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Al Ain University Successfully Concludes the International Conference on Smart Management, Green Technologies, and Entrepreneurial Ecosystems



Al Ain University, represented by the College of Business, successfully concluded the International Conference on Smart Management, Green Technologies, and Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (ICSMGEE 2026), held under the esteemed patronage of H.E. Sheikh Theyab bin Tahnoon bin Mohammed



Al Nahyan on 28–29 April 2026, in collaboration with EuroMid, with broad international academic participation. The conference witnessed remarkable global engagement, hosting 169 presenters from 46 institutions across 18 countries, through both physical and virtual participation.



AAU students embody the values of belonging and tolerance at the “Our Life in the UAE” Forum



Under the patronage and in the presence of H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, Al Ain University participated in the “Our Life in the UAE Forum” held under the theme “Reflections on the Love of the UAE,” organized by Watani Al Emarat Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Tolerance and Coexistence, with the participation of a wide range of academic and community institutions.

This participation reflects the University’s commitment to strengthening its community engagement and promoting the values of national identity and tolerance. The University was represented by a select group of its students through the Tolerance Club, who delivered a series of purposeful, interactive activities that reflected a strong sense of belonging and loyalty to the United Arab Emirates.



'Proud of the UAE' is an initiative that strengthens the sense of belonging among the university community



The Deanship of Student Affairs at the University of Al Ain organized a national initiative titled "Proud of the UAE" across its two campuses, as part of its commitment to enhancing students' sense of national identity and supporting them psychologically and morally, especially during the final

examination period of the second semester. The initiative included interactive activities with the participation of the university president, administrative and academic staff, as well as students, where they wrote motivational messages expressing pride and appreciation for the nation.



Al Ain University Recognized as AACSB Global Impact Awards Winner



Al Ain University (AAU) is proud to announce that the College of Business (COB) has been recognized as a winner of AACSB International's (AACSB) inaugural Global Impact Awards, celebrating the innovation, impact, and dedication of business schools and their leaders today. AAU extends its appreciation for Professor Mohanad Halaweh's outstanding contributions and leadership in achieving this distinguished recognition.

The Global Impact Awards honor individuals and institutions whose initiatives exemplify innovation, leadership, and measurable impact in business education and society. Grounded in AACSB's Global Standards for Business Education™, the awards highlight contributions from across the global business education community.

AAU was recognized in the Teaching and Learning Excellence category for AI integration in the MBA course (AI for healthcare applications). This innovative AI-driven educational initiative integrates experiential learning into business education, enabling MBA students to apply machine learning to real healthcare challenges.

"Inspired by the UAE's vision for AI leadership, this initiative prepares future professionals to leverage AI in business. We are proud to receive this recognition, which reflects our commitment to impactful education and equipping students with the skills needed to lead in an AI-driven future," said Prof. Ghaleb ElRefae, AAU President.

"This initiative reflects our vision to meaningfully integrate AI into business education.

An MoU between AAU and Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalid Center to Support Cultural and Community Activities



Al Ain University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalid Al Nahyan Cultural Center, aiming to strengthen frameworks for joint collaboration and expand areas of institutional cooperation between both parties, in a manner that serves the community and leverages the available expertise and capabilities of each side.

The MoU was signed at Al Ain University's campus in Al Ain, where the university was represented by Prof. Ghaleb A. El Refae, President of Al Ain University, while the Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalid Al Nahyan Cultural Center was



represented by Her Excellency Maryam Hamad Al Shamsi, Secretary General of the Center.

The agreement seeks to establish a general framework for enhancing cooperation and coordination between the two parties, organizing their relationship to support the achievement of shared objectives while preserving the independence of each entity and contributing to institutional development and the exchange of expertise. Areas of cooperation include leveraging the capabilities and expertise of both sides, exchanging knowledge and experience, implementing field training programs.



AAU Signs MoU with Al Ain Training & Rehabilitation Center



In line with its commitment to strengthening community partnerships and integrating efforts in education and rehabilitation, Al Ain University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Al Ain Center for Training and Rehabilitation, aiming to enhance joint collaboration in supporting and empowering People of Determination.

The agreement was signed by Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, President of Al Ain University, and Mr. Ali Mohammed Abdul Shafi, Director of Al Ain Center for Training and Rehabilitation, in the presence of representatives from both entities.

Prof. Ghaleb El Refae emphasized that this collaboration marks an important step toward developing impactful initiatives that empower People of Determination and enhance their academic and professional readiness. He highlighted the University's commitment to leveraging its academic and research capabilities to support this group, in alignment with the UAE's vision of building a more inclusive and sustainable society. The MoU aims to establish an effective framework for cooperation between both parties, including organizing training and rehabilitation programs, conducting workshops and awareness seminars.



AAU Honors Outstanding Students on the Academic Honor List

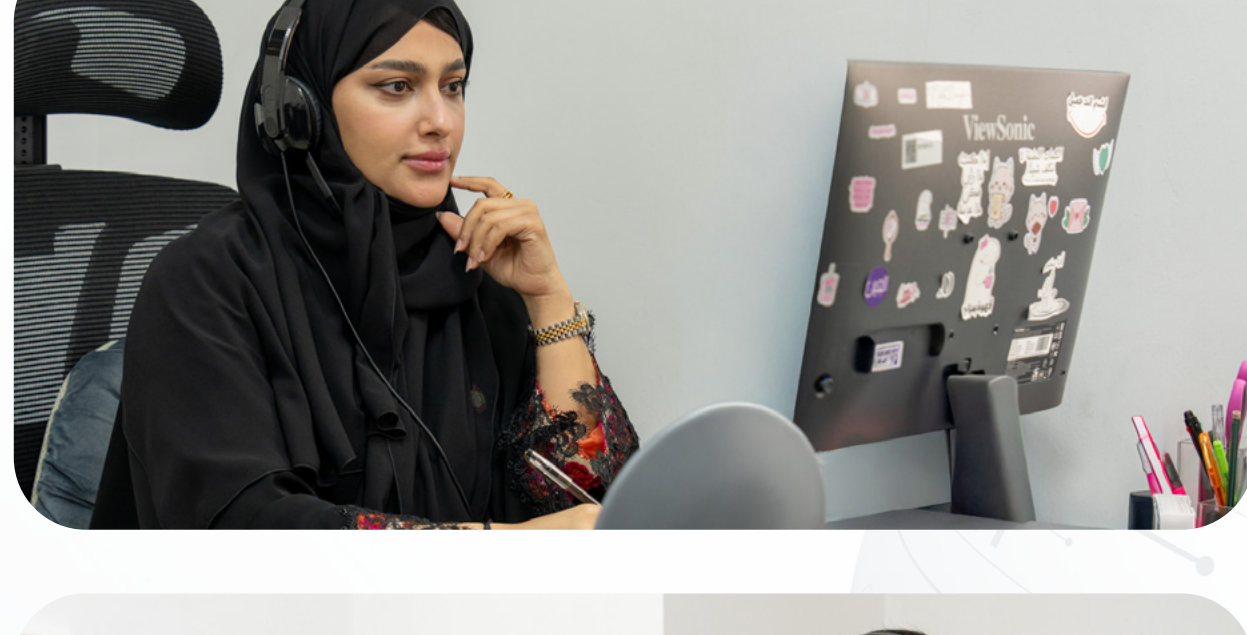


Academic Honor Roll at both its Al Ain and Abu Dhabi campuses, in the presence of university leadership and college deans. This initiative reflects the university's commitment to promoting academic excellence and encouraging students to continue their outstanding performance.

Al Ain Campus

The ceremony at the Al Ain campus was attended by Prof. Ghaleb ElRefae, University President; Prof. Ibtehal Abu Rezeq, Vice President for Development and Follow-up and Dean of Student Affairs; and Prof. Nazih Khadajj Mallat.

Enhancing Awareness of Artificial Intelligence as a Key Partner in Academic and Professional Life



The Deanship of Student Affairs, represented by the Career Development Office, in collaboration with the Alumni Office at the Al Ain campus, organized a lecture titled "Artificial Intelligence: Your Partner in Life". The lecture targeted university students and alumni, aiming to enhance their awareness of the importance of artificial intelligence and its growing role in various academic and professional aspects of life.

Promoting Family Cohesion and Shared Responsibility to Strengthen Society

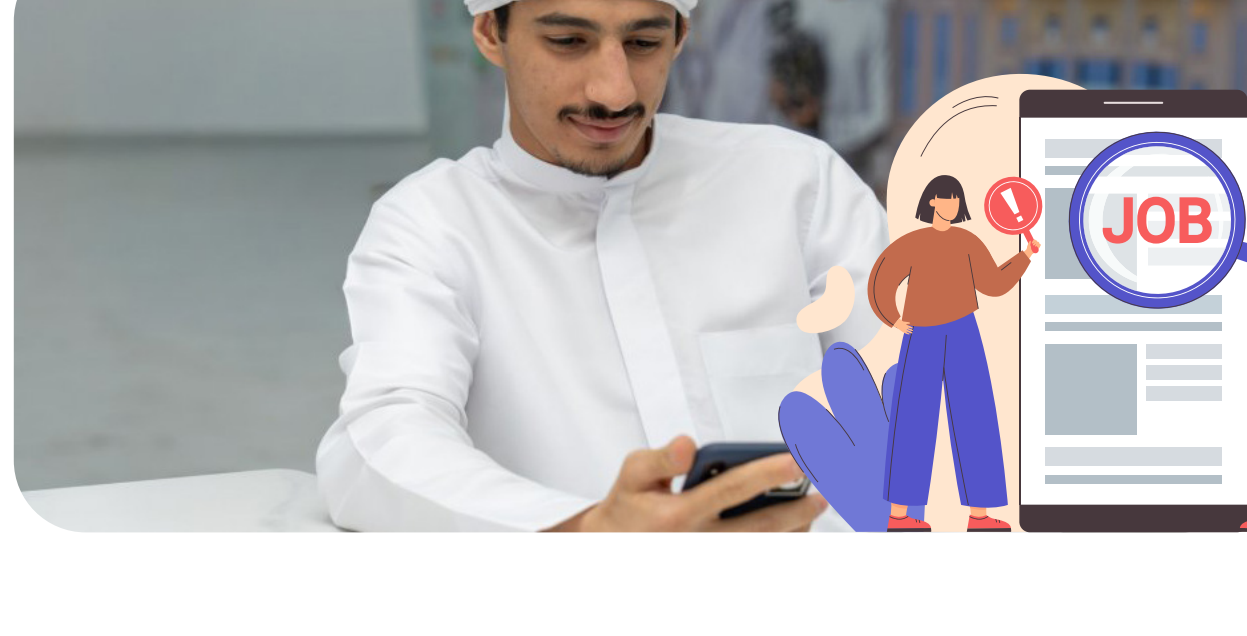


The Deanship of Student Affairs in Abu Dhabi participated in the sixth annual forum of the "Government as an Incubator for Tolerance" initiative, held under the theme "A Cohesive Family and Shared Responsibility," and organized by the Ministry of Tolerance and Coexistence to promote the values

of tolerance and social cohesion. His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan emphasized the vital role of the family in instilling values and addressing modern challenges, while praising Her Highness Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak for her efforts in supporting families.

"Your First Step Toward the Future" Lecture Prepares Students and Graduates for the Job Market

The Deanship of Student Affairs, represented by the Career Development Office, in collaboration with the Alumni Office, organized a lecture titled "Your First Step Toward the Future" as part of a series of events aimed at preparing students and graduates for the job market and enhancing their professional readiness. The lecture addressed essential skills needed to begin a professional career, focusing on writing a professional CV, effective job application methods.



A Virtual Event Promotes National Identity and Family Values



As part of efforts to promote the values of national identity and strengthen students' sense of belonging, and within the framework of the National Identity Pioneers Program, the Deanship of Student Affairs at Abu Dhabi Campus, in collaboration with Dar Al Olum Private School, organized a

virtual event titled "My Family and My Identity," in alignment with the UAE's Year of the Family initiative. The event aimed to introduce students to the concept of national identity and its importance, while highlighting the role of the family in nurturing and reinforcing these values within society.

A Workshop Enhances Students' Crisis Management Skills



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain Campus organized an awareness workshop titled "Crisis Management Strategies," delivered by Dr. Fatima Al Dhaheeri, who holds a Ph.D. in Development Policies and has extensive experience in family training with the Family Care Authority.

The workshop was held as part of ongoing efforts to raise

students' awareness of effective crisis management. It focused on equipping participants with practical skills and strategies to handle challenges with awareness and responsibility, thereby enhancing their psychological and social well-being within the university environment and enabling them to make sound decisions during emergencies.

Students' Awareness of Consumer Rights and Responsibilities



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain Campus organized an awareness workshop titled "Consumer Protection," delivered by Mr. Hamad Al Hassani from the Consumer Awareness Section at the Department of Economic Development.

The workshop aimed to raise students' awareness of their rights and responsibilities as consumers and to equip

them with the knowledge needed to make informed and responsible purchasing decisions, thereby protecting their interests and reducing unfair market practices. It also highlighted key laws and regulations related to consumer protection and provided practical guidance to help individuals deal with various consumer-related challenges.

"Healthy Family... Healthy Community" Promotes Health Awareness and Social Responsibility

As part of its efforts to enhance social responsibility and spread health awareness, the Deanship of Student Affairs organized an event titled "Healthy Family... Healthy Community" at the Al Ain campus, with the participation of several medical entities and health specialists.



The event aimed to raise awareness among community members about the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle within the family, as it plays a key role in building a healthy and sustainable society. It included various awareness activities such as basic medical screenings, including blood pressure measurement, blood sugar level testing, and body mass index (BMI) assessment, in addition to medical and nutritional consultations provided by specialists.



Engineering Students Win Top Positions at eRobolution Dubai 2026 Competition



Engineering students at the Abu Dhabi campus achieved remarkable success in the CTC: Capture the CRAB Competition, held as part of the eRobolution Dubai 2026 Summit, securing 1st-, 3rd-, and 5th-place finishes among international participants. The competition was supervised by Prof. Faten Kharbat, Deputy Dean of the College of Engineering, and Eng.

Yaman was organized in an interactive virtual environment by Erovoutika Robotics and Automation Solutions, bringing together students, academics, and industry experts from around the world. The DMW team, consisting of Anthony Lotfy, Mohamad Haitham, and Aslah Abdul Khadar, won 1st place.

Engineering Students Achieve Second Place in 'Farm to Market' Hackathon



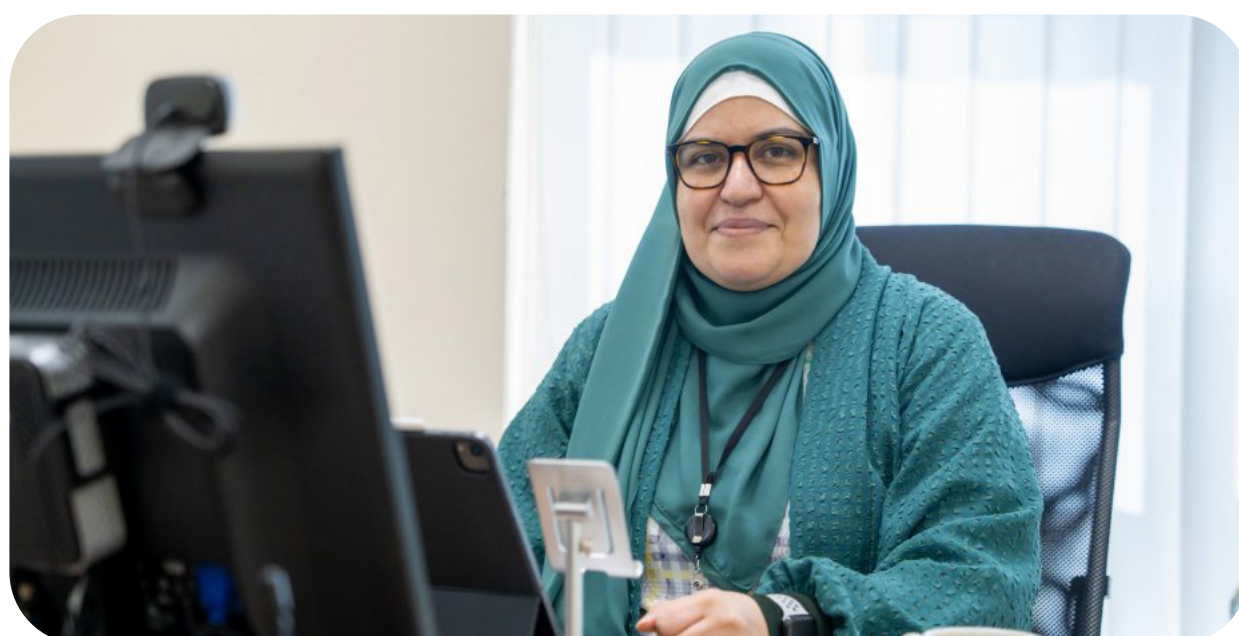
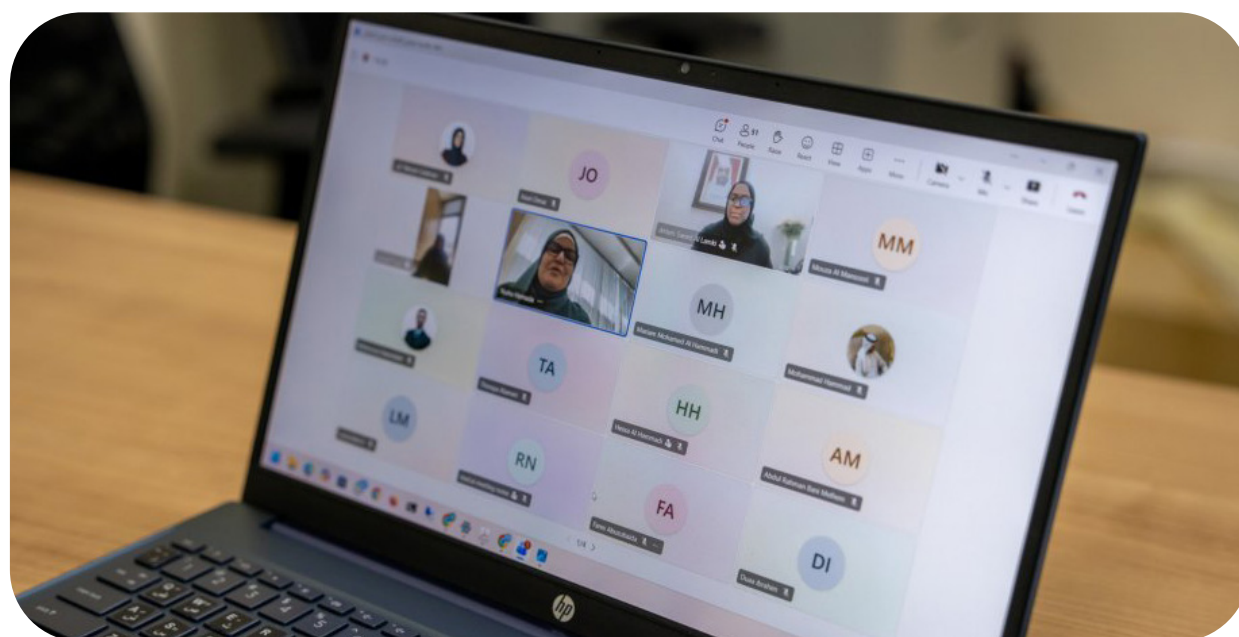
Engineering students at Al Ain University achieved a remarkable success by securing second place in the Universities Hackathon "Farm to Market," held as part of the UAE Agriculture Conference & Exhibition 2026.

The team was selected from more than 2,000 applications

nationwide, placing them among the top ten teams to reach the final stage of the competition. The students presented their innovative project SooqRoot, an AI-powered platform that connects local farmers directly with commercial buyers such as hotels and supermarkets.

A Panel Discussion Highlights Youth as the Nation's First Line of Defense

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Abu Dhabi Campus, in collaboration with the General Women's Union and the Watani Fund, organized a panel discussion titled "Youth: The Nation's Shield." The session was delivered by life and family skills trainer Moza Al Qubaisi and moderated by Dr. Noha Hamada and Ms. Ahlam Al Lamki, as part of the Year of Family initiatives. The session adopted an interactive discussion format, addressing the concept of "the nation's shield" from a social perspective, and highlighting the role of youth in strengthening national responsibility through essential life skills. It also emphasized the role of the university environment and academic disciplines in shaping well-rounded personalities. The discussion further explored the challenges posed by social media and digital openness on youth awareness.



Student Visit as Part of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week Activities



The Deanship of Student Affairs at the Abu Dhabi campus organized a field visit for a group of university students to Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, held at ADNEC. The visit included attending the Sustainability Forum, which brings together a distinguished group of policymakers, government leaders, industry experts, and specialists across various fields of sustainability. The aim of the visit was to enhance students' awareness of the importance of sustainability and enable them to actively contribute to this field by exploring global experiences and best practices. The program also included a tour of the Sustainability Exhibition at the event venue in Abu Dhabi, where students explored a range of pavilions and initiatives across environmental protection, renewable energy, and sustainable innovation. University students also took part in an organized guided tour, during which they explored the showcased projects and gained practical insights into sustainability concepts.

FIFA 26 Tournament Ignites Competitive Spirit and Crowns a New Champion



The Deanship of Student Affairs, in collaboration with Red Bull, organized a FIFA 26 tournament at the campus, attracting wide participation from university students and creating an atmosphere full of excitement and competitive spirit. The tournament witnessed high levels of skill and creativity, as one student from the College of Engineering secured victory in the final match, earning the championship

title after an outstanding performance throughout all stages of the competition.

With this achievement, the winner qualified to represent the university in the national FIFA finals, set to take place in Dubai, where he will compete against top players from various educational institutions.

A Field Visit on World Autism Awareness Day Promotes Community Support for People of Determination



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain Campus, on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day, and in collaboration with the Special Education Program, organized a field visit to Al Ain Center for Care and Rehabilitation, as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance social responsibility and support

People of Determination. The visit was marked by a joyful and engaging atmosphere, where students actively participated in a range of recreational activities, including distributing gifts and interacting with children, with the aim of bringing happiness and providing emotional support.

Third Place Caps a Strong Performance by Al Ain University in the National Basketball Championship

The Al Ain University – Abu Dhabi Campus basketball team achieved a notable sporting milestone by securing third place in the National University Games Championship (second edition) for the academic year 2025–2026. This marks the team's first official participation in the tournament, adding a new achievement to the university's sports record.

This accomplishment followed a strong competitive journey, as the team began its participation in the Western Region competitions from October 2025 until the end of January 2026. The team successfully secured second place after delivering outstanding technical performance.

