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Independence Day  
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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

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# From Our President

As we end this academic semester, I want to celebrate all the success and diligence that we have encountered throughout the previous months from our Students and Staff Members, and may the light of goodness glow upon us all, filling us 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.

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# Al-Ahliyya Amman University celebrating the 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day



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# Scientific Day on Cyber Security at AAU

Under the guidance of Dr. Maher Al-Hourani, our Chairman of the Board of Directors and our President Prof. Sari Hamdan, the Cyber Security Center held a scientific day for cyber security under the supervision of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cyber Security Center at our University, Dr. Mutaz Al-Debie. This productive event took place in the presence of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth, Dr. Hussein Al-Jbour and the Director of the National Center for Cyber Security, Mr. Bassam Al-Maharmeh along with the University's strategic partners, the Directorate of Cyber Security in the Jordanian Armed Forces, ISACA, FortiNet Company and Umniah Security Academy for Cyber Security.

This event is considered the first of its kind in higher education institutions in Jordan, where the organizers hope that this event could be held on annual basis to share ideas and keep up with network challenges and how to protect computer operating systems, networks, and data from cyber-attacks.

In the meantime, our University represented by Prof. Sari Hamdan signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Center for Cyber Security represented by its director, Mr. Bassam Al-Maharmeh.

The university launched the national campaign to raise awareness of cyber security as a preliminary step of the signed MOU. This campaign received comprehensive & complete sponsorship from the Ministry of Youth, where a group of cybersecurity specialists from our University in participation with university students and strategic partners will present awareness seminars and forums over a two months period at Al-Hussein Youth Camps, which are sponsored and organized by the Ministry.





# Celebrating the Success of our first Model United Nations of AAU

Our first MUN Conference was concluded under the patronage of H.E. Senator Nasser Joudeh, Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, in presence of a number of Parliament members of Al-Balqa governorate, Mr. Dirar Al-Daoud, Mr. Abdelhalim Al-Hmoud and Mrs. Dina Al-Bashir.

H.E. Mr. Joudeh discussed Jordan's role under the leadership of His Majesty King Abdullah II in formulating decisions and putting forward initiatives that concern the region and the world, as well as reviewed the quality of Jordanian diplomatic efforts in the Security Council and multiple United Nations councils. Especially during the periods in which Jordan was elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

H.E. answered a number of questions asked by students and faculty members through the Q&A session. Mr. Joudeh encouraged the students to engage more in such events and participate in all Arab and international forums.

This booming conference was organized and supervised by the Global Engagement Center as part of the its objectives, which seek to refine students' skills in terms of negotiation skills and learning about international cultures, activities and issues.



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The student, Jude Haddad, who took the role of the Secretary General of the United Nations, presented her colleagues & the chairs of the committees and gave a brief summary of the most important events during this conference. Nonetheless, winning delegations were honored with the best delegation awards.



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# Dr. Ahmad Al-Dmour from our Business School earns the first place in the MENA region of Sharjah Award

His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed bin Sultan Al-Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah and President of the University of Sharjah honored the winners of the Sharjah Award for Doctoral Dissertations in



Administrative Sciences in the MENA region in its 18th & 19th sessions.

H.E. explained that the award continued its progress and development until it established a long record of honoring researchers who have proven their competence in the field of administrative sciences. Since the award was launched, the researchers' number has reached 47 researchers out of 1,242 researchers whose dissertation was nominated for the award, 239 of whom were in the fields of finance and 952 in the field of administrative sciences.

H.E. Sheikh Sultan Al-Qasimi awarded Dr. Ahmad Al-Dmour, Head of the Business Engagement Office and Dr. in Accounting Information Systems for winning the first place in the field of Financial Sciences in the MENA region.



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## A-Ahliyya Amman University honors Shireen Abu Akleh

Our university held a memorial ceremony honoring the tribute of journalist Shireen Abu-Akleh in the presence of her relatives. Our president Prof. Sari Hamdan welcomed Mr. Anton Abu-Akleh in his office that was followed by a ceremony held with the presence of our President Vices, Deans' Council and administrative staff.

Mr. Anton presented a speech, explaining the incident, its pain and the effect it reflected on the whole nation. Mr. Anton discussed Shireen's outstanding role in casting the daily struggle of the Palestinians, her long cherished journey in being the Palestinian voice that speaks the truth to the whole world. At the end of the ceremony, our President awarded the scholarship allocated by the Board of Directors, Dr. Maher in honor of her memory to keep her values, contributes and sacrifices for the following generations.



# Ministry of Higher Education in cooperation with our University sign an Agreement to create Scholarships for Dentistry Students



هيئة اعتماد مؤسسات التعليم العالي وضمان جودتها  
Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions

The Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research signed an agreement with our University to establish a scholarship fund for dentistry students. This step was processed after the university obtained the initial license to establish a dentistry school. The agreement was signed at the Ministry by the Minister of Higher Education & Scientific Research, Prof. Wajih Owais and our President Prof. Dr. Sari Hamdan, in the presence of Dr. Maher Al Hourani, Chairman of the University, Prof. Zafer Al-Sairra, President of the Higher Education Institutions Accreditation & Quality Assurance Authority along with members of the Scholarship Committee including Prof. Ahmed Hamdan, Prof. Anas Al-Soud and Mr. Shadi Masaadeh.

Our University has begun to establish the Faculty of Dentistry with its preliminary approval from the Higher Education Council. Prof. Sari Hamdan





stated that, "This agreement demonstrates our commitment to the highest standards for the mechanisms of granting scholarships to students in various dentistry majors to the most prestigious international universities, and is a clear demonstration of the serious actual cooperation between the university and the Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research."

According to this agreement, a scholarship fund will be established in light of the initial approval by the Council of Higher Education, which will be managed by the mentioned committee. This Committee will work on a five-year scholarship plan to send students for master's and doctoral degrees, or equivalent, to prestigious international universities, in the specialties needed by the Dentistry Faculty established at our University.

# Students of Al-Ahliyya Amman University won the Second Place in MIT's MIC Competition



The team of innovators from Al-Ahliyya Amman University achieve second place in the MIC Alliance competition organized by the prestigious MIT University.

The winning team consisted of Marwa Farhan (Biomedical Engineering), Dana Dannon (Biomedical Engineering), Ranim Al-Hares (Pharmacy) and Mohammed Hassan (Biomedical Engineering). The project is a product design that detects the water flow rate along with a control device to check water leakage within a short period. When a leak is detected, the screw valve (which is usually open) immediately shuts the water flow and triggers an alarm to alert the user about the leak and its location.



Prof. Anas Al-Soud, Director of the Innovation & Excellence Center, stated that Al-Ahliyya Amman University is a founding and active member of the alliance since 2019, which is led by MIT, the world's number 1 university. Ten teams from member universities from USA, the Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, UK, Guatemala, Mexico and Jordan qualified for the final stages of the competition.

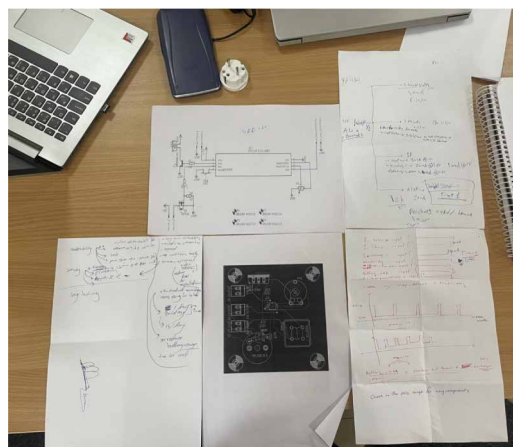
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Another team of students from Al-Ahliyya Amman University also won the 4th place, where the team consisted of students Jude Haddad (Biomedical Engineering), Ihab Nuaimat (Biomedical Engineering), Reham Abdul Wahid (Biomedical Engineering), Faisal al-Sadr (Business and e-commerce) and Ayham Suaifan (Artificial Intelligence).

The competition was supervised by Dr. Omar Abdul Jaber, Director of the Business Incubator at the Center for Innovation and Excellence, Dr. Fayrouz Abu Sweilem, Deputy Director of the Global Engagement Center and Engineer Bashar Nazih, Technical Supervisor of all projects from the Department of Biomedical Engineering at our Engineering faculty.



# The University launches the premier movie "Mosul 980" at the Mövenpick Hotel



Under the guidance of Dr. Maher Al Hourani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Ahliyya Amman University and on behalf of our President Prof. Sari Hamdan, Prof. Musleh Tarawneh, Vice President of the University as well as the Dean of the Faculty of Law, was present at the opening ceremony launching the university cinema events at the Mövenpick Hotel – Amman.

The Oscar-nominated film “Mosul 980” was premiered and organized by our university in collaboration with the Faculty of Architecture and Design / Department of Film, Television and Theatre Design, in coordination with the Global Engagement Center in partnership with Ishtar "Iraq" film production company.



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Faculty of  
Architecture  
and Design



The event was attended by H.E. Dr. Wasim Tamimi, the Cultural Advisor at the Iraqi Embassy in Amman. Attendees were representatives of the Iraqi community in Jordan, representatives of the Royal Jordanian Film Commission and a number of media professionals and filmmakers specialized in the movie industry.

Prof. Tarawneh, Prof. Al Shbool as well as Dr. Karim Fadil presented speeches, which were followed by a screening of the film "Mosul 980". The film portrays the issue of the abduction of Yazidi girls in Iraq, where a panel discussion took place with the film's director Ali Saeed and producer Mona Al-Kathimi, moderated by Dr. Al Hakem Massoud and Dr. Erin Sharaa.

# Optometry department at our University hosts scientists from The University of Bradford



The Optometry department guided by Dr. Yazan Gammoh welcomed Prof. Brendan Barrett and Dr. Aleks Mankowska from the University of Bradford on our campus. Prof. Sari Hamdan discussed future collaborations with the esteemed doctors between universities. Following the fruitful discussion, a tour around the University's campus was arranged, with an insight of the optometry section and labs.

Both Dr. Barrett and Dr. Mankowska gave a seminar to students and faculty members discussing their personal research paths as well as their recent scientific results and discovery of their optometry studies. This will be a first lecture of many series of lectures presented by well-known established international lecturers and specialists.

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# The Education & Technology Science Attaché of the United Arab Emirates visits AAU



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الإمارات العربية المتحدة  
ملحقية التعليم وعلوم التكنولوجيا

His Highness Sheikh Dr. Ammar bin Nasser Al-Mualla, the Education & Technology Science Attaché of UAE was welcomed on our campus by our President, Prof. Sari Hamdan to discuss the role of the Attaché in finding and expanding the range of elite Arab universities for Emirati students with multidisciplinary academic majors, where Prof. Sari listed our top specialties that distinguish AAU in the MENA region.

Prof. Anas Al-Soud accompanied the Attaché along with the delegation on a campus tour to sight the University's facilities including Al-Hourani E-Learning Center and Department of Cosmetic Sciences.



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## AAU welcomes a delegation from the Romanian Western University of Arad

A delegation from the Romanian Western University of Arad visited our campus with an aim to strengthen bilateral relations. Prof. Anas Al-Soud, Director of the Global Engagement Center greeted the delegation which consisted of Dr. Antonella Nyaji, Director of International Relations at Western University of Arad and Dr. Dariana Savisi, Erasmus Program Coordinator at the University in the presence of Dr. Fairouz Abou Sweilem, Deputy Director of the Global Engagement Center.



**"VASILE GOLDIȘ"**  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY  
of ARAD

The delegation explored the university's facilities, beginning with a welcoming meeting with our university president, Prof. Sari Hamdan followed by a meeting with our Business School Dean, Dr. Mutaz Al-Debei to discuss their participation in our ICDB 2022 business school conference that will be held in August of this year.

Our University students also had the chance to meet the delegation to discuss attending training programs on the campus of The Western University of Arad in Romania through the EU-backed Erasmus program.





## Delegations from Canada, France and Thailand visited Al-Ahliyya Amman University



The Faculty of Educational Sciences at our University welcomed a delegation from Sports Sciences faculties from the University of UQAM in Canada, Mahidol University in Thailand, and University of Paris in France.

The aim of the visit is to strengthen relations between the universities, where the President of our University, Prof. Sari Hamdan, met with the delegation which consisted of Dr. Milan Oberten, Head of the Physical Effort Physiology Laboratory at the University of Quebec, Dr. Rong Chan, President of the Asian Sports Nutrition Association of Thailand, and Dr. Haidar Jamaï, Researcher at the National Institute of Sport from the University of Paris. The lecturer Mr. Saleh Hammad from our Physical and Health Education department of our university was also present to discuss potential areas of collaboration.

## New Programs Offered at our University

The Council of Higher Education approved the development of several specialties of various degrees at our University.



MA degree in  
Construction Engineering



High Diploma in  
Legal Accounting



BA degree in  
Physiotherapy

# The Opening of the 8th Arab Hearing Health Conference 2022



Her Highness Princess Sana'a Assem, on behalf of Her Highness Princess Mona Al Hussein, attended the 8th Arab Hearing Health Conference 2022 with the presence of H. E. Health Minister Dr. Firas Al Hawari.

The conference was organized in cooperation between our University, the Arab Academy of Audiovestibulogy, the Ministry of Health as well as the Egyptian Medical Association, with the collaboration of the German University of Lübeck. A large number of specialists from Arab and international countries participated in the conference where many discussions took place.

At the end of the seminars, tribute shields were awarded to the Arab and international sponsors, partners, heads of delegations and senior guests. Highlight of the conference was Her Highness Princess Sana'a Assem touring the exhibition, viewing the latest hearing devices and new technologies exhibited by the sponsoring companies in the field of hearing health.

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# The Allied Medical Sciences Faculty at our University hosts Dr. Rasha Abu Eid



Dr. Rasha Abu Eid is an Associate Professor of Oral Sciences at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland presented an interesting scientific lecture to students and staff members about her research journey, discussing the latest results of the scientific studies she and her research teams have found in the field of cancer. Our Allied Medical Sciences dean, Prof. Mohammed Al-Tanani awarded Dr. Rasha Abu Eid with a certificate of appreciation and our university shield.

Prof. Mohammed Al-Tanani, Dean of the Allied Medical Sciences and Director of the Pharmaceutical and Diagnostic Research Center (PDRC), accompanied Dr. Abu Eid on a tour of the Center where Dr. Hamdi Nsairat took part to highlight the latest research devices of the Center that will emphasize and increase opportunities for research cooperation between the University and distinguished scientists such as Dr. Abu Eid.

The tour also included meeting Prof. Anas Al-Soud at the Global Engagement Center, where discussion took places in regards to cooperation in the field of academic and scientific exchange and promotion of joint scientific research.

Dr. Zeina Alami, Associate Professor in the Department of Laboratory Medical Sciences, stated that those scientific research lectures will be held each week, hosting scientists from within our University and international universities to expand the horizons of scientific research among faculty members and Allied Medical Sciences alumni.



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# Our Alumni.. Our Pride

## Reem Ahmad Al-Hourani

Mrs Reem graduated from Al-Ahliyya Amman University in 2004 in business management. She is a well-known female entrepreneur where her passion for success and her intellectual business ideas led her to be an owner of many established projects.

Her enthusiasm began after she graduated her bachelors where she launched her first project a fashion boutique that included international brands. It was a big success that led the well-known businesswoman to open multiple various ventures.

A word from our alumni:

I am Reem Ahmad Hourani, a proud graduate of the year 2004 from the beloved Al-Ahliyyah Amman University, with a degree in business management. I am in disbelief when I think of all the years that have passed since my university days. I am still able to recall the details of those blissful carefree days. During that time I had not yet begun to think of the importance of work and building a successful career. Thankfully, I have gradually come to learn that a key contributor to the feeling of happiness is the determination to succeed by continuously working, regardless of the obstacles one may face. The presence of family certainly completes this sense of happiness. I myself have 5 children, which is an accomplishment I cannot be more proud of. Additionally, the various projects I have initiated have been most gratifying, whether they have proven to be successful or fruitless. Nevertheless, I have never and do not intend on ever succumbing to the feeling of despair, for where there is perseverance there will be success.





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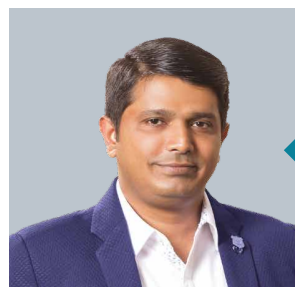
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