

University celebrates top student achievers accomplishments for spring 2020

AUK hosts e-ceremony to announce President & Deans' Honor Roll

KUWAIT CITY, April 8: AUK held its semi-annual President & Deans' Honor Roll ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of top student achievers for the spring 2020 semester. The ceremony was broadcast online on the University's social media accounts where AUK President Dr. Rawda Awwad was featured to congratulate the students on their achievements. The e-ceremony brought in an impressive amount of views from the University community as well as the general public.

Commencing with opening remarks from Dr. Awwad, she praised the awarders and commended their academic achievements amid the current unpredictable circumstances, she said, "I'm recognizing a very special group of you who performed exceptionally during the Spring 2020 semester. You reached out for excellence over and above mediocrity. You were daring and resolute in pushing forward, no matter what. Take charge of your success and make something out of it."

The names of the honor students from the University's three colleges were then shown in the video.

Fifty-one students were awarded a place on the President's Honor Roll - a high distinction exclusively awarded to those who maintained a 4.0 GPA for the semester, while a total of 182 students were recognized for achieving the Dean's Honor List - a distinction awarded to students who maintained a minimum GPA of 3.7.

To view the eCeremony, follow



Dr Rawda Awwad - AUK President.

AUK's official social media account on Instagram @auk_official, and the official YouTube channel AUK Videos.

President's Honor Roll:

Jannah Al Ghanim, Khalid AlKharafi, Maria Saad, Shamlan Al-Hasawi, Munirah Al-Majdali, LujainDamerli, Abdulaziz Redha, Chloe Ramey, Dina Elsayed, Roa'Alawneh, Fawaz Almajed, Nourhan Nour, Malak Hussain, Zamanah Faezi, Husein BuOlayyan, Habiba Anwar, Fay Al Ruwaished, Fadheela Al-Sabah, Melissa AbouFarraj, Modi Al Adwani, Farah Issa, Nagam Abu Ghoush, Farwan Behbehani, Aisha Al Saqabi, Aliya Al-Mutairi, Nour Al Sanea, Leina Bou Fakhreddine, Saja Breja,

Farida Mohamed, Joseph Francis,

Saqer Al Hajeri, AbeerKablaoui, AymanKandil, Farah Hamoudah, Mariam Khalil, Reem Qasem, Ali Alsarraf, Hajar Abdullah, Hala Abou Harb, Ahmad Younis, Dana Buresli, Fatima Matoon, Ali Darwiche, Adnan Kazi, Ali Raies, Omar Raies, Abdalla Elgohary, Abdullah Al-Ansari, Tala Fahs, GhadaHabeb Al-Sahhaf, Nashrah Quraishi, Amal Radhwan, Amer Khosla, Sarah Al Mutairi, Anas Hasan, Sara El Bab, Lavena Jacob, Dana Yousef, Faisal Amarnah, Khushal Zafar, Salah Malek and Amal Kahwaji.

Dean's Honor List, College of Business & Economics:

Ebrahim Al Othman, Zuhair Ali,

Fatemah Al Salameen, Mohammad Alidan, Mayar Azab, Nasser Taha, Leen El Ghazzoui, Sara Al-Hussaini, Ahmad Almutawa, Iman El-Husari, Reina Chahhal, Ammar Ban Bouchi, Randa Mousa, Ahmed Al Thuwaini, Mohamad Dakik, Nada Abdalgadir, Lizzy Fatima Prem, Loyal Akar, Taikhum Burhanuddin, Njoud Al Muhareb, Nour Harb Areej Al Kharafi, Dalia Honeine, Naser Ali, Ali AlShamali, Nour Nassar, Sarah Khalid, Dana Najem, Urooj Mudassar, Osama Al-Harbi, Neeshal Rafi, Huzaiifa Musamuddin, Shogh Farhanian, Nadin Jamal Eddine, Eman Al-Qattan, Ahmad Al Ali, Safwana Basheer, Anouf Alyaqoub, Nadime Bitar, Mariam Kandari, Dina Al-Sabeeh, Yousef Mustafa, Leena Makkaoui, Abdollah Sayadi, Danah Bokubar, Rawan Nabaa, Yousef Fakih, Fatemah BoAbbas, Moneerah Al-Bader, Nora Al-Bader, Hiam Yamout, Mariana Samir Sadek, Shahadalmelhem, Layla Al-Mutawa, Yara Alwahaib, Ali Elkmati, Ali AlSalem Omar Al Haqqa, Abdullah Jiffry Ghouse, Fahad Jandel, Farah Saad, Khaled Alsaad, Abdulrahman Al Khalidi, Abdul Muhsen Al-Beajian and Dalia Al Owisi.

Dean's Honor List, College of Engineering & Applied Sciences:

Fahed Almenifi, Hasan Al Enezi, KhaledAl Arouj, Jumanah Sadeq, Nezar Al Tabaa, Omar Al-Najjar, Amal Al Hulaibi, Mohammed Bazzi, Jawaher Shah, Hajar Shabkough,

Abdullatif Al Qallaf, Ali Alfaili, Khaznah Al Rajhi, Abdullah Al-Anzi, Fatima Al-Mufti, Abdulmohsen Al Najdi, Noura Allahow, Haniyah Al Tabaa, Manar Atieh, Merna Hawary, Rayane Bouhali, Bader Al Jumrah, Jumanah Husain, Maryam Bin-Jassem, Hamad Al-Hendi, Ahmad Al-Houti, Lina Al-Chaarawi, Shahad Al-Khalidi, Ahlam Dashti, Hussain Al-Matrouk, Ibrahim Al-Azmi, Amer Alazemi, Hussien Hammoud, Lubna Al-Jayyar, Sakinah Al-Amer, Fatemah Ameen, Dawood Boland, Amir Al Aghbar, Malak Ahmed, Haya Al-Korki, Anwaar Redha, Rasim Melaab, David Liang, Mustafa Karkour, Abdolaziz Avarian, Laila Dallol, Rawan Abosedo, Majed Al Dhafeeri, Mariam Al Qalsh, Mohammad Al Bayya, Naser Mahdi, Ahmed Abo Elhiba, Ahmad Al-Dulaie, Abdulaziz Al-Mutairi, Amara Abdelghaffar, Shafe Al Subaie, Raghda Alsaqran, Abdulrahman Al-Mesbah, Zeinab Deris, Husain Al Ali, Farah Khalil, Fahad Alfahad, Mishal Almazzi and Abas Al Maayofi.

Dean's Honor List, College of Arts & Sciences:

Reve Charif, Lyla Ibrahim, Muneerah Al-Baidan, Fatmah Al Qallaf, Najlah Albusairi, Tesneem Al-Rashed, Hawraa Jabr, Nasser Al-Mutairi, Rawan Abdal, Sarah Al Yousef, Sara Al-Arbash Serli Bedirian, Ayat Albannai, Wafaa Hassan, Asmaa Al Enezi, Basmah Alshami, Ala'a Al Abdullah, Eva Makki, Latifah Al-

Sabah, Vironika Faragalla, Jumana Khalil, Abdulaziz Al-Suwaileh, Sarah Jassim, Fatima Al-Mariri,

Fatma Al Haddah, Jinan Taqi, Hager Alazab, Fatma Farhan, Joana Shihadeh, Durfishan Rushda, Estabraq Abadi, Zainah Al Douri, Noura Bounassif, Ranya Kholafa, David Muharib, Lara Abdelhaleem, Stephen Sapp, May Al-Qenaqi, Nataly Hamayel, Marah Al-Tatawy, Zaina Al Fadal, Nora Alaati, Badreya Al-Kharji, Ali Abdullah, Nadeen Jalal, Danah Awada, Fahad Al-Qaderi, Hasan Hajjiah, Danah Al Ghadouri, Rawan Boutaiban, Farah Abu Eid, Ahmad Al-Sarraf, Mohammed Nimer, Hawraa Al-Ibrahim, Aya Abdrabou, Dalal Al Khabbaz, Susanna Al-Mufti, Sara Zayed, Rafah Al-Shohaty, Sarah Al-Awwad, Sarah Al-Ameeri, Raghda Al-Mustafa, Dana Ben Salamah, Anwar AlMousawi Noor El Ali, Latifah Al Kandari, Retaj Al-Khalidi, Abdulwahab Al-Othman, Ruqayyah Al Naqi, Fahad Al-Fahad, Sarah Najem, Sarah Raza, Omar Hedeya, Hessah Al Ruwayeh, Joanna El Chanti, Seif Al Aghbar, Athraa Al-Ghadhban, Kumail Ibraheem, Baya Thompson, Heba Al-Hooti, Sabah Al-Sabah, Abdullah Al Khuraibet, Janna Al Roomi, Kha-deija Al-Shimmiri, Malak Al Chmari, Nagham Kheider, Abdullah Al Mas-saeed, Mesk Alhamad, Ashwaq Miari, Mariem Mahmoud, Khaled Al Meshary, Basma Khedr, Salma Hussain and Sarah Al-Hussaini.

IBPC honors top Class X, XII students of Indian schools in Kuwait

Bhavans wins Best Performance School trophy

By Paul Francis X. Fernandes
Arab Times Staff

KUWAIT CITY, April 8: The Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC) honored the students of the Indian schools in Kuwait affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE) at the Indian Embassy Auditorium Saturday evening.

Giving a brief account of the council's activities, President of the IBPC Gurminder Lamba said honoring the Indian students of Indian schools in Kuwait has been one of the council's vital activities to encourage them to scale greater heights, the credit for which goes to the principals of the schools, the teachers and last but not the least to the parents who make ends meet to ensure they give the best to their children to nurture them into future leader of the country.

He also praised the students, who he said, have shown no less enthusiasm in spite of the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and a testimony of this is hundreds of students in both the Class X and XI who has scored above 90 marks aggregate.

"I salute the children," he said, "because education is the blessing for those who are fortunate." He lamented the millions of students who are not fortunate enough to receive education due to several reasons, primarily due to poverty.

Felicitate

The Ambassador of India, HE Sibi George, speaking on the occasion said, "I commend the IBPC team for the initiative to felicitate the meritorious students of the Indian schools in Kuwait. Recognition of talent and hard work of the young achievers is important."

"It carries more relevance when it comes at crucial times like the ones today under the Covid-19 pandemic related challenges faced by young students not only in Kuwait but all over the world. This surely acts as a much needed morale booster and if I may add stress buster. I congratulate the winners today -- children and their schools."

"Humanity as a whole is facing tremendous stress due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic. What we are seeing today is something unique; governments, experts, scientists, businesses, students, our common men and women, young and old, are all grappling with these extraordinary circumstances. It has been over a year now but the situation due to Covid 19 continues to evolve and perplex us. Many parts of the world including here in Kuwait are experiencing what experts have termed as the "second wave" of peak infections.

"I know it is tough but we need to pay the price for the health and safety of ourselves and our loved ones. I also know that it is particularly hard on our children," the ambassador said.

"Our school children," the ambassador went on to say, are facing the multiple challenges on account of a number of factors, including the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, restrictions on their school operations; dislocations and separation from friends, teachers, guides; uncertainties related to forthcoming examinations including final CBSE examinations and so on.

"Despite all this, I am proud of the fact that our students have shown exemplary courage and resilience in dealing with every challenge that life under Covid-19 has thrown at them. We as elders understand their concerns; their anxiety and their nervousness. To allay their fears and genuine concerns, I had recently sent personal letters to all students at Indian schools in Kuwait."

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate to all the dear students that they should leave their worries to us. We at the Embassy, along with our School authorities and our concerned authorities in Kuwait and India including CBSE, will do everything that is humanly possible to ensure that the final examinations are conducted in as safe and orderly manner as possible



Ambassador handing over the Best Performance School Class XII trophy to T. Premkumar of Bhavans. Standing next to the Ambassador is Ria Pinto who secured 99 percent in Class X holding the other trophy.



AUK President Dr. Rawda Awwad and Algonquin College - Kuwait President Dr. Dave McHardy sign articulation agreement.



AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad and Algonquin College - Kuwait President Dr. Dave McHardy along with AC's acting academic dean and PR coordinator.

Agreement to benefit students

AUK, Algonquin College - Kuwait sign an 'articulation agreement'

KUWAIT CITY, April 8: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) entered into an articulation agreement with Algonquin College - Kuwait to guarantee a seamless credit transfer process for students and provide a smooth transition from one related program to another. It supports consolidated future academic and course-related collaborations and grants students the opportunity to readily transfer their credits.

AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad elaborated on AUK's aim for this agreement, "The education of students in Kuwait is and will continue to be a priority for AUK. We value the agreement with Algonquin College-Kuwait as we value providing students a unique opportunity to pursue an American-style liberal arts education for the betterment of our future."

Dr. Awwad and Algonquin College president, Dr. David McHardy were both present at the signing of this mutual contract. Alongside them

were the AUK college deans and vice president for students affairs; and Dr. AmaniHasan, acting academic dean at Algonquin College - Kuwait.

Commenting on the new agreement, Algonquin College - Kuwait president, Dr. Dave McHardy said, "This agreement provides students with specific pathways from AC-Kuwait diplomas to AUK degrees and is an excellent example of private colleges and universities working collaboratively and systematically for the benefit of students in Kuwait. What this agreement means for students is that, if they graduate from high school with a Grade Point Average (GPA) that is too low to gain admission to AUK directly, they can register with AC-Kuwait, complete a diploma, and then transfer their credits to AUK and pursue a degree."

This agreement commenced in the spring of 2021. To accommodate further collaborations, the contract will be evaluated and reviewed on a biennial basis.



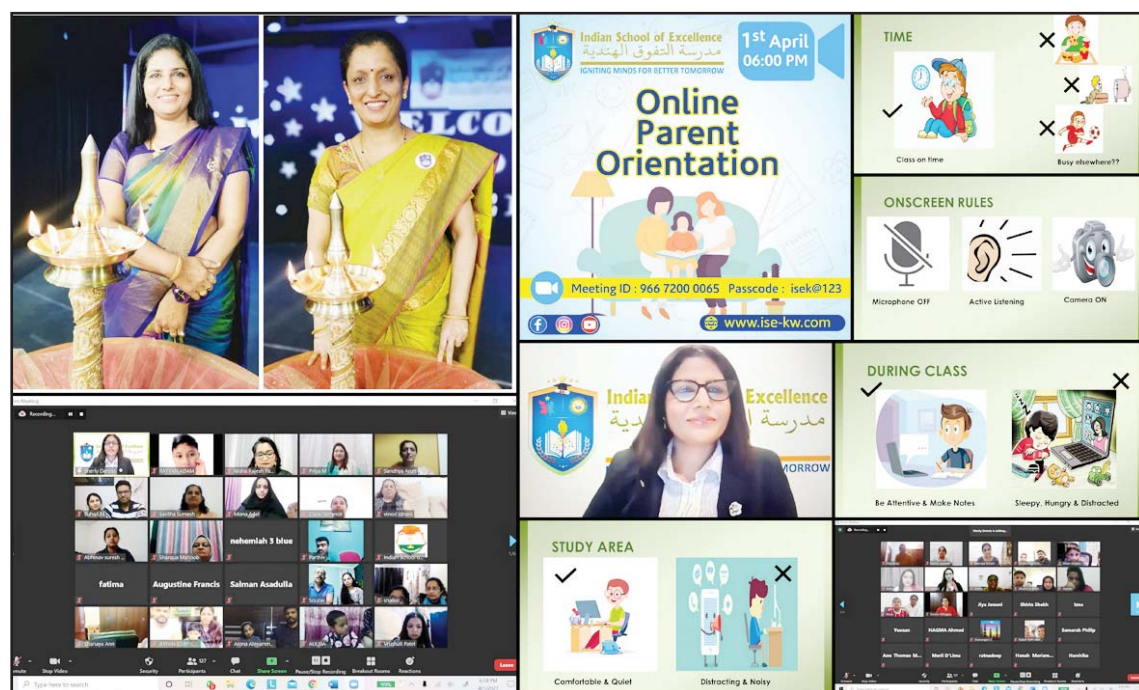
A photo from the event.

Future Eye Theatre Kuwait members visit Indian Ambassador Sibi George

KUWAIT CITY, April 8: Future Eye Theatre Kuwait members, visited Indian Ambassador Sibi George on March 31, 2021. Future eye theatre president Shemej Kumar K.K explained about the activities of the organization and presented the highlights of the theatre production of Future Eye Theatre.

General Secretary of Future Eye

Theatre Vattiyoorkaavu Krishna Kumar, Lady Convenor Mrs. Remya Ratheesh, joint secretary Unnikaimal and another executive member Santhosh Kumar Vattath participated in the discussions related to post Covid theatre activities. His Excellency Sibi George offered all supports and for the future activities of Future eye theatre Kuwait.



Indian School of Excellence Kuwait online parent orientation photo.

New Academic Year started April 5

ISE Kuwait holds online parent orientation

KUWAIT CITY, April 8: Virtual life has become the most common trends of all. From family reunions, gatherings to celebrations, each of us relies on the virtual life to connect with our dear ones in the current situation. Team ISEK too connected virtually with their parents on April 1, to commence the beginning of the upcoming Academic Year.

The Parent Orientation was held to give the parents a clear idea on what to expect during the upcoming virtual session, how to support their children to excel in the best way possible with lot more fun.

The welcome address by the Principal, Mrs Sheryl Dennis, was short and crisp and yet key to getting the most

important point across to the parents to give the children freedom of expression through activities instead of giving them gadgets. She put the point across to parents not as a Principal, but a parent herself, saying how important it is for the children to have some dedicated time from parents instead of material things.

Mrs Sandhya Arun shared details on the various aspects of the virtual classes, from timings to the platform especially designed for ISEK. She also gave more clarifications on how Digital Learning Suite (DLS) will be playing a vital role in not only connecting the students and teachers but also teachers and parents.

Classes can be extremely communicative, colorful and sometimes noisy and a lot of fun when it is conducted physically. Virtual classes have changed the outlook for so many students and teachers. The methods used for teaching have become more innovative, students can attend from any part of the world and still stay connected. The guidelines shared through presentation, will definitely help the parents and students to make virtual learning more effective and easier.

Excitement as well as positive energy was as vibrant as the smiles on the faces of all the parents. ISEKTeam is eagerly waiting for the New Academic Year from 5th April 2021.

and they will not lose an academic year under any circumstances. I urge the students to focus on their studies at this crucial stage. I am sure that they will all excel with flying colors. My congratulations to all the winners; and best wishes to all the young participants."

One of the important elements of these celebrations, the Indian envoy said, is to promote the economic engagement between our two countries. In this our business associations like IBPC could play a very important role. IBPC has been one of the most active forums and Embassy looks forward to

work closely with IBPC and our business chambers and groups to organize a series of events to celebrate our 60th and 75th anniversaries.

The students were honored with bronze, silver and gold medals. The bronze and silver medalists were requested to collect their individual medals from their respective schools due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19 pandemic. The gold medals were collected by the students in person or their parents.

The criteria for the prize-winners were that the students must be study-

ing in Indian schools in Kuwait, must be Indians and the schools must be affiliated to the CBSE and the prizes were given away only to those who answered the Class X who secured more than 95 percent and Class XII who secured more than 97 percent and in spite of this hundreds of students were the recipients of the bronze medal.

The highlight of the evening was that the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Indian Educational School walked away with both Best Performance School in the Class X and Class XII category.