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## Theyab bin Tahnoon Congratulates Al Ain University Students on the Start of the New Academic Year



Sheikh Theyab bin Tahnoon bin Mohammad Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al Ain University, congratulated the University's students on the start of the first semester of the 2026–2027 academic year, welcoming new students and returning students back to campus. He wished them an academic year filled with success, excellence, and achievement.

Sheikh Theyab emphasized that the beginning of a new academic year represents a renewed opportunity for ambition, hard work, and knowledge acquisition. He encouraged students to make the most of the opportunities available to them at the University, remain committed to their academic journey, and continue developing their skills and capabilities to contribute effectively to the future of their country and society.

He said: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome our students as we begin a new academic year, and I wish them a journey filled with knowledge and achievement. We hope this stage will provide every student with an opportunity to discover their potential, develop their skills, and turn their ambitions into accomplishments that contribute to building their future and serving their country."



For his part, Prof. Amer Qasim, President of Al Ain University, congratulated students and members of the academic and administrative staff on the start of the new academic year, stressing that the University begins the new semester with renewed aspirations and an ongoing commitment to providing an educational environment that supports students' success and enables them to achieve their academic and professional goals.

He said: "As we begin a new semester, we welcome both our new and returning students and look forward to a year filled with learning, achievement, and active engagement. At Al Ain University, we strive to provide every student with a comprehensive university experience that combines academic knowledge, practical application, and skills development, preparing them to meet future demands with confidence and competence."

The start of the new academic year coincides with Al Ain University's continued development of its academic portfolio and the introduction of innovative programs that respond to labor market needs and rapid developments across various sectors.



## Nahyan bin Mubarak Honors Al Ain University for Promoting Tolerance and National Identity



H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sandoog Al Watan, honored Prof. Amer Qasim, President of Al Ain University, and Al Ain University in recognition of the University's efforts and initiatives in promoting tolerance, coexistence, national identity, and social responsibility.

The recognition took place during the Annual Forum of Tolerance and National Identity Clubs at UAE Universities, organized by the Ministry of Tolerance and Coexistence and Sandoog Al Watan, in collaboration with the Higher Colleges of Technology in Al Ain. The forum brought together academic leaders, students, and representatives of higher education

institutions from across the UAE.

During the forum, Al Ain University was recognized among the universities receiving the 2026 Tolerance and National Identity Shields, acknowledging its contributions to supporting student initiatives and activities that promote a culture of tolerance, strengthen national belonging and positive coexistence, and encourage students to actively engage in community service.

The forum highlighted the vital role of higher education institutions in instilling humanitarian and national values in younger generations and translating the principles of tolerance and coexistence into practical initiatives led by young people both on and off campus.

## Al Ain University Ranks Among the Top 450 Universities in THE World University Rankings 2027



Al Ain University has achieved a new milestone in its global academic journey, advancing to the world's top 450 universities in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2027, further strengthening its presence in one of the most prominent international rankings of higher education institutions.

This progress follows the University's position among the world's top 500 universities in both the 2025 and 2026 editions of the ranking. In the 2027 edition, AAU moved into the top 450 globally, reflecting the continued development of its academic and research performance and the growing impact of the University.



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## Al Ain University Launches Doctor of Pharmacy Program in Line with Advancements in the UAE Healthcare Sector

Al Ain University has launched the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program for high school graduates, with the aim of preparing qualified pharmacy professionals equipped with the clinical knowledge and professional skills needed to advance pharmacy practice and enhance the quality of healthcare, in line with the UAE's vision and the rapid development of its healthcare sector.

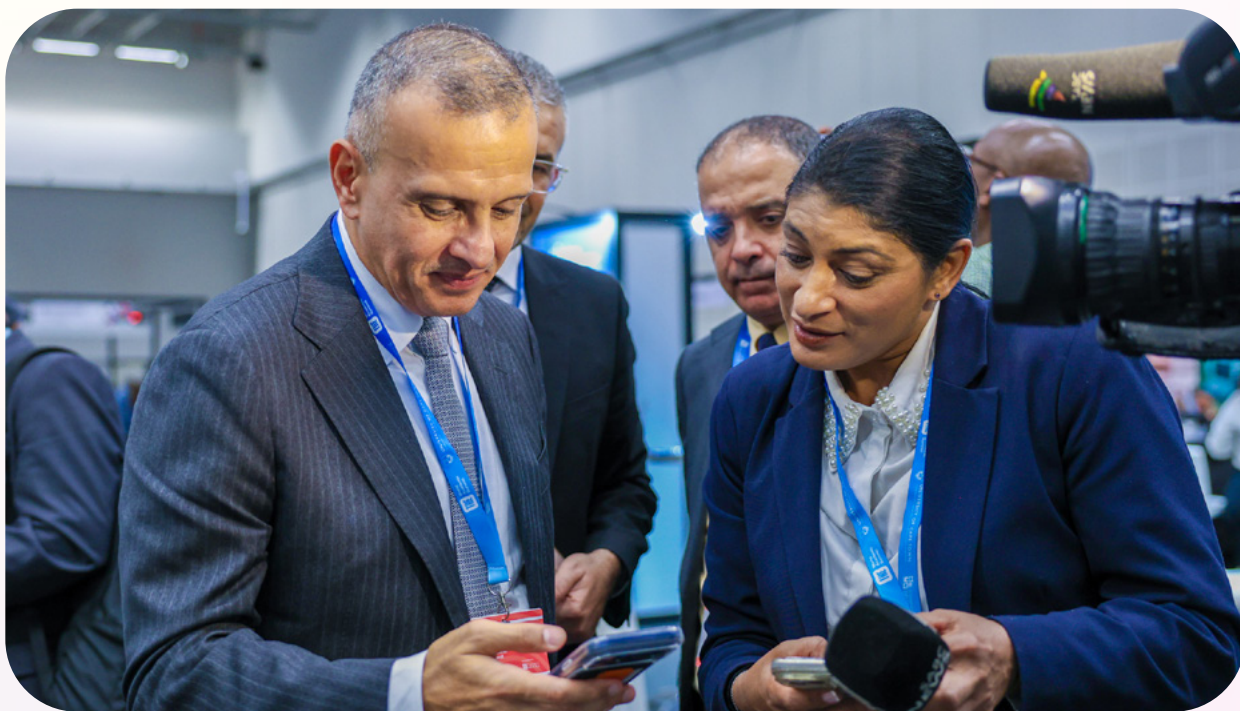
Offered through the College of Pharmacy at both the Abu Dhabi Campus in Mohammed Bin Zayed City and the Al Ain Campus, the program joins the College's existing academic portfolio, which includes the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, Master of

Science in Clinical Pharmacy, and Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The Doctor of Pharmacy program spans six years and 214 credit hours, featuring an integrated curriculum that combines pharmaceutical sciences, clinical knowledge, and practical training. The program includes 40 weeks of hospital-based clinical training during the sixth year, in addition to 10 weeks of comprehensive training in community pharmacies and the pharmaceutical industry, providing students with opportunities to apply their academic knowledge in real-world professional settings.



## Al Ain University Strengthens Its International Presence at THE World Academic Summit 2026 in South Africa



Al Ain University participated in the THE World Academic Summit 2026, held in Cape Town, South Africa, bringing together a distinguished group of university leaders, decision-makers, and experts from higher education institutions around the world. The participation reflects the University's commitment to strengthening its international presence and engaging in global dialogue on the future of higher education.

The University's delegation included Dr. Noor Al Deen



Atatreh, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al Ain University; Prof. Nazih Khaddaj Mallat, Vice President for Quality Assurance, Accreditation and Rankings; and Mr. Rami Kayed, Director of the Student Recruitment and Outreach Unit. The delegation took part in a number of summit sessions addressing key issues and emerging trends shaping the future of higher education, as well as the role of universities in creating meaningful and sustainable impact within their communities.

## Al Ain University Concludes Participation in Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2026



Al Ain University concluded its participation in the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2026, held from 13 to 18 September at ADNEC Abu Dhabi, with strong participation from cultural institutions, publishing houses, and organizations focused on knowledge and intellectual development. Throughout the exhibition, the University's pavilion welcomed visitors, researchers, and reading enthusiasts, introducing them

to a diverse range of publications from AAU Press across various disciplines. The University's participation offered an opportunity to introduce visitors to its academic and intellectual output, highlight AAU Press publications, and showcase its role in supporting research, authorship, and academic publishing. It also helped make the University's scholarly and intellectual contributions accessible.



## Al Ain University Welcomes New Students with a Week Full of Interactive and Recreational Activities

Al Ain University concluded its Freshers' Week activities across its Al Ain and Abu Dhabi campuses, following several days of orientation sessions, interactive activities, and recreational events designed to welcome new students, introduce them to the university environment and available services, and help

them integrate into campus life as they begin their academic journey. The week featured meetings between Prof. Amer Qasem, President of Al Ain University, and new students at both campuses, where he welcomed them to the University community and spoke with them.



## Al Ain University Celebrates World Pharmacists Day 2026

The College of Pharmacy at Al Ain University celebrated World Pharmacists Day 2026 across its Abu Dhabi and Al Ain campuses under the theme “Empowering Pharmacists for Healthier Futures.” The celebrations brought together faculty members, students, and representatives from the

pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors to highlight the vital role of pharmacists in promoting public health and improving the quality of patient care. At the Abu Dhabi Campus, the event featured two keynote sessions. Dr. Amrou Abubakr delivered a talk.



## Al Ain University Participates in Gulf Education & Training Exhibition 2026



شاركت جامعة العين في فعاليات معرض الخليج للتعليم والتدريب 2026، الذي أقيم في العاصمة أبوظبي خلال الفترة من 14 إلى 16 سبتمبر 2026. حيث استعرضت برامجها الأكاديمية وأبرز إنجازاتها في مجالات التعليم والبحث العلمي، إلى جانب استعراض أحدث التصنيفات والاعتمادات الأكاديمية العالمية الحاصلة عليها.



وخلال مشاركتها، أتاحت الجامعة لزوار المعرض فرصة التعرف على مجموعة البرامج الأكاديمية التي تقدمها في مختلف التخصصات والدرجات العلمية، إلى جانب الاطلاع على البيئة التعليمية التي توفرها الجامعة لطلبتها، وما تشهده من تطور مستمر في البرامج والمناهج والمرافق والخدمات الداعمة للعملية التعليمية.

## Al Ain University Celebrates Emirati Women's Day with Events Highlighting Entrepreneurship and Inspiring Success Stories



In celebration of Emirati Women's Day, Al Ain University organized an event titled "Hikaya: When an Emirati Woman Chooses to Start Anew" at its Abu Dhabi Campus. The event brought together prominent Emirati women and distinguished guests to highlight the achievements of Emirati women, celebrate their inspiring journeys, and showcase their success stories across various fields.



## Al Ain University Supports Emirati Women Entrepreneurs



Al Ain University organized an interactive exhibition at its Al Ain Campus to celebrate Emirati Women's Day, featuring Emirati women entrepreneurs and business owners. The event aimed to showcase their creativity, support women-led local businesses.

## Al Ain University Students Win First Place at INSPIRE '26 Hackathon Among More Than 100 Teams



Al Ain University has achieved a new milestone in innovation and emerging technologies – a team of students from the College of Engineering – Abu Dhabi Campus secured First Place at the INSPIRE '26: Engineering the Invisible – Arduino UNO Q Hackathon, held on 5 September 2026 at the American

University of Sharjah, with the participation of more than 100 student teams and projects from universities across the UAE. The winning team presented AeroHalo – AI-Powered Predictive Airside Safety System under the Smart Aviation Systems track.

## Al Ain University Secures Second Place Nationwide in Women Innovator Challenge 2026



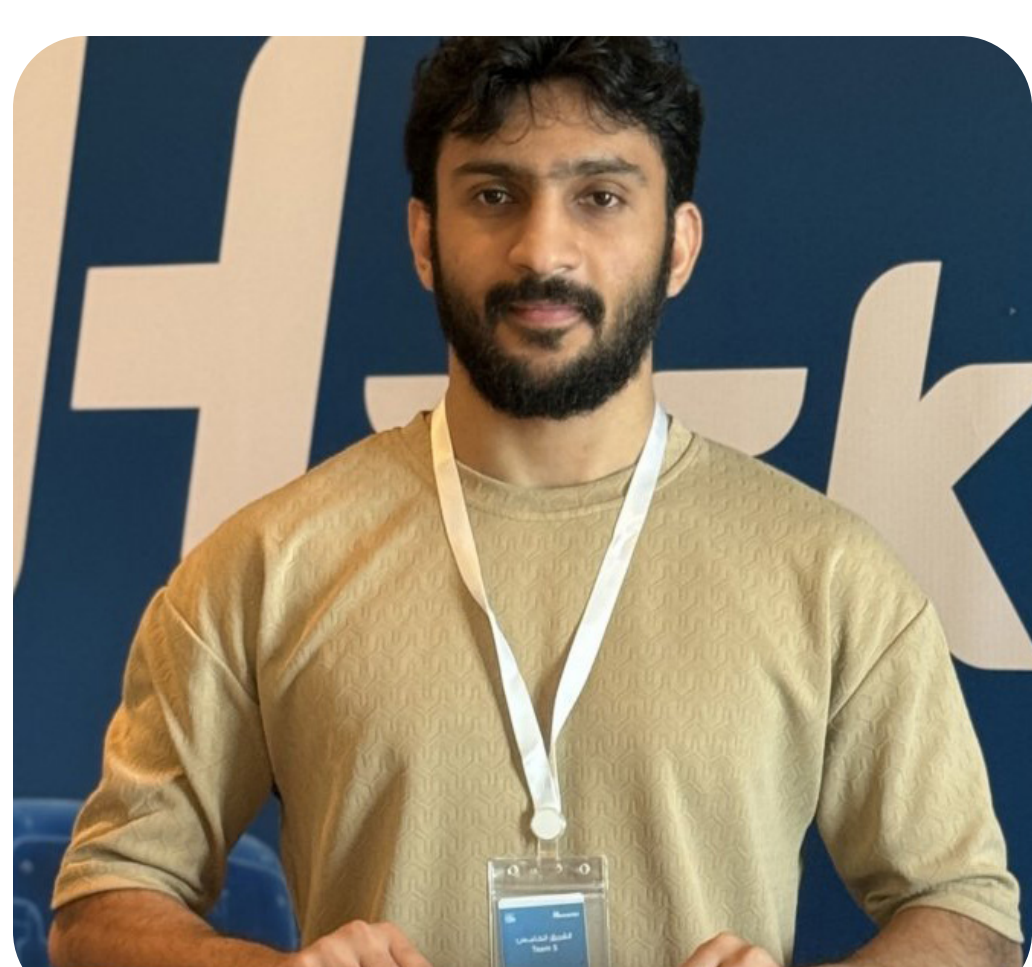
Al Ain University (AAU) has added a new achievement to its record in innovation and scientific research after a team from the College of Engineering at the Al Ain Campus secured Second Place nationwide in the United Arab Emirates at the Women Innovator Challenge 2026, competing against

60 participating teams from across the country. The winning project, titled "Water Security through Circularity – AquaSecure," focuses on developing innovative and sustainable solutions in the field of water security by applying circular economy principles.

## AAU Student Wins First Place in AI Hackathon for Public Transport Development in Ajman



Abdulrahman Al Toum, a Digital Media student at the College of Communication and Media at Al Ain University, secured first place in the AI Hackathon held in the Emirate of Ajman. The competition was organized by the UAE Artificial Intelligence Office in collaboration with the Ajman Transport Authority,



with the aim of leveraging artificial intelligence technologies to enhance public transport services and automate operational processes. Participating in the hackathon for the first time, Al Toum joined a four-member team that took on the challenge titled "Public Transport Operations Automation."

## College of Engineering Students Win First Place at Dubai's "Build for the Video Economy" Hackathon



Students from the College of Engineering at Al Ain University, Abu Dhabi Campus, achieved first place at the Build for the Video Economy – Dubai Hackathon. Organized by Replit, Oriane, and Creators HQ, the hackathon brought together 48 teams of developers, innovators, and content creators to develop technology-driven solutions for the rapidly evolving video and creator economy. Participants were challenged to transform their ideas into functional products within a single day.

## AAU Engineering Students Excel at AI Builders Summit 2026



Under the guidance of Eng. Yaman Albadawi, student Bilal Feroz Khan from the Abu Dhabi Campus won second place nationally with his innovative project, CaseReady AI, a human-supervised platform supporting surgical readiness and operating-room recovery.



College of Engineering students Mohammed Shik, Mahadi Hassan, and Sameer Eldam also reached the finals and received special awards for their innovative projects. Selected from more than 100 applications across UAE universities, these achievements highlight the College's commitment.

## Al Ain University Showcases Water Security Innovations at UNGA 81 in New York



Representing Al Ain University (AAU) on the global stage, Prof. Mousa Bani Baker, Director of the Center for Energy, Water, and Sustainability (CEWS) at the College of Engineering, showcased high-impact research and academic leadership during official side events of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA81) and Climate Week NYC 2026 in New York,

USA. At the UAE Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Prof. Bani Baker delivered a keynote addressing local, regional and global water security titled “Beyond Desalination: Achieving 100% Water Circularity through AI-Driven Decentralized Treatment in the UAE Sustainable Futures.” Presented during the prestigious “Academic Water Carnival,”

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## College of Business Students Excel in “Founders of Tomorrow” Competition



Students from Al Ain University's College of Business, Dabia Alhosani and Mouza Almansoori, have won the “Founders of Tomorrow” competition under the supervision of Dr. Wejdan Farhan. The competition was organized by the Mohammed Bin Rashid Establishment for Small and Medium Enterprises



Development (Dubai SME), part of the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET), in partnership with INJAZ UAE. The achievement follows a 10-month journey of innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurial development, during which the students participated in the Healthcare Innovation.

## Turnitin for Academic Integrity: Similarity, AI & Feedback



In coordination with the Professional Development Centre, the Khalifa Library at Al Ain University (AAU) organized a workshop titled “Turnitin for Academic Integrity: Similarity, AI and Feedback.” Dr. Abdoulaye Kaba, Library Director, conducted the workshop. The workshop provided faculty and students with practical guidance on the effective use of Turnitin to support academic integrity and enhance the quality of academic work. Through practical examples and live demonstrations, Dr. Kaba explained how Turnitin works for faculty and students.

## Al Ain University Organizes “Let Your Heart Give” Blood Donation Campaign



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University – Al Ain Campus organized a blood donation campaign titled “Let Your Heart Give,” in collaboration with the relevant healthcare authorities.

The campaign aimed to promote a culture of blood donation and reinforce the values of giving and social responsibility among the University's students, academic staff, and administrative employees, while also contributing to supporting blood bank reserves and providing blood for patients and those in need.

## Al Ain University Student Wins 1 on 1 Football Championship



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus) organized a 1-on-1 Football Championship, with 26 students from various colleges participating. The championship featured intense competition and culminated in a final match between Asim Safar and Mustafa Radwan, both from the College of Engineering. Asim Safar emerged



as champion, and the Deanship of Student Affairs honored the winners for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship. Al Ain University is committed to encouraging students to engage in sports and participate in championships to promote a healthy lifestyle, develop students' skills, and foster teamwork, positive competition.

## Al Ain University Student Wins the FIFA 27 Championship and Qualifies for National Finals.



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus), in collaboration with Red Bull, organized a FIFA 27 Championship that drew broad participation from university students. The championship was held in an enthusiastic and competitive atmosphere, showcasing high levels of skill and sportsmanship



Ali Adel, a student from the College of Engineering, won the final match and was crowned champion after an impressive performance throughout the competition. With this victory, Ali Adel qualified to represent Al Ain University in the FIFA national finals, which will be held at the Administrative Center in Dubai.