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OPEN DAY

Three organizations participated in this year's Open Day. AlTamimi Investments, IFFCO and Oxford Business Group spent an afternoon interacting with probable candidates and sharing with them various work and collaborative opportunities (internship, sponsorship, business plan competitions) within their respective companies. A follow-up campus interview was held in May to interview shortlisted candidates. Six students were selected for a company's Graduate Trainee Program while one was hired as HR executive.



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

This semester has been one of transformation for the UD community as it saw radical changes in the leadership, staffing and internal structure.

The biggest change was the appointment of the new President, Dr. Eesa Bastaki, whose presence has already given the university a positive boost. His extensive experience in education, leadership, technology and communications will prove a major asset in leading the university into its next progressive phase, which includes the building of a new campus and the addition of several programs such as a Master of Laws degree and a Doctorate degree in Business Administration.

Throughout this restructuring process, the ICDC team has remained steadfast in its commitment to students. The hard work of ICDC resulted in new initiatives such as offering two internship periods during the year rather than one to accommodate summer-graduating students and finding 20 new companies as internship providers.

Teamwork has been the key for our group to make these changes and remain productive through this transitional period. With the new President, Dr. Eesa Bastaki, we are confident that his leadership will lead the university new heights of excellence aimed at better serving our students. We look forward to a bright future!

Happy reading!

Amina El Marzak
Manager, Student and Alumni Affairs

JOB FAIR 2013

UD's 4th Job Fair was held in March in the Clover Hotel across from Al Masaood building in March and successfully attracted more than 24 local and international companies including ENOC, Dubai Courts, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Fly Dubai, Economic Zones World and Robert Bosch Middle East, to name a few. The companies offered internships and job opportunities for graduates and undergraduates. Around 350 students and alumni attended the fair.



STUDENTS PLACED BY INTERNSHIP & CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ICDC)

We would like to congratulate the following students on successfully beginning their professional career. We wish you good luck and prosperity!

Student Name	Position	Company / Organization
Hamdan Mohd A.A. Al Kaitoob	Officer Licensing	Dubai Airport Freezone
Haiitham Abdullah Al- Maaini	Executive, Recruitment	University of Dubai
Alia Essa Ahmad Rashed AlAbbar	Personal Assistant for the Head of Emerging Corporates	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank
Haytham Hassan Hanie Gaber	Corporate Support Officer	United Arab Bank
Khalaf Abdulla Saad Al Sharif	Operations Executive	ENOC
Davron Yusupov	Claims Underwriter	Euler Hermes
Ahmad Hareb Mohamed Harib	Auditor	Knowledge & Human Development Authority
Khaled Moustafa Habib Abdel Raouf	Recruitment Coordinator	Kershaw Leonard
Hind AbdulRahman Mohammad Ali	Coordinator	Knowledge & Human Development Authority
AbdulRahman Ali Abdulla Ahmad Al Haj	Sales Executive	Dubai Airport Freezone

2012 - 2013 Internship Program

This past year we shifted the internship period from the summer to the spring semester. This not only gave our students more companies to intern with but it also ensured the appropriate training/supervision needed by students to gain a positive and productive learning experience. During this transition year, the ICDC offered two internships one in the spring and one in the summer to avoid any disruption in the graduation plan of students.

A total of 22 students interned in the Spring and seven new companies were added, such as Lemcon Networks, SPD Limited, Grand Stores, Shurooq, ARJ Holding LLC and Kazim Real Estate. Summer interns totaled 34 with 13 new companies added such as Credit Suisse, The IML group, Azadea, Asdaa Burson Marsteller, Kassab Media, Great Sands Consulting, Al Habtoor Group, Al Hawai Group, Jalal Ahmed Group, Union Insurance Company and Dubai Interna-

tional Real Estate.

Aside from adding new companies to host UD interns, another marked improvement is the increase of paid internships and job offers immediately after training. These improvements truly reflect the caliber of students at UD and we are proud to be able to offer such hard workers to our partner companies.

INTERN TESTIMONIALS

I am currently working for Kershaw Leonard, which is one of the best recruitment agencies in the UAE. I would like to thank UD/ICDC for giving me the opportunity to start a new career. In the beginning, I didn't think I would like working for a recruitment agency but after finishing my internship I realized that I wanted to continue my career with them and I was offered a full-time position. My internship in this recruitment firm offered me a chance to stretch my potential and see if I would enjoy working in this field and I did.

Khaled Moustafa, Management Student Recruiter, Kershaw Leonard



UD's assistance in my internship played a key role in my current career success. I had a big interest to work on the audit field, and UD eased it to make this interest achievable. With UD I was able to do my internship in a prestigious governmental audit entity known as "FAD". Throughout this period UD was eager on following up with me and keeping me on the right track. Now I am working in FAD as an Auditor. Thanks UD for being helpful and accountable for making its students successful and recognizable in the society.

Mana Abdulla Abdulrahman Mohammad, Accounting Student - Auditor, Financial Audit Department



Honestly, when I started doing my internship in spring 2013, I never thought that I'd work here. I always hoped to work for such a bank one day but it never came to my mind that I would have an offer by the end of my internship period. UD made this dream come true; it helped me take the first most difficult step. What I have learned at UD made such a successful bank choose me over others and saw me as the qualified, experienced person I am. For that, I would like to thank UD for providing me this remarkable opportunity to work for this leading bank

Haytham Hassan, Finance and Banking Student Corporate Risk Management Officer, United Arab Bank



"I would like to thank ICDC for their efforts in obtaining the appropriate internship placement for each student. With their help, I was able to obtain an internship that matched my exact skills and preferences and as a result of this successful placement, I am now a full-time employee in the same organization. Thank you, I'm loving what I do and doing what I love!"

Mohamed Djenane, CIS ('12) Security Engineer, Starlink - Middle East



I completed my 2-month internship with ADIB. The bank and staff were pleasant and the experience was great. I appreciate all the hard work that Amina did and special thanks to Redempta who has been very helpful since the beginning and never failed to provide help when needed.

Alia Al Falasi, Management Student Emerging Corporate Group, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

"Last summer, I was interning at Al Habtoor Group Head Office in both the Finance Department and Risk Management & Governance Department. I was delighted to hear that I was accepted as an intern at Al Habtoor Group HQ, after Ms. Redempta and Ms. Farah at the ICDC had put in tremendous effort to place me in a very reputable and successful company and this internship was a rich and productive experience, where I got a chance to put my knowledge and skills learnt at UD into practice and learn so many new things. For all those who helped make my time spent with Al Habtoor Group enjoyable and valuable, and those at UD who made this possible. Thank You."

Ariana Malik, Finance and Banking Al Habtoor Group - Risk Management and Governance Department

BETA GAMMA SIGMA UD CHAPTER WINS INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

- The UD chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) won the Centennial Photo Competition as the "Most Creative Photo Celebrating the BGS Centennial." The contest was a worldwide photo competition launched by BGS to commemorate its 100 year anniversary. Congratulations to all the members who participated and enjoyed the 2-day photo shoot, which was taken in various parts of Dubai to highlight its unique culture. This is indeed a once-in-a-lifetime experience as the next competition will not be for another 100 years!
- Reaching Out to our brothers and sisters - "Visit to Senses Home"
In February, BGS members visited Senses Home, a place that cares and educates special needs children. Senses Home was chosen as an outreach activity to make BGS members aware of how lucky they are to be gifted intellectually and how they can use this gift by sharing their time to play, bond and educate children with special needs. BGS members provided a small program of games and educational activities as well as light snacks and refreshments.
- Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) Celebrates 100 Years of Success
The UD Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) celebrated the society's 100-year anniversary in February with senior members of UD, leading the cake cutting and presentation highlighting the local chapter's activities for the current semester. The get-together was not only attended by current BGS members but also by students both curious and interested to be a part of BGS.



Students on a Roll

Working students Safia Abbas and Reem Abdulwahab have both been recognized for their exemplary contributions at their workplace. Safia has been promoted as Assistant Manager for Commercial Bank International while Reem has been awarded one of only 5 recipients out of 60,000 employees at Baker Hughes for its "Global HR Excellence Award for 2012." Aside from this award, Reem was also promoted as Learning Specialist, Business and Management. Way to go Safia and Reem!



ON CAMPUS RECRUITMENT (OCR)



For the spring semester, 4 companies (IFFCO, First Gulf Bank, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank and Great Sands Consulting) made their way to UD to hold interviews for various positions targeting both UAE and expatriate students/alumni. The said companies conducted interview and even offered positions and hired both alumni and newly graduated students.

The Student and Alumni Affairs group plans to intensify this recruitment initiative for the coming fall semester to secure more employment, training and sponsorship opportunities.

UD visits CISCO



In cooperation with Dubai Chamber's Give and Gain Program, students from UD were able to visit CISCO's training center in May. The visit was more of a familiarization tour of CISCO's products and services divisions and an introduction to CISCO's corporate social responsibility initiatives. The trip also served as an eye-opener for career opportunities for those who are keen to work for a top ranked IT firm.