

Students get invaluable insights into design industry

AUK’s Art and Graphic Design Dept hosts talk by illustrator Marwan

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: The American University of Kuwait’s (AUK) Department of Art and Graphic Design hosted a talk by Zahra Marwan, an artist and illustrator who discussed her career in Kuwait and New Mexico. Moderated by associate professor of art and graphic design, Clark Stoeckley, the talk gave students the opportunity to get an insider’s perspective through being exposed to a leading designer’s art-work.

Zahra began by discussing her career path. Working as a traditional artist with watercolor and ink, she creates work that reflects her cultural roots in Kuwait and her life now in New Mexico. Zahra showed her entire process of illustrating and authoring children’s books, including reference photography, concept



Zahra Marwan during her presentation.

sketches, drafts sent to her editors, and the final layout.

During the presentation, she read her debut picture book, *Where Butterflies Fill the Sky*, published by Bloomsbury Books in 2022 and named one of the New York Times / New York Public Library Best Illustrated books.

Commenting on the event, professor Stoeckley highlighted the significance of such talks and why they are important to host, “Through these guest lectures, AUK Design majors are exposed to real-world successful artists, designers, and entrepreneurs to hear their stories and advice and to build awareness of the expectations of the field. Our students can interact with leading authors, designers, and illustrators, learn

about their career path, research, writing, and work, and hear of the best practices to develop a unique identity.”

The event concluded with a Q&A session in which the audience asked thought-provoking questions, instigating engaging dialogue and discussion. Events as such provide students with invaluable insights into the design industry and the opportunity to learn from experts to apply key theoretical concepts to real-life experiences.

Zahra Marwan holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Mexico in Languages and Literature, with a minor in Flamenco Dance and History and a minor in Philosophy. She studied the visual arts in France works with museums, non-profits, theater companies, and cultural cen-

ters. She is honored with the UN Human Rights Commission award for creating art that brings visibility to indigenous groups and minority rights. She maintains her studio at the Harwood Art Center, where she incorporates Kuwaiti tendencies into her daily life.

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and co-educational liberal arts institution of higher education.

The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning.

The language of instruction is English. More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at www.auk.edu.kw

Over 100 players take part

IBAK holds Chairman’s Cup 2023 tournament



IBAK’s Chairman’s Cup 2023 tournament

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: Indian Badminton Association- Kuwait (IBAK) held an extravagant and nerve wrecking badminton – The Chairman’s Cup 2023 -- featuring talents of over 100 players in the following categories:

1. Men’s Singles; 2. Men’s Professional Doubles; 3. Men’s Advanced Doubles; 4. Men’s Doubles 50+; 5. Mixed Doubles.

The matches kicked off at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 23 at the IBAK gym, Salwa. Mohammed Al Salem, Principal Saad Al Awzi School was the chief guest. IBAK Torpedoes, IBAK Arrows, ABC Vikings, Victor, United Sports Club, Raptors Riggae, RBC Kuwait, IBCK teams participated in the tournament.

The Indian Badminton Association-Kuwait (IBAK) was founded in April 2010 as a non- profit organization committed to the popularization and development of the game of badminton in Kuwait.

IBAK enjoys the patronage of the Indian Embassy of Kuwait with the distinction of being the only association in Kuwait of which the Office of the Ambassador of India to Kuwait is the chief Patron member.

In the short span of 12 years, IBAK has grown to over 1500 registered members, where more than 300 active regular members are using this opportunity. IBAK offers our member’s regular playing sessions in the evenings between 5.30 pm to 10.30 pm every day at the IBAK Salwa gym.

IBAK also conducts competitive tournaments throughout the year and participates in overseas tournaments too

Aligned with its vision, IBAK has introduced an annual coaching program for beginners and advanced players. The coaching is conducted by our in-house well-trained coaching team. For coaching registrations contact Ajayakumar Vasudevan –98052789 & Ramesh Chandra-97889437

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A collage of photos from the event.

Oxford Pakistan English School marks Hala February

On Tuesday, Feb 21, Oxford Pakistan English School, Jleeb celebrated Kuwait National & Liberation Day.

Students from KG to 8th Grade performed on National songs choreographed by Ms. Hiba Hussain, Ms. Saudha Ameer, Ms. Shaheen Haroon, Ms. Anum Farooq and Ms. Sameera.

Traditional sweets were shared amongst the educa-

tors and peers.

Students and faculty wore traditional clothes to depict their love for their beloved home land.

Respected Principal Khalid Khan Lodhi and Vice Principal Ms. Safa Abdullah appreciated the performances on Kuwaiti National songs and wished everyone a very Happy Eid Al Watani.

Indian associations mark Kuwait’s national days

IEF-K and BDK hold joint blood donation campaign

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: Indian Engineers Forum Kuwait (IEF-K) and Blood Donors Kerala (BDK) Kuwait Chapter organized a joint blood donation drive at Jabria Central Blood Bank on Feb 22, under the social services scheme of IEF-K. It was also associated with the National and Liberation Day celebrations of the State of Kuwait and furthermore a response to the campaign call from Blood Bank under the slogan, “My blood for Kuwait.”

Indian Engineers Forum-Kuwait is an active association of the Indian Engineers working in Kuwait with various fields of expertise. Indian Engineers Forum-Kuwait is closely involved with understanding of the issues of Indian engineers working in Kuwait and taking it with the Indian Embassy in Kuwait including giving back to the society in Kuwait through numerous socio-welfare initiatives such as blood donation and clean environment through beach/garden cleanup drives in Kuwait. The Blood Donation camp witnessed an impressive response from the members of the organization and from the public as well.

Program was formally inaugurated by IEF-K Founder and ex- President Vaikunth R Shenoy. He stressed on the importance of social and cultural activities to maintain the harmony and vitality of the society and the pivotal role engineers can play in that. There are a sequence of activities scheduled in that perspective, the next program in the row is a clean beach campaign; he added.

IEF-K was honored with a memento for their social services and exemplary skills in the execution of the blood donation camp; memento was presented by Rajan Thottathil BDK.

BEC Exchange, the business partners of BDK Kuwait chapter sponsored the blood donation drive. BDK members Sophy Rajan, Nalinakshan Olavara, Vinitha, Biji Murali, Unnikrishnan, Niyas, Nimish, Jayan and IEF-K General Secretary: Bency K Baby, Secretary Sreeraj Rajan, Cultural Secretary: Suneeth Noronha and IEF-K members: Meril, Vivek, Santhosh, Sajo, Chandan, Sachin, Shadab volunteered their services to the successful execution of the donation camp.



A group photo from the event.



UCMAS Kuwait students during public speaking workshop.

Rhetorics holds public speaking workshop for UCMAS students

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: Rhetorics Kuwait held a Public Speaking demonstration workshop for UCMAS Kuwait students in Block 12, Salmiya on Feb 19, 2023.

More than 40 students and their parents attended this session, which covered the advantages of public speaking and communication for students aged 7 to 17. Students attempted impromptu

topics, participated in group activities, and practiced speaking in front of an audience during the workshop.

Raajesh Venugopal, Founder of Rhetorics, led the workshop, which included an overview of various elements of public speaking, group activities, and a workshop for all parents.

Mrs. Annu Thomas, Chief Coordi-

nator - UCMAS, concluded the session by emphasizing the importance of teaching today’s generation public speaking skills.

Rhetorics is one of Kuwait’s first public speaking academies, serving students aged 7 to 17, with the goal of improving public speaking skills, diction, communication skills, and overall personality development.

DAI Storytime is celebrating

GIRL POWER

WE ARE STRONG! INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 8

On 4 March, Canadian Ambassador Aliya Mawani will read *My Name is Not Isabella*, the story of a girl who has some pretty amazing role models.

On 11 March, Australian Ambassador Melissa Kelly will read *This Girl Can*, about a girl who knows she can be whatever she wants.

Storytime at Amricani celebrates girl power.

4 March and 11 March, 3:30

Amricani Cultural Centre

A flyer of the event.



A photo from the event.

Album released Feb 22

Mujtaba Creations unveils poster of its sixth album ‘Eid Al Kuwait’

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 28: Popular Group of Companies Managing Prashanthan Bahrain has released the poster of the new musical album “Eid Al Kuwait” directed by Habib Mutichoore under the banner of Mujtaba Creations as part of Kuwait’s Republic - Independence Day celebrations.

Associate Director Ashraf Churout, Lulu Exchange Operations Head Shafaz Ahmed and Mubarak Kambrath

were present at the launch event held at Costa del Sol Hotel in Shab.

It’s the 6th album of the Mujtaba Creations team, which has been releasing an album in various languages every year with lyrics in different languages.

Habib Mutichoore announced that the video musical album released on February 22nd at 7:00 pm Kuwait time through the Millennium YouTube channel.