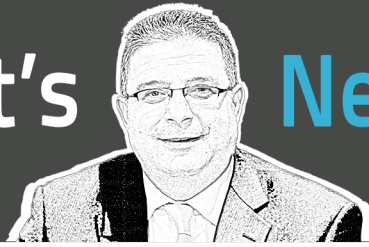


# President's News Digest



## Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 38<sup>th</sup> issue of the 6<sup>th</sup> volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue Prof. Ghassan Aouad , the President of Applied Science University will address the subject of " A Year of Challenges and Achievements "

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## End of Year Message from the President A Year of Challenges and Achievements

The academic year 2020/2021 was a challenging one because of the pandemic (COVID 19), but it was full of major achievements. Notable successes were in the areas of international leagues tables, full confidence of the Computer Science Programme, the NQF placement of many academic programmes, the successful passing of the scoping visit by the IQR QAA which will take us to the next review stage, the HEA fellowships (reached now almost 100) and the successful running of our online learning, teaching and assessment, annual job fair, recite the Quran competition, alumni reunion, call for research projects and the impressive number of publications for this academic year amongst many others.



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University

## QS World University Rankings

The QS World University Rankings

2022 has been announced and we are now ranked 591-600 in the World up from last year's 651-700. This great achievement is good for us and the higher education sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain. We received our certificate at a ceremony held in Dubai and attended by Dr Mohamed Yousif and myself.

Featuring 1,300 universities from around the world, this year's university rankings are the largest ever. Each institution has been assessed according to six key metrics:

1. Academic Reputation (40%)
2. Employer Reputation (10%)
3. Faculty/Student Ratio (20%)
4. Citations per faculty (20%)
5. International Faculty Ratio (5%)
6. International Student Ratio (5%)

## QS Arab Region Universities Rankings

We have been ranked at 29 in the QS Arab Region Universities Rankings up from 37 last year (45 the year before last). Dr Mohamed Yousif received our certificate at 29 ranking from HE Prof Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities and Dr Ashwin Fernandes from the QS.

**THE University Impact Rankings**

We are ranked in the range of 401-600 in the THE University Impact rankings. This ranking measures how universities meet the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

**Green Metric University Rankings**

We have been ranked by the Greenmetric (2020 Universities Worldwide Ranking) 484 out of 911 participating universities from around the world for this year compared to 780 participating universities last year, as for the Arab region, we are ranked 37 out of 106 participating Arab universities for this year which is an improvement compared to last year Arab region rank. With this ranking, we are the only private University in Bahrain that participated in this ranking.

**Best Decorated Building**

For the 6th year in a row, the University was awarded the best-decorated building in the educational sector in the competition organised by the Capital Governorate under the patronage of HE Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Capital Governor. Many institutions and companies participated in the competition held in conjunction with the Kingdom’s glorious national day and accession day celebrations to maintain values of citizenship and belonging to the community. The University President received the award from HE Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Capital Governor. A virtual ceremony was also organised by the Capital Governorate to award the winning institutions

**ISO Certification**

ASU passed the external surveillance audit for its ISO 21001:2018 Certification and was recommended by the external auditor to retain its certification for another year

**Advance HE Accredited Centre**

The sixth cohort’s results have been recently announced with 11 achieved the fellowships without corrections and 4 with minor corrections. Total number of fellows is indicated below (94 fellows, 114 recognitions)

<b>Principal Fellow</b>	1	1
<b>Associate Fellows</b>	20	24
<b>Fellows</b>	53	68
<b>Senior fellows</b>	21	21
<b>Total</b>	94	114

**Global Entrepreneurship Week**

ASU Celebrates the Global Entrepreneurship Week with a Seminar on Funding Opportunities for Young Entrepreneurs Under the patronage of Professor Waheeb Ahmed Alkhaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Applied Science University, ASU organized a virtual seminar in partnership with the Labor Fund “Tamkeen” under the title “Funding Opportunities for Young Entrepreneurs in the Covid-19 Era”, as part of the Kingdom’s celebration of the Global Entrepreneurship Week. Six distinguished guests from inside and outside the Kingdom of Bahrain contributed as panelists to the discussions of the seminar representing various funding institutions and organizations involved in promoting entrepreneurship and empowering young entrepreneurs in Bahrain and the region. The seminar was conducted virtually through “Zoom” and was attended by a large number of ASU students in addition to other viewers from around the globe who were interested in the topic of the symposium.

### **Students Council Election**

The Deanship of Student Affairs had organized the Student Council Elections virtually for its 14th cycle using an online voting system. 19 students were nominated and each was given a virtual table to present his/her goals and commitments to other ASU students on the 25th, 26th November 2020. 1031 students voted online. The results were announced virtually under the patronage of Professor Ghassan Aouad, President of the University after the student council of its 13th cycle was honored for their big achievements throughout the year of their cycle. 8 seats went to the College of Administrative Sciences, 4 seats to the College of Law, 2 seats to the College of Arts and Science, and 1 seat to the College of Engineering by acclamation.

### **National Day and the Anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne**

As the Kingdom celebrated on December 16th and 17th its 49th National Day, and the 21st Anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne, the University celebrated virtually in style through the zoom platform. The celebration was under the patronage of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Professor Waheeb Al Khaja and the Students Council and the Deanship of Student Affairs successfully organized it. The celebration included a photography completion, Instagram-based quizzes and an evening of poetry by poets from Kuwait and Bahrain who expressed their admiration for Bahrain and its people. The University wishes the Kingdom of tolerance, co-existence and peace every success and prosperity and happy celebrations of the National Day and the Anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne.

### **Board of Directors of the Alumni Club**

13 members were chosen to the new Board of Directors of the Alumni Club for its fifth cycle as this cycle presents a celebration of 5 years since the beginning of the Alumni Club formation.

### **Volunteering Work**

Last week the University was recognised by HE Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate for our volunteering work. The University achieved 2nd place in the educational category. Our student, Sheikha Adel Alzayed, who is studying for a Master in Human Resource Management achieved first place for the Youth Category. It was so pleasing to see our student Sheikha doing well in this area in addition to her study. Volunteering work is very rewarding as the work is done out of good heart and without any financial rewards. Volunteering can help build bond amongst communities and this is part of our community engagement strategic objective in the University.

### **Strategic Plan 2020-2025**

The Strategic Plan 2020-2025 was developed after consultation with staff, students, alumni, program advisory boards and the BOT who has granted us the final approval.

### **Engineering Day**

The College of Engineering has dedicated a great amount of time and effort to organize this event in collaboration with Marketing and Public Relations with excellent presentations from our students, and distinguished external speakers. It is worth noting that the first cohorts of the engineering students has graduated (20 in Civil and 20 in architectural engineering)

### **Joint ceremony with LSBU (staff development webinars)**

The Academic Staff Development Unit (ASDU), organized a "Virtual Closing Ceremony of the series of webinars" delivered by LSBU, as part of our international partnership joint activities. The Ceremony consisted of two main merged programs; (1) Highlights of the webinars and (2) Sharing Online Teaching Practices.

In addition to the above achievements, notable successes were achieved in the areas of online teaching, learning and assessment and staff development and research publications (more than 160 publications in one year), major administrative, finance, and IT systems development, our work on health and safety, quality reviews and NQF audit and compliance reviews, admissions and registration work, major staff and students events, Marketing and students recruitment, community engagement work, International activities (especially our partnerships with LSBU, CMU, and Advance HE), strategic and operational planning and the law conference amongst many other successes by all colleges.

Let me conclude this end of year message by thanking Prof Waheeb for his vision and continuous support and the 2 Vice Presidents and Advisor to the President and all members of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees and the extended management committee, students council, board of directors of the alumni club, programme advisory boards, Ms Hessa and Ms Ayat and Mr Muath for looking after the News Digest which is reaching in few months its six year anniversary, and I would also like to thank all of you for your hard work and loyalty. I know that you have worked very hard in the last 12months in order to deliver the best learning experience to our students during difficult times, I am grateful for all your great efforts. You deserve now a nice break with your families, but please come back in September full of energy and great innovative ideas; please keep well and stay safe.

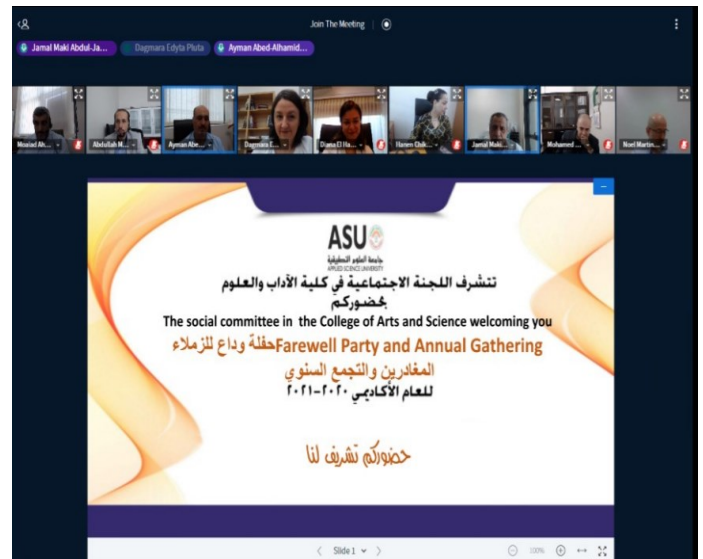
## The College Of Arts and Science Annual Gathering

On 14<sup>th</sup> July, the Social Committee at the College of Arts and Science arranged the annual gathering for the college staff, and due to the COVID-19, the annual gathering was held virtually in the college of Arts and Science Virtual Meeting Room. The gathering attended by the Acting Dean Prof. Ayman AIDmoor and the college staff. The staff enjoyed having this gathering as well releasing some of stress. In conjunction with that the Social Committee organized a virtual farewell party for Ms. Dagmara E. Pluta who is leaving ASU this year.

College staff members showed their appreciation for the leaving colleague for her great services and hard work at ASU, and wished her well for the future. Prof. Ayman AIDmoor, Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Science delivered a speech acknowledging the Ms. Dagmara contributions. This was followed by few words from Ms. Dagmara acknowledging the support that she received from the University over the last years. Prof. Ayman presented a farewell gift to Ms. Dagmara on behalf of the College staff.



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## Quote of the Day

*The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."*

**-Eleanor Roosevelt**

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