

## (Ahlia University) A large family embraces all its students, faculty and employees

The Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ahlia University Professor Abdulla Y.ousif Al Hawaj, urged all faculty and administrative staff to provide the highest level of professional service and responsive care for all university students and affiliates in line with Ahlia University mission and its civic culture of a caring family. This was relayed at an annual open meeting with the university faculty and administrative staff on the occasion of the start of the new academic year 2019/2020, noting at the same time that the family spirit that characterizes Ahlia University is apparent in its campus and its conduct as the a university that embraces with tolerance and equity all of its student body, alumni, faculty and staff and the wider community.

Professor Al Hawaj thanked the faculty and administrative staff for their vital role in the university outstanding achievement and success at the national and international arenas, which is what led the university to occupy the 35<sup>th</sup> place among 1,200 Arab Universities in the year 2018 according to the QS World University Ranking, noting that QS specializes in a number of



highly regarded ranking of universities globally.

For his part, Ahlia University President Professor Mansoor Ahmed Alaali affirmed that the university's administrative body is no less important and responsible than the

academic body, praising at the same time a large number of university faculty and staff for their success at many of the university initiatives and for their continued effort in their career development and their exceptional dedication to the university.

The Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs Dr. Muneer Al Mubarak noted with pride the increasing rates of satisfaction with the services provided by the university in all the periodic surveys conducted by the university, such as the student satisfaction with teaching and learning and other support services provided by the university.

This was noted in the recent surveys conducted by the university, stressing that the university will spare no effort in providing training and development to all staff in order to raise their effectiveness of its service provision.

## Professor Al Hawaj awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from a prestigious British University

### The Minister of Labour praises the university's initiatives towards the labour market



The Minister of Labour and Social Development, His Excellency Mr. Jameel bin Mohammad Ali Humaidan, praised the university's initiatives and its spirit of partnership and continued and excellent effort in the integration and collaboration with many stakeholders in the labour market, praising the university's ability to successfully challenge and resolve real societal issues and its positive participation in addressing them through creative ideas and solutions.

This came during the patronage of the Minister of Labour and Social Development and its inauguration of the Partnership Building Forum to Qualify Students for the Labour Market, organized by Ahlia University in cooperation with Tamkeen on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, where the Minister called on universities and other educational institutes to integrate cutting edge professional and international developments in their curricula and educational programmes.

In July 2019, the UK capital London hosted a graduation ceremony that was attended by society leaders, scientists, professors and academics. At the event, Brunel University London awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Science to the Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ahlia University, Professor Abdullah Yousef Al Hawaj, for his leadership and life long achievement, it comes as the highest honorary award granted by a UK university to scientists, thinkers and exceptional academics.

This honour is the culmination of Professor Al Hawaj is a pioneer and a visionary leader that a life long achievement

and contribution to academia and a life long and continuous contribution in the service of science and humanity. It also comes in appreciation of the excellence in leadership of education and the pioneering work at Ahlia University through the provision of academic excellence locally with global competitive education.



## AlMudhahki congratulates the university on the occasion of fulfilling the requirements of quality assurance



The Executive Chairman of the Education and Training Quality Authority Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al-Mudhahki visited Ahlia University to deliver the BQA certificate of fulfilment of the quality assurance requirements by Ahlia University for the second cycle of the institutional review issued by the authority on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The visit comes after the Supreme Council for Education and Training Development approved the audit report.

For his part, the President of

the Ahlia University, Professor Mansoor Alaali, thanked and praised Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al-Mudhahki for her initiative to deliver the certificate and share Ahlia University's continues success, he expressed his gratitude for the presence of Dr. Al Mudhahki and the pride it brings to Ahlia University management and staff, "Ahlia University considers this step as an affirmation that the University and the Authority are partners in developing the higher education sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

## 4 Ahlia University students publish their research in peer reviewed journals



The President of Ahlia University, Professor Mansoor Alaali, expressed his pride and honor in the achievement of the latest students who published their research in international peer reviewed journals. The president congratulated four students from the Master in Engineering Management program, which the university offers in partnership with George Washington University in the USA: Ms. Mai Al-Kaabi, Mr. Mohammad Nabil, Mr. Hazem Janahi and Mr. Ahmed Abdullah.

This came during a reception organized with representatives of George Washington University for the distinguished students and their supervisors, where they were honored for their success and achievement, while the President of the University affirmed the university's belief

that engineering sciences are among the most important and most beneficial sciences for humanity and for the future of sustainable development. The university offers two bachelor of science programs in the engineering, namely, Bachelor in Computer and Communications Engineering, and Bachelor in Mobile and Network Engineering, noting that these two programs have achieved full confidence in the program review BQA. The university has successfully met all the requirements for institutional and program reviews for the BQA.

For his part, Dean of the College of Business and Finance, Professor Allam Hamdan, affirmed that the research publications are a result of the tenacity of the students and the faculty commitment to research and development in line with the recommendations of the General Secretariat of the Higher Education Council of Bahrain towards stimulating publication in international refereed journals.

## 13 students win seats in Student Council elections



Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs Dr. Muneer Al Mubarak announced that 13 students won the membership of the University Students Council for the academic year 2019/2020, noting the success of the electoral process that took place on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and the high student participation and pride in the elections in a transparent process.

The Founding President of the university and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Abdulla Al Hawaj, together with the university President, Professor Mansoor Alaali and a number of university leaders, have inspected the process, during which they met a number of student candidates and voters, where they praised the national spirit that characterised the electoral process, and the commitment of all candidates to the university regulations, and they expressed their appreciation and pride of all the competing candidates and voters.

## Our students win the silver prize in the University Programming Competition held in Bahrain



A team of Ahlia University students won the silver award in the Bahrain Programming Competition for university and college students, this is the qualifying round for the Arab Regional Programming Competition to be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, were winners will compete on the international level. The team of students of the College of Information Technology are: Mr. Mohammad Fadhil Badu, Mr. Salman Waheed Al Mulla and Mr. Mohammad Hassan Al Qasimi, are supervised by Ms. Janan Moosa, a Faculty member of the College of Information Technology.



# Ahlia University concludes its exhibition at Bahrain City Center

Ahlia University concluded its induction exhibition at the “Bahrain City Centre” on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, it was a platform to offer information and introduce university programmes to the local and regional communities and to showcase Ahlia University achievements and academic programmes.

The exhibition was a success, were a large number of potential students, parents and employers interacted with faculty, staff and students and alumni. The visitors expressed their admiration for the high academic reputation of Ahlia University, and its influential local presence and excellent academic programmes.

Dr. Thaira M. Al Shirawi, the President Assistant for Marketing, Media and PAR, indicated that the

exhibition is a successful forum where faculty, employees, students and alumni can interact with the visitors. She added that the university is proud of its global ranking and academic reputation, hence the exhibition attracted a an unprecedented number of people from all walks of life whether citizens of the kingdom Bahrain and the Gulf Cooperation Council nationals or even expatriates from the region.

She added: Ahlia University is an institute that cares about its role in the community. The exhibition also constituted a wonderful opportunity to meet many stakeholder, such as local and regional leader, educators and potential students and their parents, as the exhibition atmosphere provided great space for dialogue on the high



quality of the university programmes and their suitability to the labour markets at all levels of academic degrees whether at undergraduate or postgraduate levels. Ahlia University enjoys Bahrain Leadership support and has great relations with both the public and private sectors and a brilliant student body and alumni.

She mentioned that the students of Ahlia University represent the mosaic of Bahraini society in its cultural and social diversity, in addition the university is distinguished in embracing students and faculty of multiple nationalities.

## Dr. Wassan calls on graduates study future sciences



The Dean of the College of Information Technology at Ahlia University, Dr. Wassan Awad called on high school graduates, especially the distinguished ones to consider STEM specializations and join university programmes that are increasingly needed in the labour market locally and beyond. The most relevant is Information Technology, Distributed Systems and Multimedia. She highlighted the results of “Tamkeen” surveys that show the need of Bahrain labour market for such specializations, taking into consideration the advanced IT infrastructure in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which qualifies it to play a major role in this sector now and in the future.

Awad noted that all of the college’s programmes have fully met the requirements of the Bahrain Quality Assurance Authority, while the college faculty have a well renowned scientists that are specialists in information security, artificial intelligence, education automation, phone applications, and big data systems, which helps students master many modern and emerging technology skills.

## (Graduate Studies) invites researchers to focus on challenges faced by local institutions and the Bahrain labour market

Under the patronage of Professor Abdulla Y. Al Hawaj, Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the university’s Deanship of Graduate Studies and Research organised an induction day for



newly admitted students to the master degree programmes with the aim of introducing them to their respective programmes and requirements, university regulations and the various services provided to students.

Professor Al Hawaj invited the newly admitted students in the master degree programmes to focus on publishing their academic research and to collaborate with faculty for opportunities to publish in referred journals. Noting the increasing international status enjoyed by the faculty of Ahlia University in research publications.

On her part, the Dean of the of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Dalia, affirmed the need for the research publications to solve challenges and serve the Bahraini and Gulf communities and economies by addressing relevant and current challenges. In line with the strategic plan for scientific research developed by the Higher Education Council, the university stresses the importance of researching areas of relevance in the industry, services, and the labour market. It is also of importance to be close to the decision makers in order to understand issues and challenges that need vision and solutions and bring them to the forefront of the research agenda.

A number of distinguished alumni participated in the conversation; researcher Ms. Thuraya Mohammad, a graduate of the Master of Information Technology at Ahlia University and currently enrolled in the PhD programme, provided the students with her experience and inspiring journey as a graduate from master’s degree in and her shared her publications in international refereed journals.

## Al Hawaj: (Ahlia) is your second home and where your creativity and talents will be refined

The Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ahlia University urged the newly admitted students to excel in their academic journey, stressing the importance of their engagement in research and to have confidence in their ability, creativity and innovation, stressing the unwavering support of the university to all its students implement their ideas and support their innovations with patents that will serve society. He pointed out that many of the ideas and initiatives brought forward in the university study halls are eligible to be internationally recognised inventions and patents, provided that the faculty and their students have the drive to embrace and refine those ideas, and to see them through to maturity and application. These ideas, inventions and innovations can enhance the innovation status of Bahrain society.

Addressing the new students, Professor Al Hawaj said: “Ahlia University is not an ordinary university, it is your second home, and where you will get the support and patronage for your creativity, innovations and talent, as we are committed to grow and refine your ideas with the determination to achieve and excel.”

Professor Abdulla Al Hawaj welcomed in his opening



speech for the Induction Day on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to mark the start of the new academic year for newly admitted students and congratulated them on joining Ahlia University, and pledged before them that their university would make them proud of being the university with the highest and recognised achievement and global ranking, noting the highest quality of education as depicted by the “first class” classification of universities, and because it intends to continue to progress the university at large and its various academic programmes.



The Secretary General of the Royal Charity Foundation, Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, called on charitable organisations and institutions to follow the pyramid of

## Mustafa Al Sayed: «The Pyramid of Success» is the path of charitable organisations to achieve their goals

success in order to achieve their desired goals at the highest levels of achievement and performance, noting that scientific planning can achieve the institution tangible and effective results in the field of charitable sectors, as is the case in commercial and industrial institutions. Stressing that the Kingdom of Bahrain has made remarkable achievements in the field of humanitarian work inside and outside the Kingdom, noting that the experience of the Royal Charity Organisation extending for more than

a decade enabled its staff to develop effective approaches in dealing with issues of poverty and homelessness, asylum caused by wars, conflicts, tragedies and natural disasters.

This came during a discussion of a number of professors and students of Ahlia University on the scientific methods in managing charitable institutions, as part of a research symposium organised by the college of Business and Finance at Ahlia University on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

## Humaidan praises Ahlia University for its launch of «Business Ethics» Book

His Excellency the Minister of Labour and Social Development, Mr. Jameel bin Muhammad Ali Humaidan, met Dr. Mansoor Alaali and Ms. Samia Yousef, at his office in the Ministry.

Professor Alaali and Ms. Yousef gifted a copy of their book titled “Work Ethics”, which is their latest joint publication. The book included clarifying the concept of work ethics in various fields, which must be demonstrated by the organizations, clarifying the meaning of work ethics in



the workplace and the various standards and regulations that should be applied in it, in addition to decisions and actions within companies and institutions,

applications of positive behaviour and appropriate behaviour with colleagues or work-related individuals.