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## MESSAGE FROM THE UD PRESIDENT



This is the second issue of the quarterly newsletter of the University of Dubai alumni community. It is intended to keep every alumnus connected to the University. I personally would like to thank the officers of the UDAA for their outstanding accomplishments in 2009 and to congratulate the new officers on their recent appointments. I expect every alumnus to be an active participant in the activities planned. It is your association, it is your University and you should be proud of being a part of it.

## MESSAGE FROM THE UDAA PRESIDENT



Taking over the role of President of the University of Dubai Alumni Association (UDAA) is both an honor and a challenge. I am honored to be asked to represent my fellow alumni, while facing the challenge of shaping the Association to reflect the interests of our diverse community. I look forward to the upcoming year and hope it will be a successful one.

I would also like to thank both Mohammed Abdullah Shael Al Saadi and Tariq Hussain Ali Al Najjar Bani Al Najjar for their hard work and ongoing commitment to the UDAA, and to encourage each and every UD alum to get involved in the UDAA.

## EXCELLENCE EARNED:

### THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBAI'S INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

The University of Dubai is proud to be the first and only University among the accredited universities within the United Arab Emirates to earn accreditations from both the AACSB, for the College of Business Administration, and the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET, for the College of Information Technology's Computer Information Systems (CIS) Bsc program.

These accreditations demonstrate the importance that the University of Dubai places on providing students with high quality academic programs that meet internationally recognized standards. They also increase the value of a UD degree in the workplace, and represent an important step in the fast paced advancement

of the University.

As University of Dubai alumni we are excited by this achievement and pleased to have played a role in its accomplishment. We look forward to the continued success and growth of the University.



## NEW UDAA BOARD APPOINTMENTS



The University of Dubai Alumni Association (UDAA) is pleased to announce the appointment of both a new President and a Vice-President to its executive team. Sheikh Mohammed Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum will serve as President, while Mr. Majid Saqer Abdulla Al-Marri has accepted the role of Vice-President. The new team will be charged with providing visionary and strategic leadership in order to increase UDAA membership and build upon the success of the previous four years. The new appointees replace founding President and Vice-President, Mr. Mohammed Abdullah Shael Al Saadi and Mr. Tariq Hussain Ali Al Najjar Bani Al Najjar, who remain active members of the Association. Through their tireless efforts, the UDAA grew from an idea to an active and vital organization, and the University of Dubai alumni community wishes to express its gratitude to them for their hard work.

## HOMECOMING 2009



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## ALUMNI IN ACTION



In this monthly column we will detail the accomplishments of some of UD's most successful alumni. We will find out what they are doing now, what their hopes for the future are and how their experience at UD helped them get there.

**ALUM:**

Majid Saqer Abdulla Al-Marri  
**GRADUATION SEMESTER AND YEAR:**

Fall, 2005

**COLLEGE:**

CBA

**MAJOR:**

Management

**CURRENT EMPLOYER:**

Dubai Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing

**POSITION:**

Director, Hotel Classification

Majid Al Marri recently received the distinction of being named to Hotelier Middle East's "Middle East Power 50", a list of the boldest and most influential people in the regional hospitality industry. Occupying number 16, Majid was included because of the important role he plays in licensing, regulating and classifying Dubai's hotels. An employee with the Dubai Department of Tourism & Commerce Marketing for the previous 10 years, Majid credits his education from the University of Dubai with helping him get there. Congratulations to Majid and we wish him continued success in the future.

## ALUMNI-STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

The UDAA is pleased to be assisting the UD Internship and Career Development Center (ICDC) with its latest initiative, the Alumni-Student Mentoring Program. Through this program current UD students are paired with alumni in order to establish a mutually beneficial relationship. Alumni and students will meet on a monthly basis throughout the year, and areas of focus may include personal development, career development or academic support. Alumni are asked to provide support, feedback and advice to their student mentee,

while maintaining a professional relationship. As an alumni mentor, you may benefit from the program in a variety of ways, including:

- Enriching your life by making a difference in someone else's
- Reconnecting with UD and UD students
- Gaining new skills by guiding others

All alumni are encouraged to participate in this program as mentors. If you are interested please contact the Alumni Coordinator at [alumni@ud.ac.ae](mailto:alumni@ud.ac.ae).

## HOMECOMING 2009

The University of Dubai Alumni Association (UDAA) held its Third Annual Alumni Homecoming at the Shangri-La Hotel on May 28, 2009. Held under the sponsorship of Falconcity of Wonders, a project developed by Salem Ahmad Almoosa Enterprises, the event attracted a crowd of over 400 alumni, administration, faculty and staff. Additional sponsorship was provided by the Department of Economics, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Epson, Mirage Building Materials and others. The overwhelming success of the UDAA Third Annual Alumni Homecoming emphasized the important role the UDAA plays in facilitating the relationship between the University and the alumni community. With alumni from different schools, class years, professions and nationalities gathered together, the true diversity and success of the UD alumni community was on display.





## BETA GAMMA SIGMA

*The Honor Society for AACSB Accredited Business Programs*

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) is the honor society for AACSB internationally accredited business programs. BGS management will launch its first chapter in Dubai with the induction of high achieving members of the 2009 graduating class of the College of Business Administration. BGS provides an extraordinary way to honor UD's top business students and alumni with the international recognition they deserve. Additionally, membership in BGS is a distinction honorees carry with them throughout their lives. The event will be held on October 26th and UD students and alumni are encouraged to attend the event. Further information will be provided by the University as the event draws near.

**Date:** Monday, October 26th, 2009; 4:00pm-6:30pm

**Venue:** Al Masaood Campus, Room 622

## ALUMNI CHECKLIST

- Update your information on the UDA website: (<http://ud.ac.ae/centers/icdc/alumniform.php>)
- Become a mentor through the Alumni-Student Mentoring Program
- Attend the Fourth Annual Alumni Homecoming in November, 2010
- Volunteer as an Alumni Speaker and share your expertise



## ICDC CONTACTS

The staff members of the Internship and Career Development Center (ICDC) at the University of Dubai are always on hand to provide both students and alumni with a variety of services and support. Our staff includes Ms. Amina El Marzak, Manager, ICDC; Ms. Marrakech Arbuckle Saoud, Alumni Coordinator; Ms. Redempta San Jose, Career Development Coordinator; Ms. Manar Noufal, Internship Coordinator.

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