



# AUK GRADUATES CLASS OF 2025

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) held its graduation commencement for the class of 2025 on Wednesday, 25th June conferring the degrees on 424 graduates - 158 of which were from the College of Arts and Sciences, 143 from the College of Business and Economics and 123 from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Amongst the 2025 cohort, 7 graduates were awarded highest honors (summa cum laude), 30 awarded high honors (magna cum laude) and 45 awarded honors (cum laude).



Held at The Arena Kuwait, the graduation ceremony was attended by Sheikha Dana Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, founder and chair of AUK's Board of Trustees, members of the AUK board of trustees, diplomats, dignitaries and families of this year's graduates.

Following the national anthem and the Holy Quran recitation, AUK President, Dr. Rawda Awwad reflected on the unique synergy between the nation's cultural heritage and the University's academic vision. Drawing attention to the deep-rooted values that shape both Kuwait and AUK, she stated, "With its long-standing commitment to education, its enduring spirit of hospitality, and its deep civic values, Kuwait offers a cultural foundation that resonates



profoundly with the ideals of a liberal arts education. It is this harmonious convergence - of global perspective and local tradition - that gives AUK its distinctive character and enduring relevance."

The secretary-general of the Private Universities Council, Mr. Adel Ahmed Al-Bader spoke inspiringly to the graduates, stating that they are the driving force who are tasked with elevating Kuwait to new heights on the global stage through innovation, leadership and commitment.

This year's keynote speech was delivered by Her Excellency, Aliya Mawani, Ambassador of Canada to the State of Kuwait. She emphasized the importance of honing the skills acquired by the graduates during their time at AUK to inflict positive impacts, "The world beyond AUK will test your character and what you have learned here. In those moments, remember who you are, embrace your superpower, and use your



unique talents and perspectives to write your own story and make your contribution to your communities, to Kuwait, and to the world in the way that feels true for you."

Following the keynote address, AUK's vice president for Student Affairs, Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Farhan, announced the class valedictorian, Yousef Al-Hamad, who earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering with a minor in mathematics and a cumulative GPA of 3.94.

During his speech, Yousef reflected on the journey shared by the graduating class and offered an inspiring message of gratitude and hope, "Let us carry forward all our experiences into the brighter future, as each and every single one of them has shaped us just as they've shaped all those around us. Let us cherish these wonderful memories as we use them to soar higher through whatever life throws at us."

The event then proceeded to



the part of the ceremony most anticipated by the students - the distribution of their earned degrees. Upon the recommendations of the deans - Dr. Ali Charara, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Mohammad Elian, dean of the College of Business and Economics; and Dr. Mohamed El-Abd, dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, President Awwad conferred upon the graduates their respective degrees. The graduates were then awarded their diplomas by President Awwad and respective college deans.

In keeping with the academic tradition, the graduates were requested to shift their tassels from right to left, thereby marking their official graduation from AUK. As the ceremony drew to its conclusion, the graduating class celebrated the occasion and took photos with their parents.

AUK is a prestigious institution renowned for its commitment



to academic excellence. Offering a diverse range of accredited undergraduate programs, the campus fosters collaboration and cultural diversity. AUK's state-of-the-art facilities include modern classrooms equipped with cutting-edge technology and research laboratories, and students also enjoy recreational facilities such as the gymnasium and lounge. AUK is dedicated to empowering students with knowledge, skills, and experiences that transcend the classroom, shaping future leaders and change-makers.

AUK currently offers 16-degree programs in various academic disciplines. AUK received its institutional accreditation from the Private Universities Council (PUC) in Kuwait in 2006. The College of Business & Economics is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); the College of Arts and Sciences is accredited by the American Academy



for Liberal Education (AALE); its Bachelor of Arts in Design (concentration in graphic design) is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD); and the Intensive English Program is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA); the Computer Science program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

