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ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP

The latest rendition of ZUDC proved to be the biggest one so far. With a total of 26 teams from all over Karachi and the commendable breadth of debators of all ages ranging from high school students to those in universities, the debate not only proved to be challenging but also a great learning experience for everyone.

Our Chief Adjudicator made sure that the level of debate is not compromised by creating the most competitive matches and innovative motions which not only pertained to pressing issues of the present world but unconventional (and equally fun) topics such as the world after a zombie apocalypse, generation wars, cricket and much more exciting topics.

Since day 1, every team was seen to be brainstorming ideas to the best of their critical thinking abilities and then move on to face their opponents in the room. After an hour of heated debate, they would receive constructive criticism from their adjudicators and debate more fiercely in

the subsequent rounds, if they were to qualify.

One of the highlights was also an exhibition debate on the format of "British Parliament" where our very own adjudicators and the best ones from the debate circuit spoke giving our participants a great opportunity to learn.

The final round was between Nixor College Red and Mahad's Akbars with Mahad's Akbars conquering the tournament. Both the teams tailored exceptional arguments on a motion about the value of martyrdom. Mama parsi won the title for the most promising team and Salik Niazi from Karachi Grammar School bagging "The Best Speaker" award.

With this, the organising team and the university's admin promises to bring back ZUDC next year, bigger and better.



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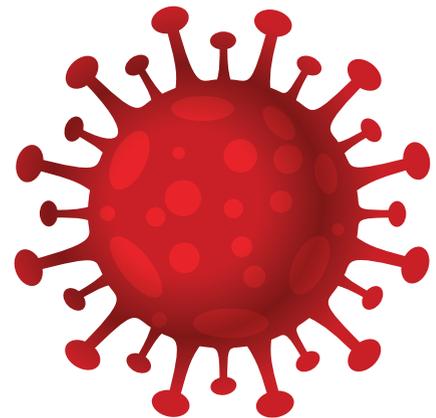


NURSES' ROLE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Globally, nationally and regionally nurses and student nurses are playing a vital role in managing the coronavirus outbreak. If nurses and students are not safe then it means the community is not safe. But the shortage of health care providers and limited resources did not discouraged nurses and nursing students to back off from the frontline. The most important factor is keep own self safe while caring for a patient with life threatening illness. From a simple health teaching of hand washing to respiratory etiquettes to advanced skills of barrier nursing care nurses are breaking the chain of infection. Our number one priority even being concerned for ourselves is to keep the patients and community safe while preventing the

virus from spreading. From first point of contact to the health education of the family it is ensured that hand hygiene practice is more promoted and actually implemented. The water intake to keep the throat wet with healthy diet to boost the energy and immunity as a safeguard is the bottom line of care by nursing force. The students of ZUCoN made the posters; infection control nurses went to each hospital unit to conduct the one-to-one training of nursing staff and students. Prevention is better than the cure is actually practiced and witnessed during this fearful time. It is amazing to notice that limited resources and shortage of staff did not stop them to be proactive to prevent the spread. They proved that "If nurses aren't safe, then

really our community isn't safe." Salute nurses and students to contain the virus where the oath of ethics makes them brave to combat the virus at every level.



A NOTE FROM A YOUNG DOCTOR..... COVID 19



'Donning' and 'doffing' every alternate day as I gear up to tend to patients in the ER of a tertiary care hospital in Karachi; that's how we are observing quarantine for you.

It's true that the shiny pictures popping up on my newsfeed arouse a strange sense of envy - and even fear - and then a lot of guilt at that envy. But then I remind myself to be grateful to these people staying at home, enjoying their safe time. It is, after all, the only way this quarantine can rescue the world.

Every time we receive a patient and take a quick history, and the alarm bell goes off, we gulp down another gloomy thought and joke amongst ourselves if this one is going to finally get us, like that senior colleague we heard about the other day on the news. It's the new normal, you see.

An unprotected CPR on a suspected COVID-19 patient - now dead - or meagre, insufficient PPE, or another X-RAY of an asymptomatic patient revealing infiltrates on both sides of the lungs, or just a young man nervously hiding his travel history: it's how we count the hours here.

No textbook had prepared us for this. No exam had tested us on how to navigate through an unprecedented global emergency while struggling to do no harm, to protect everyone, to be kind to our scared patients, to fight off weak policies and protect our working rights. Nothing.

Every time I step out, I fight off the fear of exposing my brave family. The unconditional love of my mother never leaving my side as I see her blowing duas over me as I step out of the car, knowing that she'd rather have her girl home, safe and sound, but also knowing that it's the bigger battle that needs to be won. It's also the slow, startling realization that humanity always comes first, that no amount of wealth or social status can win over the power of the Unseen, and that at the end of the day, nothing really matters, you know? Except peace of heart and freedom from the self-imposed rules of our society.

COMMENCEMENTS

COMMENCEMENT DAY OF FACULTY OF PHARMACY

Commencement Day Batch XVI Faculty of Pharmacy, Ziauddin University was held on 16 JAN 2020. Mr Saeed Allahwala, CEO ATCO Laboratories, was the chief guest for the event. The students were given a brief introduction on the profession of Pharmacy and regarding their courses, faculty and university.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Pirzada Qasim Siddiqui, Advisor to Chancellor Prof. Dr Ejaz Beg and Dean Faculty of Pharmacy.

Prof. Dr Rafeeq Alam Khan, also addressed the students and welcomed them to Ziauddin University.

COMMENCEMENT DAY OF PHD - FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Ph.D.-FHS Entrance test was conducted for Batch 2019-2020 followed by an interview. Six (6) students out of Ten (10) successfully cleared the entrance requirement

The interview panel consisted of the following faculty members: Prof. Dr. Abbas Zafar, Prof. Dr. Talat Mirza, Prof. Dr. Zahida Memon, Prof. Dr. Saeeda Baig and Dr. Shamim Mushtaq

The final list of the selected candidates in the respective departments are as

follows:

- Dr. Asma Shabbir, Pathology
- Dr. Owais Ismail, Pharmacology
- Dr. Jabbar Ahmed, Pharmacology
- Dr. Alia Jaffery, Biochemistry
- Dr. Saadia Farrukh, Biochemistry
- Mr. Haris Lucky, Biochemistry

Orientation and Commencement of PhD-FHS classes was held on 3rd Jan, 2020. Prof. Dr. Talat Mirza, Executive Director Research gave a brief introduction of Faculty of Health Sciences and Department of Research.



COMMENCEMENT DAY OF COLLEGE OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES

Following are the details of commencement dates of different program:

- January 15th 2020 for Doctor of Physical Therapy at Education City Link Road
- January 17th 2020 for Doctor of Physical Therapy (North and Clifton), Doctor of Occupational Therapy and Bachelor in Physical Education Health and Sports Sciences

- March 1st 2020 for Accelerated Doctor of Physical Therapy, Accelerated Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Diploma in Fitness and Training
- 31st January 2020 for MPhil in Physical Therapy



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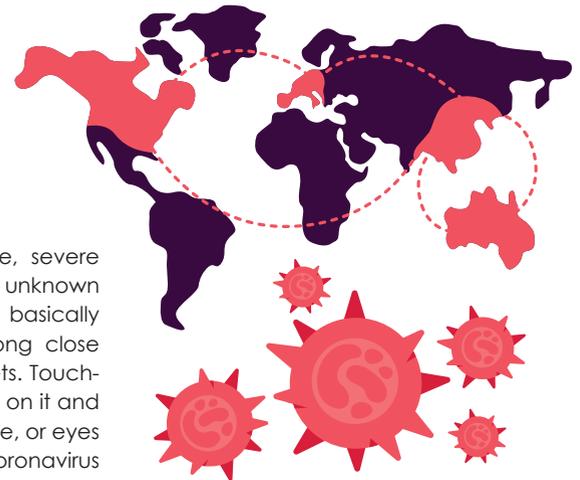
AN INTERACTIVE SEMINAR CORONAVIRUS: WORLD UNDER DEADLY THREAT?

Ziauddin University and Hospital organized an interactive awareness seminar "CORONAVIRUS: world under deadly threat?" on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Abul Hasan Jafarey Auditorium, Ziauddin University, Clifton, Karachi

Experts of medical field including Dr. Nida Hussain, Pro-Chancellor, Ziauddin University; Dr. Sara Salman, Head of sub office- Sindh, World Health Organization (WHO); Dr. Syed Ahmed Raza Kazmi, Director Clinical (Governance & Training), Sindh Health Care Commission; Dr. Samreen Sarfaraz, Consultant Infectious Disease, Indus Hospital; and Dr. Muhammad Osama Rehman Khalid, Consultant Infectious Diseases, Dr. Ziauddin Hospitals attended the seminar.

While talking about viral infectious disease coronavirus as keynote speaker Dr. Nida Hussain, Pro-Chancellor, Ziauddin University, said "It has very common symptoms just like normal flu including fever, difficulty in breathing, impaired liver,

kidney function, kidney failure, severe cough; pneumonia and unknown incubation period. It is basically person-to-person spread among close contacts via respiratory droplets. Touching a surface that has the virus on it and then touching own mouth, nose, or eyes can easily make you a coronavirus patient. Doctors and hospital staff should be very careful while treating the patients of infectious disease; they should put on a mask, wear gloves, use goggles and adopt other safety measures before entering the room where



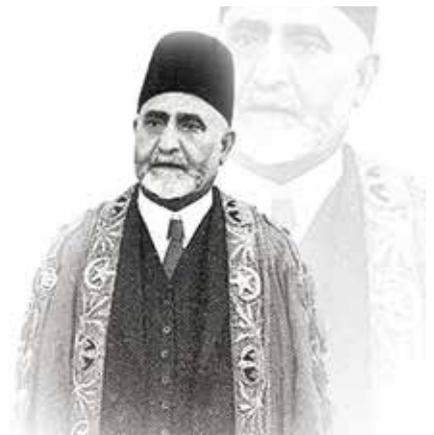
such patients are kept because prevention is always better than the cure."

Experts discussed about the origin, symptoms, awareness about high risk exposure of Coronavirus and the role of WHO in Pakistan. While giving references to previous deadly viruses they said that Corona, influenza and swine flu are viral infectious diseases it is very difficult to catch the exact virus. We cannot easily differentiate because symptoms are almost the same for all viruses like 100 plus temperature, body pain, runny nose and severe cough etc.

BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. ZIAUDDIN AHMAD

February 13, 2020 marked as the 142nd Birthday of Sir Dr Ziauddin Ahmad. Dr. Ahmad's contribution in the field of education cannot be ignored. He was a renowned educationist, mathematician and a genius. He proved himself as an able politician by striving for the

rights of the Muslims of South Asia and furthering their national interests. Dr Ahmad took the initiative to introduce modern mathematics at Aligarh University. He spent his life serving Aligarh and for this he is remembered as one of the pioneers of the University



EVENTS

STUDENTS OF ZIAUDDIN SCHOOL & COLLEGE VISITS ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY

A visit of Ziauddin University Clifton Campus was arranged by the Department of Public Relations & Communications for the students of Dr Ziauddin Intermediate College on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

The purpose of the visit was to give a chance to the students of intermediate college to explore Ziauddin University and get to know the programs offered here. They got the chance to meet the available faculty who may guide them that how can they pursue their dreams at ZU.

Students visited different departments of

Ziauddin University. They interacted with students and faculty members of the university. They also showed interest in asking questions about studies and curricular activities to learn more about university life.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Pirzada Qasim; Registrar Capt. (R) S. Waqar Hussain; Director Students Affairs Dr Almas Farhan and Senior Manager PR & Communications Mr. Amir Shahzad welcomed the students and briefed them about the university and challenges of professional life.



ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON MEDICAL WRITING

A one-day workshop on Medical Writing was conducted on 13 March 2020 by the Department of Research, Ziauddin University. The workshop focused on MPhil and PhD candidates and MD/MS residents. Faculty members were also invited. The resource person of this workshop was Prof. Dr. Syed Abdul Aziz, scientist at Health Canada and Professor, faculty of medicine in the department of Pathology and lab medicine, University of Ottawa.

The facilitator focused on effective communication skills in different aspects of life including research and academia. Scientific Writing, how to write effectively different components of a research article was discussed. Research articles were shared by the facilitator and discussed how mistakes can be avoided while writing a paper which can lead to rejection by reviewers or editors.

WORKSHOP ON BEGINNING QUALITATIVE INQUIRY: QUESTIONS AND METHODS

A 3-hour workshop titled "Beginning Qualitative Inquiry: Questions & Methods" was organized jointly by the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the ZU Research Department for post graduate students (MS/MPhil/Ph.D) on Thursday 12 March 2020. The workshop was led by Dr Judy Sharkey, Professor at University of New Hampshire, USA and Dr Carolyn Layzer, Senior Associate, Abt Associates Inc, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

The aim of the session was to get participants started in designing a qualitative inquiry project or component through:

- Examining qualitative vs. quantitative inquiry
- Presenting steps (process with examples) in designing a qualitative inquiry project; and finally
- Participants beginning to work on designing their own research projects

After the initial presentation and discussion, the participants worked in small groups on finding questions, linking questions to methods, and data planning.

Though this was an introductory workshop, the participants felt enthusiastic about adding a qualitative component to their quantitative inquiries for addressing a 'puzzling issue' that can best be 'solved' through a more in-depth qualitative inquiry.

A VISIT TO MALC (MARIE ADELAIDE LEPROSY CENTRE) KARACHI

On 17 of Feb 2020 Student of Faculty of Eastern Medicine and Natural sciences have been provided an opportunity to visit MALC (Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre) in Karachi, Pakistan. MALC is one of the largest NGO in Pakistan, working for leprosy control since 1956 with its Head Office based in Karachi which includes 64-bedded hospital as well as 157 health centers that are currently operating in Sindh, Balochistan, KPK, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Kashmir in partnership with the provincial health departments to facilitate free health services for the community. Their mission is to eliminate leprosy, control TB and blindness creating an inclusive environment for persons with disabilities.

The visit was quite informative enlighten the students with leprosy and its management including taking their history of illness and treatment, not only that but also learn that how to perform the physical exercises with the patients

who have been developed some deformity after being suffered by Leprosy.

Mr Denial Karamat, head of education department MALC gave detailed information and their efforts to reduce the burden of leprosy in Pakistan. At present, the national caseload of Leprosy is 4,755 patients, of which 512 are under medication. Disabilities ratio among new cases is still high. Due to long incubation period of disease, it is essential to sustain and provide quality leprosy management services and to ensure diagnosis in early stages before disability sets in.

The leprosy management program is actively following the World Health Organization's strategy formulated for the year 2020 and it is hoped that with continued support and efforts of MALC, Leprosy will be eradicated from Pakistan one day.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRIP TO THE FROBEL'S SCHOOL BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY, COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Department of Community & Preventive Dentistry, Ziauddin College of Dentistry, Ziauddin University under the supervision of Dr.Sidra Mohiuddin (Assistant Professor & HOD) along with her team organized school oral health educational and promotional program on 14-January-2020.

They visited The Froebel's School and screened senior section from class 6 till 8. Teams were divided in two groups, they screened both girls and boys total of 250 school children. The students were briefed about the maintenance of good oral hygiene, importance of regular tooth brushing practices, mouth

washing and floss, regular dental visits and eating raw food. Furthermore, they were also educated about smokeless tobacco products and their harmful effects on oral cavity.



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ZIAUDDIN STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Ziauddin Student Bar Association/ Students Council for Faculty of Law was formed after a much competitive electoral process administered by Faculty of Law, Ziauddin University. An oath taking ceremony was hence in order for the newly elected council so that they can start their working officially with their respective college administration and Ziauddin Student Affairs on multiple fronts.

The oath taking ceremony was attended by the students and faculty of Law College. Dean Faculty of Law, Ms. Shahista Sarki embraced the ceremony by giving her opening remarks to the entire elected council and the students.

She emphasized on the responsibilities and burden of duties the newly elected council must ensure in order to fulfil their roles as the Student Leaders.



Ziauddin Student Bar Association/ Students Council for Faculty of Law has following positions:

- Patron: Mr. Maaz Shah (Director Center for Human Rights)
- President: Mr. Hunain Raza
- Vice. President: Mr. Sahil Kumar
- General Secretary: Mr. Basit Nazir
- Treasurer: Ms. Urooj Shafi

Ziauddin Student Affairs wishes best of luck to the newly elected student leaders for faculty of Law and hope to witness new initiatives they carry out for their college and Ziauddin University as a whole.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

General elections to elect the members of the Student Council of Pharmacy took place on 23 January 2020. Three day campaign was run by the candidates, students from all the five years participated in the voting enthusiastically. The Elections were held under the supervision of Election Commission and The Student Advisory Committee, Faculty of Pharmacy.



GUEST LECTURE SESSIONS

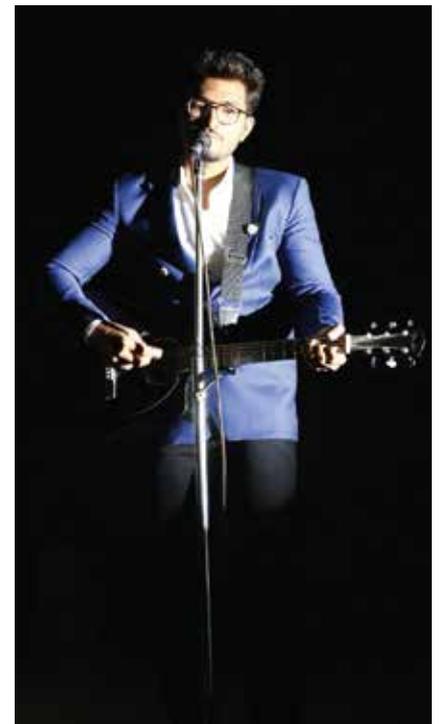
Guest lecture session was held on 24 January 2020 for students of final year on "Digital Futurism- the Role of Big data, Artificial Intelligence and Innovative Technologies in Healthcare". This seminar was conducted by Dr. Usman Iqbal, who is currently working as Assistant Professor at Taipei Medical University.

The faculty members and students attended another guest session on 30 January 2020 on "Herbal Medicines for Strengthening Immune System". This seminar was conducted by Dr. Huma Rasheed, who is a Research Scientist in Ampli Tech Inc.



FRESHER'S PARTY 2020

On 25th February a fun filled event Fresher's Party 2020 was organized for the new Batch XVI, Faculty of Pharmacy.



COLLEGE OF MEDIA SCIENCES HIGHLIGHTS

ONLINE GAME SHOW

ZCOMS produced an online game show titled "QuizComs" where students from different schools and colleges were invited to participate in a series of quiz shows. The first season consisted of 7 episodes where 8 schools participated. The first round was played in the first 4 episodes which was followed by 2 episodes of semi-final and the last episode of the final.

The season finale, won by Beaconhouse School System, was released on January 24, 2020. The winners were given a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and a scholarship in ZCOMS degree program

RAWADARI

Rawadari, a multi-disciplinary art exhibition centered around the intersection between art and literature was jointly organized by ZCOMS and Ziauddin Atlas on February 7 and 8, 2020. The event explored the different facets of the participating artist's identities. The participating artists, through their visual art, performances, music, and interactive pieces touched upon many themes

including but not limited to mental health and gender identity.

The event consisted of the following segments:

Art Exhibition

Artists displayed their work that was inline with the event's theme. The display consisted of both traditional and digital art including oil on canvas, wood painting and digital designs and illustrations.

Live Music Performance

Several young talented artists showcased their musical and vocal skills. The performances consisted of an assortment of popular music resonating with the theme of the event.

Poetry Recital

One of the unique features of the event was the poetry recital by young contemporary poets. The poetry captivated the audience and touched upon modern day issues which was relevant and entertaining.

Talk on Gender Identity and Expression

An informative talk and discussion on Gender Identity and Expression was delivered by Shayan Asfar. He discussed issues and problems people with gender identity crisis go through at different stages in life and the social acceptance of the issue at hand.

Discussion on works of Sadequain

"Sadequain and Urdu Poetry" a discussion was conducted by two renowned personalities, Mr. Ghalib Baqar Rizvi and

Mr. Sultan Naqvi. The discussion focused on life and art of the great artist and highlighted the philosophy behind his paintings and writings, exploring him as an intersection between art and literature. The discussion also focused on how he was influenced by Urdu Poetry. The session was followed by Q&A with engaging discussion.

TRIBUTE TO ROXETTE

To showcase musical talents of students, ZCOMS has initiated a series of music productions by the name of "MuZCOMS".

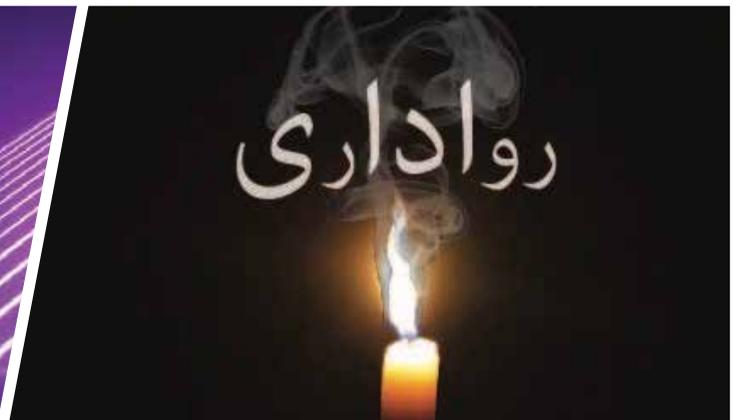
The first production, "Queen of Rain" was a tribute to Marie Fredriksson, lead vocalist of Roxette who passed away on December 9, 2019. The song was produced and performed by the students of ZCOMS and released on February 10, 2020.

GUEST SPEAKER SESSION

An interactive guest speaker session by a renowned production designer, Namsa Abbasi on February 28, 2020.

Namsa Abbasi is a production designer with 13 years of experience, having worked on 2 feature films (Moor and The Legend of Maulajjat), over a hundred commercials for leading brands and music videos.

She discussed the importance of design in film making, her experience in the industry, challenges, triumphs and the passion it takes to keep at it.



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COLLEGE OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES HIGHLIGHTS

PHD IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

As a part of faculty development program, 3 Senior faculty members of ZCRS have completed their PhD in Physical Therapy this year.

SUCCESS PARTY 2020

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WORKSHOP ON MODERN METHODOLOGY OF EXERCISE & TRAINING

On 23rd of February 2020, a 6 credit workshop; title Modern Methodology of Exercise & Training was conducted at Ziauddin University Clifton, by Department of Physical Education, Health and Sports Sciences, ZCRS. Mr. Taimoor Mahmood (Strength and Conditioning Coach of PCB) share his knowledge and skills with the participants, followed by group and individual training and practice sessions. Athletes, Fitness Trainers, Strength and Conditioning Experts, Rehabilitation Specialists from the metropolis have joined the workshop, certificates and giveaways have been distributed in the end of the session.



Continuing Professional Education activities particularly maintain and update the knowledge, skills, and professional performance of the experts and built the relationships that a specialist uses to provide services.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Annual Symposium on Emergency Medicine was organized on 25th January 2020, theme of the conference was "Shaping the Future of Emergency Medicine in Pakistan". The keynote speaker Dr. Abdus Salam President Pakistan Society of Emergency Medicine emphasized, "We need to change the concept of emergency medicine (EM) in Pakistan .We also need to increase the number of trained EM Physicians." Many renowned ER practitioners across the Pakistan shared their expertise on different emergency situations in the field of medicine and surgery. They shared the challenges they encounter in the Emergency room and how to deal with them. The Chairperson of the Conference Dr. Mahmud Jilani and Dean Faculty Health Sciences Ziauddin University both respectively highlighted that the objective of conferences like these are very good source of awareness on the importance of Emergency Medicines and its future shaping in Pakistan. Ziauddin University is aiming towards achieving excellence in the field of emergency medicine. The audience of the event mostly ER residents and fellows highly appreciated the content and design of the conference.



Keeping in view the concept of integrated learning the Department of continuing Professional Education in collaboration with Department of Anaesthesia and Physical therapy organized a symposium on PAIN MANAGEMENT RELATED TO PHYSIOTHERAPY which was held on 6 February 2020. The experts of the event were Dr. Asma Abdus Salam (Anesthetic Consultant) who gave the brief overview of the pain and its types, the management of pain was discussed by Dr. Habiba Thawer who is a physio-therapist by profession. Her areas of expertise include the assessment of short and long term disability chronic pain management, geriatric rehabilitation and women's health. The symposium was well attended by the physical therapist and pain consultants.

The department of Pediatrics North campus in collaboration with DCPE hosted a Case based discussion meeting of all the campuses of DZH on 17 February 2020. It was attended by the consultants, residents and house officers of Department of Pediatrics. It was a learning experience for all to determine and analyze the different type of cases with unique presentations in the field of pediatrics.

The Department of Physical Education, health and Sports Sciences, ZCRS and DCPE arranged a workshop for the fitness trainers MODERN METHODOLOGY FOR EXERCISE AND TRAINING on 23 February 2020. The facilitator of the workshop was Mr. Taimoor Mehmood



Strength & conditioning coach of Pakistan Cricket Board, Level 1 Physical Trainer Course, Pakistan Cricket Board, Strength, Conditioning and Muscle building certification level 1, Asian Federation of Sports Medicine and Founder of TM Performance Lab. The workshop got overwhelming response from the trainers who marked this workshop to be an exceptional and comprehensive one.



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AN INTERVIEW WITH MS. TEHMINA LODHI

To begin with, what is your vision for the Ziauddin College of Media Sciences?

My vision for ZCOMS is to provide a platform to students on how to be responsible and creative in their media making; train them to critically analyze the ways in which the media reflects, represents and influences the world; provide them with various platforms to expose them to new ideas and thought processes; help them understand global diversity, be ready to embrace new technology and to bring creative solutions to all spheres of lives, whether professional or personal.

What is the state of Media in Pakistan?

The state of Media is changing globally and is affecting everyone. The only way forward for Pakistan is to increase the footprint of local content and enable the "digital" generation to take over. The Internet is a truly global medium, and with content-creators of the world creating extremely high-quality content for digital platforms, the producers and consumers in Pakistan are bound to go that way too.

You wish to groom the students in the field of art and media. How shall Ziauddin Media graduates will give back

to the community in an ethical manner?

ZCOMS students are very well trained in the ethical framework of media. Majority of their course covers ethical dilemmas that need to be tackled in this field. The faculty works very closely to inculcate these values in them throughout the 4 years of their studies in the positive hope that they will carry forth these values into their personal and professional lives after they graduate.

What is the role of Media in a broader perspective in today's world?

Media plays a central role in informing the public about what happens in the world. It also allows people to express their thoughts and ideas in a creative and engaging manner. The information that people are given provided in media can not only legitimize the actions of the powerful, and facilitate change at the collective level, but also limit and shape the behaviors of individuals which are central to wider social change.

Media for most of us is entwined with almost every aspect of our life and work. Media not only helps us in our day-to-day life but also helps us to be a more informed citizen, a savvy-consumer, and a more successful worker.

Since, Ziauddin has established itself in the field of health sciences do you feel it is challenging to make a separate identity for the College of Media Sciences.

Yes, I feel this has been quite a challenge for ZCOMS in the previous years to make their own separate identity. However, the trend is changing and now more and more students are exploring their options for media colleges around the city and are recognizing ZCOMS as an emerging institution and an option for Media Education. We are working hard to showcase our strengths as a college which is quite prominent through the unique facilities offered at ZCOMS. Our students' work has also very prominently stood out against other institutions in certain competitions and platforms this past year.

At present what Specializations is ZCOMS is offering?

Currently we are offering the following specializations in our undergraduate program:

- Communication Design
- Film & TV
- Journalism
- Digital Marketing

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How would you say ZCOMS is different from any other Media School? What specific innovations are we looking into?

I feel ZCOMS strengths are its prominent and qualified faculty with an excellent student to teacher ratio which is fundamental in practical oriented course which accounts for almost 80% of the curriculum. With our state-of-the-art production facilities such as professional film/TV production and sound studios and our live radio channel FM 98.2, students have the opportunity to get hands on learning experience. ZCOMS also has very good relationship and liaises with industry experts on regular basis to update and revamp their curriculum to stay at par with industry requirements.

How much exposure of the main stream industry do our graduates receive at ZCOMS?

During the entire 4 year program students are regularly exposed to industry exposure through various platforms. Our visiting faculty are all current industry professional who bring in live examples into classrooms. Students have access to internships and projects through which a lot of relevant experience is gained. Regular workshops, seminars and guest speaker sessions are arranged with industry professionals where students are very actively engaged. This all adds to their learning and expectations in the professional careers. Last semester ZCOMS did a couple of in-house productions including a game show by the name of "Quiz-

Coms' and a cover song by Roxette. The students played active role in both productions and gained valuable experience. In all such production projects students are encouraged to participate and gain hands on experience.

What future you foresee for ZCOMS?

I see a very bright and successful future for ZCOMS. Even in these very challenging times when university had to cancel all face to face classes ZCOMS successfully managed to take their entire semester online and delivered their classes virtually, which shows how adaptable and trained we are to handle any situation thrown at us. We take it as a challenge and deliver to the best!

RATION DRIVE BY THE STUDENTS OF ZCRS

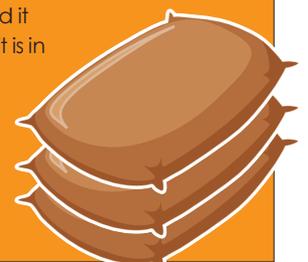
During the pandemic of COVID-19 the students from ZCRS, Ziauddin University set forth to give back to the community. With the lockdown in place and no work other than essential services taking place anywhere, the worst hit are those who depend on the day-to-day earnings of their breadwinners. For them it is even worse than being hand-to-mouth. Their lives have come to a standstill. With the empathetic spirits they realized that during the severe initiative of government officials to combat the viral infection calamity through lockdown the people

belonging to low socio economic strata who lives on daily wages will suffer the most. They launched the ration drive and served around 266 families successfully in the areas of Karachi like Landhi, Orangi Town, Korangi, Baldia Town, North Nazimabad and Shah Faisal Colony.

This project was in continuation of the Community work by these enthusiastic young people launched last year by distributing ration and Eid gifts to under privileged. This project influenced lives positively and helped the students

become more understanding about the problems of the people belonging to low socio economic strata.

Ziauddin University hopes to continue this chain of giving back to those who need it most, whether it is in the form of gifts, money, food or simply providing our



Ziauddin University has been participating in LUMS Sports FEST since last two years. For our third year, Ziauddin Student Affairs, Sports Department made sure after much needed rigorous trials and strategy that our sports teams must consists of players from all our

colleges from different vicinities on merit bases. In this regard, a diversified team of Tape Ball Cricket was formed with addition of new players in the Futsal to participate in this national level tournament.

LUMS Sports Fest was organized by Lahore University of Management Sciences for 4th January – 7th January 2020. Both our teams faced tough competitions in their respective formats and gave their 100% despite many hurdles and hardships they faced during the tournament days. Still, our TapeBall Cricket team managed to reach the semis and our Futsal team performed

exceptionally well in all their matches of the Group Stage.



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ZCL: ZIAUDDIN CRICKET LEAGUE 2.0

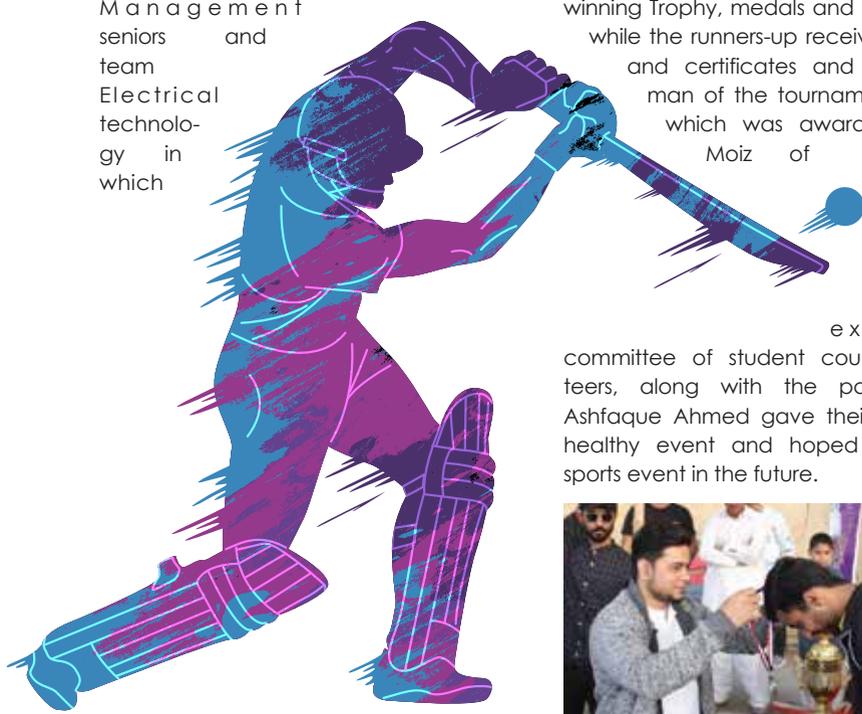
On February 05, 2020, ZUFEST Student Council held a tape ball cricket tournament. It was an initiative of evening student council under the leadership and efforts of the Patron Engr. Ashfaq Ahmed, and his council members. It was held at Ghos Al Azam Cricket Ground.

Overall 8 teams including Team Software, Team Biotech, Team Biomedical, Team Civil, Team BBA, Team Electrical Technology, Team Management Juniors and Team Management Seniors were participated in this league. The Ziauddin Cricket League started with the National Anthem in which all the teams and the audience of the students from all the department of ZUFEST morning and evening shifts & faculty members who included Engr. Ashfaq Ahmed, Engr. Jahanzeb, Engr. Wajahat, Engr. Mehfooz, Sir Waleed Ahmed & Admin Staff participated. Raza Ansari from Software Engineering, were the commentators of the entire event.

The tournament started with the knock-out matches and first match was between Team Management seniors and team Electrical technology in which

Team management seniors won the match. The second match was in between Team civil & Team Bio-Technology in which Team civil were forwarded to the semi-final. Next it was Team Management Juniors vs. Team BBA and the last match was between Team Biomedical and Team Software. Team management juniors and team software qualified for semifinal in their respective matches. The first semifinal began with an exciting match between Team civil and Team management juniors, both the teams were eye to eye and were ready to face each other. That thrilling match was won by Team civil in which Team management juniors a crushing defeat. Another semifinal match was between Team Software and management seniors, in which management seniors was successful. The Final showdown was in between management seniors and Team Civil in which after a very close and tough match, Management Seniors won the final of the Ziauddin Cricket League 2020.

The winners were awarded with a winning Trophy, medals and certificates, while the runners-up received medals and certificates and there was man of the tournament as well which was awarded to Mr. Moiz of Team Management Juniors was. The executive committee of student council, volunteers, along with the patron Engr. Ashfaq Ahmed gave their all to this healthy event and hoped for better sports event in the future.



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Ziauddin University official sports teams participated in different competitions at Aga Khan Sports Olympiad 2020. Our teams performed outstanding and managed to triumph over teams from different colleges and universities of Karachi. Not only in team sports, but this time our athletes were able to make a mark in individual sports competition as well in the tournament.

Ali Kamaal, our student for Sport Sciences participated in the much heated category of Snooker competition and was able to bag first position in this category.

Our throwball team which was completely revamped; inclusion of new players from all our colleges was made

possible by the Sports manager; performed distinguishably amongst many competitive and veteran teams and was able to stand-out as runners up for the competition.

Tapeball Cricket team led by Mr. Waseem and our Futsal team led by Mr. Hamdoon Asim has always been our strongest forte and our teams always perform with much needed zeal and sportsmanship when it comes to national or local tournaments. Both the teams were able to reach higher up rounds of this competition after a tough competition in their categories as our Futsal team managed to reach the quarterfinals whereas the Cricket team managed to reach the semis after a smashing victory in the quarterfinals by scoring 140 runs in

just 8 overs which was the highest total scored overall in the competition by any team.

The performance of our newly formed male Basketball team even surprised our sports coaches as our team was titled as the "Best Male Basketball Team" of the tournament. They managed to perform exceptional in every round of the tournament but fell short of just 4 points to be the winners of the tournament. Our team was commended by the tournament officials and coaches from different other teams as well and managed to be crowned as runners-up for the competition under the captaincy of Mr. Taha.



QAWALI NIGHT

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As the sun set on Friday, February 28th, 2020, Ziauddin University's Clifton campus lit up in the warm hues of fairy lights and barbecue fire. The clock struck 7:30 and in came hordes of people, clad in elegant evening wear. The evening had officially begun.

The loud chatter of friends could be heard across the ground which drowned out the sizzling of tikkas in the background, until, Majid Sabri took centre stage with his qawals trailing behind. Each qawal held an intricate



instrument and as they took their respective positions, the crowd's restlessness could be felt within the cool breeze. It was silent for a minute and then the melodious tunes began. They were carried out all the way to the busy front ticket desk where the furious stamping of tickets could be seen. A roaring cheer accompanied the qawals' soulful voice. As the crowd's interest in the ongoing program peaked, the qawals' passionate drumming of the tabla became harder to distinguish. People swayed in sync with the melody. The festive atmosphere of the evening was enjoyed by many including the likes of Dr. Asim Hussain, Dr. Nida Hussain, Dr. Rubina Hussain, Dean FHS Dr. Abbas Zafar, Mr. Murtaza Ahmed, Mr. Saad Moin and Mr. Ubaid. Their presence added further liveliness to the joyous evening planned by the board of the Ziauddin Literary and Cultural Society.

Residents of the buildings nearby hung to their window railings, drawn to the musical jambooree. Photographs were taken, heads were swayed and memories were made with a steaming cup of chai in

hand. The event was complemented by a delicious dinner, enjoyed thoroughly by the audience. The night came to a sweet, memorable end under the soft moonlight, rivalled only by the warm gulab jamuns.

The Qawali Night, made possible by the combined efforts of Ziauddin Student Affairs and ZLCS, was the first event of its kind. It brought together all the different departments and campuses that Ziauddin University is comprised of, which further added to the night's charm and allowed the event to be a success.

