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## Message from the UDAA President



Well, the end of another exciting year has come to a close and 124 students have completed their BBA/BSC degrees in their chosen field of study. On behalf of the UDAA Board of Directors, I heartily congratulate these graduates on their outstanding achievements and proudly inform them that as a result, they are now new Alumni Association members. It is our hope that our new alumni will continue to stay in touch with their peers, instructors and this association. A relationship that started with the Registrar's office does not end with the receipt of your certificate! There are always ways to continue your relationship with UD. So, please keep in touch with the institute that has been your place of learning, and has started you on the next leg of your career journey.

Congratulations once again and best wishes!

Sincerely,

**Sheikh Mohammed  
Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum**

## Closing Ceremony held for the Alumni-Student Mentoring Program (ASMP)

The Internship & Career Development Center (ICDC), in collaboration with the UD Alumni Association (UDAA), held the closing ceremony of the Alumni-Student Mentoring Program (ASMP) for the academic year 2009/10, on May 27th at Dubai Chamber. This was a pilot program in which 10 pairs were involved.

The ceremony highlighted major achievements of the participants and awarded the most successful partnership, represented by Ms. Hanan Wehbi (Mentor)



& Ms. Veronica Zyurnyayeva (Mentee). Due to the outstanding positive feedback from both students and alumni on the invaluable learning experiences that they have gained, the ASMP project will be further strengthened and promoted among UD graduates and

students community to attract more participants. Students and alumni who are interested in participating in the Alumni-Student Mentoring Program are encouraged to contact Salma Senaran, Head of Alumni Relations at [ssenaran@ud.ac.ae](mailto:ssenaran@ud.ac.ae) or at 04-20 72 675.

## The start of the MBA Program!

The MBA program starts on September, 19th with around 30 students already enrolled and 15 students enrolled in the pre-MBA program.

A limited number of applicants with a GPA between 2.49 and 2.25 & a minimum of 5 years post-graduate experience will be granted conditional acceptance to the MBA program.

Apply now and get a 20% discount on course fees.

## Faculty Outstanding Achievement



Dr. Ananth Rao joined the University of Dubai (UD) in December 1998 as a faculty member in the College of Business Administration (CBA). As a result of his hard work and countless contributions to the CBA, he became its Dean in September 2004. Dr. Rao and his dedicated team at the CBA were instrumental in earning the AACSB International accreditation in April 2009. His latest accomplishment at UD is his promotion to the role of Acting Chief Academic Officer.

We congratulate Dr. Rao on this outstanding achievement!

## ICDC Has a New Team Player



Salma graduated from UD with honors and is currently taking her MBA at the Canadian University of Dubai. Salma worked for the Admissions & Registration dept of UD for 6 years until she joined ICDC as Head of Alumni Relations. Being a UD alumna and having good rapport with our alumni, we are confident that she will create meaningful and relevant projects/events for our alumni and students and enhance their participation. Welcome Salma!

**You may contact Salma at [ssenaran@ud.ac.ae](mailto:ssenaran@ud.ac.ae) or at 04-2072 675.**

## Message from Alumni Office

Time goes very fast, and we have reached the end of a year when we at the Alumni Office have held different activities. Our plan for the coming year is to have more events and activities, based on new ideas. We will try to stay in touch with our Alumni as much as we can. We have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the different events held during this year, and we are always touched by how enthusiastic our alumni are in sharing their past experiences of studying for a University of Dubai degree. We would like to thank those of you who have volunteered to become Student Ambassadors through the Alumni Association. We appreciate the time you continue to devote to promoting our

new programs such as the Alumni – Student Mentoring Program (ASMP) and the Alumni and Friends of the University of Dubai Fund. It is our hope that we will continue to meet many more of you at different events throughout 2011 which, we feel confident, will be another good year for the UDAA. Good wishes to you all for the coming year.

### **OCTOBER 5TH 2010**

Alumni-Student Mentoring Program (ASMP)  
2011 Introduction Session

### **NOVEMBER 25TH 2010**

Alumni Homecoming

## Alumni's Involvement in the "First Year Experience Course" as Speakers



Two of our Alumni (Ahmad Qayed Galib – College of Information Technology) and (Ali Al Hammadi – College of Business Administration) attended the First Year Experience class as guest speakers. They arranged an interesting and informative presentation for the students.



They shared their experience and talked to the students on the importance of choosing the right major that matches their personality, the values and skills

required in shaping career plans and how to equip themselves to perform well in the workplace after they graduate. It was a lively interactive session, which all students enjoyed.

There is no one better placed than our alumni to share their experiences with their fellow students and help them in shaping their career and finding their way. We count on seeing more volunteers taking part in such activities.

## Join UDAA Now and Get Your Membership ID Card!

As a member of the Alumni Association, you will receive a number of free benefits as well as access to invaluable networking resources. Some of the free benefits we offer our alumni are:

- Free Alumni Association Membership ID card.
- Invitations to UDAA Special Events
- Features in Alumni E-Newsletter

Visit us at <http://ud.ac.ae/alumni/> to learn more!

## How to Donate

If you would like to make a donation to the UDAA and Friends Scholarship Fund, please contact the Alumni Office at (04) 207 2675 or at [alumni@ud.ac.ae](mailto:alumni@ud.ac.ae).

Any amount would be appreciated!

# University of Dubai's 8th Batch of Graduates



The University of Dubai (UD) celebrated the graduation of its 8th batch of students in mid May . The event was held under the patronage of Sheikh Majid Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority.

A total of 124 graduates from the College of Business Administration and the College of Information technology received their degrees at the event which was witnessed by 900 guests, including VIP's, dignitaries, educational administrators, alumni, parents, staff, faculty and students.



## The University of Dubai Holds its First Career Fair

The first UD Career Fair 2010 organized by the Internship and Career Development Center (ICDC) was held last March 2nd and 3rd and involved leading companies from various business sectors such as Emirates Airlines, Barclays Bank, Citibank, Emirates NBD, Dubai Islamic Bank, Dubai Bank, DEWA, Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing, Dubai Customs, Unilever, Shangri-la Hotel, Oman Insurance Company, Ershaad.ae, and Pathways Resourcing.

The Career Fair opening ceremony was attended by Sheikh Mohammed bin Juma Al Maktoum, UDAA President.

The event provided an invaluable opportunity for both students and prospective employers to directly interact and gain a first-hand account of what the other party expects from them. Of particular note was the fact that some students who attended were hired by some of the participating organizations.

Looking back at the success of the UD Career Fair, we intend to make it an annual feature and involve more companies, and even the community.



# Alumni Class Notes

## Class 2004

### DANA KARAM FIDDAH



Has recently joined Abjar Hotels and Resorts a subsidiary of Al Mulla Group, as Design Representative.

## Class 2007

### YASER HUSNI ZURUB



Obtained his MBA (Master of Business Administration) from Abu Dhabi University on June, 2010. Keep going forward Yasser!

## Class 2005

### AISHA M. AL SHAREEF



Obtained an Msc in Project Management at the British University of Dubai, she has joined Dubai Holding as a Director of Talent Management with an expanded role of leadership management.

## Class 2008

### MOHAMMAD FIRAS MOURAI



Has immigrated to Canada soon after graduation where he is trying to find a good opportunity to connect his own businesses in Dubai to Canada's business world. He has two daughters Wafa and Rahaf. Good Luck Mohammad Firas!

### FOUAD F. H. SHWEDEH



Is proud to be a UD alumnus, where he is recently working on his field of study. Five years experience plus his Bachelor Degree in Computing & Information Systems from UD qualified him to be official CIS-MIS Professional at Abu Dhabi Finance.

### MOHAMMAD MAKTOUM JUMA AL MAKTOUM



Recently has a new family member, baby boy "Maktoum". May his baby be blessed and his road forwards hallowed adventure!

### MAHMOUD MOHAMED EL HENDY



An IT Alumni who has joined the University of Dubai College of Information Technology, as Teaching Assistant. Welcome Mahmoud at UD Community!

## Class 2009

### DYANA MOHAMMED AL AYYAT



Has joined the global company Procter & Gamble, Chemical Purchases Department Middle East and Africa as Purchases Assistant Manager where she is enjoying her first job after graduation. Wish you a good luck Dyana!

## Class 2006

### LANA ATEF HELWEH



Is a multi-professional person. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design from UD and feels happy to work in HSBC as a Marketing Manager where she merges her academic qualification and experience to get her best.

### FAHAD OBAID AL TAFFAQ



Is the first UD alum to receive the Jordan Business Council "Outstanding University Alumnus Award" on June 19, 2010. The award was granted for Jordanian and UAE students or graduates who possess a high GPA and has made contributions to university life inside or outside the classroom. Congratulations Fahad!

## Stay Connected

We're inviting you to contribute to the Alumni Class Notes Updates section of the newsletter and help us keep up to date with what you and your fellow graduates are doing. Send us your news, your stories, and your announcements!

Contact us at [alumni@ud.ac.ae](mailto:alumni@ud.ac.ae) and let us know what's going on in our alumni community. This newsletter is your blank canvas; we invite you to stay connected and help us keep each new issue vibrant and fresh.