

Welcome Note from the Dean of the College of Information Technology



Dr. Mahmoud Jazzar
Dean, College of IT

Dear Students and Colleagues,
The College of IT at RUW constantly keeps an eye on the latest trend in the IT market such as the need for persistent improvement in the dynamic and fast-moving cyber security protocols. As such, in collaboration with West Virginia University, we have organized a workshop on cyber security titled "Cyber Security in the Cloud" which held on April 25-27, 2017. The workshop is aimed as one of series of workshops in cyber security and will be delivered at RUW in the near future. The College of IT follows a high quality IEEE/ACM based programs profile, research focused, and has continuous relationship with the local IT firms and industry. As such, the College of IT offer CIT students' rich educational experience, and has proven its ability to graduate top notch students. The success of our IT Programme can be seen from the performance and the accomplishment of our graduates in the industry and higher education.

We treat CIT students as true treasure, and worthy of the investment to watch them become real IT Women Leaders of tomorrow. As such, we aim to educate women in the field of IT to have IT women professionals capable of engaging, adapting the technological background and its achievement to the local and regional market. College of IT academics study and research continually to follow up with the latest trends and be one of leading women educators in the region. CIT faculty encourage senior students to research and publish academic finding. Almost every academic year a number of CIT students participate and publish their academic finding in well-known journals and conferences. Last but not least, please invite your friends and colleges to visit our website and join our activities on RUW campus. Once again we are delighted to welcome you to the College of IT and we wish you all the best for your studies and your future growth in the field.

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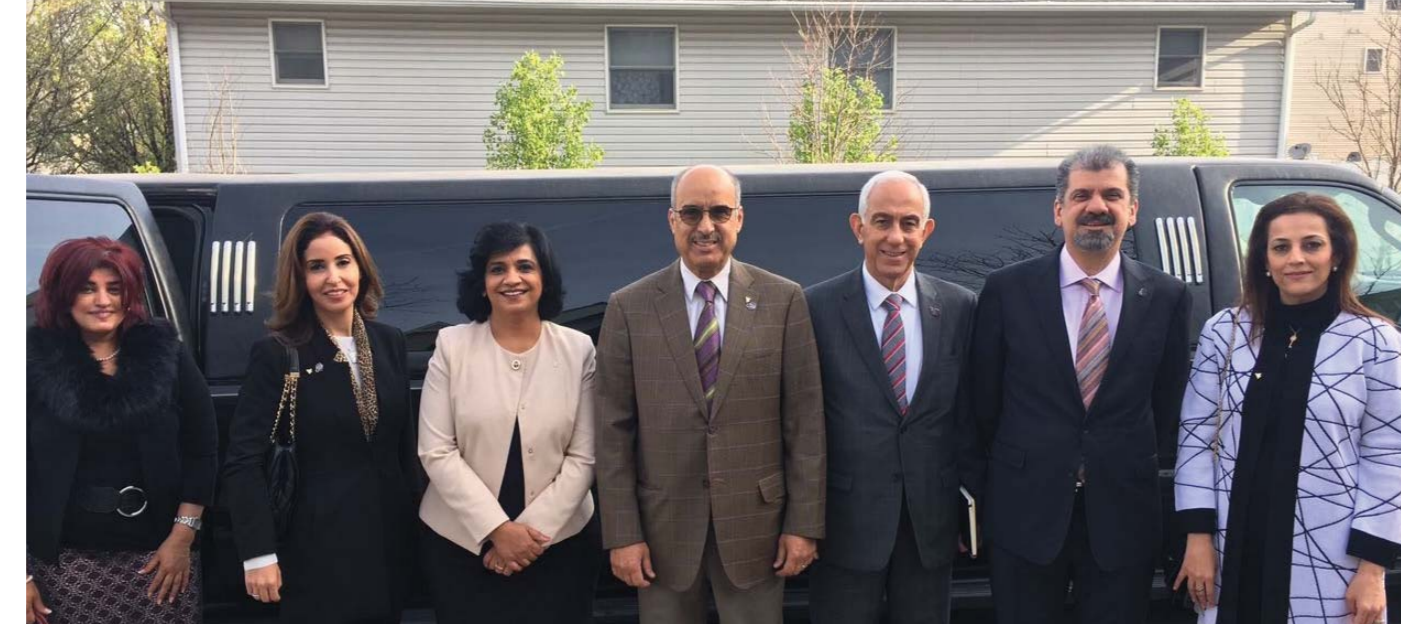
RUW Mission

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 graduates will be creative, confident and forward thinking."

Ties Strengthened; RUW BoT Delegation visit West Virginia University, Morgantown, USA



A high level delegation from RUW and the Board of Trustees visited West Virginia University from April 10-13, 2017. The delegation included: Mr. Fahad Abdulla Al-Zamil, Chairman of the RUW Board of Trustees; Mr. Essa Mohammad Najibi, Chairman RUW EXCO and member BoT; Professor Mazin M. A. Jumaah, President of RUW, Member of the RUW BoT; Dr. Eiman Al-Mutairi, Member of the RUW BoT; Dr. Maha Bakr Abdullah Bin Bakr, Member of the RUW BoT; Dr. Mona Suri, Academic Vice President of RUW and Ms. Aysha Murad, Director RUW-WVU Partnership Office. The highly anticipated visit to the WVU Campus aimed at strengthening collaborations, increasing the effectiveness of valued issues and engage in formal and informal discussions with WVU management. Formal discussions were held with Deans and faculty members from the Statler College of Engineering; College of Business & Economics; Health Sciences Center to discuss future programmes and collaborations. Major emphasis was placed on finalizing the roadmap for hosting the WVU Civil Engineering Programme at RUW to be launched from Fall 2017. Exhaustive meetings were held with the Registrar, Admissions office, Dean and Associate Dean of Statler College of Engineering and Mineral resources and Chairman, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, PR team to finalize the various aspect of launch of programme. During the visit, the delegation was hosted at a private reception with both President Gee and Provost McConnell and met with West Virginia University Board of Governors and specific college deans. Amongst the highlights of the visit was when Mr. Fahad Al Zamil, Chairman BoT spoke on behalf of the delegation and reciprocated the greetings from the WVU President and exchanged tokens of appreciation. He assured that the partnership between WVU and RUW would indeed be long-term and fruitful. Professor Mazin discussed the importance of the WVU-RUW partnership and Dr. Mona also spoke on women's leadership initiatives at RUW respectively.

RUW's Royal Creators win the Best Company Award in INJAZ 2017 National Company Competition RUW Students win the Best Business Plan in INJAZ Innovation Camp Competition



On April 27, INJAZ Bahrain successfully concluded its 9th annual National Company Competition at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The event witnessed 20 student entrepreneur teams from around the Kingdom compete to obtain the coveted "University Company of the Year" and "School Company of the Year" titles in addition to several other awards, with over 13 high schools and three universities participating in this year's Company Competition. "Royal Creators" team from the Royal University for Women won "University Company of the Year". The finalists showcased their enterprise and business acumen before a panel of independent judges who evaluated each company's performance against the competition criteria. The winning teams will go on to represent INJAZ Bahrain and the Kingdom at the 2017 Young Entrepreneurs Competition to be held in Egypt later this year. Moreover, on 20th April, 10 RUW students participated in the INJAZ Innovation Camp in collaboration with Al Salam Bank in Sheraton Hotel Bahrain. RUW students won the Best Business Plan in INJAZ Innovation Camp. RUW students were able to win the competition facing 7 teams representing 4 universities, where the total number of students were 80 students. The Innovation Day Camp is an exciting one-day workshop that challenges students to find innovative solutions to a real business challenge using creativity, thinking out of the box, and teamwork. Students will experience leadership, critical thinking, and presentation skills and learn about business start-ups in a fun way.

RUW welcomes H.E Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulmalik Al-Sheikh, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

On April 20, The Royal University for Women welcomed His Excellency Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulmalik Al-Sheikh, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the Kingdom of Bahrain and a high level delegation. The Cultural Attaché representing Saudi Arabia Mr. Ali Bin Majid Al-Ameerah and Head of Economic and Culture Affairs Officer Dr. Saleh Al-Muqbel Public Relations Officer at the embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as the embassy's media officer. His Excellency the ambassador honored the College of Art and Design by inaugurating the special Art Exhibition "Arabesque" curated by Dr. Henaa Mallah under the supervision of Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD. The visit of H.E the ambassador included meeting RUW students from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well a presentation about the Royal University for Women and a tour of its facilities as well as an exhibition by the College of Business and Financial Sciences students on small businesses and entrepreneurship projects. His Excellency Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulmalik Al-Sheikh delivered a speech in which he thanked the Royal University for Women and the Royal University for Women's administration for their excellent organization, and hospitality.



Bachelor of Business in Human Resources officially placed on the NQF

College of Business and Financial Sciences received official communication on 6th April 2017 from the General Directorate of National Qualifications Framework that it's Bachelor of Business in Human Resources qualification is placed on the NQF register at NQF level 8 with a placement and listing ID of Q16-015 and IL15-002 respectively. In its official report the General Directorate of National Qualifications Framework has stated that the Bachelor of Business in Human Resources qualification offered by RUW sufficiently meets all the five validation standards with an overall validation judgement of "valid", with no conditions to be fulfilled. The report has made some suggestions to further enhance the qualification quality for which the College has developed an improvement plan. With this achievement, CBFS has the distinction of having all of its major Bachelor of Business qualifications in Banking and Finance, International Business and Human Resources, listed on the NQF.

RUW Carnival Celebrations; University celebrates its accreditation



On April 22, Royal University for Women (RUW) held a nation-wide carnival in celebration of it being the first private university to receive HEC accreditation, at its campus in Riffa. The carnival organized by the RUW Student Council and student volunteers witnessed a large crowd of families, children, college students and visitors from the neighbouring country of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Events at the carnival started with a food festival, rides, and local businesses and start-ups selling their products. A welcoming speech from Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women, then followed who welcomed the participants, guests and visitors and commended the university on achieving ten years of excellence. A concert featuring popular Emirati singer Mohammed Al Shehhi then followed prior to activities including a show by Bahraini acrobats, DJ music, food and the participation of over 80 local businesses in a 'souk'.

Royal University for Women holds Annual Career Fair



On April 18, Royal University for Women held its annual career fair at its premises in Riffa in an event that drew international companies, local businesses, and alumnae of the Royal University for Women as well as current students. The career fair organized by the student affairs office at the university as an opportunity for students to meet and interact with the job market and explore any future employment possibilities. The event started with a welcoming speech from Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women, who thanked the participants and commended the caliber of RUW graduates, reflecting on the achievements of notable RUW alumnae and the trust in hiring graduates of Royal University for Women.

Royal University for Women organizes a workshop on "Cyber Security in the Cloud" in cooperation with West Virginia University, USA



Royal University for Women in cooperation with West Virginia University, the world's leading university in the field of Information Technology and cyber security, held the first annual cyber security workshop from April 25 to April 27, 2017 at the university campus in Riffa. The workshop dealt with topics such as cloud computing, privacy, security, authentication, software security, and weaknesses in systems. It is worth noting that the Royal University for Women hosted a group of international specialists in this field, to discover the latest findings of the latest experiences and global practices in the subject of cyber security. Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of the Royal University for Women stated that the workshop attended by several representatives of ministries, agencies, institutions, companies and banks in the Kingdom. Ms. Aisha Murad, Director of WVU/RUW Partnership Programmes expressed her delight on the success of the workshop.

College of Art and Design celebrates the Architectural Design Degree receiving recognition from the Civil Service Bureau of Bahrain

On April 18, The College of Art and Design celebrated the Architectural Design Degree receiving recognition from the Civil Service Bureau of Bahrain. Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD and Dr. Hisham Al-Azzawi, HOD of the Architectural Design program with the support of President Prof. Mazin Jumaah conducted a very thorough study of the Architectural Design program that was presented to the Civil Service Bureau of Bahrain, thoroughly explaining the program, benchmarking it with similar local and international programs including NAAB and NCARB, justifying its relevance as a professional degree. After the concerned officials at the Civil Service Bureau studied this they officially announced their acceptance of the 5 year Bachelor of Architecture in Architectural Design offered by the College of Art and design at RUW as a professional degree, compared to the degree in architectural Engineering offered in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Professor Jumaah announced this great news to the students in an official speech congratulating students on this great news and showing his appreciation to the Dean, HOD, and concerned faculty members on this very important accomplishment.

Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Mrs. Rana Abu Hulaigah

Graduation Year: 2010

Professional Occupation:

Senior Relationship Manager at Mubasher Financial Services

Involvement at RUW:

- Graduated from RUW with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology in 2010.
- College of Information Technology representative in the student council (RUW).
- Assisted in arranging and preparing for the first IT Expo that was held in the RUW.
- Hosted part of the organized event in RUW (2006 to 2010)
- Organized events in the RUW Dorms (2006).
- Scholarship Sponsored by the Saudi Council in Bahrain (Royal University for Women).

Her Words:

"To every end, there is a beginning." This saying has inspired me in so many ways. When I graduated from school, I wasn't aware of the life changes that I would be facing, and how the simplest steps can determine how my future will be. Throughout my university years, I have learned a lot, specially being in RUW, where I have met girls from different backgrounds, and how well we all worked together in organizing events for the university even though we were from different majors. RUW has opened up opportunities for me as a college student of which I would have not found in another university. The great range of professors, and the huge facilities inside the campus, made it much easier for us to be in a comfortable and cozy atmosphere. After graduating from RUW, I continued my studies abroad in the United Kingdom, and obtained a postgraduate certificate from the University of Manchester. I started my career path as a sales person, which was not related to my university degree. There was always a sales person in me, I enjoyed dealing with customers on a personal level, and it also helped me with being confident when speaking to people I don't know. That is when, I combined what I learned and experienced together, and that helped to find my ground rules and was able to observe all the information I needed to grow and learn more about my job. Having an IT background, adding to it what I learned from working in sales, has given me confidence and professionalism to deal with any obstacle in quick to solve and analysis small problems. From that, it made it easy on me to be very fixable and adapt to any task that was given to me. Saying this from where I am today, I can say, that every new day comes with new challenges and tasks that makes us stronger and tougher by the day."

Achievements:

- Obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Computer Science with Information Technology Management from University of Manchester, United Kingdom.
- Established Esprenaza (an on line Jewelry shop), Esperanza.bh
- Awarded with HSBC Shukran Award for customer service excellence.
- Gave birth to two precious boys.

"Innovative Strategies in English Language Teaching" Keynote Speech by Ms Norhan

Ms Norhan A.Rahman had given the keynote speech in a two-day symposium on the 19th and 20th of April 2017, titled "Innovative Strategies in English Language Teaching" at the ELC in the University of Bahrain. The symposium, which gathered practitioners from different educational institutions, provided participants with platforms for sharing ideas, experiences and practices. Ms Norhan tackled teaching strategies and the use of technology. Participants found it very informative and sharing research findings helped them stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the field of ELT.

Question & Answer Session with RUW President

On April 23, OSA organized the Question and Answer Session with RUW President Prof. Mazin Jumaah. During the session the students were encouraged to put forward their suggestions, recommendations and concerns. Dr. Mazin encouraged the students to have active participation in the university activities. The students found the session very productive.

Faculty of the Month

Shaikha Mai Khalifa Faisal Al Khalifa,
Lecturer/Graphic Designer, College of Art and Design



Sh. May Alkhalifa

Shaikha Mai holds Master of Arts in Design Management from Royal University for Women, Kingdom of Bahrain and BFA- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Communication Arts and Design Program from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Arts in Doha, Qatar. Shaikha. Mai worked in government and private sector; Central Informatics Organization (CIO), and JWT Kingdom of Bahrain. Then joined Royal University for Women as a Graphic Designer and Instructor in fall 2008.

Shaikha Mai is currently Lecturer and Graphic Designer at the College of Arts & design. She teaches a range of design classes including designing event designs and organized exhibitions and Member of the Alumnae, Editorial, and Graduation Committee for Royal University for Women. Shaikha. Mai is qualified in Visual Communication Design. Attended various Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars related to design in Italy, London, Qatar, Dubai, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Kingdom of Bahrain.

CAD Advisory Committee Meeting



College of Art and Design conducted the 2nd Advisory Committee meeting for academic year 2016-17 on Sunday, April 2nd, 2017. The following members from the industry attended: Arch. Hisham Arafat, Arch Afaf Ebrahim, Ms. Sarah Suri, and Ms. Bayan Kano, in addition to the CAD internal members. Dr. Janon began the meeting by giving an overview of the program review process which 4 of CAD's program went through last October and November of which the CA members supported through their role in interview panels with the review panels. This feedback was important in order for members to learn of their role and what measures may be made at CAD level as a result. The committee also discussed the Periodic Curriculum review of CAD Programs which is currently underway. In addition to the issue of assisting CAD in providing internship opportunities for its students during the upcoming summer semester. All members expressed their desire to provide all support possible.

CAD Question and Answer Session, Sem. 2, AY 2016-17

The College of Art and Design student question and answer session was arranged on April 25, 2017 in the presence of Dr. Janon Kadhim, (Dean-CAD), Dr. Shweta Kinra (Head- Department of Design) and Dr. Hisham Al Azzawi (Head- Department of Architecture). Student from all the departments were invited to share their problems and experiences to enhance the process of teaching and learning. Students were further guided to be more organized and manage their time in a way to be less stressful and aim to work as per the best of their capabilities.

College of Art and Design organizes Art Exhibition "Arabesque"



The College of Art and Design in collaboration with Al Bareh Art gallery and EBD organized an Art Exhibition entitled "Arabesque". The exhibition which was curated by Dr. Henaa Mallah under the supervisor of Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of Art and Design, was inaugurated on April 24th, 2017 under the patronage of Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of RUW. The exhibition showcases the work conducted in a special 3 day workshop by Dr. Henaa Mallah that took place in February 2017 at Al Bareh gallery. The inauguration ceremony was attended by a good number of distinguished guests from the society as artists, CAD advisory committee members, art and design bloggers, and others. The ceremony included an introduction by Dr. Janon followed by a presentation about the art of Arabesque by Dr. Henaa. Prof. Mazin and the attendees expressed their great appreciation and enthusiasm for the exhibit praising the organizers and participants for the high quality of work presented.

Jewelry and Accessories Design Workshop for CAD Foundation year students



The college of Art and Design and the Foundation team invited Ms. Nagham Abdulmuneim Mustafa to conduct a workshop on accessories and jewelry design. Ms. Nagham is a member of the Family Production, Capital Mall in Seef. She has been featured in many magazines and TV programs in Bahrain for her craft and originality. In the workshop Ms. Nagham used different kinds of stones, pearl and beads; with different colors and shapes. She showed different kinds of accessories and instructed Foundation students on how to make creative designs. This workshop is very useful for Foundation students since it helps them better understand how turn their ideas and sketches to actual pieces of art that they can further use in their design projects.

Architectural Design Students Field Visit to Mohamed Bin Khalifa Specialist Cardiac Center



On April 20 and April 23, as part of their course for Building Construction and Building Detailing and Construction Drawings, Architectural Design students of year 2 and year 3 accompanied by their course instructors Dr. Sharif Khashaba and Dr. Hisham Al-Azzawi visited Mohamed Bin Khalifa Specialist Cardiac Center in Awali. The building that is still under construction was a great opportunity for the students to see an architectural design being visualized and in the construction process. The site manager Dr. Abdulla Al-Tamimi and his team took the students and instructors on a grand tour of the building explaining the complete construction process including an intense explanation of the building services and all other issues related to construction of a building of this great scale and complexity.

Crime Scene Investigation and Criminology Workshop at RUW



Royal University for Women held a two-day workshop in cooperation with on the theme "Crime Scene Investigation and Criminology" on Sunday 23 and Monday 24 April 2017. Participants included College of Law students and delegates from Police Academy, Ministry of Interior, Law firms and academics attended the event. The event was held under the patronage of Prof. Dr. Mazin M.A. Jumaah, President of the Royal University for Women and was run in cooperation with the Italian prominent training institution Advanced Security Academy of Milan. The trainers, field expert and trainers of CSI Units in Italy, were Mr. Edoardo Riva an Italian Police Officer and trainer of the CSI Units in Milan and Ms. Fabiana Althea Mazzariello, security consultant holding a Master Degree in Crime Sciences. Reflecting on the workshop Prof. Mazin Jumaah commended the College of Law for offering such a high caliber workshop.

RUW College of Law participates in the 24th Willem C. Vis International Moot Court Competition held in Vienna, Austria



After having received the award for the Best Respondent Memorandum in the 7th Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot organized in Kuwait on February 2017, RUW College of Law attended the 24th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition held in Vienna, from April 7 to April 13, among 338 Law Schools coming from all over the world. The team composed of five excellent and brave students from the 3rd and 4th year, Ms. Amina Abdul Jabbar Mohamed Saleh Abdulla, Ms. Sara Jassim Abdulla, Ms. Noor Sami Alalawi, Ms. Haya Zaal Albuflasa, Ms. Fatema Fadhel Almedaifa, under the supervision of the coach Dr. Maria Casoria, showed confidence and appropriate legal knowledge, and received very positive feedback from all the panels of arbitrators which confirms that the participation in such competition is a strength for the improvement of our students' advocacy and employability skills.

CBFS holds Annual HR Forum



College of Business and Financial Sciences held its annual HR Forum on April 18, 2017. The HR Forum is a platform that brings together industry practitioners and RUW's student community to discuss topics of relevance in the area of human resource management. This initiative is an annual event to forge closer ties between the industry and RUW. This year's forum theme was "what's trending in training", which includes presentations from Mr. Kamal Al-Fulajj from Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Ms. Leena Musayeb from Mumtalakat, Ms. Daraan Al Shaikh and Ms. Lulwa Al Romaihi, RUW Alumna from IGA, Mr. Kamal Al-Fulajj, Arbitrator from BCCI made a presentation on Bottom-Line results from Training; Finding new ways to add business value. Ms. Leena Musayeb Senior HR Associate from Mumtalakat spoke about the Learning and Development approach employed at Mumtalakat. Ms. Daraan Al Shaikh and Ms. Lulwa Al Romaihi, RUW alumna and Senior HR Specialists from the Information and eGovernment Authority (IGA), spoke about the nature and process of in-house training undertaken within IGA which included processing training requests, analyzing employee individual development plans and training evaluations.ah, Dr. Vivien Exartier, International Relations Officer and Dr. Hala Elias, Dean of CBFS to explore possible collaboration.

Exhibition and Forum on Inspiring Micropreneurs and Empowering Students; Entrepreneurship Awareness Campaign



On April 19, The College of Business and Financial Sciences organized the Exhibition and Forum: "Inspiring Micropreneurs and Empowering Students". The objective of the exhibition and the forum is to inspire the microbusiness owners to showcase their products and services through an exhibition. Students have prepared the Concepts and Marketing Research Survey for a genuine Business Start Up idea. Each Group had a stand and they exhibit their ideas to other members of RUW Society while they surveying the Viability of their concept, with google forms. Additionally, about 19 Micropreneurs have exhibited their products and services. On the other aspect, a Forum was organized to provide awareness on the services of the Support Agencies. Representatives of RUW Alumnae, real life start-up entrepreneur Mr. Abdulla Khalifa (Bifteki Concept) and representatives of Tamkeen, SMEs Society of Bahrain and UNIDO shared their experience with the audience.

CAD Master of Design Management Viva Presentations



On April 26 and April 27, the second group of Master of Design management students in the College of Art and design presented their Vivas after completing the thesis and having it approved by the supervisors and the CAD Postgraduate Studies committee. This year CAD made use of the newly approved MOU with Dar Al-Hekma University in KSA and invited two renowned faculty members from Al-Hekma School of Architecture and Design. Dr. Effat Fadag, Dean of the School of Architecture and Design and Dr. Azza Eleish, an associate Professor of Architecture both accepted CAD's invitation and joined as external examiners for three of the Viva committees. In addition, and as part of CAD strive to collaborate with the local industry, Dr. Falah Alkusiay, and Associate professor of Architecture, and Consultant to the Minister of Municipality and Urban Planning joined as external examiner for the 4th Viva. Four Design Management students presented their Vivas: Ms. Sara Mohamed Ali Ahmed, Ms. Rafaella Maria Lakeridou, Ms. Anna Sadeq Hassan, and Ms. Ala Hussein Khasharmeh.

RUW Delegation attend the Annual National Model United Nations Conference in New York



On 9th till 13th April 2017, Ms. Doris Martin, RUW OSA director and BUMUN founder, and College of Law students Reem Benschams, Maryam Shah and Fatima Abdulmalek participated in the annual National Model United Nations Conference in the Sheraton Tower & Hotel New York. There were 5000+ participants / students, and 416 colleges and universities from 144 UN member states. The speakers were HE Antonio Guterras, UN Secretary General, HE Mr. Macharia Kamau, Ambassador Pem. Rep of Kenya to the UN, Mr. Michael Eaton, Executive Director and Ms. Meg Martin, NMUN Secretary General. It was followed by committee sessions and seminars for the next several days. The Bahraini delegation attended a mission briefing with HE Mr. Jamal Alrowaiei, Ambassador Pem/Rep, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The closing ceremony was held in The General Assembly, UN Headquarters on 13th April.

Community Education Committee and Students visit Coca Cola Plant



On 30th April, Community Education Committee members and Business Communication students visited the Coca Cola Plant. They had a tour of the plant and attended a presentation about the history of Coca Cola. The aim of the visit was to learn about the sales, marketing procedures and bottling process in Coca Cola. It was an enjoyable event. The group learnt a lot of the make of Coca Cola.

RUW Residence Monthly Activity

On 2nd May, OSA residence committee organized the monthly residence activity - barbeque night. 30 student residence attended the activity. There were fun activities, music entertainment and refreshments. The residence students enjoyed the night. The aim of the monthly residence activities is to strengthen the relationship between the students and the staff.