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## **Academically Distinguished Students Honored at AAU**

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University of Science and Technology held a ceremony at Al Ain and Abu Dhabi Campuses to honor the academically distinguished students across colleges. The ceremony aimed at encouraging students to put in a lot of effort to

enhance the knowledge and skills they acquire as well as to maintain their academic excellence.

Professor Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, expressed the pride he takes in the 37 honor students. In his address to the students, Prof. El Refae reiterated that excellence requires persistent effort and dedication especially when it is academic excellence the person seeks. Students striving for excellence need to know how to employ the multiple sources of knowledge and stay up to date with the latest advancements.

Prof. El Refae pointed out that AAU is keen on offering various programs that are in line with the needs of the job market in addition to offering innovative programs that contribute to enhancing the students' capabilities and developing their skills through participating in seminars, conferences, and other events. Exposure to experiments and experience is also a major factor that adds to the professional preparation of students; this impacts the distinguished academic and cultural level of students and graduates, he added.

On her part, AAU Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ibtehal Aburezq, expressed her joy to celebrate the hard-work of such committed students. Distinction is not only limited to academic excellence; it is also a way of life. When distinction is the method in the course of study, it will live on throughout one's career, she added.

AAU had announced the University Honor List via the AAU website. It is noteworthy that a student may achieve the University Honor List if (s)he obtains an SGPA of 3.6 or higher for three consecutive semesters and is registered for at least 15 credit hours in each of those semesters. Other regulations governing the list include that the student must not have received a disciplinary warning, or (s)he has an incomplete grade.

On their part, the students showed pleasure and gratitude for this gesture especially that the phrase "University Honor List" is added to the students' transcripts recording their academic distinction even after their graduation.

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