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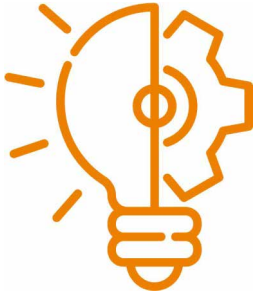
The Serial Entrepreneur and Jordanian Businessman, Dr. Abdul Malik Al Jaber meets the AAU Community



AAU Collaboration with MSU *more on page 4*



The Future of Innovative Education in Learning Environments



Individuals who can use critical and creative thinking abilities to solve challenges as a team are in high demand. The way knowledge is acquired, constructed, and shared has radically changed as a result of technological advancements. When it comes to education, it is debatable whether it is capable of producing critical and innovative thinkers who can meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's social and economic worlds.

Computers and smart devices, on the other hand, are jeopardizing the integrity of knowledge and knowing by undermining instructors' authority in the classroom and altering how instructors are seen. As a result, titles like guide, facilitator, and coach have begun to sound similar to the word teacher. It is common knowledge that schools and universities serve as students' learning settings. However, how much students learn and how much of the information is supplemented by ICTs is unknown.

Technological tools and smart devices have grown far too quickly in an age when people are constantly surrounded by technology at work, at university, and everywhere else. The advancement of everyday electronic gadgets has outpaced the advancement of educational research and pedagogical techniques that include educational technologies. As a result, knowing the benefits of employing technology in education can help to assure innovation in educational activities. As a result, educational innovation must be treated with caution. Creative learning environments are becoming a requirement for novel learning settings and revised tactics for successful technological adaptation to education, resulting in innovative learning environments. Along with curricula, the role of the teacher, and teacher training, innovation is critical in altering and reconstructing learning environments.

Chairman of Board of Directors

Maher Hourani

Dr. Maher Ahmad Hourani

From Our President

As we end this year, I want to celebrate all the success and diligence that we have encountered throughout the year from our Students and Staff Members, and wish you a bright healthy upcoming year to be lived with gratitude, persistence and happiness.

For nearly 32 years, Al-Ahliyya Amman University has been earning the respect and loyalty of tens of thousands of students, parents and alumni. It is where you will find exceptional experiences that allow you to grow, develop, explore new interests and fully realize your potential. Producing career-ready graduates has always been central to our mission. Through a process that includes career exploration and professional preparation, we connect you with career paths and foster the skills and mindset needed for professional advancement. When you walk across the stage as a graduating senior at commencement, you will have more than just a degree from Al-Ahliyya Amman University, you will have career direction and the confidence needed for success in your chosen field.

I encourage you to visit our beautiful campus, meet our Students and Faculties, and see for yourself the outstanding opportunities, activities and facilities that Al-Ahliyya Amman University offers.

President

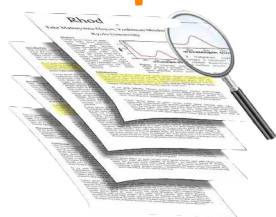
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Our Milestones in a Nutshell

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Research Papers
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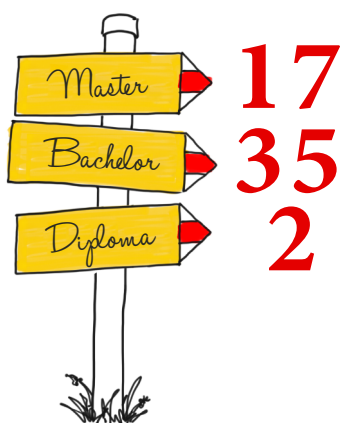
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Signed Agreements



6500

Students enrolled



Programs
Available



270

Events / Occasions

January
Highlights

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by meeting all standards, AAU earned the
ISO 9001:2015 Certificate for 3 upcoming years

WELCOME TO ARENA GYM

Celebrating the opening of the new Fitness Center at the Arena Sports Complex

Dr. Maher al-Hourani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Ahliyya Amman University, opened the new fitness center, which is equipped with the latest digital sports equipment. The university's president, Dr. Sari Hamdan, several members of the Board of Trustees, Vice-Presidents, and Deans of faculties attended the event.



Dr. Al-Hourani stated that the fitness center is equipped with the latest sports equipment and a team of trainers who contributed to the graduation of many champions, including the Jordanian champion in martial arts Ahmed Doks, thus achieving an added value in providing training programs in fitness and body building.

Al-Hourani also opened squash courts to promote and diversify the sports practiced in the Arena Sports Club.

The President of the University, Prof. Sari Hamdan, commented that “the expansions and additions witnessed by the university come in the context of enhancing the distinguished reputation of the university, and building on what has been achieved in terms of scoring the highest ranks on the university rankings locally, regionally, and internationally.”

Prof. Hamdan stressed that the new fitness center and its added expansions will enable it to meet the aspirations of university students and the local community as a sports outlet. It will also render its interest in sports into a societal culture besides academic excellence.



The fitness center covers 1,300 square meters consisting of 3 floors.

Prof. Sari Hamdan elected as member of the Executive Office of the Federation of Arab National Olympic Committees



اتحاد اللجان الأولمبية الوطنية العربية

Union of Arab National Olympic Committees



Prof. Sari Hamdan, Vice President of the Jordanian Olympic Committee, was elected as a member of the Executive Office of the Federation of Arab National Olympic Committees.

This was during the general assembly meeting hosted by the Saudi Olympic Committee, which was attended by Mr. Nasser Majali, Secretary-General of the Jordanian Olympic Committee.

The 20th General Assembly of the Federation of Arab National Olympic Committees elected, by consensus, his Royal Highness Prince Abdul Aziz bin Turki al-Faisal as president of the Federation of Arab National Olympic Committees for the period from 2021 to 2024.

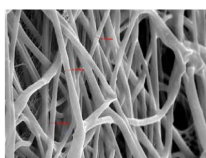
The General Assembly approved a number of resolutions, most notably the formation of the Arab Volunteering Authority, the strategic plan for women's sport, amendments to the statute of the Federation of Arab Committees, the amendment of the main set of regulations for the Pan Arab Games, and the Arab Women Sport Club Championship.

The General Assembly also adopted a proposal by the Saudi Olympic Committee regarding the Federation's joining the Initiative (Sports for Climate Action), a UN convention against climate change.

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Our Engineering Faculty succeeded in forming and producing **Nanofibers**



MOU Activation between Al-Ahliyya Amman University and Management and Science University

Our University and the Management & Science University (Malaysia) enjoy a strong and productive professional partnership that dates back several years. AAU and MSU has collaborated in a myriad of areas. This month, another milestone was achieved in this journey, by the activation of this MOU, highlighting collaboration in areas such as academic (students & faculty members) exchange, academic material exchange, dual degree program, joint research and academic activities.

Prof. Sari Hamdan, President of our University, welcomed and hosted the delegation, which consisted of President, Prof. Mohammad Shukri Ab Yajid, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Junainah Abd Hamid, and Senior Vice President for Post Graduate, Business & Social Science Cluster, and Prof. Dr Abdol Ali Khatibi.

The visit started with a campus tour organized by Prof. Anas Al-Soud, Assistant to the President for foreign affairs, where the esteemed delegation had a look over the University's facilities such as the E-learning Center, Cyber Security Center, Pharmacological & Diagnostic Research Center and Civil Engineering Labs.



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THE UNIVERSITY
IMPACT
RANKINGS
2020 301-400

AAU accredited by The Times University Impact Rankings and scored 101 - 200 internationally on educational quality

Giving back to the Community

WE BELIEVE
IN MAKING
A DIFFERENCE



The Higher Committee for Activities and Community Services, in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs at our University held a voluntary campaign with the Jordanian Hashemite Charitable Authority/ Charity Clothes Bank to sort out clothes, where nearly 100 students from various university faculties participated in the campaign.



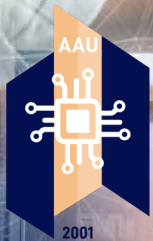
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Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission
for Higher Education granted several faculties with
Quality Assurance Certificates



Faculty of
Information
Technology

Our IT Faculty participates in the 22nd Student Creative Forum in Egypt

Dr. Omar Al-Odwan, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at the University, Dr. Muwaffaq Abu Al-Haija, and student Yazan Arafat Srou, participated in the 22nd Student Forum under the title "The impact of modern trends in information technology on the role of universities in facing contemporary challenges" which was held in the Arab Republic of Egypt.



Yazan Srou, Dr. Omar Al-Odwan
Dr. Muwaffaq Abu Al-Haija

Al-Odwan stressed the importance of this forum for supporting and motivating talented students, as well as working to empower them culturally and cognitively. He also noted that the University makes it its mission to provide the right environment and incubators to support creative students, guide them in the right direction in the development of their talents, teach them the tools of dialogue, accepting the other, and finally rejecting extremism, fundamentalism, and hatred.

Yazan Srou participated with a research paper on "Device Control via brain signals."

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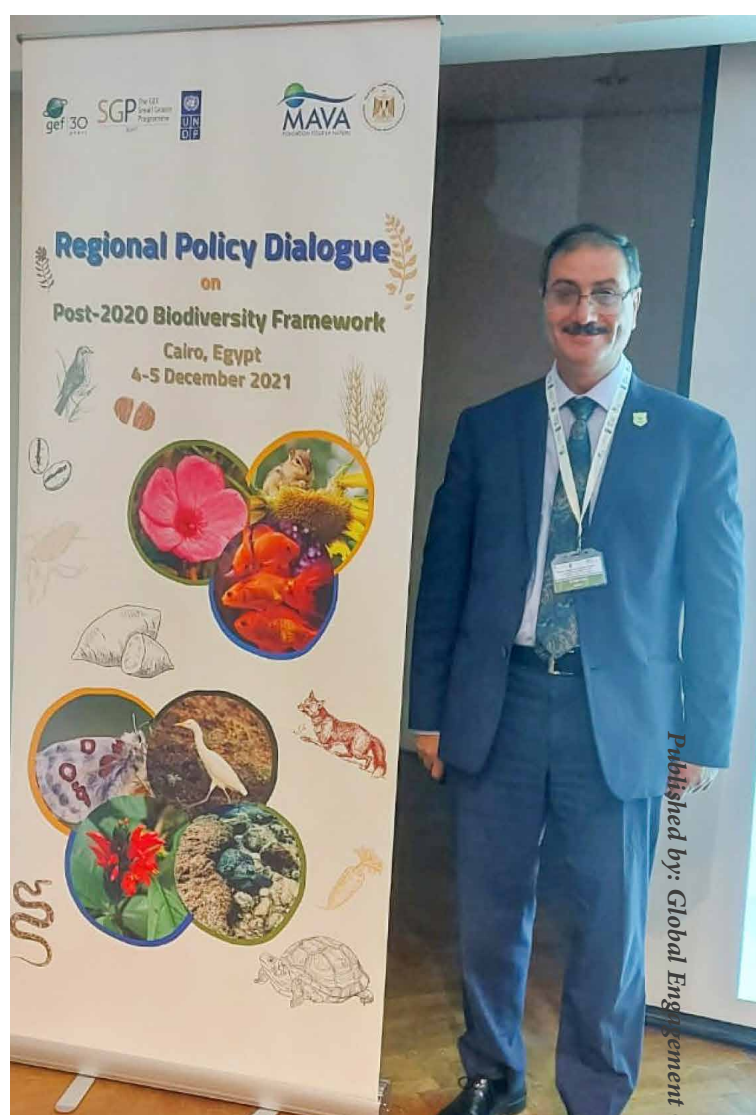


Opening of the Cyber Security Center on campus



Prof. Rida Al-Khawaldeh participates in regional policies for framework of biodiversity beyond 2021

Prof. Rida Al-Khawaldeh, Dean of our Agricultural Technology at our University, participated in a seminar on regional policies for the framework of biodiversity beyond 2020, which was held in Cairo at the invitation by the Global Environment Facility/Small Grants Program. The meeting aimed to benefit from sustainable managerial policies, natural resources for biodiversity, and to build competencies in communities. Representatives attended the seminar from the Ministry of Environment in Egypt, international and local organizations and researchers. The two-day program included multiple lectures and discussions on the priorities of the next phase in biodiversity for the region, in addition to priority projects, to raise the level of utilization of biodiversity, preserve genetic resources, share experiences, information and data. Challenges to biodiversity, including climate change, financial support for projects, among others, were also discussed.



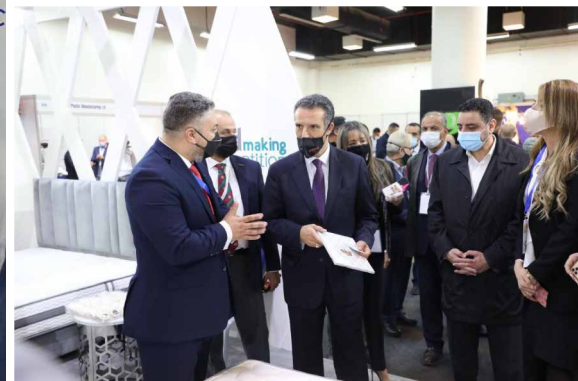
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Glory of our Champion Saleh Al-Sharabati
A Silver Medal in Tokyo Olympics 2020



The Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts

The Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts from our University participated in **HORECA** annual Exhibition that was held under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Nayef Al-Fayez, Minister of Tourism and Antiquities.

HORECA is considered one of the largest exhibitions specialized in hospitality, food and beverage in Jordan and the Middle East.



The Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts Bachelor program has been newly added to our programs in collaboration with Movenpick Amman Hotel in order to meet the high demands of the Food & Beverage sector in the Jordanian Market. The program covers both theoretical and practical aspects to fully prepare and equip the students.



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AAU, the only private University to receive funding from the **Scientific Research Support Fund**

Students of the Cinema Design produces a Film addressing the issue of Bullying

Jamil Al Khalili, a student from the University, produced his short film on campus as part of graduation project. A group of young actors, creative individuals, and professional staff from the University participated in the filmmaking. The film deals with the issue of university bullying and its psychological and behavioral impact on students and society.



Jamil Al Khalili

International Workshop at the University's Architectural Faculty



Dr. Rana Naqlah

The Faculty of Architecture and Design held a joint international workshop with the University of Dundee/UK, under the title:

“Beyond the Buzz-what next for sustainable Cities and neighborhoods in Arab world”.



Dr. Hussam Alwaer

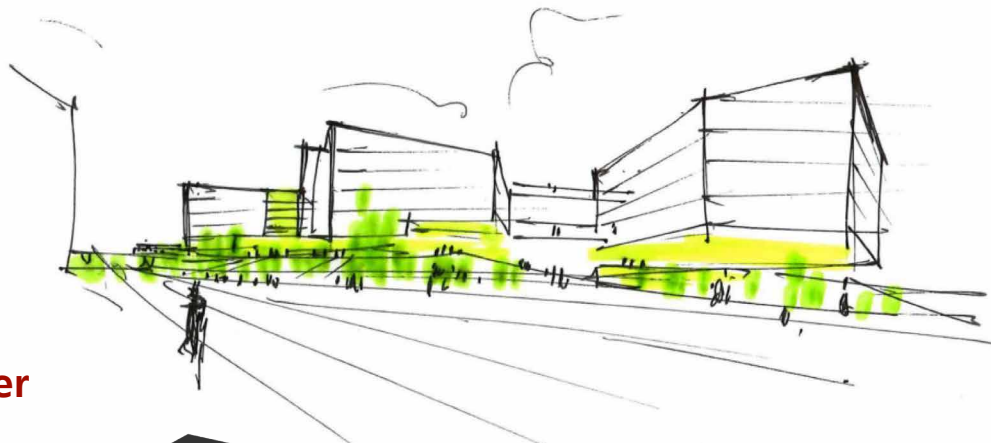


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The workshop was presented by Dr. Hussam Alwaer, University of Dundee, UK, and hosted by Dr. Rana Naqlah from our University.



University
of Dundee



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Launching of 9 new various Bachelor programs

Congratulations to Our Outgoing Students



Ranem Negry
Faculty of Engineering
Electrical Engineering



Abdullah Al-Tameemi
Faculty of Pharmacy
Pharmacy



Leen Khwaileh
Faculty of Pharmacy
Pharmacy



Rahma Abdulwahab
Faculty of Pharmacy
Pharmacy



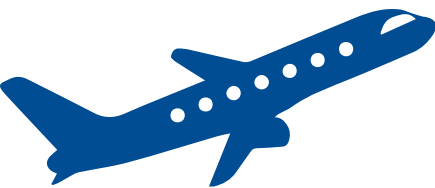
Ameen Alomari
Faculty of Law
Law



Manar Taha
Faculty of Architecture
and Design / Art Design of
Cinema, TV, and Theater



Hend Muqbil
Faculty of Architecture
and Design / Art Design of
Cinema, TV, and Theater



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Dina Khory
Faculty of Nursing
Nursing



Ibrahim Shehab
Faculty of Education
Physical Education

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AAU on the top 10 Jordanian Universities & among the top 100 Arab Universities according to QS Arab Region Rankings 2022

The Act Your Age World Tour - Jordan was on Our Campus !!!



RUSSELL PETERS

ACT YOUR AGE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
ARENA SPORTS COMPLEX - Amman Al-Ahliyya University

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AAU, the first Private University to establish
Dentistry Faculty in the Kingdom

The Serial Entrepreneur and Jordanian Businessman, Dr. Abdul Malik Al Jaber meets the AAU Community

Dr. Abdul Malik Al Jaber is a full time angel investor and one of the pioneers in supporting & believing that Arab Youth contribute to global innovation. He holds the “Best Arab Manager Award” and was ranked among the 100 ICT Power Leaders worldwide for three consecutive years by GBT. He invested in more than 35 startups

and led the two most prominent telecom operators MENA, Zain & Paltel Group. Dr. Al Jaber has achieved many accomplishments on both local and international level, in addition to his active status in regional & international cooperation and Pan Arab initiatives that promote entrepreneurship, education and the empowering of women. Dr. Abdul Malik is member of managerial teams for various leading companies in the industry locally and globally. The Innovation & Excellence Center at AAU organized a workshop presented by Dr. Al Jaber to motivate the entrepreneurial students in taking part in innovative industries.

Prof. Sari Hamdan honored Dr. Abdul Malik for his outstanding efforts in supporting the youth and industry, while Prof. Anas Al-Soud arranged a campus tour along with AAU members, Mr. Amer Hamdan, Mr. Nader Sweidan, Mr. Hussam Al-Sayed & Mr. Mohanand Al-Sayed.

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Being Grateful,

The greatest strength of any institution is its people,
Al-Ahliyya Amman Community and beyond,
We thank you for being part of and supporting the university



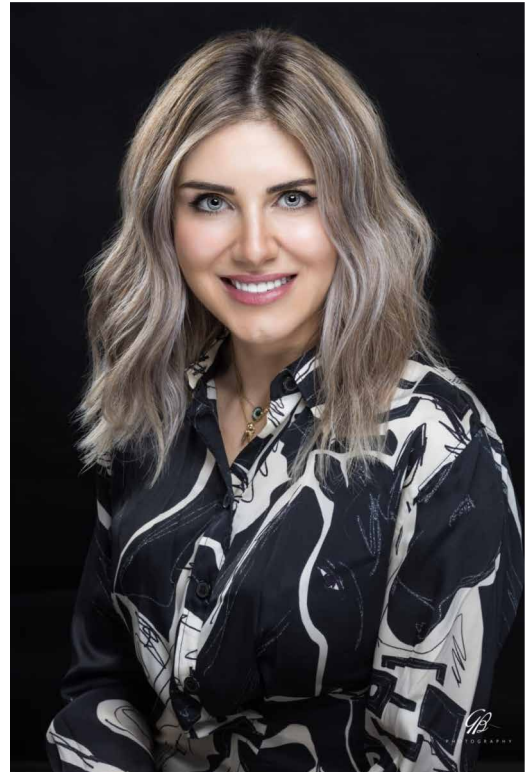
Our Alumni.. Our Pride

Duha Elawamleh, Levant Obesity Medical Lead – Novo Nordisk

Ms. Duha El-Awamleh is currently the Obesity medical lead for Levant at Novo Nordisk, aspiring to become a Rapid Transformational Therapist and Practitioner in 2022. She is a certified Communication Skills Trainer, a Science Enthusiast and a Part time TV Host.

She acquired her Bachelor degree in Pharmacy from Al-Ahliyya Amman University-Jordan, after which she completed her Master degree in Strategic Marketing in Cardiff University – UK. Ms. Duha pursued her Pharm-D license (American Board of Pharmacy) once she moved to the USA, which allowed her to practice her knowledge at University of Louisville before moving back to Jordan.

Over the years, Ms. Duha has developed a passion for exploring new cultures and languages. After a collection of 5 languages and 60 countries, she felt responsible to deliver the fruit of her experiences through an Instagram travel blog called @globetrotting_blonde, where budget-traveling tips are given to Jordanian Passport holders. Through hosting TV shows on various local channels, she shed light on domestic tourism and the local community in Jordan.



GEC Team



Prof. Anas Al-Soud
*Director of Global
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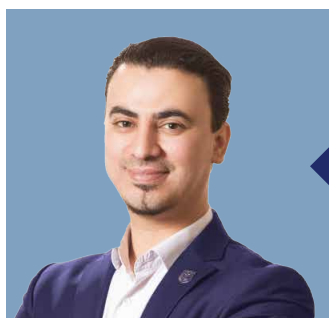
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*Head of International
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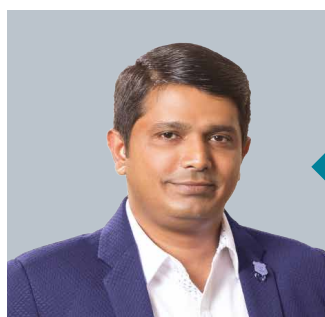
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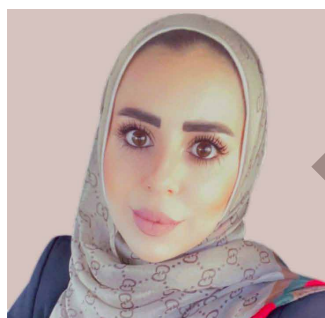
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