



## PREMIER SPORT ACADEMY HOLDS FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL AND CARNIVAL

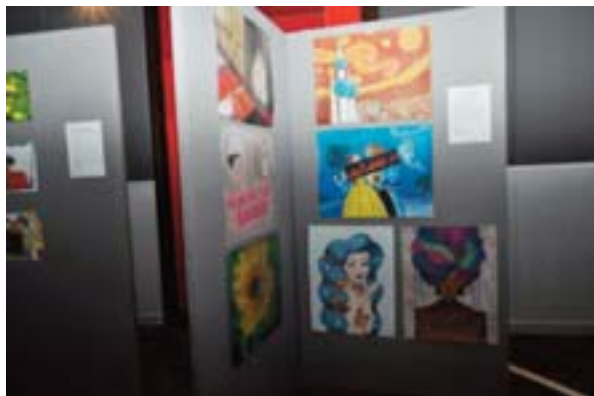
The Premier Sport Academy in association with Everton FC, under the sponsorship of Porsche Centre Kuwait, Behbehani Motors Company, held their 2017 Spring Festival of Football and Carnival event at Bayan Park on April 8. In total, over 600 players aged 3 to 17 participated in the Porsche Centre Kuwait sponsored event, including teams from the PSA/Everton Coaching Courses and Everton Centre of Excellence, as well as a number of private schools and academies from across Kuwait.

A huge turnout of enthusiastic parents and spectators cheered on and encouraged the players, who were superbly organized and guided by their coaches throughout a series of exciting matches. The players demonstrated great skills, sportsmanship and an abundance of effort and commitment. There was also a youth Basketball tournament taking place alongside the football with six teams of boys and girls competing in the battle of the hoops.

There were also lots of attractions enjoyed by all, including the Porsche Kids Driving School, where the children took time out from the football to drive the Porsche pedal

cars around the specially designed road circuit to promote road and traffic safety. Move one provided the inflatable with Kids Land and Fitness First organizing the games to ensure everyone was kept busy and having fun in between the football and basketball matches. Colonel Finlay McLean, the Defense Attache of the British Embassy, attended as Guest of Honor, along with several other VIP guests.

Medals were presented to all participants, as well as certificates of appreciation to event sponsors and supporters. Colonel McLean expressed his appreciation and recognition for the collective effort behind such an important community event, and congratulated all the players and coaches who took part. Presentations were made to the event sponsors Porsche Centre Kuwait, Behbehani Motors Company and Sports Direct. The final six week PSA coaching course of the season in football and basketball will commence April 14, 2017 at Bayan and everyone aged 3 to 18 years is welcome to participate.



## AUK HOLDS ITS 12TH ANNUAL ACADEMIC SHOWCASE

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) held its 12th Annual Academic Showcase on April 26, 2017. This event highlights the achievements of AUK students across varying disciplines through presentations, performances and displays. The ultimate goal of the showcase is to provide an opportunity for students to further their education and careers, and to expose the public and the entire student body to the various disciplines at AUK.

The showcase covered a variety of presentations, ranging from educational presentations, visual artwork, and academic field trips, in addition to different music and drama performances, including a faculty duet performance. The all-day Art and Graphic Design Student Exhibition were displayed under the supervision of Professors William Andersen, Claire Giddings, Maryam Hosseinnia, Joo Won Lee, Clark Stoeckley, and Jasmine Singh.

Under the Academic Project Displays, students Batoul Al-Salman and Laila Al-Haddad displayed their Computer Engineering project, Solving Ordinary Differential Equations Using Digital Hardware under the supervision of Professor Issam Damaj. Students Rawan Al-Fouzan and Loulwah Al-Qattan displayed their Computer Engineering project, Bellman-Ford Algorithm in Hardware under the supervision of Professor Issam Damaj.

Students Ali Kelkawi and Rouaa Diab displayed their Computer Engineering project, A Color-Based Sorting Machine under the supervision of Professor Mohammed El-Abd. Students Bader Al-Kandari, Mohammed Hayat, Nasser Al-Hammadi, Waleed Madi, Ghazi Al-Sharaf and Henda Al-Sulaili displayed their Intensive English Program project, Reading Strategies under the supervision of Professor Sherrie Smith.

The Academic Showcase Program included presentations from English students Laila Al-Arabi, Dina Al-Hajased, Abdulateef Al-Amir, Jassim Al-Gharaballi for their work, volunteering with LOYAC under the supervision of Professor Inas Mahfouz. English students Danah Al-Alawi, Mariam Kotb, Yassin Al-Torgoman and Lulwa Al-Sharrah presented their project, Borrowed Culinary Words in Arabic under the supervision of Professor Inas Mahfouz.

Social and Behavioral Sciences student Sarah Sadeq presented her project, The Link Between Obesity and Cancer under the supervision of Professor Pellegrino Luciano. The Music Department also contributed to the showcase with performances from students including, Ahmed Fahs singing



"Sixteen Going on Seventeen" with staff member, Monica Matta playing the cello. Students Shaima Ali and Mishari Al-Khalifa played the violin and piano respectively, while students Areeg Ahmed, Mofeeda Al-Arabi and Salwa Al-Abdulsalam sang while Professor Masternak played the piano.

Student Abdulrahman Al-Ben Ali sang the piece "Amarilli" while Professor Masternak played the piano. Students Mai Hamouda and Rawan Bnayyan performed "Stars" on the piano and cello respectively. Student Yasser Zaroo sang while Professor Masternak played the piano. "Castle on the Cloud" was performed by student Tasneem Krar on the piano, and Hadeel Al-Hubail, Fajer Al-Fadallah, and Noura Bounassef on guitars. Students Sherifa Al-Khulaifi, RayaneBouhali, Salwa Al-Abdulsalam sang while Professor Masternak played the piano. "Memory" was sung by student Catherine El-Neaman while Professor Masternak played the piano.

Student Nada Shehada sang "I Don't Know How to Love Him" while Professor Masternak played the piano. Student Noura Al-Mutawah performed a piece on the drums, and Professor Agnieska Fajga's xylophone class concluded the music showcase with a group performance. A project entitled, The Mask Project was displayed by Professor Jasmine Singh for an art class. Communication students Jassim Gharaballi, Nada Al-Kharafi, Zaid Al-Orafani, PearlHaidar, Shaikha Tamimi and Alaa Al-Dosari presented their project, Still Ads and Video under the supervision of Professor Mohammed Akbar.

Translation students Nada Abdou, Dina Zabin, Shoug Haidar, Noora Bin Shmilan and Georges Massoud presented their project, Media Translation-Dubbing under the supervision of Professor Mohammed Akbar. Communications students Nadeen Al-Ebrahim, Bibi Al-Ghanim, Farah Al-Khalidi



and Sumayia Al-Rumaidhi presented their project, Documentary Production under the supervision of Professor Mohammed Akbar.

Finance student Masswo Issi presented his project, US Housing Bubbles under the supervision of Professor Wafaa Sbeiti. Graphic Design students Zara Aslam and Sara Tayeh presented their project, Islamic Influence in Contemporary Typographic Patterns under the supervision of Professor Claire Giddings. Art students Maryam Al-Kandary, Nour Al-Ramy, Hala Al-Ghadban and NastaranMohammadi presented their project, Academic Field Trip to Italy under the supervision of Professors Antonia Stamos and William Andersen.

The Intensive English Program concluded the event with a dramatic rendition of "Scenes from Frankenstein and Dr. Jekyll", which is part of the "Act the Novel" project that encourages IEP students to read a novel and personally reenact the story using their own costume designs, props and stage layout. Students AbdelazizRedha, PouriyaPaidar, Mohammed Dakik, Mohammed Atash, Alia Elshanaey, Fatma Al-Aqash, Fatma Al-Mariri, JomanahSaif, AlHanouf Al-Mutairi, Fawaz Al-Mouli, Amal Redwan, GhezlanAlazmi were among the performers.

"Our student's educational journey is one of collaboration: the academic showcase celebrates the individual and collective efforts of our students and faculty, fostering critical thinking, creating, and in turn making the world a better place. It has been our tradition over the past 12 years and will continue to be one that that provides an opportunity for students to share their accomplishments, and allows the campus community to experience learning, teaching, and scholarly activity at its best," said AUK Provost, Dr. Rawda Awwad.

## FACILITATIVE LEADERSHIP AT THE KNOWLEDGE CLUB 2017

The Knowledge Club 2017 brings to Kuwait an illuminating 2-day workshop: Facilitative leadership Skills - which will provide attendees with the key strategies of performance and process tools that they can embed into their day-to-day service and operations ensuring high performing, high functioning and efficiency within their teams & organizations. During the workshop, attendees will understand the difference between leadership, management and facilitative leadership.

Leaders will learn to facilitate staff work through the analysis and improvement of day-to-day work processes using LEAN process analysis as well as build one's own plan for facilitative leadership. The highly informative workshop will be conducted by Kathrina Loeffler, founder and executive director of Facilitated Improvement for Corporate Success (FICS) and Christian Vulpe, certified professional facilitator and general manager at FICS and has been design for top level management and leaders who are responsible to lead people in organizations of any kind.

Kathrina Loeffler has been the Director of Learning and Development at Accreditation Canada where she turned an "at-risk" department into the highest functioning and most satisfied department in the organization using facilitative leadership strategies.

For over 30 years she has been working with leaders to develop practical, action-oriented operational plans for their organizations. She is also a Certified LEAN Practitioner, Licensed LEADS Facilitator & Certified John Maxwell affiliate member.

Christian Vulpe is a certified professional facilitator who graduated from McGill University with a Master of Education in Educational Psychology. He is a gifted presenter and natural facilitator who leads the work of Facilitated Improvement for Corporate Success (FICS) with finesse. His areas of focus at McGill University was studying happiness at work and he has been nominated as one of "30 under 30" representatives at the Learning 2016 Masie Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The Facilitative Leadership skills workshop will be held on May 16 and 17, 2017 at Hilton Resort, Mangaf - Burgan Meeting room from 9am to 3pm and is organized by Vigor Events & Co-Organized by ALGAS Events Company. Members of the Knowledge Club this year includes Hadi Clinic as Gold Member, Warba Bank as Silver Member, Kuwait Oil Company and Platinum Gym as Corporate members and media support from the International Advertising Association (Kuwait Chapter).

## KUWAIT ELITE SWIMMING TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE IN H2O INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

For the fourth consecutive time, Kuwait Elite Swimming Team recently won the first place in the H2O International Championship recently held and concluded in Qatar with participation of over 30 worldwide clubs. In this regard, Kuwait Elite Company's CEO, Meshari Al-Rezuqi said that the team was generally ranked first amongst clubs with a total number of points of 2090, which was 252 point more than the second winner. He added that the team also won over 60 various medals and that six of the team members won special cups as best swimmers in various phases.

