

BUiD moments

The British University in Dubai celebrates two cohorts of graduates at Za'abeel Park



Under the Chancellorship of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, and CEO and Chairman of the Emirates Group, The British University in Dubai (BUID) celebrated the graduation of its fifteenth and sixteenth cohorts of graduates at the doctoral and Masters levels at Za'abeel Park on 15 December 2021. The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Simon Penney, Her Majesty's Consul General of the British Embassy in Dubai, the University's Council members, academic and administrative staff, and family and friends of the graduates.

Due to COVID-19 BUID was unable to hold a ceremony in 2020, so this year more than 350 postgraduate students graduated, with 200 graduands attending the ceremony including 57 at the doctoral level.





The British University in Dubai organises its second TEDx talks



**The new normal or future normal?
What did we learn in the past two years?**

BUID organised its second TEDx talks on 2 March 2022 at the Marriott Hotel Al Jaddaf with the theme 'The new normal or future normal? What did we learn in the past two years?'

Six distinguished speakers shared their personal experiences and perspectives; the line-up of speakers was expanded this year to include students.

'The Ego and the (K)Id' by Professor Christopher Hill

'To the billionaires and the generation of hope' by Bianca Badando

'Dyslexia: from impairment to empowerment' by Danielle Wilson-Gulston

'Education 4.0 – are we ready for it?' by Dr Solomon David

'Should we quit social media?' by Dr Joe Hazzam

'Human connection is not your problem – it's your responsibility' by Mamta Saha

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Professor Christopher Hill



Bianca Badando



Danielle Wilson-Gulston



Dr Solomon David



Dr Joe Hazzam



Mamta Saha

BUID's participations at EXPO 2020

BUID participates in the UK Pavilion's activities at Dubai Expo 2020

BUID in collaboration with Heriot-Watt University Dubai and University of Birmingham Dubai, participated in STEM activities at the UK Pavilion where the three universities showcased the best of British higher education. Staff demonstrated their expertise in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, robotics, and engineering.



The day was framed by the world's leading air display team, the Royal Air Force Red Arrows, who visited the universities' activities and interacted with visitors. Following the activities, the Red Arrows put on an astonishing display over Expo 2020, featuring some of their famous manoeuvres and death-defying feats.



BUID's Director of the Centre for Research in Digital Education participates in a conference held at the Luxembourg Pavilion at Dubai Expo 2020

Dr Tendai Charles delivered a talk at the 'Humanities and the Rise of AI: Implications of Cultural and Societal Engineering' international conference which was held at the Luxembourg Pavilion.

The conference was organised by the University of Luxembourg in cooperation with United Arab Emirates University, The British University in Dubai, and the New York University Abu Dhabi.



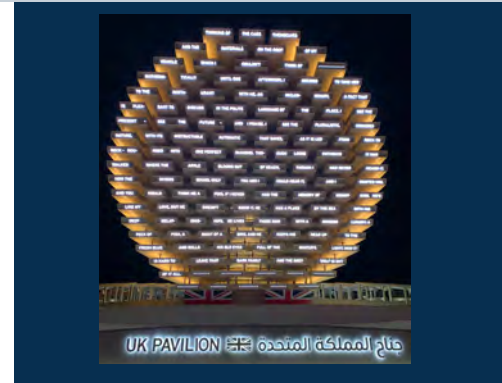
BUID's students participate in a workshop organised by Italy Pavilion at EXPO 2020

Professor Bassam Abu Hijleh, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and IT, along with a group of BUID's postgraduate students, participated in a workshop about sustainability at the Italian Pavilion. The workshop was organised by the University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy. BUID's students shared their ideas on sustainability and urban design with several professors and PhD students from the Department of Architecture, University of Chieti-Pescara.



Dean of Education participates in the UK Pavilion activities at Expo 2020

Professor Eman Gaad, the Dean of Faculty of Education, participated in the 'How will we Learn?' event which was hosted on the virtual platform of the UK Pavilion. She was one of the panel members in the 'Meeting the Needs of Every Child' session. The panel focused on why governments should invest in inclusion and how can they put it into practice.



BUID's professor leads BUID STEM team at Expo 2020



Professor Sufian Forawi led BUID STEM team along with Heba Chaya and Tamir Forawi. The event was held at Dubai Cares Pavilion at Dubai Expo 2020. The BUID STEM Sustainable event aimed to provide STEM activities for high school students to increase their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and develop related skills and interests of related majors/careers for STEM and sustainable environment. Four sessions were provided to engage a total of 60 students who participated in the activities that included Building Ecosystems, Pendulum Motion, and Crystallisation.

ALUMNI NEWS



BUID's alumna, Dr Rania Alayli, contributed a chapter in a book titled 'Teaching in the Post COVID-19 Era: World Education Dilemmas, Teaching Innovations and Solutions in the Age of Crisis'. The book discusses educational technology solutions, curriculum innovations, and the sustainability of education in crisis events in the 21st Century.

BUID's alumnus, Dr Rawhi Abdat, and Professor Eman Gaad, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, co-authored a chapter titled, 'The "Now What Dilemma": An Emirati Perspective on Issues Related to Transition of Learners with Send From Early Care to Primary Education' in a book that discusses international perspectives on inclusive education.





Dr Samih Yehia, BUiD's alumnus with a PhD in Business Management, along with Professor Ashly Pinnington, former Dean of Research, contributed a chapter 'Planning for sustainable infrastructure development during mega-events: An Expo 2020 case study', in 'Routledge Handbook of Planning and Management of Global Strategic Infrastructure Projects'. Two of BUiD's academic staff, Professor Edward Ochieng and Dr Sulafa Badi, were among the editors of the book as well.

BUiD's PhD in Business Management graduate, Dr Adil Alzarooni, published a book based on his PhD thesis titled 'Sustaining Family Business'. In his book, Dr Alzarooni aimed to identify the characteristics and the key challenges of family enterprises and what helps business to thrive across generations.



Reem Al Falasi, a graduate with an MSc in Informatics, was selected along with three other young Emiratis to represent the UAE at the 85th General Assembly of the International Electrotechnical Organisation (IEC). The four youth ambassadors who specialise in engineering and technology were nominated for the IEC's Youth Professionals Programme (IECYPP) by their work organisations and they were selected from seventeen candidates.

Dr Adi Ahmad AlQudah, passed his viva in PhD Computer Science without any corrections. The External examiner cited the high quality of his research and invited him and his advisor to submit a paper to the 'IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management' Journal for their special issue of healthcare technology management.



FACULTY NEWS



Professor Sherief Abdallah and Dr Solomon Arulraj David have participated in the certified reviewer project of the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA), UAE and have obtained the status of Certified Reviewers for licensure of higher education institutions and accreditation of their academic programmes.



Professor Aymen Masadeh, the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Law, was selected as a member on the panel of arbitrators at the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM). The ADGM Arbitration Centre publishes a panel of arbitrators to assist parties with arbitrator selection.

Professor Eman Gaad won the golden award for pioneer women at the Pioneers Summit held in Cairo in October 2021 organised by the Arab Women Pioneers Network.

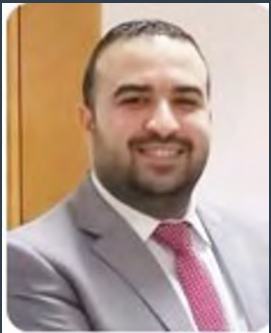


Recently , she was selected as the Goodwill Ambassador by the Embassy of the Republic of Bangladesh in Egypt during the Diplomacy Awards ceremony. She has received the awards in recognition of her work and support to people with special needs and the efforts she has done in the area of special and inclusive education.

BUiD professors ranked among the top 2% of researchers worldwide



For the second year, two BUiD professors were ranked among the top 2% of researchers worldwide. Professor Khaled Shaalan, Head of Informatics, was ranked among the top 2% scientists in the world in the area of computer science in a study published by Stanford University, and Professor Stephen Wilkins, Head of Business Management postgraduate programmes, was ranked the same in the area of Strategic Management. Professor Wilkins also ranked #4 in the UAE in the entire business management field and #1 in strategic management in the latest ADS Scientific Ranking 2022.



Dr Mostafa Al-Emran, Lecturer in the Faculty of Engineering and IT, was also ranked among the top 2% scientists in the world as published by Stanford University. Dr Al-Emran has over 95 research articles published in top-tier journals, conferences, and books.

COLLABORATION

BUiD signed an MoU with Siemens to deliver training on Siemens' state-of-the-art solutions in the UAE with the possibility of expanding to the entire GCC region. The MoU was signed by Professor Abdullah Alshamsi, Vice Chancellor, and Dr Fuad Al Attar, Senior Vice President, Customer Services - Digital Industries at Siemens Middle East. BUiD will be the focal point of this agreement to provide training across the nation, and direction and guidance to Siemens in the development of its training programmes.





BUID has agreed an MoU with the Hashemite University, Jordan. The MoU will develop academic and cultural collaboration in areas of education and research. It also aims to encourage students and academic exchange, developing new programmes and working on joint research and publications.

BUID signed an agreement with Duco Digital Ltd. to provide AI and machine learning programmes with professional certifications accredited by the Chartered Institute of IT (BCS). Students can join any of these programmes and qualify with the BCS Essentials Certificate in AI, BCS Foundation Certificate in Artificial Intelligence, and BCS Foundation Award in Understanding Ethical Principles in the IT Profession.



BUID signed an MoU with the CDA and became the provider of capacity-building training: professional assistants (PA). This training programme aims at empowering participants to become professional assistants in their workplaces. The training categories are Teaching Assistant, Behavioural Therapist, Assistant Psychologist, and Assistant Behavioural Therapist.

BUID signed an agreement with the British Council to be a Testing Point Partner for IELTS. BUID is the first university in the MENA region adopting the IELTS Testing Point model. The agreement was signed by Professor Abdullah Alshamsi, the Vice Chancellor, and Aida Salamanca MBE, British Council Country Director, UAE and a member of BUID's University Council.

Also present were Hugh Martin FRSA, Registrar and Chief Administrative Officer, and Deep Adhikari, Director, British Council Examinations Gulf South Cluster.



WEBINARS AND CONFERENCES

Professor Eman Gaad was one of the keynote speakers at the World Down Syndrome Congress (WDSC) 2021. In her speech titled 'Educating learners with Down Syndrome in regular classrooms: issues and challenges', she focused on the current status and issues related to supporting those involved in the process of inclusive education for learners with Down Syndrome.



Professor Aymen Masadeh participated in a symposium on arbitration at the American University in the Emirates. He spoke on the recent developments in arbitration laws and practice in the UAE. The symposium was held on 16 March with the theme 'The Legal System of Arbitration: Challenges and Solutions'.

Hugh Martin participated in the BETT/Learnit 2022 conference held in London from 23-25 March 2022. BETT/Learnit is one of the world's largest education events. As an invited thought leader on the Hosted Leader programme, he spoke on the theme 'What do universities owe their local area?' with the Vice President of the University of Chicago and the Vice President of the University of Melbourne; both ranked in the top 40 universities in the world.



Hugh was also selected for the third year to be a judge of the Tatawwar Competition which was conducted online on 4 and 5 March 2022. Hugh joined a panel of judges including education leaders, corporate executives, and senior government officials from different countries; he is now the longest-serving Tatawwar judge.



The programme brings together students, schools, parents, the education sector and the business community to help innovate for a shared future. It gives students the chance to practice important business skills, understand sustainable commitments, connect with the corporate world, and hear from some extraordinary professionals along the way.

Eleven of BUiD's postgraduate students participated in the Graduate Students Research Conference (GSRC) which was co-organised by Khalifa University, The British University in Dubai, and Dubai University on 24 March 2022. The main purpose of this conference is to provide opportunities for graduate students to share their research work amongst their peers and academic supervisors, receive scholarly feedback, and network professionally.





The Faculty of Business and Law organised a workshop for MBA students titled 'Developing the Leader in You' on 6 November 2021. The workshop was conducted by Claudine Reid MBE to discuss leadership topics including process and skills needed to be a better leader, types and levels of leadership, and how to handle change.

BUID's Centre for Research in Digital Education (CRDE) hosted a webinar on 1 November 2021 titled 'Hybrid Learning: Does it work?' Dr Tendai Charles and Professor Christopher Hill presented along with BUID's alumna Dr Nadera Alborno, Associate Professor at the American University in Dubai, Sam Kary, founder of New EdTech Classroom, and Christopher Tuffnell, Lead in Innovative and Digital Education at the University of Wollongong Dubai.



TRAINING



BUID's Professional Development and Examinations Centre (PDEC) held CEA, CEM and CMVP training programmes in support of the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), graduating 54 certified professionals. PDEC held its first cybersecurity training and certification in October 2021. BUID is currently at final registration as Technical and Vocational Education and Training provider at National Qualifications Centre (NQC) to become a Registered Training Provider (RTP).

Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) continues to offer regular training workshops as well as specialised sessions as part of research modules to help student build their research capability. 25 postgraduate and undergraduate-level workshops were offered from September 2021 to April 2022.

The DTC, has developed and is in the process of implementing a proofreading service for student final dissertations and theses. translation of the English abstract into Arabic will be included in the proofreading service.





BUID and the Community Development Authority celebrated the graduation of the first batch of licensed professionals on 8 March 2022 at BUID's campus. Twenty professionals took the training which covered four categories including Teaching Assistant, Behavioural Therapist, Assistant Psychologist, and Assistant Behavioural Therapist.

2nd Capture and Caption It Photography Contest



First Place, Hala Abu El-Soud, BSc in Computer Science – Software Engineering



Second Place, Hiba Hassan, BSc in Computer Science – Artificial Intelligence

The University and the Student Council organised the 2nd Capture & Caption It Photography Contest under the theme 'Daily Life at BUID' on 23 March 2022.

Here are the best 3 photos.



Third Place, Mohammed Dorgham, BSc in Computer Science – Software Engineering