

# AL-AHLYIYYA AMMAN UNIVERSITY

## MAGAZINE

MONTHLY

**30K+**  
GRADUATED  
STUDENTS

**32**  
NATIONALITIES

**56%**  
INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS

**17**  
MASTER  
PROGRAMS

**36**  
BACHELOR  
PROGRAMS



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AMMAN  
UNIVERSITY

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الاداب  
والعلوم



## NEW BEGINNINGS NEW ACHIEVEMENTS

January - 2022

*A view of the campus draped in snow on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

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## Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on campus

Major General Al Huneity was taken on a tour in Al-Ahliyya's Cybersecurity Center.

The visit was attended by a number of senior officers of the Jordanian Armed Forces-Arab Army, members of the University's Board of Trustees, and teaching and administrative staff.

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# 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.

On the other hand, computers and smart devices are putting in risk the integrity of knowledge and judgement of information by compromising 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 begin this year, I want to celebrate all the success and diligence that we have encountered throughout the previous 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**

*Prof. Sari A. Hamdan*

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# Chairman of The Joint Chiefs of Staff visits Al-Ahliyya Amman University

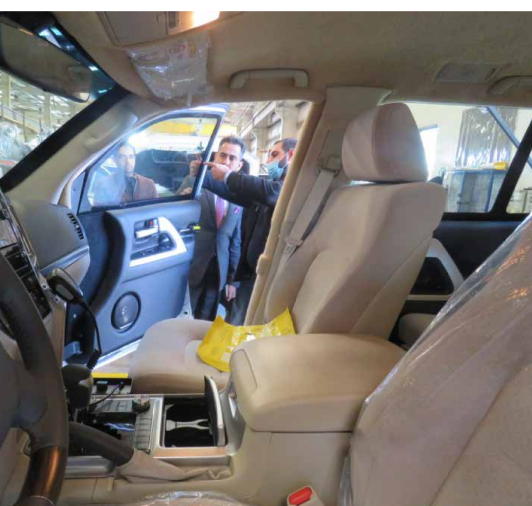
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Major General Yousf Ahmad Al- Huneity, visited our University as part of expanding the areas of cooperation between the Jordanian Armed Forces and local scientific institutions. Al-Huneity was welcomed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Maher Al Horani, and the President of the University, Prof. Sari Hamdan. Major General Al-Huneity learned more about the University's establishment, programs and degrees, its current and future achievements, its contribution to the development of the educational process, and subjects related to technological development and sponsoring entrepreneurial projects. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff stressed the importance of university education to qualify Jordanian youth in the various disciplines needed by local and regional labor markets, and noting the need to strengthen cooperation between the University and the Armed Forces.



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Jordanian Armed Forces with Dr. Maher Al Horani



# Delegation from the University visits Jordan Design and Development Bureau (JODDB)





A delegation from Al-Ahliyya Amman University visited the Jordanian Design and Development Bureau (JODDB) to learn about the Bureau's experience in designing and developing machines, equipment, and technology related to various sectors. The director of the center Engineer Ayman Al-Batran received the university delegation, consisting of Prof. Anas Al Saud, assistant to the president for foreign affairs, Prof. Omar Al-Odwan, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Prof. Mu'tasim Abdul Jaber, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Dr. Moataz Al-Dabei from the Business Faculty.

Engineer Ratib Abu Al-Ragheb, Head of the Sales and Business Activities Division, explained about the Bureau, activities and affiliates. During the meeting, the two parties discussed ways of collaborating between JODDB Bureau, the University faculties and the Center for Innovation and Excellence. The university delegation was taken on a field tour in which they visited a group of companies affiliated with the JODDB Bureau.

Highlight of the meeting was discussing range of areas of cooperation in the fields of artificial intelligence, virtual reality, cybersecurity, design and manufacture of medical devices and equipment.

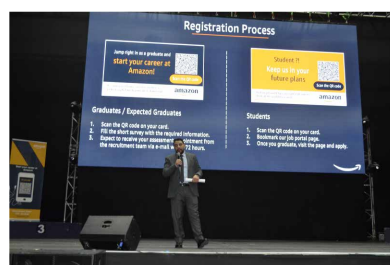


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# Career Day in collaboration with Amazon on Campus

Innovation & Excellence Center in cooperation with Dr. Ahmad Dmour, Head of the Business Engagement Office and Dr. Hussam Yassin, Head of the E-Business & Commerce Department and the Global Engagement Center organized a career day in collaboration with Amazon for students and alumni at the Arena Complex. During this fruitful event, the company offered a range of career opportunities.



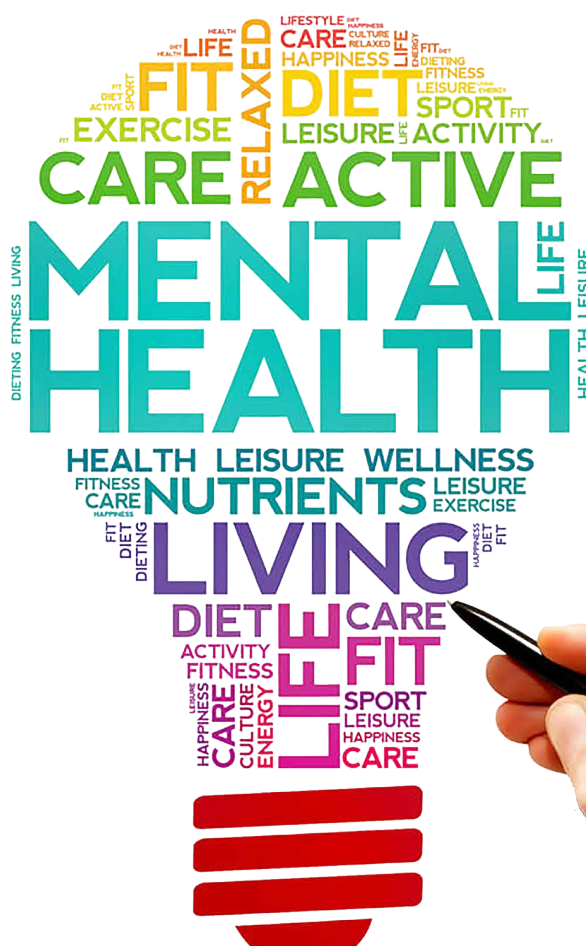


## Nursing Faculty Organizes activities at the National Mental Health Center

Our Faculty of Nursing aims to promote and provide services to the local community. In order to aim for this, the nursing students from the Mental Health program, under the supervision of Mr. Mohannad Al-Daqs, carried out multiple effective activities at the National Center for Mental Health including scientific and recreational competitions as well as assisting the patients.



Faculty of  
Nursing





## Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts Department meets with the Tourism and Hospitality Skills Council

Prof. Sari Hamdan and Prof. Anas Al-Saud along with Mr. Amin Al-Ardha, and Ms. Mays Al-Kurdi held a meeting with the president of the council, Mr. Mohammed Al-Qasim and other council members in order to review plans and ways of cooperation with the aim of holding training courses in the near future.



The Tourism and Hospitality Skills Sector Council is established with the support of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The council was formed as a result of this partnership between the Professional and Technical Skills Development Authority and the private sector.

## Jordanian talented actor "Sari al-Assaad" lecturing our Cinema, TV and Theater Design students



The Department of Cinema, TV and Theater Design from our Architecture and Design Faculty organized a lecture about "Social Responsibility for Drama" by the talented Jordanian actor and former president of Jordanian Artists' Syndicate Mr. Sari al-Assaad.

The lecture highlighted the impact of the industry's responsibility towards society in order to enhance the cultural values and ethics of the public as well as how drama producers adopt issues related to people's concerns and interests.



# Foods and Herbs Boosting our Immune System in Winter

Certain foods are naturally capable of strengthening our body's natural defenses. Here we list some of the foods and herbs that are known to boost our immune systems during winter!

Winter is a difficult season to pass. Light is lacking, the cold makes you want to stay at home and the viruses seem to wait for the body to drop their guard!

Nevertheless, there are natural solutions to protect against viruses. It is advisable to adapt your diet to boost your immune system. Here are some foods and herbs that you should use, or even abuse as soon as fall arrives, to spend a healthy winter!



Dr. Arwa Al-Khatib  
Faculty of Pharmacy



Garlic



Onions



All berries



Ginger



Turmeric



Oregano



Sage



Rosemary



Asian Ginseng



Thyme



Cinnamon



Cayenne Pepper



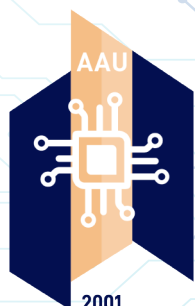
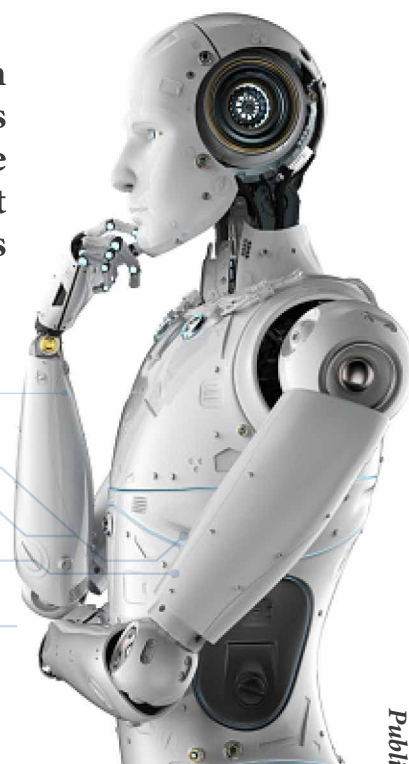
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# Workshop on Robot Programming on campus

The Faculty of Information Technology organized a workshop titled: "Programming robot using Arduino software" presented by Dr. Hassan Tarawneh from the Data Science & Artificial Intelligence Department. The Dean of the IT Faculty, Prof. Omar Al-Odwan and faculty members, attended the workshop that addressed ways of dealing with sensors and programming robots using the Arduino software.

Arduino is practice in electronic assignments, starting from robots to all interactive projects. It is connected to sensors that communicate with the physical world where the readings of these sensors are converted into data that Arduino analyzes based on the codes on which it is programmed.



Faculty of  
Information  
Technology



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# Under the patronage of Dr. Maher Al Horani, AAU attends the closing Ceremony of the Jordanian University Karate Championship

Under the patronage of Dr. Maher Al Horani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of our University, and in the presence of Prof. Sari Hamdan, President of the Sports Federation of Jordanian Universities and Mr. Mazen Al-Qutb, President of the Jordanian Karate Federation. The Championship was organized by the Sports Federation of Jordanian Universities, in cooperation with the Jordanian Karate Federation at the Arena Sports Complex on campus.



At the closing, Dr. Maher Al Horani presented an honor shield to Mr. Mazen Al-Qutb, President of the Jordanian Karate Federation, in recognition of his continuous support for the activities and championships of the Sports Federation of Jordanian Universities. It is worth mentioning here that Mr. Hisham Jabr, Vice President of the Jordanian Karate Federation, Dr. Mustafa Al-Attiyat, Secretary General of the Sports Federation of Jordanian Universities and Dean of Student Affairs at Al-Ahliyya Amman University, and Dr. Aziz Al-Rahamneh, Dean of Student Affairs at Balqa Applied University, participated in the coronation of the winning teams.



AAU Females Team earned the **1<sup>st</sup>** place in the female students championship with **6** colored medals: **2 Gold - 1 Silver - 3 Bronze**





# Our Alumni.. Our Pride

**Mr. Mohammed Al-Shaker**  
**Founder and CEO of Arabia**  
**Weather Inc.**

Mr. Mohammad Al-Shaker is one of the top leading meteorologist in the Middle East. He grew his passion for atmospheric sciences and weather forecasting at a young age and took various training skills programs throughout his education career.

Mr. Al-Shaker is a certified aeronautical meteorologist from the Met Office – UK in addition to his Bachelors in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Al-Ahliyya Amman University. In 2005, he established a weather forecasting website “Jordan Weather”. Later in 2010, with his continuous success of forecasting, this website developed to be a solid institution with over 60 employees to provide excellent weather data and services.

Arabia Weather is today:

- The 1st private-sector weather company owning a network of weather stations in the region
- The number 1 provider of weather information in the MENA region
- The number 1 most accurate/trusted weather source especially to the aviation industry
- The number 1 weather application in the MENA region

Mr. Al-Shaker regularly appears on many TV, radio, and media channels in the Middle East including Al-Jazeera, Sky News Arabia, BBC News, Al-Arabiya Ro'ya TV and others to discuss weather phenomena regionally and globally.

**“ Mohammad Al-Shaker used to impersonate a TV weatherman as a child. He now runs Arabia Weather, Jordan’s first private weather company”** Reuters



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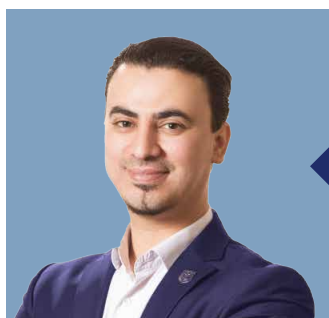
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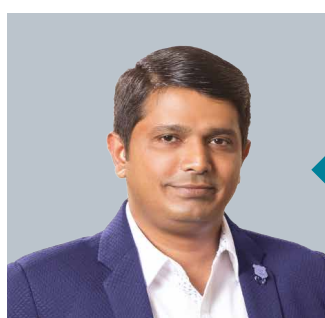
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