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Library Senior Manager

**Welcome Note from the Manager of the Library**

RUW welcomes all the students to RUW library. In this era of Internet, the role of library is more vital especially in the university environment, when the Information and Communication Technologies are changing so rapidly. In RUW library, we keep pace to adopt new technologies, try to provide access to the vast majority of published and digital academic resources and equip our users to be self-sufficient in finding, organizing and deploying information effectively.

Consistent with the mandate of Royal University for women, RUW library plays central role in providing ready access to the information resources and services needed for the University's core business: education & research.

Located in B block of RUW premises, the library has easy access to all faculty and students. Spread over four zones: Silent Zone, Reading cum Discussion Zone, Research Cabins and Audio Visual Room, library strives to present operational functionality in a user-friendly manner.

RUW library ensures to acquire and archive comprehensive resources obtained from numerous sources pertaining to all courses offered by RUW namely, Art & Design, Business and Financial Sciences, Law, Information Technology and Center for General Studies. Besides having more than 7,200 printed resources, library has sizable collection of electronic resources in the form of CD's, DVD's, and archives of journals, faculty publications and selected students research projects. Along with, library is subscribing to forty three print and online academic journals.

Aiming from acquire to access; the library subscribes to online databases too: 'Proquest- Research Library', 'Proquest – ABI Inform Complete', 'Proquest ebrary' databases giving access to millions of e books and academic research articles. Library has also been gifted by Kuwaiti Society for Students Support (KSSS) 51,907 e-books free to download within RUW network. To maintain the originality and avoid plagiarism, the software 'Turnitin' is also being subscribed by the library.

Furthermore, library keep organizing frequent workshops, orientation and training programmes for faculty and students with an aim to nurture information literacy skills and to become information literate.

RUW library ensures its full support to users while it strives to meet their ongoing needs.

**RUW Vision**

"The Royal University for Women will become the regional leader in academic excellence for women. Programmes and practices that meet international standards will prepare our graduates to become leaders who are engaged members of their society demonstrating initiative & life-long habits of learning and individual development. The RUW graduate will be creative, confident and forward thinking."

**RUW Mission**

To offer our students a rewarding and challenging multi-cultural learning environment that cultivates strong, well-rounded personalities, encourages leadership, and builds character, social consciousness and community. To realize our commitment to teaching, learning, research and service through the activities of all members of the University community.

**Academic Programmes Offered at RUW**

- Centre for General Studies
  - English for Academic Success
- College of Art and Design
  - Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
  - Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
  - Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
  - Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
  - Bachelor of Architecture in Architectural Design
  - Master of Arts in Design Management
  - Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting
- College of Business and Financial Sciences
  - Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
  - Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
  - Bachelor of Business in International Business
  - Bachelor of Business in Marketing
- College of Information Technology
  - Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- College of Law
  - Bachelor of Law

**Faculty of the month:**

**Dr. Vivien Exartier, PhD, International Programs Officer, College of Business & Financial Sciences**



Dr. Vivien Exartier

For the last four years, Dr. Vivien Exartier has been serving as International Affairs Officer at RUW and Assistant Professor in the College of Business and Financial Sciences.

Before joining RUW, Dr. Vivien worked as Director of Operations in a non-profit organization in Washington DC organizing student seminars, then served as Program Manager in the Office of International and Global Outreach at West Virginia University where he ran the Office of Multicultural Programs.

Dr. Vivien coordinates the internationalization strategy of RUW including the strategic partnership with West Virginia University and other foreign universities in Europe, Asia and in the region. "Every time we talk to foreign universities, they admire the fact that we are a university for Women in the Middle East. We are a young institution but our strength lies in the fact that we are training the future women leaders from and in the region."

In the College of Business and Financial Sciences, Dr. Vivien has taught "Business Communication", "Economic Union", "International Business", "International Political Economy", and "Leadership". His academic area of expertise is the foreign policy of the European Union. He also sits on the Community Education Committee and the Alumnae Committee.

Born in Dijon, Burgundy, France, Dr. Vivien graduated from Burgundy Business School (ESC Dijon), and holds a Masters in Political Science from Oklahoma State University and a Ph.D. from West Virginia University.

**RUW Recognizes Departing Student Council Members of AY 2014/2015**

As a small step towards acknowledging and appreciating the considerable effort and time the members of students council of AY 2014/2015 dedicated to students of RUW and the decisive role they played in ensuring the quality of activities offered to them, and as part of Management ongoing efforts to recognize and support RUW student council, a recognition program was initiated last year to recognize members of student council. This year the program was organized during RUW Senate meeting no. 70 held on May 28, 2015, to give chance for the academic staff to witness their student's success in a very important council of RUW. RUW president, Professor Mazin Jumaah, presented certificates of appreciation to student council president, Ms. Maryam Abdulnabi and all the departing student council representatives. RUW president advised that Ms. Maryam and her Committee were the most active student council yet at RUW who participated in most events. Congratulations Student council 2014/2015 and thank you for your ongoing support for RUW.



**MODA MIST 2015: Royal University for Women Showcases its Designers**

Royal University for Women held its annual fashion show and design work showcase which was held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the university's campus in West Riffa. The event was organised under the patronage of Professor Mazin Juma'ah, President, Royal University for Women.

Moda Mist 2015 fashion show and Design work showcase is an annual event organised by the College of Art and Design. The design exhibition, which showcased the work of the College of art and design students, from the disciples of interior, fashion and graphic design as well as architectural design, witnessed a high number of guests, parents, students and attendees. The event, which featured over 50 students, started with the opening of the art and design exhibition in the Academic Building B of the university where the works of the final graduation projects of the graphic design program were displayed as well as the works of the interior design and architectural projects. The graphic design projects challenged the students to create a complete brand for various institutions including all the required printed material in a creative and distinctive manner. The Interior projects, which featured 20 graduating students, included the designing of spaces, cafes, special schools, health clubs, and museums. The architectural projects required the students to complete a detailed floor plan and a mock 3D design of the actual project. The BA of Fashion Design projects took on the form of a fashion show where graduating fashion design students displayed their collections on a runway. Their collection is inspired from different era's including the 80's , Victorian and Venetian era's and using different materials.

Reflecting on the event, Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of the College of Art and Design described the opportunity for students to exhibit their designs as "a motivating factor, that will allow students to feel the rewarding feeling of their works being exhibited and appreciated" as adding "we are extremely proud of our Art and Design students and the level of professionalism that they have achieved". Year four Interior Design student Ms. Zainab Adel, showcased her project which involved designing the interior of a Spa and Health Club which she created a floor plan for and added an Islamic motif element to the interior as a challenge that taught her the requirements to taking on an entire design project. The event concluded with a social gathering for the students and their parents in light of the successful completion of the exhibition.



**HEC selects RUW to participate in the HEC Accreditation Pilot Phase**

RUW takes pride in being the only private university to be selected by Higher Education Council (HEC) to participate in the pilot phase of the HEC Accreditation pilot phase. To this end, a capacity building workshop was arranged by the HEC and coordinated by Quality Assurance and Accreditation Unit (QAAU) on 19th May where speakers from HEC briefed everyone on the accreditation process and provided invaluable information regarding the various stages of this process. All senior management including the President, the AVP, Deans, HoDs, Directors, Managers and selected members of the faculty and staff attended this session. The workshop concluded with a question and answer session where faculty and staff had the opportunity to have their queries responded to.



**RUW proudly announces being now officially 'listed' on the National Qualifications Register**

The QAAU submitted the Institutional Listing application along with all relevant supporting documents to the National Authority of Qualifications and Quality Assurance for Education and Training (NAQQAET) in the Kingdom of Bahrain during this academic year. The result of the submission was received in the month of May. RUW proudly announces being now officially 'listed' on the National Qualifications Register.

RUW took part in the institutional Listing exercise mandated by the NAQQAET and managed to receive the 'listed' status. Receiving this status shows that RUW has effective governance and operational structure to ensure that the learning environment at RUW and the qualifications awarded meet required standards and are of high quality. This is a great success for the RUW family and great news for our students.

**The College of Art & Design announces their Post Graduate studies, Master of Design management program with their Viva Presentations at RUW**

The College of Art and design is proud to announce their first group of Master of Design Management students who have completed their master's thesis and have presented their Vivas. Four Design Management thesis were presented:

- On May 23, Sh. May Khalifa Faisal Al Khalifa presented her thesis entitled: "Using traditional Motifs to Enhance the Local Visual Language in Bahrain". Supervisor Dr. Shweta Kinra.
- On May 23, Ms. Sara Khaled Abdulla Al Hamar presented her thesis entitled: "Bilingual Signage System for Bahrain International Airport". Supervisor Dr. Shweta Kinra.
- On May 26, Sh. Latifa Khalifa Faisal Al Khalifa presented her thesis entitled: "Impact of Traditional Designs on Contemporary Women Majlis in Bahrain". Supervisor Dr. Mona Suri.
- On May 27, Ms. Rana Khalifa Sultan Hamad presented her thesis entitled: "Cultural Heritage Tourism in Bahrain". Supervisor Dr. Mona Suri.

While structuring the Viva panels, the CAD Post Graduate Committee gave the assurance that both internal and external examiners were highly qualified and specialized in the field in order to ensure efficient and valuable feedback to the students on their theses. The VIVA presentations were well attended by CAD faculty members and Masters Students. Professor Mazin Juma'ah also made sure to attend parts of all four Vivas which was a very supportive gesture to both the students and the viva panels.





# Alumna of the month



Ms. Anna Shubbar

Name: Ms. Anna Shubbar

Graduation year: 2013

Professional Occupation: Interior Designer

Involvement at RUW: Graduated from the College of Art and Design in the Academic Year 2012/2013- with High Distinction

Her Words: "I graduated from RUW with a Bachelor Degree from the College of Art and Design in Interior Design. RUW became my second home especially that after graduation I worked in RUW as a part timer for two years teaching interior design subjects such as AutoCAD, Technical Drawing and 3Ds Max. After graduating from RUW I felt very proud and honored to be hired as a part timer in RUW since not many people can get this opportunity. Being a hard worker helped me to get an internship at Urban Vision, a well-known interior firm in Bahrain. I gained a lot of experience from this job. Here I am today working as a freelancer along with managing a small business I started a year ago, which has to do with designing and selling perfumes. Finally, in the fall of 2014 I joined RUW again, this time to receive a Master Degree in Design Management. I am half way through the course and I will be graduating next year."

#### Achievements:

- 2015: AutoCAD award from AutoDesk
- 2014: 3ds Max Award from AutoDesk
- 2010-2013: Dean's List Award from the Royal University for Women
- 2012: Danube Design Manufacturer award
- 2009: Bahrain Bayan School High Distinction Award
- 2008: Leadership certificate from the Gulf University

## Royal University for Women visit Aspire International Academy in Dhahran, KSA

On May 06, Royal University for Women accepted the invitation extended by the Aspire International Academy in Dhahran, KSA to visit the school's campus and talk to the students regarding its programs, facilities and life at the university. Ms. Dwa Al Khalifa, PR Officer and Ms. Hessa Al Ajman, PR Officer were accompanied by Ms. Noor Al Doseri from the OSA office during the school visit. The RUW representatives presented to the students and participated in a Question and Answer session where the girls asked questions regarding the residence, application process and the activities on offer at the university. Aspire International Academy officials also expressed their desire to visit the RUW campus and a visit will be arranged for the students to visit the Kingdom of Bahrain and specifically the RUW Campus in October 2015. Reflecting on the event, the activities coordinator at the school, Ms. Aida Mohammed, thanked RUW for their visit and stressed the need for such visits to familiarize high school students with the options available to them post graduation.



## Fena5air Volunteers Visit RUW

On May 05, Fena5air Volunteers Visited RUW to inspire the students. Fena5air or as the name says in English "we have good in us", is a philanthropic organization by young Bahraini girls who wanted to spread positivity in the community. The organization has various activities starting from "Kids prayer day" through which they encouraged children above seven years to do their prayers to say "Thank you for working on the labour day" in which they went to show their appreciation of workers on the streets. Fena5air girls came to RUW and introduced to the EAS students the nature of their volunteer work. They shared their experiences and feelings of being intrinsically rewarded from doing service. EAS students were inspired by the talk that took place on 5th May 2015 and as one of RUW students said "This will be the best thing I will be doing in my summer break." This community engagement visit also enhances the learning process as required in the lessons in the EAS courses.



## The Community Education Committee in collaboration with AIESEC organizes an activity titled: "You are the Community Change Agent"

On May 04, The Community Education Committee in collaboration with AIESEC presented a lecture entitled: "You are the Community Change Agent": Discovering the opportunities and ways to be engaged in the community through AIESEC. The presentation, which focused on spreading awareness amongst young people in Bahrain on becoming engaged in their communities and in the world, was delivered by a number of young AIESEC members who gave a brief about AIESEC's work and introduced the LEAP program which encourages youth to engage in community service and volunteer work. The LEAP program mainly encourages youth to participate in internships around the world. The event was initiated by Dr. Ilene and Ms. Batool Alwedaei, an AIESEC representative and a student in CBFS. The RUW students who participated in this event were interactive with the presenters and showed interest in the program. The AIESEC members' set-up a table in the cafeteria for three days to help promote the program amongst RUW and AIESEC has presented a draft of an MOU to collaborate with RUW.



## Question & Answer Session for CBFS Students

On May 04, the College of Business and Financial Sciences organized a Questions and Answers session, which is a good opportunity for the students to discuss any academic issues with all faculty members. Ninety two students and the faculty members attended this session. The CBFS Dean and other faculty members began the discussion with the students. The topics covered included the student's Feedback of Q&A Session for Semester 01 AY 2014/2015 and introducing CBFS Student Representative. In addition, the discussion focused on the student's feedback regarding the Exam Period and advising process. The CBFS Dean assured the students that the faculty members will discuss and consider their suggestions/comments for further implementation.

## RUW Library organizes a workshop on Turnitin / Antiplagiarism

A workshop on 'Turnitin / Antiplagiarism' was organized on May 6, 2015 for faculty and students. Mr. Ahmad Al Masri, Academic Consultant for Tech Knowledge in MENA region and Turnitin Training Manager, was invited to conduct the workshop. The workshop was well attended by forty eight students and faculty members.



## RUW Participates in Al Iman School's IT Expo 2015

On May 07, Royal University for Women participated in the IT Expo 2015 at Al Iman School which was organized under the patronage of Baleco and Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC).

An official opening ceremony was held and witnessed the attendance of a number of high ranking officials as well as RUW President Prof. Mazin Jumaah and the Dean of the college of IT.

RUW and CIT programs have been introduced to top officials and VIP visitors. During the IT Expo, the College of IT represented by the college secretary and PR representatives have organized one day booth for RUW and publicized CIT and RUW programs to the public and VIP visitors.



## Interior Design Students participate in "Bahrain Interior"

On May 13, Professor Mustafa Othman and Ms Khadija Saeed coordinated a trip to "Bahrain Interior" with Interior Design students - IDN 272 - Materials & Sources course and LAR 154 - Furniture Design course. The objectives of this trip were for the interior design students to physically see and experience the new developed materials and trends. Also to experience the manufacturing and its use in various forms, applications, and processes.

Bahrain Interior is an International event that takes place annually. Local, regional and international Interior Design Firms participate in this event. It was quite exciting to witness different types of new interior and architecture materials and the different application techniques. The students said that they found it easier to comprehend all the functions of the materials once they actually handled the materials. To conclude, it proved to be an enjoyable and a memorable trip. Additionally, it was an excellent learning experience and due to the success of this expedition, the students have requested for similar trips to be arranged.



## CIT Externally Examines Final Year Projects

On May 21, a prominent research professor from Deakin University Australia was invited as an external examiner for CIT Final Year Projects. Ten students presented their final year projects. The college of IT (Supervisors and Students) showed dedication to RUW as developing projects that are beneficial for RUW such as RUW Student e-Voting System, RUW Residence Management System, RUW Sports Center Management System and the A Credit Tracking System. The external examiner has expressed her appreciation on the high quality of the students' performance and achievements.



## RUW Library organizes a workshop on ebrary / Proquest

A workshop on ebrary was organized on 8th April, 2015 for faculty and students. Mr. Anas Obaid, Training and Development Manager - 'Proquest' was invited to conduct the workshop. The workshop was well attended by forty one students and faculty members. The participants were presented with the technical details of optimally using Proquest and the advantages and scope of its use in academics. It was an interactive workshop and students and faculty members were able to clarify their doubts about Proquest.

## ISO 9001:2008 2nd Surveillance Audit

On 18th May the second ISO surveillance audit was performed by AJA Europe to ensure that administrative processes at RUW meet the ISO 9001:2008 standard. Administrative processes in key departments were audited for compliance to the ISO Standard through a review of departmental documentation. The result of the audit showed that there were no non-conformities.

All administrative departments are regularly audited based on the ISO 9001:2008 by the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Unit to ensure that they maintain standards and make further improvements.

## RUW students participate in Injaz

During the month of April and early May, 2015, RUW students under the supervision of Dr. Samar Al Barghouthi participated in The Injaz group activity. A group of 10 students from CBFS participated in this project. RUW participants have designed a campaign for going green and did a project that saves energy. They designed a marketing campaign, produced a video and created all the social media needed, students, with the assistance of their volunteer mentor, Dr. Khuzayma Aljallad from Talal Abu Ghazalah University, worked hard to present an outstanding project.



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## INSTITUTIONAL LISTING

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## NEW JOINERS

- Ms Parween Alawadhi joined as Senior Students Records Officer, Admissions & Registration
- Mr Mohamad Jarrah joined as Business Development Manager, Administration
- Ms Madina Gasim joined as College Secretary, College of Business and Financial Sciences

## RUW BABIES

Ms Sara Al Hamar, Graphic Design Instructor, College of Art & Design and her spouse were blessed with a baby girl, Maha, born on 30 May 2015.

## POSTGRADUATES

- Ms. Sara Al Hamar, Graphic Design Instructor, College of Art & Design, received the Master of Arts in Design Management from the College of Art & Design, RUW
- Sh. May Al Khalifa, Graphic Design Instructor, College of Art & Design, received the Master of Arts in Design Management from the College of Art & Design, RUW