

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER OVERVIEW

As graduates of our university, you are the most potent symbol of our success and effectiveness as an institution, and it is only appropriate that we continue to support and nurture you along your journey.



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The Alumni-Career Center supports maintaining strong relations among an exceedingly engaged, vibrant community of more than 7,000 alumni. Graduates of GUST are the most potent symbol of success and effectiveness as an institution, and it is only appropriate that the Center continues to support and nurture alumni along their professional journey. As part of the mission and accomplishing our objectives, alumni are offered outstanding services and continuous support throughout their careers.

MISSION

To cultivate GUST loyalty by creating a sustainable community of alumni and encouraging them to participate actively and passionately in the community through offering a dynamic alumni program that would foster lifelong bonds between GUST and its graduates who are forever the genuine asset of GUST.

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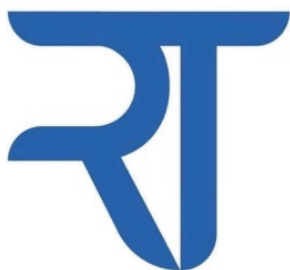


MBA
GRADUATED 2014
**REHAB
AL TAWARI**

NAME OF BUSINESS

RT TRAINING AND CONSULTING SOLUTIONS

Rehab worked in Boubyan bank a year after graduating from her Bachelors as an Assistant Manager Learning and Development. She received an outstanding job offer at Commercial Bank of Kuwait as a Learning and Development Manager which sculpted her career to find her passion for consultancy. Rehab had the passion to give back to society and share from her experience. Her career aided her in finding her strengths in the field of customer experience and work with individuals one-on-one. In 2017 she launched RT Training and Consulting Solutions which offers Inspirational talks (seminars), Business consultations, Tailored workshops and training, Long-term corporate contracts – customer service and CIPC certificate. Gaining her MBA degree at GUST was an unforgettable experience for Rehab, as she stated in her words “best two years of my life”.



REHAB ALTAWARI®
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ALUMNI SUCCESS STORY

BEYOND GUST



MBA
GRADUATED 2018
**MADONNA
GHANEM**

NAME OF BUSINESS

BIOSPHERE SPA

Madonna is the director and partner in the chain of Ladies Spa in Kuwait called Biosphere Spa launched in 2009. Biosphere spa has 5 branches that serves their valuable guests with wide range of skin care, hair and body massage treatments with exclusive 5 European brands. When she joined GUST, her goal was to nourish her knowledge and skills in order to improve her business in many aspects and to be able to pursue her Ph.D. studies. After graduation the company had the grand opening of their fifth branch, Biosphere Spa got the ISO certificate for quality excellence, she got certified as Black belt in Six Sigma and she was able to focus more on spa and wellness consultancy. Madonna was given the opportunity to join the International Executive School in Strasbourg, France to teach a diploma course of Spa and wellness management for students in Asia and Europe, it was a major career achievement after obtaining her MBA degree.

Biosphere Spa 

FATME GHADDAR

COMPUTER SCIENCE | GRADUATED 2021

CURRENT POSITION

TEACHING ASSISTANT AT GUST



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STUDENT STORIES

WHAT WERE THE OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES YOU HAD TO OVERCOME?

One of my biggest challenges was managing my time between being an honor student, having a part time job as well as being active in research and campus activities. However, by maintaining a proper schedule, an amazing support system on campus and good study group, thankfully I ended up managing everything and prospering in all of them.

HOW DID GUST HELP PREPARE YOU FOR SUCCESS?

Being a part of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Computer Science department has offered me numerous opportunities, starting from doing my first research with Professors Kamaludin Dingle which ended up with a visit to Oxford University back in 2019 which was funded by GUST. Additionally, our doctors in the department constantly motivating us to be active in competitions, such as the Dell Technologies for Graduation projects where our project "Autemo" got the first place in the Middle east, Russia, Turkey and Africa. I strongly believe that GUST's support for such creativity and dedication has kept my enthusiasm to be involved in so many activities in my undergraduate years.

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STUDENT STORIES

WHO FROM GUST INFLUENCED AND INSPIRED YOU THE MOST?

Honestly, all the Professors in the Computer Science department as well as the Mathematics and Natural Sciences department who have taught me, have played a major role in inspiring me to be better in one way or another. All the Professors in our department have pushed me to be better from offering numerous opportunities every step of the way and believing in my abilities, even our Teaching Assistants who were always there to show support whenever I needed it the most.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

After graduating with honors, my faculty have proposed that I apply for teaching assistant position in the Computer Science department, which fits my future plans perfectly; as I am planning in completing my master's and PhD to follow the academical life in Computer Science, and hopefully focusing on Data Science or Bioinformatics. Currently, I am taking a gap year to focus on research and develop my Data science skills. Hopefully by next year I would begin my graduate studies journey with more skills and passion.

WHAT ARE SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT YOU'D SHARE WITH OUR CURRENT STUDENTS?

My favorite quote of all time, which was a reason why I took a leap of faith with every single competition, research or activity that I got involved in was "If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes – then learn how to do it later!" - Richard Branson. I came across this quote when I was still a freshman and repeated it to myself every step of the way. But definitely after saying the yes, you need to be determined, passionate and curious to learn more, otherwise it will all go to waste.



RASHA ALLUSI

ACCOUNTING | GRADUATED 2010

CURRENT POSITION

ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTOR



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WHAT WERE THE OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES YOU HAD TO OVERCOME?

The main challenge I faced in the university is overcoming the fear of public speaking, even though many people routinely give speeches or presentations for work or school, they may still experience fear at the idea of having to stand in front of others and talk.

HOW DID GUST HELP PREPARE YOU FOR SUCCESS?

I joined Gulf University for Science & Technology as a student in 2006. The reasons behind choosing Accounting are that I love to deal with numbers, to face changes, to overcome challenges and to predict the unpredictable things. Studying Accounting gave me a chance to keep up with the changing world.

WHO FROM GUST INFLUENCED AND INSPIRED YOU THE MOST?

Dr. Osama Al-Hares was the one who brought the best in me. I loved his teaching style, and how he can simplify hard problems while keeping his sense of humor present.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

In 2010, I graduated with a 3.89 GPA. I was recommended by Dr. Kameleddine Benameur & Dr. Osama Al-Hares to the Accounting Department Head (Dr. Mohammed Al-Sharif) to work as a Teaching Assistant in 2011. Later on by 2016 I got my Master's degree from Kuwait University and I'm working as Adjunct Instructor since then. I created a YouTube Channel to help my students and I am planning to study PhD soon insha' alah.

WHAT ARE SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT YOU'D SHARE WITH OUR CURRENT STUDENTS?

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." – John Wooden



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DR. ALI DASHTI

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2011

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WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR ROLE AT GUST?

I have worked for more than 10 years at GUST and what I enjoy most is watching my students move on to achieving great success in their professional journey.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH ONLINE TEACHING.

Online teaching was introduced to the world as we all know due to COVID-19, although it was something new for students as well as faculty to adjust to, the flexibility of the students aided tremendously as they were not able to experience student life on campus. Fortunately, the teaching approach at GUST has gone back to being 100% on campus which gratefully allows the faculty to form better relationships with his/her class.

ANY ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE OUR ALUMNI?

We have outstanding graduates who have achieved tremendously in their careers and academically. I would say keep making us proud and we take great pride and honor in having you as our alumni.

23RD CAREER FAIR

The Alumni Career Center works comprehensively to ensure a smooth transition for students into the work force before and after graduation by providing effective career development services which helps them to develop their career paths and accelerate their employment processes.

The 23rd Career Fair which took place on March 13 and 14, 2022 was under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education and the attendance of Acting Secretary-General of the PUC, Eng. Omar Ali Al-Kandari who delivered his keynote speech to all attendees (GUST Alumni, Students, HR Executives, Participants representatives & GUST management, staff and faculty).

GUST Career Fair has become one of the most prominent events in the University. It provides an effective venue to the business world for GUST students as exposes them to employers seeking full-time, part-time and internship opportunities. GUST continuously works on improving the fair by providing a wide variety of different employers to cater to graduates' interests and talents. The diversity keeps growing to include more institutions from the education, technology, public relations, media, and the industrial sector.

Career-oriented Sessions and Workshops were designed to increase the awareness led by prominent organizations addressing recent updates regarding the local trends, essential topics, professional skills.

We look forward to next years career fair!



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PARTICIPANTS



23rd CAREER FAIR

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HR WORKSHOPS | HR CAREER PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

HR Workshop: Get a head start with your career and attend the upcoming HR workshops!

- ✓ Building your CV
- ✓ Job Interview
- ✓ Job Hunting
- ✓ Career Path guidance
- ✓ Career Opportunities

June 1 , 2022 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | W6-200

Presented by: Gulf Bank

June 6 , 2022 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | W6-200

Presented by: Boubyan Bank

June 9 , 2022 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | W6-200

Presented by: Alghanim industries



Upcoming Career Preparation Workshop series to be announced in the next newsletter

For any further information, send an email to alumni@gust.edu.kw

GUST CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT OF 15TH AND 16TH GRADUATING CLASSES

Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) held its graduation ceremony on Monday 28th of March 2022, under the patronage of Acting Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Private Universities Council, Eng. Omar Ali Al-Kandari. GUST announced the commencement of its 15th and 16th undergraduate class and its 11th MBA graduate class, for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 academic years, consisting of 1703 students.

The graduates enjoyed their memorable night in a ceremony held at a specially set up outdoor theater on campus, with musician Majid Al Mohandis concluding the special night with a performance which was exclusive to the GUST graduates and their families.

The commencement ceremony was attended by prominent local figures, including GUST Board of Trustees members, representatives from University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL), diplomats, dignitaries, GUST faculty as well as the families and friends of those graduating.

The ceremony began with a speech by Mr. Nawaf Arhamah Arhamah, followed by a speech from the ceremony's keynote speaker, Eng. Omar Ali Al-Kandari, and the class valedictorians Rahaf Al Mubarak and Hamad Al Khudari. The speakers had many pieces of advice to share with the graduates.

In his speech, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Nawaf Arhamah stressed that the main goal of the establishment of GUST is to be a university of life, helping the young generation achieve their ambitions and aid our country in its stride towards a brighter future, in turn promoting economic stability and while keeping pace with the requirements of our times. He added that "We want this happen in an escalating path of growth and development, in order to provide the knowledge needed by the student and the labor market, and serving the community."

Mr. Arhamah also added "Our 20-year-old university aspires to achieve continuous excellence, a constant focus on building and investment in human capital, while providing a unique experience and environment that allows students to succeed and excel, as well as providing all the support required by connecting them to the labor market and developing their skills."

Chairman Nawaf Arhamah addressed the graduates, saying that "You have completed an important chapter in your life, in which the journey of study ended giving way to another beautiful journey with its challenges, which is the journey of working life," stressing that the challenges we face today necessitate change, expressing great confidence that the graduates will achieve this change, "They are the future of Kuwait and they will lead the country for the better because they already have all the ingredients to do so.

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Acting Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Private Universities Council, Eng. Omar Al-Kandari, said, “Graduation day represents a milestone in human life, on one hand it represents the end of a journey of diligence, vigilance, and commitment, and on the other hand represents a moment in which one looks forward to entering a new future and challenge, so it is a day full of joy and enthusiasm.”

Al-Kandari continued, “After reaping this great harvest, you have a great responsibility to invest this optimally, either by engaging in the labor market, whether in the public or private sector, or building your own business, while some of you may have the choice to continue their educational attainment.” He also added “Whatever the way, I invite you to continue your diligence and commitment in carrying out your tasks and mastering your work, so in this way you can face any challenges and be indeed a fruitful addition to our society, and benefit the country with your efforts.”

In a speech delivered on behalf of the graduates in English, graduate Rahaf Al-Mubarak said “We are here today, together, maskless and ready to fulfill our potential as academic victors. We have flipped open books in times of uncertainty only to sow seeds of patience, empathy, and knowledge. In the midst of pandemic pandemonium, we have lifted each other up with our mentors, our professors, relentlessly by our sides.” Al-Mubarak continued, “In chatrooms and classrooms, we have acquired an invaluable understanding of the world as well as ourselves and each other; in spite of digital screens and social distancing, both pen and educator have proved their mightiness and versatility in times of disarray. Today we reap the us of tomorrow; determined and capable intellectuals — the ultimate catalysts for change. Every word, lesson, and exchange that we have absorbed and reflected upon during our university years at GUST has enkindled our receptive minds, with the purpose of illuminating each other. Together, we are the paragon of hope and achievement” she added.

In his speech in Arabic, graduate Hamad Al Khodari said, “Today we are not only celebrating because we hold degrees, but we celebrate as we carry in our minds a great legacy of principles and objectives that we have learned through our journey at GUST.” Al Khodari pointed out that the university atmosphere contributed to strengthening the spirit of cooperation and pluralism among students and applying the meaning of equality and freedom.



GUST CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT OF 15TH AND 16TH GRADUATING CLASSES

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THE FIRST ALUMNI CLUB DINNER

The first Alumni Club Dinner took place Thursday June 16, 2022 where previous club members and business owners were invited for an intimate dinner at Jumeriah Messiah Beach Hotel & Spa.

We look forward to bringing our alumni together!

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