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Message from the University of Dubai Alumni Association President

I am very honored and extremely excited to serve and support the advancement of UD, its students and alumni as President of the University of Dubai Alumni Association for the academic year 2010-2011. The UDAA Board of Directors is committed to developing yet another exciting year with the appointment of new members. We want to enhance the involvement of our alumni from different years and different disciplines, acknowledge the pride worthy and outstanding efforts of the Alumni-Student Mentoring Program (ASMP) participants, and encourage the productive activities of the Alumni and Friends of the University of Dubai Scholarship Funds.

The Alumni Association is committed to recognizing and cultivating the rich and proud heritage of the UD, the Alumni, the faculty and staff, and the current and future student community through the development of mutually beneficial relationships. It is the noble responsibility of the Association to develop ways and means to involve the alumni and to strengthen the ties between past and present graduates and keep them connected to the university and to ensure that the Alumni are recognized as a respected and integral part of the University community.

It is through this association and the commitment of our alumni towards it that we have the chance to meet on a regular basis for different events especially during the grandiose Annual Alumni Homecoming held last December 2010. It was my ultimate joy to see my old friends, colleagues, and faculty members unified under one umbrella, the University of Dubai.

The UDAA wouldn't be what it is today without the support of its talented and diverse Alumni population. I became involved with the Association because I was grateful to UD for providing me a foundation to fulfill many of my personal growth, career, and professional goals. I feel a deep sense of obligation to repay my debt of gratitude to UD for helping me reach these goals. I'm sure many of you feel the same way, if not, please take a break and reflect on your personal life.

Together we can impact the future of our Alma Mater, the University of Dubai, build a legacy that will bring the name of the University very high, boost its reputation, and empower the value of our degrees.

I look forward to working with you as we build an organization that serves the entire alumni body and our community.

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 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.



Annual Alumni Homecoming 2010

Scholarship for the Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Development Program

Excellent opportunity for women who are planning to set up a business or are already running a business, to attend a three-month free training program on Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Development at the University of Dubai.

This program is open to women of all nationalities.

Please contact Ms.

Sheroo Poonawalla on 04 2072 707 or email her at spoonawalla@ud.ac.ae, for more information.



The University of Dubai, in collaboration with its Alumni Association and under the patronage of Shaikh Mohammed Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum, celebrated its 4th Annual Alumni Homecoming on 23rd of December 2011 in the InterContinental Hotel, Festival City. The event saw an enthusiastic participation of more than 400 which consisted of UD alumni, their friends and family, faculty and staff, and members of the business community. The Guest of Honor, Abdullah Bel Khair captivated everyone's attention with his presence and graciously sang traditional songs, which were applauded by the audience.

Every year, this event aims, at re-uniting all UD graduates again for one exuberant evening, to reconnect with old classmates, faculty and staff, and enjoy various entertaining performances, such as poetry, cultural dances, recognition awards and raffle draws.

After a warm welcome to the audience from Dr. Omar Hefni, Shaikh Mohammed Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum outlined the various successful activities and programs introduced by the UDAA in



association with the ICDC, such as the Alumni Student Mentoring Program, The Alumni and Friends of the University of Dubai Scholarship Fund and the Alumni Guest Speaker Series, which have all been aimed at successfully serving and assisting UD students during their educational journey.

Emphasis was put on the continuous support and contribution of UD alumni in all UDAA organized events, in order to effectively meet the association's objectives. It is through events as such that the UD gets the opportunity to build bridges with its past students and therefore contribute to the unremitting growth of the institution.

A special thanks to all UD staff, faculty and student organizers/performers for their continuous support and assistance before and during the event. It would not have been possible without you.

As for our alumni, we look forward to celebrating another successful evening with you next year and teaming up in all other activities between now and then.



RAK Half Marathon 2011

Alumni Guest Speakers Series

Yet again our alumni have put on their professor-for-a-day shoes and shared their wisdom and experience with UD students. Classes such as the Academic Success Skills and UAE Society, benefitted from the knowledge of Hanan Wehbi, Mohammed Shael Al Saadi, Ahmed Qaed and Yaser Yaish. Their presentations ranged from UAE related economic issues and activities, to E-marketing business developments. Proper studying techniques and impact of proper higher education were emphasized by the guest speakers as motivation for students to properly utilize their time at the university. It is during moments like these that the alumnus to student relationship is most valued. It provides students with a glimpse into their futures through alumni who know better than anyone what they are going through. If you have any kind of knowledge or experience that you feel is necessary for the progress of our students, please sign in with us for our future "Alumni Guest Speakers Series" to be held in Spring 2011.



A heartfelt congratulations to our vigorous alumni for their participation in the RAK Half Marathon 2011 with participants being Jamal Al Mahamid, Mohammed Shael, Abdulla Al Shaali

and Abdulla Al Marzooqi. Top notch business partners and they still have time for sports competitions! That's the UD spirit!

Alumni-Student Mentoring Program 2011

The Internship and Career Development Center (ICDC) has yet again brought together one of its most supportive and prominent alumni to begin the successful launch of the 2010-2011 Alumni Student Mentoring Program (ASMP), under the patronage of the UD Alumni Association. The orientation day for the ASMP was held on the 25th November in the Dubai Chamber. The program was presented by one of the present alumni mentors, Feras Alswilam, who enthusiastically introduced the components, benefits and regulations of the program to its participants. Furthermore, the event was a perfect set up for the initial introductory meeting for all pairs, to finally become acquainted and get to know each other.

The program currently consists of 21 pairs, with some mentoring relationships consisting of more than one student mentee allocated to one alumni mentor. The ASMP participants are meeting in the middle of the program, on February 17th, 2011, for a "Networking Luncheon" to share experiences and practices before that the program ends on the 9th, June 2011. The closing ceremony will award the best mentoring relationship. We hope that during this period both parties will be able to successfully meet the set objectives and mutually benefit from the ASMP experience. Best of luck to both mentors and mentees!

Students and alumni who are interested to participate are encouraged to contact us on icdc@ud.ac.ae or 04-2072 671 | 790.

EFMD-UD Joint Conference



UD Annual Job Fair 2011

UD cordially invites you to the 2011 Job Fair to be held on March 15th, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the MSUD building, UD Campus, Deira. This event aims to offer more internship and employment opportunities to our students and alumni alike. Companies will be given the chance to advertise and promote their current job vacancies while students will be given the opportunity to meet prospective employers or internship providers.

Top notch organizations have confirmed their participation such as IBM, Microsoft, Enoc, DTCM, Mashreq Bank, Carrefour, National Bonds, TOTAL, Deloitte, Unilever, Fedex, TECOM, General Motors, DAFZA, Jumeirah Group, ENBD, among others. On this occasion, we thank our UD ambassadors who contributed to our Job Fair by persuading their companies' decision makers to participate in the event.

UD hosted for the first time the European Federation of Management Development (EFMD) conference in November 28th-30th, in Al Bustan Rotana Hotel. The conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, Minister of HESR. The focus of the conference centered upon improving management education in MENA region, which includes some of the fastest growing economies in the world and is therefore an integral part of the global inter-connected economy. Emphasis was put on maximizing human potential, through studies of latest advances made in the field of management, as the key to UAE's progress. In the words of Sheikh Al Nahayan, "the recent economic conditions have accentuated the importance on exploration of new ways to conduct business and finance through proper higher education, to supply ideas, talent and leadership to our professional lives."

The conference was a great success attended by around 140 top academics of best universities from all the continents.

CMPD Upcoming Accredited Professional Programs

Internationally Accredited Professional Programs

Course Name	Start Date
Professional Diploma in Marketing (Awarded by the Chartered Institute of Marketing, CIM, U.K.)	Feb 3 rd , 2011
International Certificate in Purchasing & Supply, CIPS, U.K. (Awarded by The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply CIPS, U.K.)	Feb 5 th , 2011
International Certificate in Investment Management (ICIM) (Certificate awarded by The Chartered Institute of Investment & Securities, CISI, U.K.)	Feb 24 th , 2011
Islamic Finance Qualification (IFQ) (Certificate awarded by The Chartered Institute of Investment & Securities, CISI, U.K.)	Feb 26 th , 2011
International Certificate in Wealth Management (ICWM) (Certificate awarded by The Chartered Institute of Investment & Securities, CISI, U.K.)	Feb 27 th , 2011
International Introduction to Investment (Certificate awarded by The Chartered Institute of Investment & Securities, CISI, U.K.)	Mar 5 th , 2011
Risk in Financial Services (Certificate awarded by The Chartered Institute of Investment & Securities, CISI, U.K.)	Mar 19 th , 2011

Locally Accredited Professional Programs

Course Name	Start Date
Professional Certificate in Human Resource Management (Level 1 & 2)	Feb 26 th , 2011
Certificate in Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Development Program	Feb 20 th , 2011

Class Notes



Hasan Abdulla Al Mazrouei

Hasan joined the Office of H. H The Crown Prince of Dubai as Head of Public relations in 2010. Before that, Hasan held important roles within the government organizations such the Executive Council and the General Authority of Youth and Sports Welfare. We wish him more success!



AHMAD MATAR GHURAB

Ahmad has been working since 2006 in the Abu Dhabi Ports Company as a Business Development Manager.



SAEED MOHAMMED JULFAR

Saeed is currently working with Emirates Integrated Telecom Service Provider (DU) as an Engineer in the Intelligence Operations Center.



HELDA M. A. AMRO

Helda is graduating in June 2011 from Montessori International Center in London, to be a directress for children of ages 0-6 years, and planning to publish Arabic and English children's stories by end of 2011. Wish her success with her writing talent!



AHMED DOAA FARES

Ahmed joined UD as Head of Student Services at the beginning of the Academic Year 2010. Engaged and soon to be married with CBA Alumni, Dyana Ayyat.



MESHAL AWADH ALAYALI

Meshal has been working for the Emirates Integrated Telecom Service Provider (DU) since Oct 2007 as a Network Security Specialist and will soon finish his Executive MBA from the Dubai Men's Higher College of Technology.



HUDA YOUSSEF JABER

Huda recently changed her job from Taib Securities to the Dubai Chamber as a Business Support Executive and finished her Master's in Finance & Banking with the British University in Dubai.



AHMED BASSAM NASIR

Ahmed was recently employed by Masdar (Abu Dhabi) as a Sales Executive and will soon begin his Master's degree. He is also a new happy father of a new baby girl, congratulations!



YAZAN AL SALTI

Yazan was hired as a Sales Representative by Oracle in 2007 after completing successfully his internship with them. Within on year, he was promoted as a Business Development Manager of the Business Development Group for the Middle East and North Africa Region and his latest achievement, he was promoted to Manager, Demand Generation Group, MENA. Good work! Keep it up!



MAY GASSAN TAHBOUB

May has recently finished her Master's degree in International Management from the University of London, and is currently working as a Program Manager in the Injaz Mena Investment Company for the Northern Region (Dubai).