

American university announces founding dean

AUK introduces new College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) President Dr Rawda Awwad announced the opening of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS) in the start of the new 2019/2020 academic year. Commending the efforts of the university staff and faculty in establishing the College, Dr Awwad said, "The establishment of CEAS culminates the extensive efforts of the two departments over the last few years and is in line with the University's continued endeavor at streamlining its academic administration with a focus on enhancing its strategic plan and program development."

Dr Awwad also announced the appointment of Dr Amir Zeid as the founding dean of CEAS. Dr Zeid joined AUK in 2007 as Assistant Professor of Computer Science and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2013. He received his PhD in 2000

in Computer Science from Carleton University, Canada. He comes to this position with over 20 years of experience and distinct competencies drawn from providing strategic and technical leadership within the industrial, academic, and research domains.

Since 2008, Dr Zeid held a range of positions that contributed significantly to AUK's liberal arts philosophy through supporting student engagement and innovation. In 2014, Dr Zeid founded the Center for Research in Informatics Sciences and Engineering (RISE), AUK's first scientific center for research and outreach, which brought major international innovation events, including NASA Space Apps Challenge, TEDx AUK, and Microsoft Imagine Cup Kuwait, to AUK. He is the recipient of notable international awards and grants, the latest of which was the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) grant by the US Department of

State. With a combination of over 75 publications, conference papers, and grants, Dr Zeid is a renowned keynote speaker and interdisciplinary researcher. His research interests include global software engineering, cloud computing, STEM education gender gap, and adaptive learning systems.

Teamwork

Commenting on the opening of the new college, Dr Zeid said, "We never slow down in our quest for innovation and advancement, and today we are again reminded that this quest is worth all our efforts and teamwork. One of the founding principles of the newly-established College of Engineering and Applied Sciences is a commitment to excellence in teaching and research. Built on a liberal arts model, the CEAS will advocate a multidisciplinary approach to education and research through its three



Dr Amir Zeid

major bodies: Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Department of Computer Science and Information Systems (CSIS), and Center for Research in Informatics, Sciences, and Engineering (RISE)."

The college houses two departments that were previously part of the College of Arts and Sciences – Department of Engineering that

offers the following programs: Bachelor of Engineering (BE) in Computer Engineering, and BE in Electrical Engineering which are both accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology; and the Department of Computing which offers the following programs: Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Computer Science which is accredited by the ABET Computing Accreditation Commission, the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology; and a BSc degree program in Information Systems. The college also introduced the BE degree program in Systems Engineering as the newest major in the university under the Engineering Department.

KMA



Some of the photos from KMA Summer Courses.

'Summertime – Joy of Music'

Kuwait Music Academy Summer Course 2019 a huge success

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 23: Almost everyone knows the 'Summertime', – the everlasting hit by Georg Gershwin, and probably a majority of us like or even love it.

The summer calendar is very much in the running and so the hot and partly humid weather. However with the beginning of new scholastic year it is just the perfect time for a summary of this year's summertime.

Not everybody is lucky enough to enjoy the long summer holidays. Mainly because it is just 'a couple' of weeks and it means many Kuwaitis and expatriates spend part of summer in the country, with their families, including children.

This is a source of rapidly growing popularity of various summer courses during that period. The

children are offered other activities instead of sitting glued to the TV or computer or even worse their cell phones and so on and the more spontaneous open air



A photo from the event.

activities are limited because of the scorching heat, among other reasons.

As an answer that trend and social demands, many schools and institutions tried to organize summer courses, camps or other form of activities. Three years ago the Kuwait Music Academy also organized its first musical summer courses.

"This year the summer courses really very successful. The courses were conducted over a three-month period right after the schools closed in June for summer recess, July and much part of August.

Scores of participants or both sexes irrespective of their age – from preschool age to adults – joined the course and very much enjoyed playing the piano, flute and violin. Everyone enjoyed

just singing and – playing music.

The soul of KMA Summer Course 2019 was our former, honorary graduate student, beneficiary of KMA scholarship, Teji Wang. She is a young lady of Chinese origin, grew up and studied in Kuwait (under the tutelage of Karol Masternak). At the moment she is studying in at the University of Pennsylvania in the US and is a member of famous Ivy League.

Miss Teji Wang was also the winner of numerous music competitions in Kuwaiti and the Gulf Region (UAE, Dubai) on piano, flute and violin (Grand Prix, Chopin Prize, the Best Female, the Most Promising) as well as holding Diplomas with Distinction on Piano and Flute of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music,

London, UK.

These are achievements worth appreciating but Teji Wang except for some level of perfection also discovered the secret of the joy of music and the way of sharing it with listeners and pupils.

A lot of photos and records as well as Internet reaction and many participants who continue to adventure with music, say the young artiste and teacher, Teji Wang, our former student is a perfect guide for many to enter that miraculous garden of music. It confirms the sense of organizing the 'Joy of Music'.

The KMA is happy and proud of it. The Summertime tune once more deeply conquered the hearts and imagination of participants during the KMA Summer Courses.