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572
STUDENTS AWARDED
DEGREES IN
**ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY
CONVOCATION
2019**

Ziauddin University awarded 572 degrees to the graduating students for various disciplines at the 16th convocation. The university awarded Sir Ziauddin Gold medals to the top nine position holders. The medal recipients included Kashaf Aqeel Zaidi (MBBS), Fatma Bandy (BDS), Kiran Yameen (DPT), Sarah Abbas Merchant (Medical Technology), Mubeen Aslam (Nursing), Maryam Younus (Bio Medical Engineering), Hafiza Larai Abdul Malik (Pharm.D), Sharmeen Patel (Media Sciences), Mehak Altaf (Speech Language Therapy). A Degree of Ph.D (FHS), to Dr. Zil-a-Rubba, Biochemistry was also awarded.

Addressing the convocation as the Chief Guest, Deputy Chairman Senate of Pakistan, Saleem Mandviwalla congratulated the graduating students and their proud parents. He acknowledged their success by stating that "I congratulate you and wish you every success as you take the final step before going out in the professional world to make a positive, visible and lasting difference."

While passing his good wishes to the parents of graduating students Mandviwalla said "I am confident that today's graduating students will go on to earn many accolades, rewards and recognition for their work in the real world. Your investment in their future will pay many dividends for years to come."

He appreciated all passing out students and said whether it is in healthcare, medicine, allied health sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, engineering or any other field, people from Pakistan have made their mark on the world stage and are busy in research and technology in countries all over the world.

But still our country needs to produce intelligent minds, entrepreneurs, effective philanthropists and venture capitalists who will stoke the engines of growth in every community and every region, he added, "Our real struggle should be for making Pakistani society knowledge based society, which is considered to be most important for sustainable development in the country." He believes that education can be the change factor for this nation and the students can be the change makers.

During the address whilst motivating the fresh graduates he said, "a true professional never stops learning. Although the human anatomy has not changed much in the last 100 years or so, science has progressed by leaps and bounds. There may be new branches of learning and specialisation that did not exist 20 years ago. All this proves that the field is continually evolving. And so must you. Like life, work never truly comes to a stop. And remember to strive to be the best, for there is always room at the top. Striving to serve humanity will make this world a better place."

While appreciating the efforts of the University and devoted faculty members, he said that, "When it comes to institutions of higher learning like universities, the private sector has played a major role in transforming the landscape and Ziauddin University being a private sector university has come a long way and managed to emulate others with its expansion plans, in attaining goals with its own steam and always having this quest for excellence. The need of the hour is to impart quality education and Ziauddin University is doing well in that."

Chancellor of the University, Dr. Asim Hussain congratulated the recipients of

degrees and praised the efforts of students their parents and faculty of Ziauddin for training students as par with international standards.

"It is now the time to celebrate and honor the untiring efforts and commendable accomplishments of our students and those who have taught and nourished them. Be proud of your strong will and hard work to achieve this benchmark and remember those who have supported you to reach this end; lecturers, peers, and especially your parents. I wish and hope that you will carry forward the legacy of Ziauddin University, and succeed in your future endeavors," stated Dr Asim.

Chancellor ZU, motivated and appreciated the young graduates by saying that "you all have been associated with Ziauddin University for past few years and today I feel so proud of you to achieve a milestone set by you all. It shows that successfully you took another step towards a professional life. You all are now ready to serve for this country. My dear graduated it is just a new beginning; you are going to learn a lot more lessons from the world. Go out and conquer the world."

He also disclosed that Ziauddin University has introduced three more new faculties, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Eastern Medicine and Natural Science, and Faculty of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. For spreading knowledge far and wide ZU started its own school and college with Ziauddin University Examination Board.

He also exclaimed that recently Ziauddin University had foundation stone laying ceremony of the pharmacy block in the name of Sardar Yasin Malik at Education City. During the last one year they have

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successfully started Ziauddin University Faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology (ZUFEST), including its departments, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering, Department of Software Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, and Department of Management Technology Sciences at education city campus with brand new technologies in labs and classes, state of the art infrastructure, radio links having linkages to the city and also ensure all sewerage

treatment plants at the campus.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Doctor Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui in his welcome address informed that at this Convocation 572 students will be conferred degrees. Since the inception of Ziauddin University more than 3000 students have graduated and are doing well in serving the nation and abroad. All the academic programs of ZU are accredited by the respective professional accrediting bodies and by Higher

Education Commission of Pakistan.

Dr. Pirzada advised the graduating students to always keep in mind that you have taken the oath to abide by professional ethics and will always be ready to serve humanity, speak truthfully and practice your profession without prejudice for religion, nationality, race, political or social standing. I pray that you all may have a very bright future. Wishing you the very best in your future endeavors.



ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW COMMENCEMENT DAY

Faculty of Law, Ziauddin University hosted its Commencement ceremony on Friday, 26th April 2019 at Ziauddin University Abul Hasan Jafery Auditorium to welcome its very first Batch of students, Spring Batch 2019.

Ms. Shaaista Sarki, Faculty of Law Dean, in her welcome address said that all the students have worked really hard to clear Law Aptitude Test and screening to get admission in the university. Students will be facilitated to the fullest. She conveyed her best wishes and prayers.

The Chief Guest of the event, Honorable Justice of Sindh High Court Mr. Justice Aqeel Abbasi while addressing the new batch said that the lawyers are performing very well in the society to provide justice. He urged students to set ultimate targets and keep in mind to work hard and help others in order to achieve those targets. He mentioned that it's essential to bring discipline in life. He emphasized to get knowledge about different fields as well because it ultimately helps to succeed as a lawyer in long term. He said that positivity of law profession should reflect through the actions of a lawyer.

He congratulated the students and their parents for taking a smart decision to choose this respectable and noble profession. Lastly, he outlined that it's the responsibility of all the enrolled students to work hard, serve humanity and make parents proud after graduation.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui, Ziauddin University welcomed the 1st batch of faculty of Law and said that students' vision should be to make ZU, parents and most importantly the country, our beloved Pakistan proud in the long run.

Chancellor Ziauddin University, Dr. Asim Hussain while addressing the audience said that citizens have should abide by the law. The "jirga" and "panchayat" system has deep roots in society that is why everyone has failed to deliver collectively. Therefore, it is our prime responsibility to give right guidance to this Nation and build it block by block.

While motivating the new batch, Dr. Asim said that we need to be more Indigenous and have roots among masses. Ziauddin is a unique law school because its target is to

have such good students that end up in the judiciary system eventually. The graduates should be sort after lawyers with highest ranking in the world unlike others.



ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW HOLDS FOUR DAY WORKSHOP WITH THE FACULTY OF UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON

Ziauddin University Faculty of Law and the University of Northampton UK, jointly organized a four-day workshop on "Staff Training and Development Program" at Ziauddin University. The delegation from University of Northampton had faculty members including Maggie Anderson – Academic Programme Manager, Kate Exall – Senior Lecturer in Law LLB, Rani Kaur Senior Lecturer in Management BAM/ MBA, Alexander Lawson- Assessment and Quality Coordinator Law- LL.M, Kelly Ann Cannon – Lecturer in LAW – LL.M, Heather Yovanoff- Academic Programme Development Manager.

On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui, Vice-Chancellor, Ziauddin University said that the consortium of universities in Pakistan and members have got a very good opportunity to share their experiences and have interactions with each other. Workshops like these are always beneficial for teaching staff to develop their teaching methodologies and skills.

Purpose of the workshop was to work together and understand each other's teaching methodologies. They shared their administrative framework too.



MISCELLANEOUS

FUTSAL MATCHES IN RAMADAN

This Ramadan, the Futsal team of Ziauddin University was all charged up. The team had regular friendly Futsal matches with teams from different institutes of Karachi. These post iftaar matches were played at the Ziauddin University Futsal ground.



WORKSHOP ON PLANNING, WRITING, DEFENDING AND PUBLISHING YOUR RESEARCH

Workshop on Planning, Writing, Defending and Publishing Your Research was organized by ZUFEST on 27 – 28 April 2019. This event blended various components of quality writing concepts and personal planning for progress in the field of academic writing.

Dr. Sheikh Muhammad Munaf was the Resource Person who addressed various issues and their solutions related to research and academic writing skills as well as tackling respective challenges from the perspective of career development.

The workshop was attended by participants from varied academic background.



LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY



College of Nursing, Ziauddin University observed International Nurses & Midwifery Day on Friday, 3rd May 2019 at Abul Hasan Jafarey Auditorium, Ziauddin University to highlight the importance of Nursing and Midwifery profession. The Lamp Lighting Ceremony was themed, "A voice to lead, health for all." The Chief Guest, Dr. Sarah Salman, Provincial Head of Office Sindh at World Health Organization (WHO) said that commitment, hard work, dedication, association with care services are the key words for the profession of Nurses and Midwifery. Nurses are trained to look after not only an individual's sickness but physical and mental health as well. They are the support system and backbone of any healthcare organization and hence the society. This day gives us motivation to train more nurses with latest technologies to compete globally.

While discussing about sustainable development goals, Dr. Sarah Salman, said that it is the era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Pakistan is also the signatory of agenda 2030. Sustainable Development Goal number 3 is for Health sector, which indicate universal health coverage for all.

Dr. Stephen O' Brien, Dean Faculty of Health and Society at University of Northampton, as Keynote Speaker, appreciated and motivated all the efforts of nurses and said that it was so good to observe that a developing country like Pakistan is taking initiatives in support of nursing profession. Nursing is all about making sure that there are dedicated human resources to take care of patients.

Prof. Dr. Pirzada Qasim, Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin University said that nurses are

indication of change and they are trained for this particular area. Our health facilities rely heavily on nurses. They can easily bring revolution in the field of medical. They deserve our support, respect and appreciation. It is the most trusted profession because of philosophy behind it. Competition is very tough in the world and we need to upgrade our structure. At Ziauddin, we give proper training to our nurses with the use of latest technologies.

Other speakers Khairunnisa Akbar, Controller SNEB and Shabbir Jhatial, Director of Nursing at the event highlighted the importance of nurses and midwifery and stated that professions like nursing involve humility and it is the day to celebrate it.

Students of College of Nursing, Ziauddin University took oath and lit their lamps during lamp lighting ceremony to commit to this noble profession and pay tribute to Florence Nightingale, the one who dedicated her life to the nursing profession in the most selfless way.



DICE-CAM 2019

ZCOMS' student, Maryam Qureshi's documentary, "Black Water", won Best Documentary award along with a cash prize of Rs. 100,000 at DICE-CAM 2019.

All the students, staff and faculty at ZCOMS congratulate Maryam for this achievement and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDIA SCIENCES THESIS DISPLAY 2019

Ziauddin College of Media Sciences held thesis display of their 5th graduating batch on 4th July, 2019. Graduates of all the three majors Advertising, Journalism and Film & Video had put up their work for the external jury and guests.

The jury comprised of veteran cinematographer Mirza Mehmood Ahmed (Film) Ms Rafia Haider chief reporter of Associated Press Pakistan (Journalism) and Mr. Aijaz an advertising and marketing personnel (Communication & Design).

The display comprised service based applications and ready-to-be launched brands; documentaries and short films and well researched presentations by the journalism students. It was a proud day for the excited and gleaming final year students showcasing their yearlong hard work. It all paid off when they received compliments from the jury, visitors, faculty and other college students who came to see the Thesis Display.



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TIBB (NCT) VISITED FACULTY OF EASTERN MEDICINE & NATURAL SCIENCES

National council for Tibb (NCT) visited Faculty of Eastern Medicine and Natural Sciences (FEMNS), Ziauddin University on 11th September, 2019 for accreditation of Bachelors of Eastern Medicine and Surgery (BEMS) program.

It is pleased to report that National council for Tibb (NCT) accredited BEMS program of Collage of Eastern Medicine, Faculty of Eastern Medicine and Natural Sciences (FEMNS), Ziauddin University. It is an enriching achievement in terms of recognition Eastern Medicine, valued system of health-

care and to promote the advancement of knowledge in health sciences through excellence in teaching, research, and public service.

Earlier, NCT team met University's Chancellor, Dr. Asim Hussain and discussed matters of mutual interest for the promotion and development of the field.

The meeting was also attended by Vice Chancellor, Pro Chancellor, Registrar, Director Finance and Dean FEMNS.



MIDWIFERY SUMMIT AND WORKSHOP

To advance the profession of midwifery globally by promoting autonomous midwives as the most appropriate caregivers for childbearing women Regional Midwifery Summit was organized at Karachi from 09-10th October 2019. This Summit was organized by Midwifery Association of Pakistan along with WHO and UNFPA. From Ziauddin University College of nursing three faculties were the members of Task force and scientific committee.

The faculty of ZUCoN presented on different topics and facilitated a workshop on "Post-partum care in transition: Role of Midwives in obstetrics and rehabilitation." The event was well attended by the senior nursing faculty and students.



INTERVIEW



MS. SHAAISTA SARKI
DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW

AN INTERVIEW WITH MS. SHAAISTA SARKI

Q. To begin with, what your vision for the faculty of law?

For every individual, be it a man or woman, to be legally literate. I see well educated people who know nothing about their fundamental rights. Law awareness and at least basic knowledge of fundamental rights should become common. Right from primary education the knowledge of law should be infused in the public. I envision Ziauddin to become a beacon... A law graduate's profile should reflect the aura and dignity of their profession. An all rounded professional who is thoroughly of day to day laws and legal framework of the society. I want to design a legal community that is itself diverse and celebrates diversity, addresses diversity related issues in our society 7. We want enhance

Q. As compared to any other institute, what makes Ziauddin unique for legal education?

Just to give you a background, I have formerly been the founder of the law program at another renowned institute which was a University of London program. Hence, we were accommodating students who had done their O' and A' levels. So, this was a bit discriminatory as a student who had done their intermediate could not meet the University of London eligibility criteria. So, I often pondered upon this and asked myself if we're creating a class-difference. These students from already refined and affluent backgrounds would go abroad for further education or give their Bar and return even stronger. We were polishing students who were already well-groomed. This was not

challenging. What I realized is that the challenge was to take someone raw, and not just provide them with legal education but to inspire them, groom them. Creating the best thing about Ziauddin is that there are so many disciplines providing so much diversity which can do wonders with a multidisciplinary approach in teaching law. We can teach media laws, so much can be done on medical jurisprudence, then there is bioethics. We can hold seminars. And these can benefit so many professions. The scope of law is so wide since every department has a set of governing laws and Ziauddin with all her disciplines is just right place providing the stage for that scope. These professionals can be mediators of legal change in their disciplines. And a Ziauddin graduate shall have an edge with their immediate interactions with diverse occupations.

Q. What is the state of law currently in Pakistan?

French philosopher Montesquieu spoke about the separation of powers namely, legislative, judiciary and executive. There should a separation of these powers. There should not be an overlap in these domains. Any overlap leads to over-concentration of power. The system won't work this way. An overconcentration of power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. So, there should be a reasonable demarcation if not an absolute one. The problem at the moment in Pakistan is that the Judiciary has to be Independent. There is much talk regarding this. Independence of Judiciary equates upholding the rule of law. If Judici-

ary is not independent then the rule of law shall not prevail at all. The Judiciary should be independent from the legislature and executive. Quite unfortunately in Pakistan, Judiciary and Executive have merged. How so? These suo moto cases that you see. How much can the judiciary intervene in the affairs of the government? When it's all hotchpotch. The judiciary is getting into a very compromising position.

Then there is the demeanor of the judges. You see, Judges are supposed to keep themselves aloof from even social gatherings. It is said that "Justice must be rooted in confidence". A right-minded person may walk out with an impression that the judge is bias towards certain members. There is something called bias and then there is a likelihood of bias. When judges go about being that social not only is their dignity compromised but there is strong tendency for there being a likelihood of bias.

The legal system is in a mess. There are a lot judicial reforms needed. There are legal reforms needed. And here I would like to highlight legislative drafting. I do plan to start workshops on legislative drafting here. Laws are not getting drafted. As I say that, I also envision my students here at Ziauddin Law to not only be good legislators but also great parliamentarians. Politics and law go hand in hand. Why do we only see a specific set of people around where there is a great capacity to accommodate sound thinking individuals? We need to build confidence in our youth to take up the mantle.

INTERVIEW & EVENT

Q. You wish to groom the students. How shall Ziauddin law graduates give back to the community?

The best thing about legal education is the way to analyze perception. The art of seeing arguments from both side. You have to argue for the defendant, you have to argue on behalf of the plaintiff. You have to prepare arguments from your opposing council as well. When we are in a classroom, we prepare a students' mind. This stretches one's mind. One statement can have multiple interpretations. Let's say the British constitution- an uncodified constitution. I often draw it's analogy with the Quran and how one statement can so beautifully be interpreted in numerous ways. A 1400 year old constitution of Law.

We need to help students develop concepts and ideas, not taking things literally but reading between the lines. As I aforementioned, we need to build confidence in our youth. At Ziauddin we could invite speakers to share their insights of our legal system and motivate. These will lead to the liberation of minds.

We shall not only touch upon the core-curriculum but also educate our students in etiquettes and basic manners. Let's say they

were deprived of it in some way at home, we shall provide them with it here. A well-mannered, dignified individual who is a well-rounded person in the communities they work with and reflect their educational background and inspire those around them.

Q. How has your journey in law been?

I was never went into litigation. When I was doing my masters in USA I studied about humans rights. I had several dreams to pursue something along those lines. When I came back, and this was the Mohatarma Benazir was alive and she wanted to see legal education at Szabist. It was a University of London program and they wanted it lead by graduates with a foreign degree. I began teaching there and thoroughly enjoyed it. I remember I actually slept better on days I was to deliver lectures, it was that destressing for me. Teaching is a form of magic. It is a divine experience; fulfilling. I then understood why teaching is considered a sadqa-e-jariah. I cherish and at times even get amused at how they remember so clearly what I taught or how lessons were

Q. what area pf human rights would you like to work?

Freedom of expression. Now see there's a right to free speech. And then there's a right to privacy. A problem arises when we the

right free speech can harm the right of privacy. You can invade someone's privacy with your expression of words. So finding that balance where one right does not override the other is what I would love to work on. Where is the offense, having a sense of someone's privacy, these are important matters. Introspection is essential. We do not meditate, we don't work on self-awareness. When you'll think, you understand. There are times I see good causes such as feminism fail or get compromised.

Q. What is equality to you?

Equality is giving space I believe. There are no set gender roles. Feminism to me is all about respect. Respect of both genders. When men respect women that meets all need. Frustration arises with a dearth of love and respect. Part of my work here is the establishment of the center of justice. We shall have a pro bono legal clinic where we take up pending cases and work on awareness. Make the knowledge of basic human rights more accessible in national and regional languages. And I doing so women understand what rights they hold, thus paving for equality on the society and reducing the burden of injustice against them.

ZCOMS ANNUAL BEACH TRIP

ZCOMS arranged a fun-packed picnic at Turtle Beach to welcome new students and farewell graduating students. Attended by the students and alumni, the trip was full of enjoyment and included delicious food, DJ music and acoustic session with the talented students.



COMMENCEMENT DAY OF LL.B. FALL BATCH 2019

On September 12, 2019 Ziauddin Faculty of Law inducted their 2nd batch of budding young lawyers into their 5-year LL.B. program. Students came from diverse backgrounds started their journey for legal education. Ziauddin University has been approved by Pakistan Bar Council since April 2019.



EVENTS

COLLEGE OF SPEECH LANGUAGE & HEARING SCIENCES ORGANISED A HANDS-ON TRAINING WORKSHOP

Ziauddin College of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences (ZCSLHS) organised a hands-on training workshop for Speech Language Therapists in Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) which aim to enhance the realm of our services across Pakistan.

FEES is an instrumental assessment and Gold Standard of assessment for swallow disorders or Dysphagia, by which the Speech Language therapist can view the laryngeal vestibule directly to ascertain any impairment in the laryngeal phase of swallowing.

The five-day workshop was led by a team of SA Swallowing Services, Prof. Dr. Michelle L.



Skelley, Prof. Dr. John R. Ashford and Dr. Matthew G. Ward who delivered training

and clinical services using the FEES procedures. The workshop began on September 30 and ended on October 4.

Principal, Ziauddin College of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, Amina Siddiqui, emphasized on the need to expand the training to the public sector.

The 40 students attending the training workshop introduced the facility in their respective hospitals including Dow University, Indus Hospital, Aga Khan and Ziauddin Hospital.

STUDY VISIT & CAREER COUNSELLING SESSION FOR STUDENTS OF STUDY COLLEGIATE AT ZUFEST

On 18th June 2019, ZUFEST conducted a workshop for career counselling and stream selection for the students of Study collegiate. This session was arranged and coordinated by Engr. Shehzad Naseem. More than 150 students visited and actively participated in this session.

The session aimed to offer comprehensive services to students regarding decision making for the future and making the audience aware of the multiple career options available. Information related to leading universities and various courses was also shared.

Moreover, participants were briefed about facilities that Ziauddin University provides to their students including the state of art laboratories at both campuses (North & Link Road). There was a Q/A session, where students got their queries answered satisfactorily.

The career counselling session was ended by presenting Memento to the Principal of Study Collegiate, a Renowned Educationist & Philanthropist Mr Rehan Ather. A guided campus tour was arranged for the students.



PAF RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN AT ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY WAS HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2019

PAF Recruitment Campaign at Ziauddin University was held on 27th June, 2019 at Abul Hasan Jafarey Auditorium. The event was attended by officer commanding PAF I & SC Karachi along with his team

Wing commander	SYED FREED UDDIN FRAZ	GD(P)
Squadron Leader	MUHAMMAD AYAZ	Medical SPLF
Senior technical	AZIZ-UR-REHMAN	
Corporal Technician	ASIF	Med ASSH

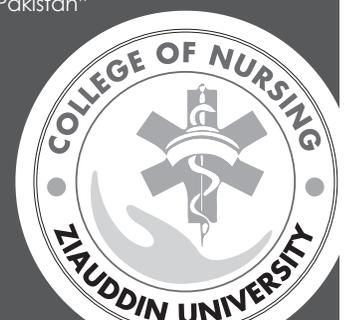
They visited to recruit medical officers from both, Medical and Dental profession. This is in line with their career profession policy for civilian people of Pakistan.



PARTICIPATION IN NURSING RESEARCH FAIR BY MSN STUDENTS ZCON

A Young Scholar Research Exhibition was organized on 5th August, 2019 at Aga Khan University which was the first student led research event in Sindh for MSN students. Students of MSN Year I and II of ZUCoN along with faculty members attended the event with zest and zeal and interacted with the students and HODs from LUMHS, AKU AND DUHS. It was a moment of pride for ZU that Ms.Daizi Jafar, Sr. Lecturer at Ziauddin College of Nursing and MSN student secured first position in poster

presentation entitled "Self Esteem of patients receiving chemotherapy treatment in Tertiary care hospital, Karachi, Pakistan"



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PUBLIC FORUM

Series PART III

The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences held its third Public Forum titled: Fake news, Misinformation and Propaganda: Role of Social Media, on Thursday 8th August, 2019. This event was held in collaboration with ZUFEST at the North campus.

The event was effectively hosted by ZUFEST students. Dean FLAHS, Prof. Dr Fauzia Shamim welcomed and introduced the forum to the guests. The three speakers: Mr Shaheryar Popalzai, Ms Tehmina Lodhi and Ms Sumaira Jajja enlightened the audience with their talk on the topic followed by a Panel Discussion and Q & A session, moderated by Dr Fauzia Shamim.

The speakers started by describing the topic in detail and emphasized the need for such events in this internet age where the problem is global. However, the speakers accepted that despite being aware of the

issue, much remains unknown regarding the vulnerabilities of individuals, institutions, and society to manipulations by malicious actors. They stressed that a new system of safeguards is needed. Filtering, vetting, and verifying online information is essential.

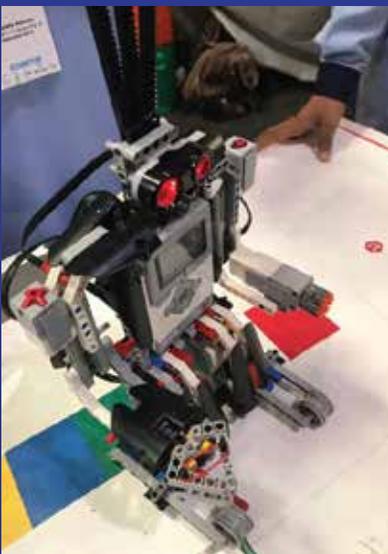
The lines between traditional news and online information are blurring. In today's world, online social media plays a vital role during real world events. There are both positive and negative effects of social media coverage of events.

The speakers highlighted the need for developing information verification skills in individuals in halting the spread of misinformation. For example, simply Googling some new piece of information and not sharing it right away could prove beneficial in halting the spread of misinformation. The forum concluded that online users must possess an attitude of healthy skepticism when any information comes their way.



19TH ITCN ASIA VISIT FOR STUDENTS OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

In order to discover new and explore competing future in IT solutions, a visit to 19th ITCN ASIA was organized by ZUFEST on 18th September for the students of Software Engineering Department. The event had grown up as the biggest IT & Telecom exhibition of Pakistan. Most powerful brands of the world showcased their state-of-the-art products and services that allow the user community to get exposure to a wide range of technology and solutions under one roof. Over 550 local and 250 international companies from over 23 countries set up their stalls at Expo Center, Karachi.



THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF 'JAMIA MASJID'

The Inauguration ceremony of 'Jamia Masjid' was held at the Ziauddin University, Education City, Super Highway-Link Road on the 7th Death Anniversary of the founder of Dr Ziauddin Hospital, Dr Tajammul Hussain.

Dr. Asim Hussain, Chancellor, Ziauddin University, paid tribute to his father and founder Dr. Ziauddin Hospital, Dr Tajammul Hussain on his immense hard work in the creation of Dr. Ziauddin Hospital.

"I am honored to announce that this mosque is the first and only to be built in Karachi Education City with all the modern facilities and great infrastructure. It is a blessing that we got an opportunity to build a mosque not only for students but also all the people living nearby. This mosque was built with intend of my father reaping the rewards and benefits of all the prayers offered here in his afterlife. May his soul rest in peace," said Dr. Asim Hussain.

All family members, faculty students and dignitaries were present at the event offered prayers, recited fateha and Quran for Dr. Tajammul Hussain.



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IN-HOUSE FREE DENTAL CAMP BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY, ZCD, ZU

Department of Community & Preventive Dentistry, Ziauddin College of Dentistry, the faculty along with the House officers and BDS second year students organized an IN-HOUSE FREE DENTAL CAMP on 22th July 2019, Monday. The group of students and house officers was divided in to three teams; each team was supervised by senior & trained faculty member of the department. They visited College of Pharmacy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences and College of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences, Ziauddin University. A total of 150 students were screened advised accordingly.

In addition dental health education focusing on oral hygiene instructions, proper brushing techniques, importance of healthy food and regular dental checkups were disseminated to the students.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2019 CELEBRATION BY FACULTY OF PHARMACY

Independence Day was celebrated by Faculty of Pharmacy. The celebrations were commenced with the Plantation Ceremony organized by the Community and Welfare Club, in the garden area adjacent to the building of Faculty of Pharmacy. Trees were planted by the Dean of Faculty, Prof. Dr Rafeeq Alam Khan, Advisor to Chancellor, Dr Anwar Ejaz Beg, other senior faculty members and members of the club. This was followed by an event organized by Leisure Club and Literary Club. Various speeches, national songs and skits were performed by the students. The celebra-

tions were concluded by cake cutting ceremony and lunch.

Azadi Cup Cricket & Throw ball Tournament was organized by Sports Club, Faculty of Pharmacy with support of Department of Student Affairs. Teams from Faculty of Pharmacy, MBBS and DPT participated in the event. Cricket tournament was won by Faculty of Pharmacy while DPT team won the throw ball tournament. The event was inaugurated by Dean Faculty, Prof Dr Rafeeq Alam Khan.



LANGUAGE PLANNING AND POLICY: GLOBAL, PERSPECTIVES, LOCAL REALITIES SEMINAR

College of Languages, Literature and Culture, at Ziauddin University, held its First Language and Literature Seminar in collaboration with Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers (SPELT) entitled, Language Planning and Policy: Global Perspectives, Local Realities.

The seminar brought together renowned national and international English language experts and linguists, whose contributions greatly impacted the audience, students and teachers alike and left them with important points to ponder and few ideas for future actions.

Prof Hywel Coleman shared his vast and rich experience in the field of research in Sociolinguistics, Language Policy & Planning, and Language Education as well as his focus on Language & Development. Dr Judy Sharkey pointed out her work on Language & Literacy as well as research on how education integration and community-based field experiences affect teacher development and student learning. Dr

Lucilla Lopriore highlighted her work on CLIL and EMI.

This was followed by a very interactive panel discussion, giving the audience a local context on the topics covered by international speakers.

Prof. Zakia Sarwar, Dr Sajida Zaki and Dr Bushra Khurram shared their experiences and observations in the field of; ELT/EFL/ESL, teacher development and learner engagement. The panel discussion was moderated by Sir Abbas Hussain. The participants were gripped by his precision of thought and his flawless stringing of the entire seminar discussions.

Ms Adeeba Ahmad, coordinator, College of Languages, Literature & Culture, thanked the audience for their presence, closing this thought provoking seminar. Surely, the event was a roaring success with discussions continuing over tea.



EVENTS

OBA BASED ACCREDITATION VISIT FOR B.E BIO-MEDICAL PROGRAM OF ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY (ZU) KARACHI BY PEC VISITING TEAM

OBA based accreditation visit for B.E Bio-Medical program was held on Friday-Saturday, October 4th -5th 2019 at Link road Campus (Education City, Karachi). The visit was conducted under PEC Manual of Accreditation- 2014 (OBA guidelines).

The visit was chaired by Dr. M. Kamran (UET-KSK, Lahore). Dean ZUFEST welcomed re-accreditation team and introduced Biomedical Engineering department faculty

led by Engr. Dr. Saad Jawaaid Khan. A presentation on salient features/strengths of HEI was given by Engr. Dr. Saad Jawaaid Khan which covered vision, mission, governance, organizational structure, academic infrastructure, institutional financial sustainability, resource generations and their effective utilization for CQI, academic support units and future plans / roadmap. Program specific lab facilities, computing facilities, workshops, and project labs were visited by the evaluators.



ANNUAL DINNER ZCRS

The Annual Dinner 2019 was the product of three weeks of blood, sweat, and tears of the ZCRS Student Council. Standing out from the rest of the ECA week events, it was the 'big finish' we all were hoping for.

Scheduled at the Movenpick Hotel, on the 15th of July, 2019, AD proved to be a success when the Ballroom was heaving with ecstatic students and teachers, all arrayed in fabulous attires, ascertaining to be individual fashion icons. Indeed, it was the audience itself, that made the event worth organizing for.

The event commenced with the National Anthem of Pakistan, followed by the Ziauddin Anthem, and the Dean, Mrs. Sumaira Farooqui's inspiring speech. The Patrons of ZCRS Student council also had a word in as they encouraged the council and wished them luck for the remainder of the night.

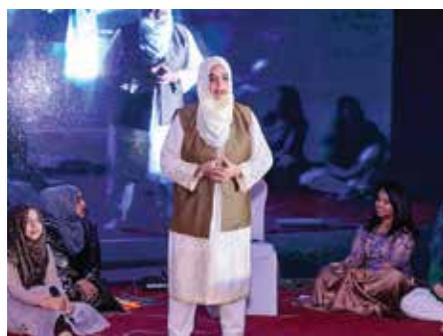
A special opening musical performance by the guest, Osaid Tabrez, swayed the listeners to the upbeat and spirited songs. However, ZCRS' own, Sameera, Yash, and Shazaib, refused to stay behind as they poured their heart and soul into their own pieces.

The awards ceremony was divided into segments, where the faculty, winners of the sports days (2019), and students' categories were distributed zealously. While a percentage of the night was devoted to the alumni batch (2018), where they walked in, received grouped titles, and imparted a last tribute to the institute and Ms. Sumaira Farooqui.

The entertaining part ensued, as the students of the fourth year presented a comedy play, which incorporated everything that had gone viral in Pakistan for the past few years. Nabeel, the stand-up comedian of the night, left everyone in tears as he talked about the inside affairs of clinical rotations, and the struggles of students with below-average grades.

Suffice to say, that AD was a massive accomplishment for the council. We have

reveled in all the praises we have received yet. Thank you for being a part of this journey.



ZCMT CLEANUP CHALLENGE

The students of Ziauddin College of Medical Technology conducted "The Cleanup Challenge" on 14th September 2019. This was a cleaning activity targeting the vicinity of Ziauddin Hospital.

A total of 60 volunteers took part in this activity. They were divided in groups and sent to different areas. This is the job of DMC or KMC but we took this initiative as students to raise awareness that our trash is also our responsibility. This was also a message for the responsible departments to take the cleanliness of Karachi Seriously. The Student Council of Ziauddin College of Medical Technology is very proud and happy of this activity and we hope to continue the trend of such activities in Karachi. We challenge other institutes to accept our challenge and cause a change in the society.



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COLLEGE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY COMMENCEMENT DAY

Ziauddin College of Medical Technology commencement day was held on 26th of December, 2019 at Ziauddin Education City, Link Road Campus. Students of the new batch of BS Medical Technology (Batch IV) along with their parents attended the ceremony. Ms. Humera Rashid the Principal ZCMT warmly welcomed the new batch and gave a short introduction about College of Medical Technology: Stating the vision, mission and the academic policies of College. Ms. Kiran Nooruddin, Instructor ZCMT, gave an introduction of the honorable faculty members. Senior Students of ZCMT provided the new batch with a

briefing of their respective disciplines and what to expect from their studies. Dr. Rabia Aftab, lecturer ZCMT, shared the history of the alumni of the college and their achievements in their respective fields. Senior Students expressed their sentiments about the academic events (seminars & workshops) and extra-curricular activities. Poster presentation was done by senior students portraying the various opportunities that are offered in the field of Medical Technology. The ceremony concluded with a thank you note by the principal followed by hi-tea for the attendees.



ZAS ZIAUDDIN ADVENTURE SOCIETY UP NORTH TRIPS

This year ZAS organized two consecutive upnorth trips open to students of all of the colleges at ZU. These trips were well awaited by the students, since they had faith on the organizing team to make these adventures memorable.

First batch of students went to Hunza exploring the beauty of Naltar, Khunjerab pass and Attabad lake. The breath taking views

just mesmerized the travelers and all were lost in the autumn beauty.

The second batch of students explored the other side of the Northern areas from Mingora to trekking on Malam Jabba. Then the stop was at Chitral where young and energetic visitors went to a fort then saw Polo Match and also explored the city and mingled with locals. Kumrat was the next stop the stayed at extreme cold but was unique way different from usual urban lifestyle. The star gazing at midnight was breath taking, it felt like the whole Milky Way was falling on our heads. The trek to Aabshaar and Kaala Chashma at Kumrat bonded to a whole new level because the trek was few hours long and the cold weather made it more adventurous. Next destination was we went the Kalash Valley

which was the highlight of the trip for me. This valley is full of beauty and people here have a unique culture and they are descendants of Alexander the Great. Exploring this valley on foot, mingling with locals, visiting Museum, learning about their culture and heritage, sharing their food with them and listening to folklores was a whole new and special experience which will always have a special place in my heart. There was magic and happiness in the air of Kalash. The locals were so welcoming that I felt like staying there forever. We enjoyed bonfire, local food and local music. Kalash is like a magical place from a fairytale. After Kalash we started our journey back home.

The trips were very well organized with proper accommodations and meals provided at every location.



INTERVIEW



DR. FAUZIA SHAMIM
DEAN, FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS
& HUMAN SCIENCES

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. FAUZIA SHAMIM

Dr. Fauzia Shamim has been in education for forty years. She completed her masters in 1980 and has worked at different places, private, public, national and international. She had the opportunity to experience different systems, different ideas, and different approaches to education and develop herself, learnt from other people, worked with people with different approaches to education. This orientation to different approaches have helped her to develop the whole new faculty of Liberal arts and human sciences at Ziauddin University.

Q: Elaborate on the Liberal arts and it's important to a university as a discipline of education.

Liberal arts has been seen differently by different people and is sometimes miscommunicated- almost in a negative way- like you're probably preparing people to have the kind of views that are not acceptable or that challenge the status quo or make them become non-conformist which is actually not the case.

I think with the liberal arts education you develop well-rounded individual who can look at an issue from various perspectives and who actually bring with them the critical thinking skills, the problem-solving skills, the ability to cross their disciplinary boundaries, the ability to learn from other disciplines and use that knowledge- any knowledge that is available in order to address an issue of any social issue because they're more concerned with the humanitarian issues, the social issues and I feel that liberal arts education has not had the same kind of attention in Pakistan as it needs because possibly as a developing country focus has been on development of science and engineering and the kind of thing that people thought would be progressive to the world,

but I feel like that might bring us material progress but not in terms of social progress. This is important for development of individuals and society, or societal development, and I really hope Ziauddin University faculty will play its role along with some other universities that have recently come up in actually developing this set of people for a very very complex world now, it's a very complex, globalized, highly digitalized world - it's not a simple world anymore.

Q: When it comes to Liberal arts and the arts itself -when you look at the discipline what is your prime vision for Ziauddin University? How would you like to revolutionize things or turn things around?

I do think I want to change the University, I think the faculty of Liberal arts and human sciences can work very well within the vision of the University- if you read the vision of the University it does talk about developing the human resource - so I think the vision is broad enough to enable this faculty to work within it but probably the faculty can take more concrete steps to take that vision and make it into reality.

Q: Is there is any opportunity for interdisciplinary communication.

Answer: Students to develop their full potential interdisciplinary communication. There are lots of artists sitting here, lots of people with ideas here but they're not being used - yes you need to be professional and you need your qualifications and knowledge and skills and all that but then you also have other sides of your personality and you haven't gotten opportunities to nurture that side mention and in order for us to do that I'm hoping that the faculty will play its part.

Q: In fact disciplines owe their progress to this for example Frank Nata's artistic contribution to medicine - if one person hadn't decided to step out of the main street there was no way you could've seen a different side to medicine, seen more sides to medicine.

Yeah exactly, the only problem is that these people that were exceptional are one in 1 million. Now we want to create more of these people and want to give opportunities to more of these people.

Q: Since humans are so holistic they're so wide and so is their potential, you can't enclose them in a particular discipline.

Yes this is just like the straight jacket approach - it kills creativity. I mean one example that I always use with my students is what creativity is - even schools kill creativity - it's when you start telling the child how to draw basic things like a flower the way you want it - and that is the day that we start seeing the death of the Child's creativity.

Q: When you define things they want to define themselves.

Without giving them the opportunity to explore, to discuss, to perceive, to observe and then to bring it all to the table and say here's your perspective and here's another perspective - a flower looks like this and a flower looks like this.

Q: Another question I have is that at present what programs does the department of faculty of liberal arts offering?

Answer: When I came in it was called the faculty social sciences and requested for a change in the nomenclature - see now we're thinking 20 years ahead for this faculty and not just for today so that it has a broad canvas and has a broad scope which gives include

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arts and humanities which includes social sciences and I also added human sciences. I was actually questioned on why it is named so -because it's a strange name - liberal arts and human sciences, but it was because I felt that I wanted this kind of bringing together because this place is apparently known as Ziauddin medical University there are a lot of human sciences that are been taught here and learnt here and I thought this might be one way in which we can have some breakthrough with them as human sciences is also something that we are interested in, and so there might be synergies possible they might be collaborations possible, and I feel that because our approach is different, because our understanding of the world view are slightly different, our implementation plan to also different. They should be able to try and pick different courses and actually see if they want to take general courses they can sample some of the courses, it will not be done as random, i think they will be given academics guidance and advisors will talk to them and find out why they're interested in a certain field and will be guided to take a kind of a boat that will take them somewhere so it won't be random selection but at least it's something where the student has the opportunity to choose the concept of choices and responsible choices so you don't make a choice because often what happens is that you ask your students why do you like it and they say oh I just like it why can't you rationalize why you like it? Why can't you make a conscious choice? It is because you're not trained in that kind of thinking, because if I have to choose this from that I should be very clear about the criteria and that is the basis of rational thought. When we use the word argumentation it is always use with a negative connotation - argumentation means fighting, criticizing, it's not just a happy thing to do so you say please don't argue. But really, argumentation is the basis of rational thought. You have to put your point of view forward, you have to give evidence for that, you have got to give support for your viewpoint which could be from the support from literature, from other Field of knowledge but then you are arguing for a position in a

point of view that you believe in - not because you like it because you've thought about it. You've come to an understanding of why you have this viewpoint, so these are the kinds of individuals we hope to develop with this faculty. More self-aware, and if they are more self-aware - then they will be more tolerant and hopefully they will be willing to listen to other people's point of view and debate. And so debate and discussion need to be encouraged, I see our classrooms are spaces for people to do debate and discussion

Q: Amazing. So a student comes to the faculty of liberal arts, they graduate as an undergraduate in Liberal arts?

No, we have a college of education, we have a college of language and literature in culture and we have a college of media sciences. These are the three colleges that we started with but we hope to have other colleges and Institute as the department develops and as the faculty develops, I mean we're thinking of everything from 20 years from now we're not thinking of tomorrow.

Q: So once they complete the particular undergrad degree, what is your vision for the children right after where do you see them placed in society?

You see, the reason why they still have to do this kind of BS English and BS education is because this is what society will ask them and these qualifications are required for them to get a job but in order for them to be successful in their jobs they need all the other skills and that's where we hope they will become successful professionals in their own institutions. Example some of these people who graduate as BS English or this other course that we recently launched - It's called BS English and BS media Sciences so it allows them to choose courses from English language English literature and media Sciences and they get their own understanding of which is the major core, so English and Media Sciences. So, these are known as the new concepts here because it's not been done until now, but I think everybody is very

open to new ideas and one thing I like about Ziauddin University, is the Chancellors vision to move into the twenty-first century and as quickly as possible and to embrace and implement all these new ideas as fast as we can, that is what attracted me to this place.

Q: What else faculty of Liberal Arts is offering?

You see within the faculty of liberal arts and human sciences we've also got the language center and that is part of the chancellor's vision, the knowledge of languages, that is, we want everybody to have good language skills. Initially, the focus is on developing English language skills because that is the language of international communication, but once again we haven't called it the English Language Center we have called it the Language Centre which means, there is a possibility to expand to any language that is required and for which we have the facility and the need, that the Language Center can offer.

Q: Given that this interview will be published, given that this will go out as a message to the entire University, about what Liberal Arts is, is there something you would like to add, that whoever studies at the University they should at least know this?

I would actually like to quote the vision of the university, I feel it encompasses whatever I'm talking about and I think that if the University continues with that vision of developing individuals, developing human beings and values with skills and knowledge and values I am sure that they will probably go out as much better human beings in the world, bringing merit to the university and the teachers.

Q: That's wonderful I think we have covered pretty much everything.

Thank you! I just feel very positive about things and I hope things, Inshallah that spirit will remain because without that we cannot work sometimes it sounds overambitious to certain people, but if you are ambitious, that is how you get things done, if you want to reach the stars.

The Department of Continuing Professional Education, Ziauddin University strive to provide exemplary educational activities which teach evidence-based practices and identify new and emerging needs and opportunities from research through delivery of care so that, through education, we can significantly improve the expertise.

The department aims to present new knowledge and its application based on the needs of audiences the professionals, provide educational activities targeted to specific audiences to keep their knowledge and skills at the highest possible levels commensurate with the standards of excellence at Ziauddin University. The Department of Medicine and Surgery conducted symposia on Injection Safety, Vaccines safe life, GI Cancers, Liver transplantation, Pediatric Cardiology, Epilepsy Mini fellowship, Breast Cancer Management and Menopause. Workshop on Primary Trauma Care, ECG Interpretation were held which

were enthusiastically attended by junior doctors from Ziauddin University and other teaching hospitals. The Department of Orthopedics conducted workshops on 27th Clubfoot Ponesti Technique and 4th Pediatric MSK Trauma Course and Shoulder Arthroscopy which were well attended by the Orthopedics fellows and consultants from all over Pakistan. The College of Speech Language Sciences organized a workshop on Pediatric Dysphagia 2nd International Medical Physics Conference was arranged by the physicist from Radiation Oncology Department and was well attended by the students and professionals. The Department of Oncology organized a seminar on A unique natural history & modern day challenges in the management of Head & Neck cancers in Karachi, the experts shared their experiences and innovation in this ailment starting from the visit to Head and neck/ENT surgeon to pathologist and oncologist and the plastic surgeon. The Conference covered

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holistic approach to the management of such cancers and was well attended by the young doctors and consultants of the city. The workshops on MCQ development, Research Methodology, Lactation Management and Neonatal Resuscitation were also held in collaboration with the department of continuing professional education.



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FUNDAMENTALS OF ICT INTEGRATION

The importance of knowledge and building skills is inevitable. A five day capacity building workshop successfully concluded on Friday 12 July 2019, this was the first step towards the development of new proficiencies, enrichment of capabilities and endorsement of pedagogical practices through a structured pathway to match the needs of new digitized paradigm for teaching and learning. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Noor e Sehar the ICT trainer.

The purpose of this course was to take teach-

ers onboard for the new teaching and learning paradigm. The course encompassed a tailored plan to bring about change and add value to teaching and learning practices. During the course participants explored the updated educational technology setup for Dr. Ziauddin School and studied its impact and effectiveness for the diverse learning styles of 21st century students. It was a successful kick start to new voyage with a focus on high quality technology embedded learning environment.



INTERACTIVE GUEST SPEAKER SESSION BY ZCOMS

ZCOMS arranged an interactive guest speaker session with Ali Amir on October 9, 2019. Mr. Ali Amir is an accomplished business leader having 25 years of impactful commercial experience in diverse markets of Middle East and Southeast Asia. His diverse experience in Pakistan includes working with Tapal, McDonald's and Unilever to name a few. His current assignment is as Head of Marketing, Almarai Dairy Beverages. Almarai is world's largest

vertically integrated company and No. 1 FMCG in GCC region.

He shared his insightful experiences at different stages of his career and also emphasized the growing importance of marketing in the field of Media Sciences.

The session was highly appreciated by the students who asked several questions after the talk.



EDUCATION EXPO 2019

Ziauddin University Faculty of Engineering Science and Technology & Ziauddin College of Medical Technology participated in The News Education Expo 2019 held on 22nd and 23rd June 2019 at Expo Center, Karachi. Many people visited the stalls and filled in the Pre-interest forms.



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ZCD SECURED 1ST POSITION IN QUIZ COMPETITION

Ziauddin College of Dentistry secured the first position in Interdental College Quiz competition held on 29th August 2019 at LCMD. The competition was among eight dental colleges of Karachi and was based on both basic and clinical subjects.

The clinic team who participated in the quiz were

- Naseer Final Year BDS
- Amna Bibi Final Year BDS
- Faisal Khan Third Year BDS
- trat Fatima Third Year BDS

The panel of judges in the quiz competition appreciated the knowledge skills of Ziauddin students of Dentistry.



CRITICAL REVIEW WRITING

One important quality of all successful scientists is the ardent and critical reading and writing of scientific literature. Good scientists are persistently surveying the scientific literature for the latest developments in their fields. It's a competitive world, and being up-to-date is essential. A workshop was conducted on Critical Review Writing 01st November 2019 by Research Department and facilitated by Prof Dr Zil-e-Rubab. The objectives of the workshop were; identifying publications of importance, writing short descriptions of the findings and describe their importance along with development of research questions. The participation from the attendees was overwhelming.

AWARENESS SESSION ON BREAST CANCER

"Pink Ribbon Day" an awareness activity organized by Dr Aijaz Fatima Cancer Patient Welfare Society in collaboration with Ziauddin University to mark Cancer Awareness Month. "Every year 40,000 women die and 90,000 new cases of breast cancer are being found in Pakistan which is the highest rate of breast cancer in Asia. The incidence is increasing in the developing world due to increase in life expectancy, increase in urbanization and adoption of western lifestyles. 69% of all breast cancer deaths occur in developing countries which is very alarming for our continent. This is explained mainly by the lack of early detection programs, resulting in a high proportion of women presenting with late-stage disease the lack of adequate diagnosis and treatment facilities", said Dr. Nida Wahid Bashir, Consultant Breast Surgeon, Dr. Ziauddin Hospital. While taking about modifiable risk factors and non-modifiable risk factors of breast cancer Dr Nida Wahid said that body weight, physical activity, alcohol use, smoking, exposure to hormones, pregnancy and breastfeeding, radiation exposure are modifiable risk factors. Whereas, non-modifiable risk factors include gender and age, personal cancer history, family cancer history and genetics, early menstruations and late menopause, breast density and breast sizes.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Ziauddin University Inter Collegiate Cricket Tournament was held on 23rd November 2019 which after sheer hardwork and weeks of preparation, was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the students of our different disciplines and colleges. The tournament was conducted on a Saturday to ensure participation from all our colleges. After a day-long of intense Cricket matches between the teams; students from College of Medical Technology (Team M.T.) managed to be crowned as Champions for the tournament whereas College of Nursing (Team ZUCON) was declared as runners up. The initiative from Student Affairs Department of Ziauddin University was enormously appreciated by all the colleges and equally appreciated by all the students who participated.



INTERCOLLEGIATE FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

Ziauddin University 1st ever Inter-Collegiate Football tournament was held on 12th October 2019. The tournament received participation from all our colleges and disciplines in North as well as Clifton Campus. It was held on our newly constructed football ground in our mini sports complex. After a fierce competition between the different teams, Team M.B.B.S (College of Medicine) was able to secure the "Winners title".



RESEARCH CONFERENCE



4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHALLENGES IN DRUG DISCOVERY & THERAPEUTICS

"When a drug target is known, and the mechanism described, this can fail to capture the whole story. Drugs may act at more than one target, and efficacy observed may not always be due to the mechanisms originally expected," said Dr. Jamshed Ali Kazmi, Pharmacist, University of British Columbia, Canada and Vice Chancellor Sohail University.

He was addressing the audience as the Chief Guest of 4th International Conference on "Challenges in Drug Discovery & Therapeutics" themed as "Improving Quality of Life" at Ziauddin University, aims to provide a forum for national and international researchers, to present the research results, solutions to problems, and insight into emergent new challenges in drug development and therapeutics.

While talking about target discovery he affirmed "this approach works on the concept that 'if you want a new drug you must find a new target', once a target is identified compound libraries are then screened to find a drug that binds to the target and elicits the desired effect."

To sum up his presentation regarding both phenotypic and target-based drug discovery approaches he said "each have distinct benefits and challenges, perhaps rather than being viewed as opposing drug discovery strategies, they should be seen as complementary, which, if used together could increase the likelihood of discovering a truly novel therapeutic strategy".

Guest of honor at the ceremony Sardar Yasin Malik (HI), Chairman, Hilton Pharma, He said that this conference showcases a host of senior level experts to discuss recent developments in the industry and debate the best strategies and solutions to improve drug discovery and therapeutics. It is with better understanding of pharmacology one can know the right dosage, interactions and abuse of drugs.

Dr. Shazia Qasim Jamshed, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). During the Dr Jafarey Memorial lecture about the need for pharmacovigilance culture, said "Pharmacovigilance is simply to map and certify the safety of medicine from test tube to patient. Safety needs to be monitored for commonly used medicines, and thus healthcare professionals are anticipated to be aware of the principles of pharmacovigilance and practice them for standard patient care"

"Better-quality patient care revolves

around academic detailing of healthcare professionals in drug safety and mutually inclusive, informational exchange setting between national centers followed by linkage of conclusive evidence of drug safety with research and policies, she added.

Sir Ziauddin Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Masood Parvez to the young scientist on X-ray Crystallography and Drug Design, Dr. Masood Parvez, "X-ray crystallography provides starting point in the form of fractional coordinates of perspective drug molecules obtained from experimental data that may be utilized to rationally design new chemical entities or drugs that could contribute in treating human diseases."

"Polypharmacology of Cancer: A Novel Approach of Drug Discovery with Current Challenges and Opportunities" Dr. Huma Rasheed, Research Scientist, Ampli Tech Inc, USA, highlighted that at present, polypharmacology and chemogenomics has gained a great interest in the design and discovery of novel anticancer drugs. Drug discovery is a highly complex, time consuming and an integrative process despite a high investment in research and development. Recently, the high throughput screening directed drug discovery is facing considerable variations to investigate the failure of drug candidates in clinical trials.

Polypharmacology is one of the major challenges in the drug development since the advent of targeted therapy and leads to the generation of more effective and less toxic therapeutic agents. Drug interaction with multiple targets is promoting the advancement of research areas that challenge the methodological and theoretical approach. The traditional chemotherapeutic drugs directly act on the DNA in the cell, while the newly developed anticancer drugs are involved in molecular-targeted therapy such as targeting the overly expressed genes and proteins inside the cancer cells.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Dr. Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui, Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin University said "Our aim is to deliver innovative tools that make drug development and therapeutics more efficient, more cost-effective and more successful. This two-day conference will provide an in-depth understanding of the advances, practices and current challenges in the field of drug discovery and therapeutics. This platform will bring together Scientist. Leaders in academia and health care to discuss this great issue which will continue and despite trying to better

ourselves with knowledge, we appear to be far behind in conquering many diseases."



EVENTS

ZCOMS MEDIA AWARDS 2019

Ziauddin College of Media Sciences (ZCOMS) hosted "ZCOMS Media Awards 2019" at Ziauddin University. Aimed to provide an opportunity for young and ambitious students of different institutions to showcase their creativity in media and fine arts.

Students from different colleges, universities and arts institutions have participated in the contest and won awards and in different categories that includes, in documentary making Maryam Qureshi from Zcoms, in Graphic Designing / Digital Art, Haroon Rashid from Karachi School of Arts, in Short Film Syed Muhammad Shahrugh from SZABIST, in Photography Mehreen Razi from Indus University, in Fine Arts, Muhammad Haris Baloch from Indus Valley and in Animations Shaikh Sabih from Iqra University.

While appreciating the efforts of young talent, as the Chief Guest of the event Asim Raza, renowned Director of drama and film industry said "We all know Pakistani film and drama industry is making us all proud universally. Pakistan is

blessed to have a lot of young fresh talent. Our young blood is internationally recognized because of their hard work, positive work behavior and professionalism". He also appreciated the efforts of Ziauddin University to provide the platform in the field of media in the shape of ZCOMS.

Entries in the award show were evaluated by senior media industry professional jury members including Muqem Khan VFX artist and Animator, Taimur Tajik Advertising professional, Abdull Jabbar Gull Artist, Irfan ul Haq Blogger and PR specialist, Imran ali dina, GFX mentor.



CAREER COUNSELLING

Students of final year attended a session on "The Way Ahead – Career Choices for Pharmacy Graduates". This session was arranged by the department of Professional Development and Career Services.



ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY OBSERVES "KASHMIR HOUR"

Ziauddin University observed "Kashmir Hour" today to express solidarity with people of Indian-Occupied Kashmir against Indian fascist oppression, 24-Day curfew and brutal killings of innocent Kashmiris.

In the lead of Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin University, Prof. Pizada Qasim Raza Siddiqui a large number of students, faculty and staff members took part in rally and hoisted flag of both Pakistan and Kashmir also raised voice against the atrocities and violation of human rights in Kashmir.



NEW BUILDING AT ZU LINK ROAD CAMPUS

The foundation stone of College of Pharmacy has been laid at the Ziauddin University Education City at Link Road. 'To praise oneself for own work is not appropriate, better is to educate people about life, its experiences and future certainties"', Chancellor Ziauddin University Dr Asim Hussain.

Chairman Hilton Pharma, Hilal-e-Imtiaz,

Sardar Yasin Malik was the chief guest at the event. The newly established building has been named 'Sardar Yasin Malik Block' on account of his massive contribution in the discipline of Pharmacy.

"We have dedicated this block to Sardar Yasin Malik so that future generations will remember his name", said Dr Asim.



EXTRACURRICULAR WEEK

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Home of the future exceptionally competent and highly trained nurses. They are vigilant, diligent, and despite the tough routine, effulgent. What they are not blessed with, however, is ample time for themselves. Therefore, when the Zucon Student Council announced the transpiring Students' Week 2019, the beams on every one's faces were indelible.

Preceded by an opening ceremony which was attended by honourable guests, Dr. Aijaz Fatima (Pioneer of Dr Ziauddin Group of Hospitals), Dr. Sarah Salman (Head of Office, World Health Organization Sindh Office), Dr. Shireen Mansoor (Medical Superintendent of Dr Ziauddin Hospital, North Campus), and Dr. Inayat Ali Khan, the ECA Week blasted off to an enriching start with 'Cultural Day'. Organized by the students of BSN year III, the students and guests were taken on a didactic journey, showing merely glimpses of the exquisite cultures of Pakistan.

Days two and three beckoned to the athletes of Zucon. With cricket and throwball being the major events taking place, the intense competition magnetized the crowd. The winners, ZUCON Zalmi and BSN Year II, for cricket, and the combined team of BSN year I and RN year I, for throwball won their hard-earned trophies by the end of the day.



The fourth day was a result of incredible compassion and honour of the Nurses of ZUCON. The Health and Fun Mela was attended by Dr. Inayat Ali Khan (Expert from Neurosurgery department) and Dr. Tazeen Saeed from Aga Khan University Hospital (Assistant Dean, Research and Assistant Professor AKUSON). The accentuated purpose of this event is found within Healthcare's mission statement — helping people live the healthiest lives possible. The fair was a grand success as it provided basic health screenings such as blood pressure checks, glucose and cholesterol blood tests, body composition, vision and hearing tests for little to no cost.



The Grand Tambola event took place on the fifth day of ECA Week, the busiest day of the week, since it incorporated Research Seminars and the closing ceremony. In the closing ceremony, winners of the ECA Week 2019 were announced by Mr. Shabbar Virani, along with the fresh candidates of the Student Council members. Finally, the week ended with a tranquilizing annual picnic held at Countryside Chalet Resort, with students swimming, boating, and horse-riding into the sunset that was ECA Week.



COLLEGE OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES

ZCRS ECA Week 2019 was unparalleled. From the highly praised event, the Movie Night, to the almost-successful event, the Spring Carnival, ECW proved to be a loop de loop, and we could not have been prouder.



Sports Days 1 and 2 involved cricket, futsal, throw ball, and indoor games, badminton

and table tennis. The competition was undeniably fierce, and no player was prepared to yield. Affairs managed to cool down on Movie Night at Ziauddin University's auditorium, when the students gathered to watch a classic comedy, "Phir Hera Pheri", followed by a musical performance by Ziauddin's own Osaid Tabrez.



The spring carnival was rather underwhelming, to say the least. Whether it was the preparation or the execution which caused it to fail to reach the mark, is still unclear. However, it taught the council to revamp future planning, and turn an event's weaknesses into strengths. Finally, the week wrapped up with the highly anticipated Annual Dinner, where students and teachers received awards, and skits, stand ups, and music kept the students entertained.



The truly noteworthy accomplishment in the past year has been the character growth of every member of the council. We have been through intense cold wars and outbursts, and have managed to mature into young adults who take calculated steps and have greater control over emotions. This experience shall certainly come in handy in life. And for that, we thank Dr. Almas Farhan and Mr. Shabbar Virani, for simply giving us a chance.



EXTRACURRICULAR WEEK

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

From Oct 9th 2019, to Oct 11th 2019, ZUFEST Student Council organized EC Week i.e Extra Curricular week. The first day, Wednesday 9th Oct, 2019 was associated with sports such as Futsal and Badminton tournament. The event saw an active participation from the female students as well.

The Futsal received participations from different departments. The matches were conducted in a league format. Mr. Muhammad Khan (Sports Coach Ziauddin University) presided as the head of the futsal tournament and was official referee for all the matches. The tournament proceeded with the audience of about 100 people with the students from all the department of ZUFEST morning and evening shifts & faculty members. The final showdown between the teams of biotechnology vs. biomedical was a nerve wracking experience as both team tied the match. To finalize the results each team was given 3 penalties in which team Biotech won the tournament.



The badminton tournament was whole another experience as it received an immense participation. The matches were played in pairs. From pool A the final contestants were Huzaifa Ashraf and Nadeem Shah from Bio medical department who confronted final contestants from pool B. That team consisted Zaid and

Sheheryaar from electrical department who won the male doubles.

While pool C consisted of female players who participated with equal passion and enthusiasm in the game. The finalists were Fizza and Bisma from Biotech department who faced Seerat and Haya from Biomedical and BBA respectively. Female doubles was won by Seerat and Haya.

On October 10th, 2019 Thursday, ZUFEST Student council decided to dress up. Yes the students dressed up as their favorite characters. The content of character was their choice so we saw a variety of themes that included culture, horror, medieval era, super heroes and some villains.

This simple combination of multiverse not only excited the students who were already happy as they got some time to flee away from the studies, the teachers enjoyed too and appreciated the students.

The purpose to organize this day was to give students ownership for a day and celebrate it on their own. Soon we saw students engaged in taking pictures and making videos of the plays their character portrays. They were joined by the teachers who were actively taking part in videography. The day passed in a light mood with lots of positive vibes as it seemed that we were having a fair or festival with lots of cackles and laughter's.

In the end, all of the faculty members gathered to capture the moments of this day, as the place began to feel lively and homely.

The last day, Friday 11th Oct, 2019, was spent on beach. Thus turtle beach was the fine spot for the picnic. The council had issued passes for registration and the response was very positive.



The students began to gather starting from 8:a.m. Two fully packed buses left the university around 9:15 a.m. The buses reached the destination at around 10:30

a.m. The students immediately rushed towards the hut. The ground floor was allotted to the male students and faculty while the upper storey was for the female students. After putting their belongings in the rooms the students rushed towards the beach to participate in different activities the students council had arranged for them.

The breakfast was served shortly after everyone was settled. The scrumptious aroma of halwa poori with vegetables and chick pea curry filled the air and the students began to get plateful of everything. The students resumed their activities after the breakfast.



At 1:00p.m. the buses left for the mosque for the juma prayers and returned after sometime after which lunch was served. The time flew by without us realizing that it was the time to return. With heavy heart and sad faces the students began to pack up their stuff and began to walk towards the buses. To conclude, EC week ZUFEST was a healthy initiative taken up by the Students Council of ZUFEST from the support of Student Affairs Department and management of ZUFEST and marks as a small step towards achieving healthy student life for students of Ziauddin University.

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