

## **The British University in Dubai Wins Catalyst Award for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging**

Dubai, UAE– 27 June 2022– Dr Tendai Charles from The British University in Dubai (BUiD) has been named winner of the Catalyst Award for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging which honours those institutions leveraging technology to foster diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging practices. Winners have taken specific steps to rethink how learning is achieved and are using Blackboard and/or Anthology solutions to ensure that their pedagogy, content, and educational services are fully inclusive and supportive of all learners, providing them with equitable opportunities to succeed.

Founded in 2005, the annual Catalyst Awards recognise and honour innovation and excellence in the Anthology global community of practice, where millions of educators and learners work every day to redefine what is possible when leveraging technology. Winners are selected by a cross-functional team of Anthology experts and represent the very best in their field. The Catalyst Awards were expanded when Anthology and Blackboard combined in 2021.

Throughout the past three years, Dr Tendai Charles has been leveraging technology to foster diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging practices, to ensure that BUiD provides a fully inclusive and supportive digital learning experience for all students. His contributions have been noticed on the global stage, hence he has received this award as a leader and catalyst for educational technology in the UAE and beyond.

Dr Tendai said, "I am humbled and honoured to be acknowledged on an international level for my efforts here in Dubai. Achievements in Digital Education such as this one are only possible due to the vision, leadership and support I constantly receive."

"We're pleased to honour this year's Catalyst Award winners for their commitment to improving the educational experience for all learners through EdTech and sharing these insights with the broader community," said Jim Milton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Anthology. "We're proud to partner with institutions who are innovating to advance student success."

BUiD's team will also be announced alongside other Catalyst Award winners during Anthology Together, Anthology's annual user conference to be held 11-14 July in Orlando, USA.

For more information on the Catalyst Awards, please visit: <https://www.anthology.com/catalyst-awards>

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The British University in Dubai (BUiD) was established by law number 5 in 2003, by His Highness the late Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai, as a not-for-profit entity. The University grew out of collaborations between British and Dubai academic, government and commercial organisations to make a unique contribution to the UAE and the Gulf region. The founders of the University are the Al Maktoum Foundation, Dubai Holding, Rolls-Royce, the British Business Group of Dubai and the Northern Emirates, Emirates NBD, and the British Council.

The University is governed by a Council formed every three years by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, under the chancellorship of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum.

BUiD is licensed by the UAE Ministry of Education and our qualifications are also recognised internationally by NARIC. The academic support that BUiD enjoys from its alliance with Russell Group universities in the UK has contributed to its success. These universities include the University of Edinburgh, the University of Glasgow, and the University of Manchester - all in the world's top 100.

BUiD's internal quality assurance include processes that ensure our programmes and students' achievements are of standards on a par with those of our UK Universities Alliance partners.

BUiD offers full and part-time research based Doctorate and PhD programmes, Masters and MBA programmes, and Postgraduate Diplomas, in the fields of education, business, law, engineering, finance, construction, and IT.

BUiD also offers undergraduate programmes in the fields of computer science, AI, engineering, architecture, finance, and business.

BUiD works in collaboration with leading organisations and institutions including its major contributing partner the Knowledge Fund Establishment, Atkins, the UAE Ministry of Education, and government and associated bodies across the UAE's public and private sectors.

We provide an important and growing community and resource for young professionals, leading academics, corporate managers and aspiring leaders of all description.