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MESSAGE FROM THE UDAA PRESIDENT



One of the most exciting things about being President of the University of Dubai Alumni Association (UDAA) is watching the organization grow as new members graduate from the University. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all recent graduates and those expected to graduate this year, and to encourage each of you to become active members of the UDAA.

Please find more information about how to join the UDAA within this newsletter. Congratulations again and we look forward to welcoming you to the UD alumni family.

Sheikh Mohammed Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum

HOW TO JOIN THE UDAA

All students who have graduated from the University of Dubai are automatically enrolled as members in the University of Dubai Alumni Association. You only need to register online at:

<http://www.ud.ac.ae/alumni/udaa.php> and we will invite you to events, send you newsletters and keep you updated about the Association and the University. We welcome new and positive ideas from each and every alumnus and believe that your input will make our functions fun, interesting and useful. Please contact the UDAA at alumni@ud.ac.ae to get involved!

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND (AFSF) UPDATE

We are happy to declare that the Alumni and Friends Scholarship Fund (AFSF) has experienced a very good kick off. Donations have already begun coming into the UDAA's account from loyal alumni and business partners. In addition, a group of alumni volunteers from all programs and years of graduation have signed up to offer grants and are ready to make their donations when and where they are required.

Mr. Fahad Abdulla Moh'd Malik Qassim Mohad Anwahi, a UD Alumni Association Board of Directors member, was nominated by the BOD to follow-up with prospective donors and assist them in making their contributions.

We rely on our AFSF donors to collaborate with their fellow alumni, and with Fahad, and to honor their commitment to support the association's scholarship initiative.

On this occasion, we heartily thank our first donors who have made our scholarship project a reality, Mohammed Abdullah Shael AlSaadi, Mr. Fahad Abdulla Moh'd Malik Qassim Mohad Anwahi, and our anonymous business partner who gave a cheques for AED 15,500.

We look forward to receiving more contributions, leading to more scholarships to support and enrich our students' community.



HOW TO DONATE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THE UDAA AND FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND? PLEASE CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT (04) 207 2675 OR ALUMNI@UD.AC.AE IN ORDER TO ARRANGE FOR A CONVENIENT METHOD OF PAYMENT. ANY AMOUNT IS APPRECIATED!

DEAN'S ALUMNI NETWORKING CEREMONY (CBA)



Nearly 100 guests attended the Dean's Alumni Networking Ceremony (CBA) on Thursday, December 24th 2009. The event was organized by both the University of Dubai and the University of Dubai Alumni Association (UDAA), and featured speakers included Majid Al Marri, UDAA Vice President, and Dr. Ananth Rao, the Dean of the College of Business Administration.

Alumni used the opportunity to mingle and reconnect with classmates, faculty and staff. Like the Dean's Alumni

Networking Ceremony held for IT students, guests were invited to actively participate in several initiatives being launched by the Alumni Association in collaboration with the Internship and Career Development Center, including the "UDAA and Friends Scholarship Fund" program which will benefit needy students. The University of Dubai took the opportunity to share with alumni exciting news about its new BBA program offerings, including Business Economics, Supply Chain and Logistics Management, HRM and Entrepreneurship, and details

concerning the newly launched MBA program.

Sheikh Mohammed Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum, President of the UDAA, noted that: "The Alumni Association is thrilled to provide opportunities for the graduates of the University of Dubai to remain connected to one another.

We are also pleased to play a role in encouraging alumni to support the university and its students through the newly launched scholarship initiative."



MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI OFFICE

The end of the academic year is fast approaching and the Office of Alumni Relations and UDAA are working hard to end the year with a bang! Our newly launched UDAA and Friends Scholarship Fund is our top priority, and we are working hard to ensure that the UD alumni community supports this important initiative. Additionally, we are pleased to see the Alumni Student Mentoring Program up and running smoothly. Ten pairs of alumni and students have been meeting throughout the academic year and we hope that all of the participants have benefitted from their engagement in this program.

I want to encourage every graduate of the University of Dubai to get involved in the UDAA, and believe that the lifelong connection developed between the alumni and the University can benefit the entire community.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events! More details to be announced.

MAY 7TH:
UDAA and Friends Scholarship Fund Gala

MAY 27TH:
Alumni Student Mentoring Program Awards Ceremony

Amina El Marzak
ICDC Manager

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SOME OF UD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI



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 has helped them get where they are today.

Alum: Fahad Obaid Al-Taffaq

Graduation - Semester and Year: Spring, 2009

College: CIT

Major: Computing and Information Systems

Current Employer: Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Foundation

Position: Manager – Strategy Section, Strategy and Governance Department

With more than 3 years experience in planning, executing, managing and monitoring strategic projects, Fahad currently works as a manager – strategy in the Strategy and Governance Department at Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Foundation. In this post, Fahad participates in crafting the organization's overall strategy, which involves setting the vision, mission, goals and objectives, measuring the organization's performance and strategic alignment, and managing corporate projects. Fahad uses his extensive experience to ensure proper corporate governance and alignment to the strategic directions of the organization through designing and implementing the corporate strategic framework.

Having graduated from the University of Dubai, Fahad believes that the education experience at UD provided him with a solid foundation to excel through his professional career. Congratulations to Fahad and we wish him continued success in the future.

A THANK YOU NOTE TO OUR SPONSOR

We would like to express our gratitude to the sponsor of the Dean's Alumni Networking Reception for the College of Business Administration. Without their support the event would not have been possible.

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ICDC NEW STAFF

Veronica Zyurnyayeva is the newest addition to the Internship and Career Development Center. Veronica joined in January as the ICDC Coordinator. Veronica's contact number is 04-2072 675 and her email address is veronica@ud.ac.ae. Her office is located at Room 602, Al Masaood Building, University of Dubai.