

# GU NEWS LETTER

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## Hobbies and Academic Pursuit Make Whole, Sheikh Nasser Stresses

In a special statement to Gulf University students, His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the King's Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and the Honorary President of the Royal Bahraini Equestrian and Endurance Federation, stressed the importance of pursuing hobbies alongside academic studies and the need to participate in championships such as the Private Stables Endurance Championship

organized by the Royal Bahraini Equestrian and Endurance Federation. HH Sheikh Nasser's statement inspires Gulf University students and all students in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The university students expressed gratitude and appreciation for Sheikh Nasser's words of motivation, encouragement, and creativity and said they would spare no effort in developing their skills and abilities to serve their beloved kingdom

# GU Ranked First Locally and 53rd Regionally

## Arab University Ranking 2023

The Arab Ranking league 2023 result was published on April 01, 2024, and Gulf University (GU) achieved significant recognition first time in Arab ranking for universities. GU ranked first among local universities in Bahrain and secured the 53rd position in the overall Arab ranking. This accomplishment

highlights GU's commitment to advancing education, research, innovation, and community services. The achievement is the testimony of university's dedication to providing high-quality education and academic programs that meet student needs and contribute to societal development.



## Khalid Bin Hamad Award Ceremony for Graduation Projects

We proudly celebrate the remarkable achievements of Dr. Osama Al-Rawi, Dean of the College of Engineering at Gulf University. He was honored for his valuable contribution as a jury member at the Khalid Bin Hamad Award Ceremony for Graduation Projects. The prestigious event took place on the 21st of February at 01:00 pm, in the esteemed SH. Abdul Aziz Bin Mohammed Hall at the University of Bahrain. Dr. Al-Rawi's involvement serves as a testament to his expertise and dedication to promoting excellence in engineering education. Congratulations on this momentous recognition!



# **The Gulf University Celebrated the Graduation of its Twentieth Batch**

The Gulf University celebrated the graduation of its twentieth Batch, with the attendance of the Assistant Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council, Dr. Farzana Abdullah Al-Maraghi, and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Professor Mona bint Rashid Al Zayani, as well as a number of distinguished academics, officials and families. The graduates experienced moments of pride and honor in the Al Dana Hall at the Gulf Hotel.





## Mechanical Engineering Students won the Best Research Award at the 7th Equal Opportunities Conference

Gulf University's engineering students, under the guidance of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Alshekhly, have achieved great honor by winning the BEST RESEARCH AWARDS at the 7th Equal Opportunities Conference on "Digital Innovation and Business Sustainability." Standing out among over 250 participants, their groundbreaking work showcases Gulf University's commitment to innovation and sustainability. Congratulations to our brilliant students and Dr. Mohammed for their remarkable contributions in solving global sustainability challenges



## Collaboration with Macromedia University of Applied Sciences

Professor Firas Mohammed, Dean of the Law Faculty, and Associate Professor Dr. Mohammed Al-Shekhly, Chair of the Scientific Research Council, visited Germany on 29th February 2024 to enhance the international academic collaboration of Gulf Univer-

sity with Macromedia University in Munich. This collaboration is part of the universities' efforts to develop joint educational programs that meet the demands of the international job market and enhance their standing as centers of innovation and academic excellence.

# Collaboration between GU and Turkish Universities



Professor Mona Rashid Al-Zayani, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Gulf University and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Gulf University, met on campus with Her

Excellency Ms. Esen Cakil, the Turkish Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and a delegation from Turkish universities to discuss areas of collaboration between Gulf University and Turkish universities.

# Collaboration with Zoho Company

Gulf University is advancing its commitment to educational technology, as demonstrated by its involvement in the Zoholics Dubai event. At the event, the university highlighted its innovative role in this field, with student Qasim Jafar Mansoor presenting his successful use of Zoho programs within enterprise resource planning for human resources.

Additionally, Gulf University has been integrating Zoho's artificial intelligence applications into its academic courses. GU plans to continue this implementation to fully leverage modern technology in education. The university also participated in the

Zoholics Bahrain events on February 25th and 26th. This event was a valuable opportunity to share knowledge about Zoho applications. Moreover, representatives from Gulf University's attended the Zoholics event in Riyadh. This event offered enriching experiences for students.

Gulf University's continued collaboration with Zoho underscores its dedication to incorporating cutting-edge technology into its educational programs, enhancing the learning experience, and preparing students for future success.



# Annual Exhibition of Graduation Projects and Open Day



In the presence of Her Excellency the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gulf University, Professor Dr. Mona Rashid Al-Zayani, and University President Dr. Mohanad Al-Mashhadani and a various of public figures. Gulf University organized the open day during its



annual exhibition of graduation projects and honoring outstanding students, alongside with the open day. The exhibition featured a group of innovative projects in various disciplines, and showcasing the achievements and creativity of the students



## Collaboration with Arab Academy for Banking & Financial Sciences

Gulf University is discussing cooperation for joint training programs to be offered in Bahrain in cooperation with the Arab Academy for Administrative, Financial and Banking Sciences affiliated with the League of Arab States.





# 11. 1 Technology Expo

In line with Digital Transformation Center context at Gulf University, Expo 11.1 was launched on January 11, 2024. This day event showcased 11 mobile applications for information technology users, including students, professors, employees, and researchers. Notably, three of these applications were new. Expo 11.1 featured 7 platforms, creatively designed as spacecraft, to demonstrate cutting-edge technologies used by all university system users.

Additionally, Gulf University received accolades at the e-Government Excellence Awards in 2023, ranking among the top 3 centers in the Digital Transformation category and excelling in the Best Website category under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Information and Communications Technology.



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## Opening of MBA Program

The College of Administrative and Financial Sciences at Gulf University has announced the opening of registration for the MBA program, introducing new tracks in Leadership & Strategy, Digital Marketing, Digital Transformation, and Project Management.



# GU Conduct Career Day



The university's Career Day held on 30 May 2024, gave students a chance to network with alumni and professionals across different sectors in Bahrain. The event attracted 28 representatives across private sector companies to provide students with valuable insights into

current industry needs and desired skills. The success of Career Day is a testament to its benefits for both students and employers, accelerating the integration of graduates into the workforce while highlighting the university's talented pool of candidates.

# HC Promotes Happiness and Well-Being



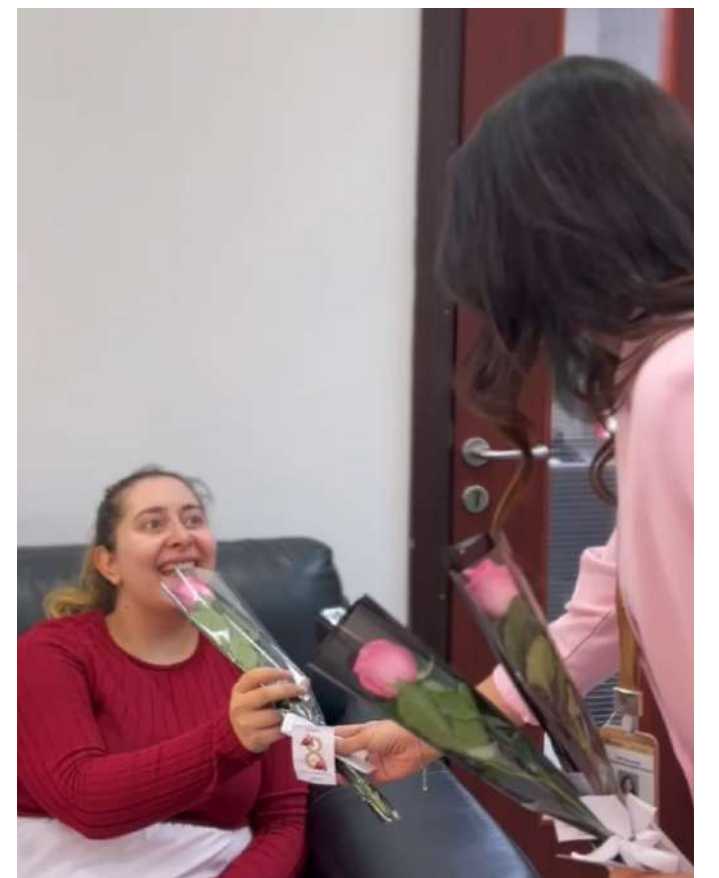
## GU's IRO Hosts Researchers from Algeria

GU's International Relations Offices (IRO) recently hosted two researchers from Algeria as part of its collaboration program. Professor Mohammed Al-Mashhadani, GU's President, and Dr. Tamer Al-Kadash, the IRO's Director and the Head of the Marketing and Media Technologies Department, attended the two researchers' formal reception. GU is keen to support all research projects and innova-

tive ideas, expressing his welcome to research cooperation with specialists from around the world to support the national strategy for scientific research and enhance the research scene in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The university's commitment to supporting creative initiatives and enhancing an academic environment full of innovation and knowledge in the field of international cooperation through all possible means.

The Happiness Committee (HC) at GU spares no effort to take the initiative to promote happiness and well-being among GU's staff, fostering a culture of joy and felicity on campus.

For example, in addition to sending a happy birthday email to the staff concerned, the committee goes to the staff member's office and presents him/her with a small gift and a birthday cake in a festive atmosphere. On March 8th, 2024, the committee presented roses, with a small note attached to each rose, to all female staff and students to commemorate International Women's Day. Throughout Happiness Week, the HC organized several events to foster a sense of satisfaction among staff and students, creating opportunities for meaningful engagement.





## Colleges sign MOUs with Industry Partners

Formal agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with industry partners and academic institutions have been issued by Gulf Universities Colleges. The MOUs improve the workforce by better aligning programs and curricula to meet evolving needs, gain valuable insights into the skills employers are seeking and enabling academic faculty to design more relevant

and practical learning experiences for students. In turn, industry partners benefit from a pipeline of talented and job-ready Gulf University graduates who can hit the ground running in their organizations. The collaborative nature of these agreements also facilitates opportunities for joint research, internships, guest lectures, and other joint initiatives that enrich the educational experience.

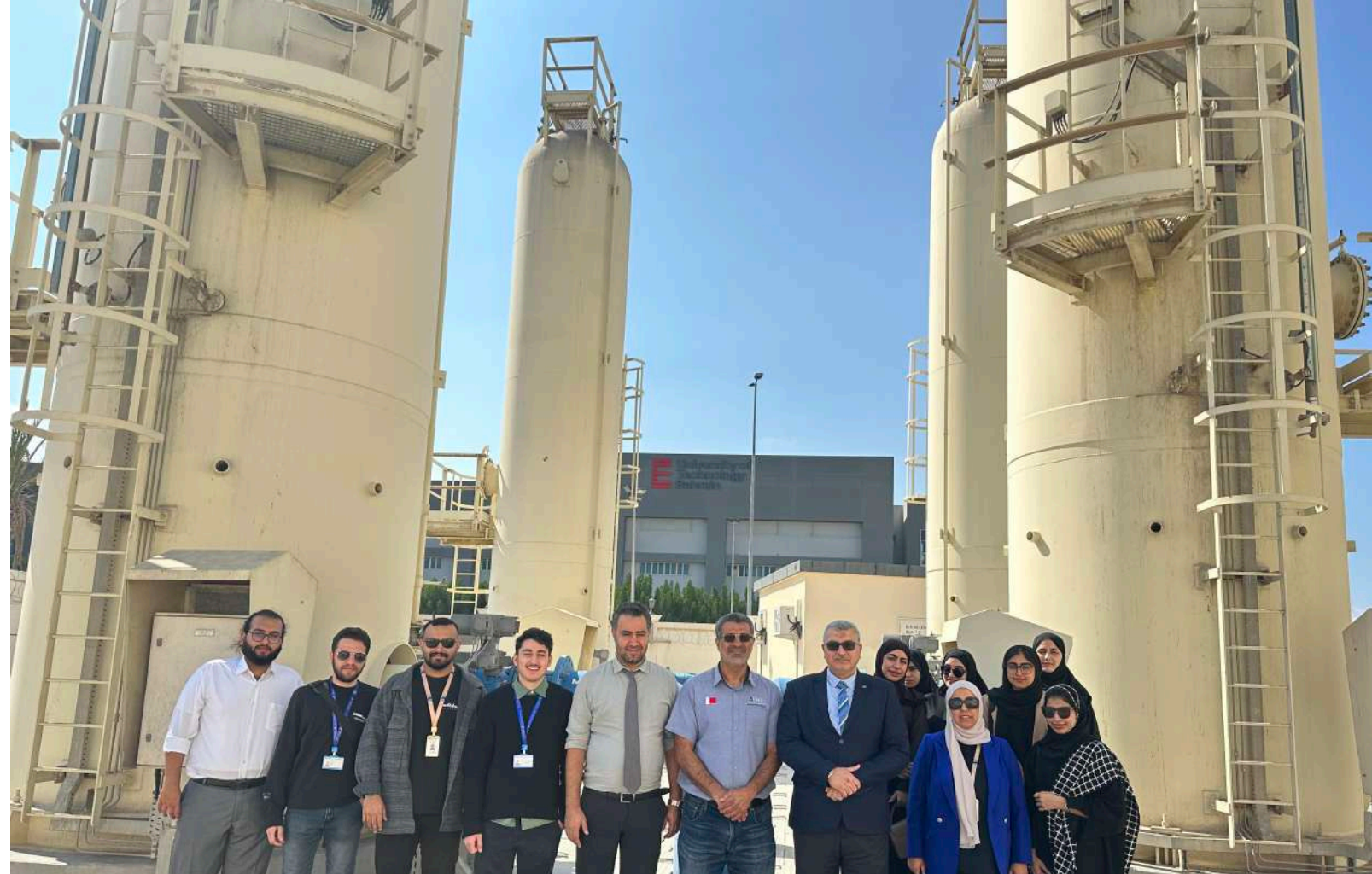


## Link Students with Industries

Gulf University, represented by its Engineering, Human Resource Management, Communication and Media Technologies, and Law Colleges, places a strong emphasis on paying regular visits to local industries. The purpose of these visits is to foster a direct connection between the theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom and its practical application in the real world.

Through these industry visits, students gain invaluable, first-hand exposure to the inner workings of engineering companies, businesses, media institutions, public relations offices, and government organizations. This

hands-on experience allows them to develop a deeper understanding of how the concepts they learn translate into actual professional practice. These visits also provide students with opportunities to engage directly with industry experts, professionals, managers, and employees. This interaction enables them to obtain valuable insights, acquire relevant skills, and build meaningful connections with potential future employers. Ultimately, bridging the gap between academia and industry helps to significantly enhance the employability of Gulf University's graduates.



# GU Hosted Distinguish Guest Speakers



Guest speakers hosted by Gulf University are distinguished professionals and experts from various fields who are invited to share their knowledge, experiences, and insights with students and faculty. These speakers include industry leaders, academics, innovators, and thought leaders who contribute to the educational environment by offering diverse perspectives and fostering intellectual growth through lectures, seminars, and interactive sessions.



# GU is keen to Invite the Program Industry Advisory Board for all Programs.



GU strongly emphasizes maintaining close ties with industry leaders and professionals through Program Industry Advisory Boards for each academic program. These advisory boards serve as invaluable partners, providing us with valuable insights, feedback, and guidance to ensure our curricula' continued relevance and responsiveness. By regularly convening these advisory boards, we can gain a deep understanding of the evolving skill sets, technologies, and trends shaping the job market. This, in turn, allows us to continuously refine our existing programs, update course content, and implement innovations that keep our students at the forefront of their chosen fields. The involvement of these industry experts also opens up exciting opportunities for our students, such as guest lectures, internships, and collaborative projects that further bridge the gap between academic studies and real-world application.

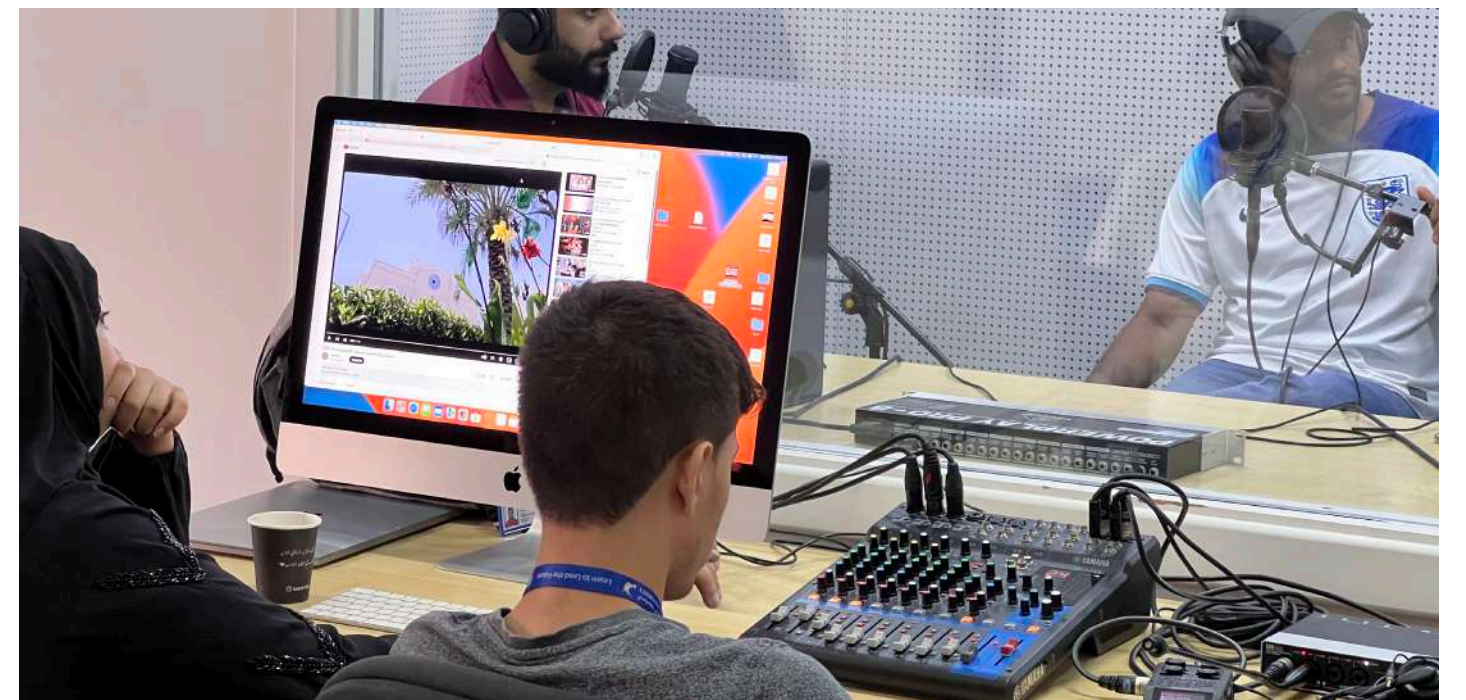




## Project-Based Learning Approach in GU Programs

Gulf University (GU) encourages students to participate in project-based learning as it strengthens the gap between theory and practice. Students at GU are provided with hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that are structured around real-world projects. These projects allow students to apply the concepts they have learnt during lectures and develop essential skills like critical think-

ing, problem-solving, collaboration and effective communication. In addition to enhancing students learning experience whilst studying at GU, graduates also benefit from the lessons learnt with the project-based approach by equipping them with the practical experience and real-world competencies that make them highly coveted by employers upon graduation.





# GU Outstanding Students Ceremony

The Outstanding Students Ceremony was a remarkable event held to honor and celebrate the academic achievements of our top-performing students. The ceremony brought together students, faculty, and administrative staff in a festive and inspiring atmosphere. Awards were presented to the outstanding students in recognition of their hard work, dedication, and excellence.

Additionally, it was a great atmosphere where parents were invited to witness their sons and daughters being recognized for their achievements. The awards were presented by the Dean of each college, adding a special touch to the event. This celebration not only acknowledged the students' academic success but also highlighted the support and pride of their families.



## College of Law Participates in Regional Workshop

Professor Firas Mohamed, the Dean of the College of Law, participated in a regional workshop dedicated to exploring the future of higher education and linking it to the skills and professions of the future. The workshop was organized by the UNESCO Regional Center for Quality and Excellence in Education in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Higher Education Council in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This participation reflects the active role played by the College of Law in raising the level of higher education and qualifying students for the future labor market through the exchange of experiences and best practices at the regional and international levels.



## College of Law Participates in International Conference in Italy

College of Law at the Gulf University participated in the international conference entitled “New Trends in Corporate Law from a Comparative Perspective,” which was held from January 23 to 28, 2024 at the Luigi Vanvitelli University in Campania, Italy. Dr. Husham Saeed Al-Awsi, Head of the Department of Law Studies gave an in-depth presentation on the perspective of Bahraini corporate law compared to international laws in the field of companies, highlighting how the Bahraini legislator addresses incorporation and liquidation procedures under the 2018 amendments. In a step that reflects the Kingdom’s keeping pace with the latest international laws.

# IDE Student Bayan Nasser at Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Award Ceremony

Bayan Nasser, a student from the Interior Design Engineering Program, showcased her talent by participating in the prestigious Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Award. Guided by Associate Professor Dr. Ashraf Nadheer.

The award ceremony was graced by the presence of

Sheikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the National Arts Council, adding further prestige to the event. Bayan's dedication to the field of interior design is truly commendable, and her participation in such a renowned competition highlights her commitment and passion for her craft.



## Interior Design Engineering Students work at Haji Gallery

A group of talented interior design engineering students supervised by HOD, Dr. Aseel Al-Ayash and IDE instructor, Dr. Ashraf Nadheer from Gulf University, College of Engineering embarked on an exciting visit to MOBILIAUNO, where they showcased their creativity by arranging stunning furniture sets for both the living room and the bedroom. Interior Design Engineering Students' innovative approach and meticulous attention to detail transformed these spaces into elegant and pleasant spaces.

# 2nd International Conference on Science, Engineering, and Advanced Technology (ICSEAT)



The second edition of the International Conference on Science, Engineering, and Advanced Technology (ICSEAT) held in 2024 surpassed all expectations, solidifying its reputation as a premier global platform for innovation and collaboration. This year's conference was an exceptional

success, attracting leading experts, researchers, and professionals from various disciplines worldwide. ICSEAT 2024 featured a diverse range of keynote speeches, panel discussions, paper presentations, and providing participants with a comprehensive and immersive experience.





## Exceptional Youth Award 2024

Mr. Ali Abdulla (Student Support Officer) has been honored with the Exceptional Youth Award for the year 2024, a prestigious recognition nominated by the President's Office. This award, driven by the Youth Empowerment Commit-

tee in both the public and private sectors, seeks to acknowledge and celebrate "exceptional youth" among employees across these sectors. The initiative aims to encourage and enhance the performance of young individuals within their institutions while highlighting the leadership potential and qualities possessed by these remarkable young people.



# Students Participate in INJAZ

GU students participated in INJAZ Bahrain with several brilliant projects, competing with students from all over Bahrain. INJAZ Bahrain is a non-profit organization that annually organizes competitions in Bahrain, allowing students to show their business, understanding, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Such projects help students bravely face challenges, collaborate passionately, and bring groundbreaking ideas forward, creating an excellent lasting impression about Bahrain and Bahrainis.



## GU Ghabga: Annual Ramadan Gathering

It was a pleasure hosting our annual GU Ghabga at the Art Hotel, where all students, academic staff, and administrative staff were invited. During the holy month of Ramadan, such events are always a wonderful opportunity to gather and greet each other. The GU Ghabga was a memorable and joyous occasion for all.



## CEC at Gulf University Achievements

The Community Engagement Centre (CEC) at Gulf University recently organized a series of 12 outside workshops aimed to serve the beneficiaries at the Open Prisons and Alternative Penalties. Also, in collaboration with the Ministry of Information, a workshop on Adobe Premier was also organized on the campus, highlighting the university's commitment to providing practical learning experiences. In addition, the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Centre organized a series of work-

shops on the campus with Alfalah School, focusing on Media skills. Gulf University has furthered its commitment to community service by signing MoUs with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and the Bahraini Catalysts' Disabilities Society, marking a significant step in fostering collaborative efforts to uplift Bahraini society. Gulf University, through its CEC, has expanded its engagement with the community by organizing volunteer events such as Iftar Seam and Elderly Home Visits.





# “Trend Al Taybeen”

“Trend Al Taybeen” at Gulf University, The Theater show was supervised by Dr. Sherif Badran, Dean of the College of Communication and Media Technologies, directed by Nidal Al Atawi and written by the graduate Hassan. A large group of Gulf University students participated in the performance with a professional actors.

The play discussed the issue of the excessive use of mobile phones, comparing the new generation with the old generation, keeping pace with technological development and its impact on family life.

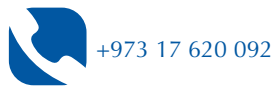
This play is a part of a series of cultural and artistic events organized by the university to promote artistic culture and support young talents in the fields of arts.





**Gulf University Snatches the title of University League Champion for the year 2023-2024.**

Gulf University Champions won the Universities Basketball League title for the 2023-2024 season, led by coach Karim Al-Anzour. GU players monopolized all the tournament individual awards, as the creative and confident player Alwatheq Ali Alhassan won the Best Player award, and the brilliant player Abdelqader Salah won two awards: the Best Scorer Award in the tournament and the Excellence Award for Shooting Threes.



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