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Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 5th issue of the 5th volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue **the President of ASU Professor Ghassan Aouad** will address the subject of "We are now a 4 stars rated University".

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A Special Message from the President We are now a 4 stars QS rated University

On the evening of the 28 of November, the University celebrated in a fantastic style its QS ranking of 37 and QS 4 stars rating. In the QS stars rating system we achieved:

- 5* in Teaching
- 5* in Employability
- 5* in Facilities
- 5* in Social responsibility
- 5* in Inclusiveness
- 4* in Internationalisation
- 4* overall



Professor Ghassan Aouad

The President of Applied
Science University

This is a brilliant achievement and many congratulations to all of you. This achievement and the celebration are dedicated to Prof Waheeb Al Khaja , the Chairman of the Bored of Trustees for his leadership, vision and continuous support. I would like to thank Dr Mohamed Yousif and Mr Abdulla Al Khaja and their teams for the hard work they put into the QS ratings and rankings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, especially Ms Ruqaya and her team for the innovation and creativity in everything which was performed on the night of the celebration. I have never seen a better show all my life, it was like an Oscar and Ms Ruqaya as a presenter and MC was the star of the show. It was good to see Mr Ashwin Fernandes of the QS and Prof Habib of King Abdul Aziz University of the KSA attending this event.

I am so happy and excited and we will never rest until we make our University one of the best in the region.

ASU is now unstoppable and we should all embrace quality in everything we do in order to support a brilliant student experience. The presence of our students and alumni on the night made the ceremony much more enjoyable.

After various speeches by Prof Waheeb, myself and Mr Ashwin, an incredible show started revealing our achievements in the QS stars culminating in the announcement that we are now rated at 4 stars by the prestigious QS universities rankings agency. The event was attended by many dignitaries, staff, students, alumni and invited guests. More than 150 attendees were present at this celebratory event.



International conference on innovation, technology, enterprise and entrepreneurship ICITEE 2019

On the 24 and 25 of November, the international conference on innovation, technology, enterprise and entrepreneurship ICITEE 2019 was held in association with London South Bank University under the patronage of HE, the Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council in Bahrain, Dr Majed bin Ali Al Nuaimi. Distinguished guests, scholars and researchers and practitioners have come all the way to Bahrain from as far as Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa, Turkey and many other countries. This topical conference organised by The University in association with London South Bank University and with great support from the Chartered Institute of Building and the Association of Arab Universities covered important topics and themes related to innovation, technology and entrepreneurship including the future directions of Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Virtual and Augmented Reality and Building Information Modelling (BIM) amongst many other important areas.

69 papers from 130 researchers from 16 countries (Bahrain, UK, Australia, Canada, Spain, Italy, South Africa, Turkey, Indonesia, Nigeria, Lebanon, Jordan, KSA, UAE, Kuwait, Jordan) were included in the peer refereed proceedings. Around 29 papers were produced by colleagues from ASU, some are jointly with other institutions, which is a fantastic achievement.

In the opening ceremony which was attended by more than 200 participants, speeches were made by HE Dr Abdul Ghani Al Shouwaikh, Secretary General of the HEC, representing the patron of the conference, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of ASU, Professor Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities, Professor David Phoenix, Vice Chancellor of LSBU, Professor Paul Ivey, Deputy Vice Chancellor of LSBU, Professor Charles Egbu, President of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), and the President of ASU, the MC of the event was the one and only Ms Ruqaya Mohsin.

The key note speakers were Professor David Phoenix who spoke about future directions of research and Professor Paul Ivey who covered the topic of entrepreneurship. The Gala Dinner Speaker was Professor Charles Egbu who spoke about innovation.

In the final ceremony which was attended by HE Mr Sameer Nass, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ASU, certificates of attendance were presented to all attendees and members of the Scientific and Organising Committees and students helpers. The best 4 papers of the conference were announced at the final ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Honorary Chair of the Conference, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, for his vision and support, the Chair of the Scientific Committee, Professor Yazeed Al Sbou and its members, the Chair of the Organising Committee, Mr Abdulla Al Khaja and its members, all contributors, reviewers, and colleagues and students for their contributions.

The event was faultless because of the exceptional skills of Mr Abdulla Al Khaja, Chair of the Organising Committee. Three colleagues have to be mentioned, Ms Mariam Ali, Ms Ruqaya, and Mr Muath for their tireless efforts. In addition, the great support of Prof Yazeed and the 2 VPs, Dr Mohamed Yousif and Professor Khaled Garaibeh has to be acknowledged.



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University

The Gala Dinner and Social Day organised by Ms Ruqaya and her team were also great and enjoyable.

This conference demonstrates our ability to attract researchers from across the globe and to run conferences of the highest quality. We should all be proud of what we have achieved in this truly international conference.

This conference will undoubtedly contribute to HM the King's vision 2030 to make the Kingdom of Bahrain a truly international knowledge hub. The wise leadership of our Kingdom is enabling us to generate knowledge and conduct research that is relevant to our society and communities.

The themes of the conference are important for many universities and companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain and beyond. The future leaders of tomorrow need to preach what they learnt about innovation and technology and undoubtedly Universities can play a major role in producing these future entrepreneurial leaders and ASU is no exception.



The Director of Scientific Research at the Secretariat General of the Higher Education Council addresses ASU staff and students

Dr Ferzana Almaraghi , Director of Scientific Research at the Secretariat General of the Higher Education Council was hosted by ASU on Thursday Nov 28th where she delivered a very interesting presentation titled "Bahraini Women in Higher Education". The presentation, which was attended by a large number of ASU students and staff, highlighted the history of women's role in education in the kingdom and a study conducted by Dr Ferzana on the current state of women's contribution in higher education. The presentation included a timeline of higher education in the kingdom which showed that Bahraini women were pioneers in seeking higher education in the region where the first batch of female scholars seeking university level education abroad dates back to late 30's.



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Dr Ferzana showed very interesting and important statistics on the number of female students studying in various disciplines at Bahraini higher education institutions which surpass the international norms. She mentioned that Bahrain has been ranked first in the world in the percentage of women studying sciences and ranked among the highest 10 countries in the world in the number of female students and graduates in most disciplines.

Dr Ferzana mentioned also that Bahraini women have been assuming higher positions at higher education institutions where there are significant number of female heads of departments, deans and vice presidents which indicates the competence of Bahraini women in the higher education sector as well as in other sectors.

She also emphasized that all this has been a result of the dedication and hard work of Bahraini women and the continuous efforts of His Majesty King Hamad bin Issa and the government on empowering women in all sectors.

The presentation was followed by an interactive session where the audience thanked Dr Ferzana for her interesting talk and the data she presented.

The presentation was attended by Prof Waheeb Alkhaja, chairman of the board of trustees, Prof Ghassan Aouad, president of the university and a number of officials of the university.



The Formation of the Board of Directors for the Alumni Club for the Fourth Cycle

On 17th and 19th of November 2019, the alumni interviews committee at Deanship of Student Affairs conducted interviews for 16 candidates for the Board of Directors of the Alumni Club led by the acting dean of student affairs Dr. Hayat Ali; acting assistant dean of student affairs, Dr. Hashem Muslamani and the Manager of Career Development and Alumni Affairs office Ms. Noora Musalam. 13 members were chosen to the board of directors of the Alumni Club. On Wednesday 27 Nov 2019, the Alumni Club for the fourth cycle held its first meeting and elected the managerial positions of the club as follows:

- Ibrahim Al Najjar - President
- Mohammed Janahi - Vice President
- Mohammed Nasser - Treasurer
- Ahmed Dasmal - Secretary
- Mohammed Al Juben - Head of PR and Media Committee



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Interview with Alumnus



Name:	Mohamed Yousif Al Zayani
Workplace:	Private sector
Academic Degree	Bachelor Degree
Academic Major	Business Administration
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	As a private University, I think that ASU is the best in Bahrain when it comes to the learning environment and teaching methods. Different methods of teaching are used that are based on research, brainstorming and raising questions by the lecturers which encourage students to participate in discussions and activate their critical thinking.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	The available facilities satisfy all the needs of the students. In addition, the University does not hesitate to fulfill the needs of the students for a better educational interaction.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	The best success story that I had gone through was choosing ASU to continue my education. I cannot say that even once I was sorry for taking this decision. Instead, the more experiences I had learnt from the market, the more I felt that my educational background is solid and I can tackle things in the right and proper way.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	I do believe that the steps which are being taken by the university on regular bases are appropriate. In addition, all whether lecturers or employees must function hand in hand and get hold of valuable ways to develop the University and make it the best in the region.
Final words	My best appreciations and all the good for our University.



Interviewed By: Mrs. Noora Musalam, **Manager of Career Development & Alumni Affairs Office, Deanship Of Student Affairs**

The President and ASU Staff attended the Forum Titled “ The Role of Women in Higher Education & Future Sciences”

On November 28th 2019 , the President of ASU Professor Ghassan Aouad, Acting Dean of Students Affairs Dr Hayat Ali and Acting Office Manager of Counselling Dr Nadya Al Shreeda attended the forum titled “ The Role of Women in Higher Education and Future Sciences” that was organised by the Education and Training Quality Authority —Kingdom of Bahrain to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day.



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Bahraini Women's Day



Congratulations to all Bahraini women on the day that recognizes and honors the wisdom and contributions of women of the nation, under the kind patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa

Quote of the Week

“إن تعزيز المشاركة السياسية للمرأة البحرينية أولوية في الخطة الوطنية لهيوز المرأة البحرينية، التي اعتمدها جلالة الملك المفدى في العام 2005 كأول خطة نوعية في المنطقة تعتمد من قبل رأس الدولة، حيث إن المجلس يعمل منذ تأسيسه على تعزيز وعي المجتمع البحريني بأهمية المشاركة في الانتخابات كناخبين والمرشحين، وتشجيع المجتمع على التصويت للمرشح الأكفأ رجلا كان أو امرأة“

تصريح صاحبة السمو الملكي الأميرة سبيكة بنت إبراهيم آل خليفة حفظها الله خلال استقبالها رئيسة الإتحاد البرلماني الدولي والوفد المرافق لها 2019