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MESSAGE FROM THE UD PRESIDENT

This is the third issue of the quarterly newsletter of the University of Dubai alumni Association. It is intended to keep every alumnus connected to the University.

I personally would like to thank the officers of the UDAA for their efforts in launching the Alumni Student Mentoring program. 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.

President Omar Hefni

CIT ALUMNI NETWORKING RECEPTION

On Thursday, October 22nd 2009, the University of Dubai (UD) in collaboration with the University of Dubai Alumni Association (UDAA), held a special Dean's Alumni Networking Reception for its College of Information Technology (CIT) alumni. Over 100 guests attended the reception which featured presentations by Sheikh Mohammed Juma Al Maktoum, UDAA President, and Dr. Faouzi Kamoun, the newly appointed Dean of the College of Information Technology.

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MESSAGE FROM THE UDAA PRESIDENT



The UDAA is delighted to announce its newest initiative, the *UDAA and Friends Scholarship Fund*. Through this program, we will work to raise funds to support new and current University of Dubai students. The beneficiaries of the scholarship will have to meet specific academic and financial guidelines, and will be asked to submit a comprehensive application to the University and UDAA in order to be considered for the scholarship.

Alumni and friends of the university, including local businesses and supporters, are encouraged to donate to the fund. Any amount is appreciated and brings students closer to realizing their dreams of obtaining a college education. We appreciate all of your support and look forward to making this a successful program.

Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum

UNIVERSITY OF DUBAI'S NEW CAMPUS

The University of Dubai (UD) is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently approved the funds necessary to begin the construction of the new UD campus in Academic City. On a 3 million square feet piece of land.

The campus will feature state of the art classrooms, labs and recreational facilities. Once completed, the campus will provide a wonderful resource for all UD stakeholders, including alumni. For updates regarding progress please check the UD website regularly.



CIT ALUMNI NETWORKING RECEPTION

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Alumni used the opportunity to network and mingle with classmates, faculty and staff. 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 response to the scholarship initiative was overwhelming

and donations are expected throughout the academic year. On this occasion alumni were also informed of UD's new program offerings, as well as professional development courses available at the University of Dubai Technology Center.

We plan to host similar events in the future and look forward to providing UD's alumni with further opportunities to reconnect with one another and the University.



THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to the sponsors of the Dean's Alumni Networking Reception for the College of Information Technology. Without their support, the event would not have been possible.

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EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT



The Dean's Alumni Networking Reception for the College of Business Administration (CBA) will be held on **December 24th, 2009** at the **Sheraton Dubai Creek**. Like the CIT event held in October 2009, alumni are invited to reconnect with former classmates, establish new business contacts, meet faculty, and learn about recent CBA developments and the new offerings available to our Alumni.

The Dean of the College of Business Administration, Dr. Ananth Rao, the CBA faculty and various staff from the University will be at the event to interact with CBA alumni from each graduating class.

To reserve your space, please contact the Alumni Office at (04) 207-2675, or alumni@ud.ac.ae.

ALUMNI IN ACTION



In this monthly column we will detail the accomplishments of some of UD's most successful alumni.

ALUM:

Shaikha Ebrahim Al Mutawa

GRADUATION - SEMESTER

AND YEAR: Summer, 2006

COLLEGE: CBA

MAJOR: Marketing

CURRENT EMPLOYER:

Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing

POSITION:

Director, Business Development

Shaikha Ebrahim Al Mutawa was promoted to her current position in 2009 after gaining more than 8 years experience. As Director of Business Development, she is responsible for developing and managing a number of tourism-related projects, including the Dubai Green Tourism Award scheme. Shaikha recently graduated from the Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Centre for Young Leaders Program, an exclusive initiative that identifies and trains high potential UAE nationals to assume all manner of leadership positions.

Shaikha credits her success in the professional world to the strong theoretical base she gained while attending University of Dubai. She points out that the advice she received from her instructors, even after graduation, also played a key role in helping to shape her career. In the future, Shaikha hopes to pursue a Master's degree in International Business. Best of luck Shaikha!

ALUMNI - STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

update

The Alumni - Student Mentoring Program (ASMP) has got off to an exciting start, with ten mentoring pairs participating in the pilot program. Student participants include members of each class year, and the alumni come from a variety of class years and professional backgrounds.

The pairs were recently invited to an ASMP Introductory Session held on November 24th 2009 where they were introduced to each other and provided with a

comprehensive manual detailing the program rules, guidelines and expectations.

Mentors and their mentees will meet on a monthly basis throughout the year, and areas of focus may include personal development, career development or academic support.

We look forward to the upcoming year and we wish the best of luck to the mentoring pairs! If you are interested in participating in the program in the future, please contact the Alumni Office at (04) 207 2675 or alumni@ud.ac.ae.



ALUMNI DISCOUNT ON CMPD AND TC COURSES

UD's Center for Management and Professional Development (CMPD) and Technology Center (TC) are offering the following courses:

TECHNOLOGY CENTER

- ICDL batch on Sunday, January 17th from 4:00pm till 6:00pm (every alternate day)
- CCNA Classes for Alumni Candidates will start on Thursday, January 21st from 6:00pm till 9:00pm (every Thursday)
- CCNA Classes for Current UD Students will start on Saturday, January 23rd from 12:00pm till 3:00pm (every Saturday)
- Certificate Ethical Hacker will start on Friday, January 8th from 3:00pm till 6:00pm (weekends)

CENTER FOR MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Professional Certificate in HRM will start on January 10th, 2010
- International Certificate in Purchasing & Supply from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (CIPS, U.K) will start on January 16th, 2010
- Professional Certificate in Secretarial Skills will start on January 18th, 2010
- Certificate in Customer Service from City & Guilds U.K. will start on January 24th, 2010
- Professional Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM, U.K.) will start on February 5th, 2010
- Foundation Diploma in Purchasing & Supply from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (CIPS, U.K) will start on February 8th, 2010
- Certified Management Accountant (CMA) from IMA, USA will start on February 10th, 2010

UD graduates benefit from a 10% discount on courses, so please contact (04) 221-1187 for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Three months have passed since our last newsletter and we are pleased to have introduced and launched a number of initiatives and projects during this time. The first batch of alumni mentors and their student mentees have started meeting and we are sure they will find the ASMP experience to be both engaging and rewarding. The Alumni Networking series was launched in October 2009 with an event for the College of Information Technology graduates, which you can read more about in this newsletter. We are also working closely with the Alumni Association to support the UDAA and Friends Scholarship Fund.

We hope that through these projects and events, we are providing the alumni community with ample opportunities to reconnect with the university and with each other.

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

DECEMBER 24TH:
Dean's Alumni Networking Reception (CBA)

JANUARY 20TH:
Graduating Students' Reception (Introduction to the UDAA)

UD LAUNCHES MBA PROGRAM

The University of Dubai is pleased to announce the launch of its Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). Starting in February, 2010, the program will focus on four areas, which are Accounting and Finance, International Business and Marketing, Leadership and Human Resources Management and Logistics and Operations Management.

The MBA program will provide participants with an opportunity to earn a highly sought-after

degree with an emphasis on applied learning and will be based in the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Also, UD alumni may take advantage of a special 10% discount on the MBA tuition fees.

For more information about the program, including admission criteria and course sequencing, please contact the MBA program office at (04) 222-5411 or mba@ud.ac.ae.



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!

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.

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