Hundreds of AUS students honored at Annual Student Appreciation Awards

American University of Sharjah (AUS) honored more than 600 of its students for their extracurricular achievements during the Annual Student Appreciation Award ceremony held on May 8, 2017. Students from the AUS Student Council, sports teams, student clubs and organizations, community services volunteers, and the leadership program were recognized for their efforts at a special event held at Al Jawaher Reception and Convention Center, Sharjah.

The Annual Student Appreciation Awards honor students’ activities outside the classrooms and promotes their success by recognizing their achievements and encouraging them to explore their interests.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Björn Kjerfve, AUS Chancellor, said, “Since its inception, AUS has earned renown as a teaching institution established through a mandate of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan. It has two main objectives: one is to become a leading

AUS students volunteer in Nepal during spring break

Seventeen AUS students spent their spring break volunteering in Nepal March 31–April 7, 2017. The trip was organized by the university’s Community Services division to allow students to experience first-hand the value of serving others, giving back to the community and enriching the lives of the less fortunate.

After an orientation program in Kathmandu, the students travelled to the municipality of Besisahar where they volunteered in a community
Dean of Students’ Column

My heartiest congratulations to the 649 Spring 2017 graduates. We are proud of all our graduates who excelled in academics and those who left a record of their contribution to student life. At each spring commencement, the Chancellor’s Cup is given to a student who has set an exceptional record in non-academic engagement with academic excellence. I recall past recipients of the Chancellor’s Cup; in 2014, it was Nawshad Akther; in 2015, Moataz Khaled Abdrabou; in 2016, it was Noora Abdulla Alqasemi; and this year we have Merna ElMedany, a graduate of Spring 2017.

Merna is yet another example for AUS students that a simple humble aspiration of achieving academic and non-academic goals with determination can create a pathway for all-around development and add a record to the history of the university. Merna was active in out-of-class activities since she joined AUS. She engaged in volunteering, leadership activities, mediation and many other extracurricular programs. She built her non-curricular portfolio, which has given her a competitive edge to stand out.

Participation in extracurricular activities contributes to a student’s holistic development. I hope that every student at AUS engages in extracurricular activities to acquire skills, develop character, volunteer for the good of society, interact with peers, play sports, apply classroom-learned knowledge in learning activities, practice leadership, manage activities and contribute to student life. Summer students are encouraged to visit our Student Affairs offices to know what opportunities are open for participation.

Ramadan Kareem to all those fasting during this Holy Month. I extend a warm welcome to students taking summer classes and wish a peaceful summer holiday to students, staff and faculty proceeding on leave.

Dr. Moza Al Shehhi
Dean of Students

Student Council enjoys overnight camping trip at Mleiha

The AUS Student Council took an overnight camping trip on April 14. Sixty-five students were taken to the Mleiha Archeological Center where a fun filled program was ready for them.

The students arrived at the center at sunset and were taken to an archeological exhibition where they learned about life in the region thousands of years ago. The exhibition contained interactive displays, artefacts and information points that brought history to life.

The campsite itself was a beautiful area between the side of a mountain and the open desert. Students spent a magical night camping under the star-filled skies enjoying a barbeque dinner, a bonfire, some good company and games in the tranquil atmosphere.

The next morning, the students were taken to a higher point to enjoy the sunrise and a short trekking session, before returning to camp for breakfast.
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Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students, congratulated the students on their success and expressed her pride in the students’ participation in events and activities provided by the AUS Office of Student Affairs. “I am proud to say that students being appreciated in today’s function aspired and attained their academic and nonacademic goals. We are pleased to celebrate your achievements,” she said.

“Our student leaders have set inspirational examples locally and internationally and bought the university fame worldwide through their achievements,” she added.

Eight students received the Most Outstanding Active Student Award for their contributions to extracurricular activities in the Academic Year 2016–2017. The awardees were:

1. Most Outstanding Active Students awards:
   a. Student Athletics and Recreation
      • Raees Rizwan
      • Habiba Khalifa
      • Salem Herzallah
   b. Student Clubs and Organizations
      • Siddhant Manjunath Iyer
      • Bassim Younis
      • Sameed Khalid
   c. Leadership Program
      • Ahmad Azari
   d. Community Services
      • Zulfikar Qaidzohar

2. Global Day Best Corner Awards
   a. 1st Place: Egyptian Cultural Club
   b. 2nd Place: Indian Cultural Club
   c. 3rd Place: Emirati Cultural Club
   d. Best Corner Idea: Pakistani Cultural Club
   e. Best Teamwork (Corner): North African Cultural Clubs (Algerian, Tunisian, Libyan and Moroccan)

3. Global Day Best Performance Awards
   a. 1st Place: Indian Cultural Club
   b. 2nd Place: Jordanian Cultural Club
   c. 3rd Place: Palestinian Cultural Club
   d. Best Performance Idea: Pakistani Cultural Club
   e. Best Teamwork (performance): Sudanese Cultural Club

4. Global Day Best Sustainable Pavilion Awards
   a. Best Large Sustainable Pavilion: India
   b. Best Small Sustainable Pavilion: Sri Lanka
   c. Best Group (Team) Sustainable Pavilion: Korea and Japan

5. Club of the Year Awards
   a. Ethnic: Indian Cultural Club
   b. Interest-oriented: American Society of Mechanical Engineers Club

Also present at the awards ceremony were Dr. Leland Blank, Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer at AUS; AUS deans and other senior officials; faculty, staff and students.
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school. The students led hands-on informal learning activities with the school children in science, math, English language and computers. In addition to learning sessions, the students and children engaged in sports, dance and games.

To improve the school surroundings and create an atmosphere conducive for learning, the students decided to tidy up the place and paint the walls. The school administrators held a farewell gathering to thank the students, who then distributed giveaways and donated books to the school library. They also donated stuffed toys handstitched by students during the Toy Stories initiative held at AUS.

“The Nepal trip offered educational, volunteering and meaningful activities for our students. It is an opportunity to enhance their social skills and instill the values of compassion and responsibility within them. Our students were able to positively contribute to the society and enrich the lives of the underprivileged,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students.

“This trip was a life changing experience for most of us. We left our comfort zones to explore a new place and we made new friends and some friends became family. This trip gave us the opportunity to do something for the underprivileged outside the UAE and experience a new way of living. One could not have asked for a better destination and a better group to go with. The memories of the school, the children that we met and their smiles will forever be etched in our minds,” said Zulfikar Qaidzohar Shahpurwala, a volunteer majoring in economics.
AUS students attend the Mohammed bin Zayed Majlis for Future Generations

AUS students attended the Mohammed bin Zayed Majlis for Future Generations held on March 7 and 8, 2017, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces and Chairman of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The main aim of the summit was to empower Emirati university students to fulfill their aspirations for themselves and their country and understand how they can help in building a better future. The summit also focused on introducing national unity and pride, encouraging civic engagement, and highlighting the skills needed to be successful leaders and entrepreneurs in the 21st economy.

“I am glad to have participated in the Mohammed bin Zayed Majlis for Future Generations,” said Aysha Alsharhan, a senior majoring in industrial engineering. “We got to attend lectures, interactive sessions and workshops held by the most prominent figures and organizations in the UAE, thus, allowing us to familiarize ourselves with the current market trends, get guidance on what to do after university, and explore possible career choices. Not only that, but the talks and especially that by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed emphasized the role of youth in UAE’s society, inviting us to participate in making a change for the better and motivating us to be the best we can be for the sake of our country,” she added.

“The Mohamed bin Zayed Majlis for Future Generations focused on the importance of dialogue and the value of exchange of ideas. The summit aided our students in ways to find solutions for the various issues that can impact future societies. We highly recommend other students to take advantage of such opportunities and look forward to participating in the event next year,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students.

AUS students attend Arab Hope Makers award ceremony

Students from the Student Leadership Program at AUS attend the Arab Hope Makers Award Ceremony held on May 18 in Dubai. Arab Hope Makers is an initiative by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, that highlights individuals who serve their communities for the betterment of societies.

Arab Hope Makers focused on community work related to education, health, media and social activism. The initiative highlighted flashes of hope in the Arab World and told stories of the women and men that devote their lives to those in need.

“This event was more like a reality check, it made me wake up to what is happening around us from hunger to deprivation and war,” said Bushra Olayan, a junior majoring in chemical engineering. “The top five competitors for the big prize each sacrificed so much to solve these world problems that I felt utterly useless. And now, all I want is to be part of this goodness, this sole desire to help, in any way possible.”

“The Arab Hope Makers Award Ceremony was a wonderful experience for AUS students. Listening to individuals that sacrificed so much for the help of others made students realize the need for spreading the values of hope and goodness throughout Arab World. This experience was life changing indeed and inspired our students to give back to their communities,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students.
AUS students elected new members to the university’s Student Council for the academic year 2017-2018 during a well-contested election held on May 3, at the Student Center. Candidates vied for 14 elected offices that represent the university’s diverse and multicultural student body.

The AUS Student Council, which serves as a voice for the student body and works directly with the university administration, aims to initiate programs and projects that cater to the demands of the student body as well as promote leadership and teamwork.

More than 1,700 students, or 34 percent of the student body, voted in the elections for the council. Students elected to the Student Council for 2017-2018 are:

**Executive Board**

Qasim Ali - President

Siddhant Manjunath Iyer - Vice President

Natali Nedal Saleem - Vice President for Public Relations

Samaa Mustafa Abasher - Executive Secretary and Office Director

Mohamed Sami Essea - Treasurer

Community Outreach Committee

Omar M.Wael Husamddine - Events and Activities Coordinator

Khaled Abdulghani - Athletics and Sports Coordinator

Hala Mohamed Aboujalala - Communication and Media Coordinator

Mohamed Mahmoud Elsayed - Student Organizations and Campus Services Coordinator

Board of Colleges, Schools and Academic Programs Representatives

Lojain Mohieddin Halawani - CAS Representative

Dalia Hussain Aldubaisy - CAAD Representative

Farah George Lahham - SBA Representative

Noura Ammar Alahmad - CEN Representative

Nabil Ayoub Lashkareh - AABP Representative

“A position on the Student Council is much sought after by many of our students,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students. “A good number of students were nominated this year, indicating the high interest of our students to contribute towards the enhancement of student life at AUS. With our stringent nomination process and eligibility criteria, only two teams made it to the elections. We are pleased that our students take advantage of the extracurricular opportunities offered by the university which complement their learning experience so that they may become effective leaders of tomorrow. I thank our students for turning up to cast their votes and congratulate them for the success of today’s elections. I wish the new Student Council a productive year ahead,” added Dr. Al Shehhi. The Student Council election was organized by the Student Activities division of the AUS Office of Student Affairs.
Seventy students took part in the first Model Youth Congress (MYC) held at AUS on April 22, 2017. The event was organized by students from the Student Leadership Program (SLP), Office of Student Affairs.

Delegates represented various US constituencies in three distinct committees: the House of Representatives, the Senate and the National Security Council. The congress was an exceptional platform for students interested in debates, diplomacies and political affairs. Delegates had the opportunity to step into the shoes of national policy makers and to gain firsthand experience of policy formulation and governance. Delegates were also able to improve their written and oral communication skills and bridge the gap between thoughts and expressions.

“The Model Youth Congress was my first time at a platform that had such a different format of debating and addressing the motion. I cannot think of having a better experience as it greatly improved my learning of the functioning of the governmental bodies,” said Anushka Jayasankar, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering.

Several students were honored for their performance during the concluding ceremony. These were:

**Senate**
- Outstanding Delegate: Hesham Jarmakani
- Distinguished Delegate: Ali Asaad
- Honorable Mention: Rowan Adham

**House of Representatives**
- Outstanding Delegate: Vishnu Narayanan
- Distinguished Delegate: Mohammed Atallah
- Honorable Mention: Yasmien Abduldayem

“The congress was organized by SLP students and proved a great success,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students. “It was an intercollegiate simulation of the US Congress an provided the students with an opportunity to step into the roles of senators and emulate the law making process as it is carried out in the US legislature. We look forward to organizing MYC again next year and encourage more students to take part in it,” Dr. Al Shehhi added.

Crunch, Munch and Play with the Student Council

Crunch, Munch and Play was held by the AUS Student Council on April 12. Following the style of a street food festival, the event was located between the Student Center and the Main Building allowing students to attend during breaks between classes.

The Hot Dog Stand, Dukan Burger and WOFL were some of the vendors at the event, offering a tasty range of hot dogs, burgers, shakes, mojitos, waffles and more. For entertainment, students could play with a giant chess board and giant Jenga set, along with a PlayStation FIFA 17 station. Adding to the street food festival ambiance were musical performances by talented AUS students.
Students host appreciation lunches for security, municipality and cleaning staff

Thirty AUS student volunteers took part in an appreciation lunch for Cleanco workers and security personnel on April 26, 2017. The initiative was a collaboration between the Community Services division of the Office of Student Affairs, the Student Council, and the Pakistani and Indian cultural clubs.

A total of 172 Cleanco workers and 42 security personnel attended the special gathering during which students served lunch and distributed giveaways as a token of appreciation. The students interacted with the Cleanco and security workers and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Student volunteers also organized multiple entertaining activities including song and dance performances.

On a related note and in an effort to express compassion to outdoor workers this summer, the Community Services division along with 25 student volunteers launched the “Beat the Heat Campaign” at the beginning of April. The campaign was initiated to appreciate municipality workers who work in the sun all day to keep the AUS campus and University City clean and green. The campaign started with student volunteers selling donation tickets around campus to generate funds to host a lunch and to buy juice, water bottles and caps that the workers can use while they work under the scorching sun.

The luncheon was held on April 25 at the university’s Student Center to welcome the more than 100 municipality workers who attended the event. The student volunteers prepared the venue and welcomed the guests. The students thanked the workers for their efforts in keeping the campus green and beautiful.

“We have very thoughtful and caring students here at AUS and these events are a gesture of their respect for the municipality workers, security staff and Cleanco workers who contribute for the betterment of the community,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students.

SLP students take part in Youth Circle

Twelve students from the Student Leadership Program participated in the Youth Circle held on May 9, 2017, at Zabeel Hall, Dubai World Trade Center.

The Youth Circle was hosted by The Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG), in collaboration with the Emirates Youth Council, and drew the participation of 150 young Emiratis.

Under the theme “Empowering Emirati Youth in the Private Sector,” the event addressed the current numbers of young UAE national graduates joining the workforce in the private sector. The Youth Circle highlighted the importance of Emiratization with a focus on the fields and industries that need it most and offered insights into the importance of young Emiratis in the private sector.

“I learned about the benefits of working for the private sector and how I can develop myself by working with diverse cultures. Moreover, this encouraged me to think of how to grow and show other cultures that Emirati nationals are capable and have the skills to become great leaders in the private sector,” said Huda AlMusharrekh, a senior mass communication major.

“We always encourage our students to take part in these discussion platforms to express their opinions and exchange views with experts and peers. Learning about the private sector is necessary for students so they can explore various hiring opportunities available in the market and decide what they want to do next after graduation,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students.
SLP student selected as UAE delegation member for Sixth Euro-Arab Youth Forum

Omar Al Nuaimi, an active student from the Student Leadership Program (SLP), was selected by the UAE General Authority of Youth and Sports Welfare to become a member of the UAE delegation that participated in the Sixth Euro-Arab Forum held on April 24–29, 2017, in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco.

The forum was organized as part of the Rabat Capital of Arab Youth (2016–2017) held under the slogan “For a creative and co-existent youth.” The forum contributed to the program of the Youth Capital of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. It also addressed the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015 and the role of young people in supporting their implementation. The forum aimed to mobilize young people and various youth organizations from Arab and European regions to engage in dialogue and cooperation against violent extremism and hate speech.

“The Sixth Euro-Arab Youth Forum brought together youth from diverse backgrounds who were committed to making positive changes in their countries. As an individual from the United Arab Emirates, I spoke about how my country empowers youth, encourages collaborative discussions between youngsters and decision makers, and appoints young individuals in leadership positions,” said Omar Al Nuaimi, a freshman majoring in economics.

“The Euro-Arab Youth Forum is a significant platform for the youth to exchange ideas and views,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students. “Nowadays, it is important for our youth to develop the skills necessary to deal with the root cause of hatred and extremism, and most importantly, to increase intercultural tolerance,” she added.

Students gather for Iftar

More than 300 students gathered on June 4 at the university’s Student Center for an Iftar, a joint event organized by the Egyptian, Emirati, Indian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Lebanese, Pakistani, Palestinian and Syrian cultural clubs. Prior to the Iftar, the students gathered at noon in the Student Center atrium for the live telecast of the International Cricket Council Champions Trophy featuring the match between India and Pakistan. After the exciting match, the students worked together in setting up the Iftar venue and in preparing the items to be served.

Mohammed Al Marri, a senior student majoring in mechanical engineering and a member of the Emirati Club said, “As an Emirati, it was a great experience to co-organize this event with other clubs and fellow students, both those fasting and non-fasting, and make this event a success for all attendees.

Our aim was to share the spirit of Ramadan, to show unity and promote a sense of community, which I think we succeeded in doing.”

“We encourage our students to hold the annual Iftar to keep up with the tradition of celebrating this special occasion and to promote the spirit of sharing and giving. It is a worthwhile experience for our students to share this blessed moment with their peers. The holy month of Ramadan teaches us to be patient and merciful and helps us develop discipline in diet, sleep and time management. I wish everyone a peaceful and blessed Ramadan,” said Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students.

The Iftar gathering was organized through the Student Clubs and Organizations division of the Office of Student Affairs.
Echoes

Echoes reflects student opinions about the services offered by the Office of Student Affairs. The section provides an opportunity for students to express their views and experiences with student extracurricular activities at AUS.

Ayesha Ali, Sophomore, International Relations
I’ve been attending Model United Nations for about four years now and so I was expecting a similar simulation in the AUS Model Youth Congress. However, what took place was completely different. The AUS Model Youth Congress not only challenged spontaneity and creativity through debate but also gave us room to develop from a broader perspective. It was very tough defending a side in a highly opinionated debate, but I believe this allowed us to work and think like a true politician.

Saad Bin Khalid, Senior, Mechanical Engineering
I would like to thank AUS and the Office of Student Affairs for giving me the opportunity to lead the AUS Debating Society. It was a wonderful experience organizing events for students and working with professors to groom the debating talent at AUS. On a personal level, I learned how to plan, prioritize and manage tasks, and this is something that I will carry with me even after graduating from AUS.

Abdul Rahman Muhammed Jawed, Bridge Program
If Cleanco and security personnel weren’t functioning we wouldn’t have been able to have such a hygienic surrounding, and we wouldn’t be living such a safe and secure life at AUS. So this event is to appreciate the Cleanco and security staff for their efforts just to provide us with a clean and secure environment.”

Yara Abir Tebbal, Sophomore, Computer Engineering
Participating in the AUS Sports Day was a really good opportunity to break the study routine and to interact with students. The event was well organized and we played in good conditions. It was full of good vibes for me, especially, after my team won first place in the women’s volleyball category. I would like to thank the Student Council and Office of Student Affairs’ Student Athletics and Recreation department, for organizing such an amazing event.

Gopika Praveen, Senior, Architecture
Living in the dorms has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It gave me an opportunity to live independently from my family while being surrounded by nurturing and caring individuals such as our dorm supervisors. The Similar Interest Groups (SIG) event, interdormitory sports tournament, drawing and painting competition, and cooking night enabled us to have a brief but fun respite in the midst of our busy work schedules.

Lobna Abouelleil, Sophomore, International Relations
Participating in the Model Youth Congress was an amazing experience for me as it simulated the American Congress and incorporated highly relevant, intriguing topics that were exciting to discuss. It was challenging but interesting to adopt the role of a state representative and a political party’s views and policies. Overall, it was a one-of-a-kind experience and I look forward to participating in the future as the conference expands.
Mohammad Azmi Abd Al Noor, Junior, Industrial Engineering
AUS Sports Day was a great event and I enjoyed playing different sports such as volleyball and basketball. I wish AUS would consider holding such events during the fall semester, too, because this type of event will be a good way to refresh students and release their stress in a healthy way.

Zulfikar Shahpurwala, Sophomore, Economics
The spring break volunteering trip to Nepal was undoubtedly one of my best experiences so far at AUS. Volunteering at a school was amazing. We taught and played with the kids, gave them the toys we made in Toy Stories Initiative and painted their eight classrooms. The smiles on their faces were among the best memories I have brought back.

Abanoub Megla, Junior, Civil Engineering
This year my experience with the OSA has been great; they are so helpful and supportive of any idea you have. You just ask and they will be more than happy to clear your doubts and help you.

Mehak Ayaz, Senior, Civil Engineering
Being an executive member of five interest-oriented clubs throughout my AUS journey has helped me plan events and execute them systematically. The experience taught me that every minute detail counts when it comes to event planning and OSA clubs and organizations have always guided us through every step of the way.

Zahra’a Nasralla, Senior, Architecture
When I moved into the dorms, I was worried about living away from home for the first time, but the love and kindness the dorm supervisors showed me made it very easy to transition into this independent lifestyle. My experience in the dorms has been enhanced by the special events that they organize, such as the interdormitory sports tournaments in which I participated.

Omar Tolba Mohamed, Junior, Management
The AUS Sports Day was very exciting and filled with different sports to participate in. As for football, my team—the Egyptian Cultural Club—was able to achieve first place. The tournament was very well organized over the three days. However, we expected football matches to be longer than 20 minutes. We prefer if the matches were 30-40 minutes long instead so we can have more playing time.
Around 833 students representing AUS cultural clubs participated in the AUS Sports Day 2017 organized by Student Athletics and Recreation in collaboration with the Student Council. Held April 24-26, the event saw 609 male students take part in six individual competitions and four team games, while 224 female students participated in all events except cricket.

The semifinals and finals were held on April 26 and Abdelrahman Al Alli and Kausar Abdul Qayum were adjudged as the Fittest Man and Fittest Woman at AUS, respectively. Mohammed Kyuare and Sandrine Basilly were the fastest on track.

Lots of skill was displayed in the racket sports, where Akhil Pradeep, Yash Vijay Mathur and Ahmed Hisham won gold in badminton, table tennis and squash, respectively. In women’s category Rawan Mohab bagged two gold medals in badminton and squash while Shahdan Barakat won gold in women’s table tennis.

In swimming Ahmed Eladl and Amr Mohammed Ashraf won gold in the 50-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle, respectively, while Danya Khafaga bagged two gold medals in the 50-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle. Dina Allum won gold in the 50-meter breaststroke.

The team called Sultans won the cricket championship. Hamza Maqbool from the team The Council was awarded with the Most Valuable Player trophy.

The Men’s Basketball Championship was won by team Zayed Sons while The Blue Tigers won the Women’s Basketball Championship. Adji N’diaye (The Blue Tigers) and Tarab Mahmoud (Zayed Sons) were awarded with Most Valuable Player trophy.

The Royals won the women’s volleyball championship. The Mediterranean Knights won the men’s volleyball championships. Reenam Sami (The Sultans) and Mohammed Gusbi (The Mediterranean Knights) were declared Most Valuable Players.

The Pharaohs won the men’s soccer championship and Usood Kanaan won the women’s soccer championship. Hasan Khalid and Hadeyat El-Hammamy (both of The Pharaohs) were selected as Most Valuable Players, while Mazin Naqib and Noor Patterson of team Usood Kanaan were awarded the top scorer trophies.

Dr. Moza Al Shehhi, Dean of Students, awarded the medals and trophies to the winners of the AUS Sports Day 2017 and announced The Pharaohs as the overall champions of AUS Sports Day 2017.

“Academic rigors such as in-depth reading and complex problem-solving go far to strengthen the mind, but extracurricular activities will take this mind strengthening even further. Participating in sports will train students to maintain patience and resilience in the face of intense difficulty,” said Dr. Al Shehhi.