate and banking cases for Hussan Al-Mahraqi and Mahmood Yaqyoop Office in Bahrain. In addition, he has participated in many committees while working in college in college of law such as (examination committee, Community Service committee, Library Committee for Audit and Accreditation, violations of the students' behavior, Committee for the Development of the Study Plan, quality assurance committee. His scholarly interests are particularly oriented towards the influence of proper application of legal provisions and its impact on community in order to achieve justice and equity in society. he has attend many workshops in order to improve his skills in legal fields such as: Arab Board Consultancy&Training (presentation skills; Programme Development Workshop, Pilos, Cilos&Naligment Of Teaching; Quality assurance and enhancement workshop; Quality Management System (QMS); Accreditation And Quality Assurance Office; Professional Certificate in Teaching And Learning modules"1-2-3" (fello ship). In addition to teaching, he is very interested in Quality assurance system as he appointed as prisedent for quality assurance committee for college of law and is proud of his role in developing many programs at college of law. In Iraq he also worked as an attorney in civil courts.

### Dr. Hala Elias, Dean, CBFS & Dr. Arpita Mehrotra, HoD, Banking and Finance Department attend business accreditation seminar, Lisbon, Portugal



Dr. Hala Elias, Dean, College of Business and Financial Sciences along with Dr. Arpita Mehrotra, HoD, Banking and Finance Department attended business accreditation seminar on 20-21 November 2017, Lisbon, Portugal. The seminar focused on discovering the purpose of accreditation and the eligibility criteria, it also reviewed in depth all AACSB Standards to understand how they build on each other and improve consistency for the college, it also focused on the importance of quality and continuous improvement, supported by engagement, innovation and impact. The seminar was vital for understanding the challenges schools often encounter regarding eligibility criteria, accreditation standards, and continuous improvement. There was also an opportunity to develop a network of peers who can become a part of the college's support system.

### Under the Patronage of His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education, INJAZ Bahrain Hosts Annual Appreciation Day for the Academic year 2016-2017



On November 29, RUW Students were recognized by Sheikha Hessa for representing the Kingdom of Bahrain in Injaz Al Arab 2017-2018 by their Company Royal Creators. On an annual basis, INJAZ Bahrain hosts the School and Universities' Appreciation Day to appreciate the immense efforts and cooperation of all participating schools and universities in delivering INJAZ Bahrain programs across the Kingdom of Bahrain.

### RUW Royal Creators made an Outstanding Glamorous Presence at INJAZ Al-Arab Young Entrepreneurs 11th Competition in Egypt



The INJAZ Al-Arab Young Entrepreneurs 11th Competition is the culmination of six months of experiential learning and application based on INJAZ Al-Arab's internationally acclaimed Company Program, which has been hosted in Egypt for the first time ever, more than 80 students participated from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia. Sheikha Hessa Bint Khalifa Al Khalifa attended the awarding ceremony and she encouraged RUW students and thanked them for their participation and their nomination for several awards wishing them current and future success.

### Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean, College of Art and Design, presents at Bahraini Women and Engineering Conference



Under the Patronage of HRH Princess Sabeeqa Bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, Wife of the King of Bahrain, President of Supreme Council for Women Bahrain and in celebration of 2017 the year of the Bahraini Woman Engineer, the Bahrain Society of Engineers supported by SCW organized the Bahraini Women and Engineering Conference: "Sustainability of Achievements on National Grounds... Towards International Competitiveness" on Sunday, November 5th, 2017 at Isa Cultural Hall, Bahrain. Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of Art and Design, who was earlier assigned to write a research paper on the Role of Bahraini Women Engineers by SCW, was invited as a speaker at this conference. Dr. Janon's presentation was entitled: Bahraini Women in the field of Engineering: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Expectations.



### CAD Advisory Committee meeting



The College of Art and design conducted its 1st College Advisory Committee meeting for academic year 2017-18 on November 26th, 2017. This year CAD has formed a new CAC committee after the completion of the two year tenure of the previous committee. The new committee includes 9 members from the industry and 5 members from CAD representing all programs. As per the recommendations of the CAD program-within-college review panels, CAD has made sure that all programs offered in CAD are represented by members from the industry. The new committee includes three retiring members, namely Arch. Hisham Arafat, Ms. Sarah Suri, and Ms. Bayan Al-Barrak Kano. In addition the following members have joined the committee: Arch Kholood Akbari, Arch Manar Sirriyeh, Mr. Adnan Al Rayyed, Ms. Nada Alawi, Ms. Nabila Aïssoui, and Ms. Rana Khalifa.

### External Verification of CAD Foundation Program, BTEC level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, by Pearson, UK



On November 1st and 2nd, Mr. Paul Ryan, Pearson's External Verifier (EV) for the CAD Foundation program, BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design, visited CAD to conduct the verification visit to RUW for 2016-17. In previous years the EV visits were conducted twice year, once in semester 1 and the final verification in Sem. 2. However since last year the visit was conducted only once since Pearson has decided that our program is running very well and does not require all the additional follow-up from their side. This year we have a new EV after the tenure of the previous EV Ms. Hilary Suleiman finished last year. This is Mr. Ryan's first visit to RUW and CAD. During his visit which was conducted over two days he was introduced to the CAD foundation team by Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD. He was given a preview of the college and the foundation program, a tour of the college facilities upon his request, then he was left to verify and approve CAD's foundation program coursework.

### CAD Participates in AUEIRC 2017 Conference in Dubai



On November 15th and 16th, Dr Hisham Al-Azzawi and Ms Anna Hasan participated as research presenters in the First Research Conference organized by the American University of Emirates in Dubai, AUEIRC 2017. They Presented a Research titled "The Role of Sustainable Management in Small and Medium Enterprises; With Reference to SMEs in the Kingdom of Bahrain". The conference took place under the Patronage of His Excellency Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri, Minister of Economy in the UAE. The research sessions took place in the American University of Emirates which is located at the Academic District in Dubai where other ten universities are located.

## What R U Saying?



Ms. Jessica Suresh  
College Representative, CBFS  
RUW Student Council

When I first joined Royal University for Women I was a scared girl just learning to adjust to a new life because coming to Bahrain in the first place was a huge step out of my comfort zone. I was more used to staying with my family and my circle of friends having no experience whatsoever with the Arab culture. I had no idea what to expect coming to a Bahraini university. I was scared of being that girl who would end up feeling out of place and having no social life, but here I am, Jessica Loraine, Business college representative, active member of the Debate club, A grade student on the Dean's list, Part of the winning team of the Injaz Bahrain Company Competition and most importantly a girl with a lot of people in her life who I can call friends and some of them my best friends. Coming to RUW was not a normal step in my life but an experience that I would never want to forget. I had always wanted to join the Student Council in some way or the other. I needed a position that would make me entitled to take responsibility but in a way that I could handle. Then I heard of the position of being a college representative and thought that would be perfect for me since I wanted to be active in the University and do something good by helping my fellow students out. I wanted to take charge. Try to be a leader. Surprisingly I got elected as the Business College Representative and had gone to my very first Student Council Meeting. There I learned that whether you are the president of the student council or the college representative, you are an integral part of the Student Council and everything you say or do matters. It made me realize that they were a lot of students and faculty counting on me for the betterment of the University. Me being the college representative acted as a bridge between the Business faculty and the students and that made me feel important. I sat down with my fellow students, took criticisms and understood them by stepping into their shoes and conveyed them to the faculty. I wouldn't say it was easy but it was a beautiful learning experience and hopefully I can do much more for them. I just don't want to be a good college representative but an effective one. I want to make an important change and I will try my best to accomplish that.

Ms. Jessica Suresh  
College Representative, College of Business and Financial Sciences  
RUW Student Council

### Visit by Ministry of Education team to evaluate CAD graduation projects

As part of the celebrations for the Bahraini Women's Day and the celebration of the year of the Bahraini Woman Engineer, the Ministry of Education (MOE) is organizing a competition and exhibition for outstanding final year projects in the Engineering and related fields. On this occasion CAD presented 9 projects to MOE in the fields of Design management and Interior Design. The team of MOE requested to visit RUW to examine the projects and choose the ones to be shortlisted for the exhibition and competition. CAD organized an exhibit of the shortlisted projects and a team of MOE visited RUW on Tuesday, November 21, to explore the projects. Upon our request all students attended this event and presented their projects to the team. The MOE team were very impressed by the presented projects and by the confidence and passion by which the students presented their projects.

### CAD Field Trip to Bahrain Museum Culture Center

On November 8, Dr. Najwa Alhamami and Dr. Hanaa Malallah as chaperons with Foundation students FDN 102: Media Experimentation in Art and Design, FDN 105: Personal and Progression in Art and Design and the Graphic Design students GRD 224: Freehand Sketching and Illustration, visited Bahrain Museum Culture Center and Albareh Gallery, specifically to see the exhibition of the well-known sculpture Mahdi Mutasher. The artist is Iraqi nationality France based. The exhibition reflects the artist's practice in contemporary art featuring Islamic theme and aspect.

### CAD Alumnae Guest Speaker

On November 29, Mrs. May Majid shared her experience and the actual work she is doing with her own business as "95 designs", with our graphic design students. She was discussing her interaction with clients and the time and matters coupled with working in industry, which is informative to our students as example of what to expect when leaving the university. Her own final year project, the rebranding of "Geekay games" was part of the discussion and a very good example to our final year students. We welcome the input to RUW from our alumnae.