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## **AAU Honors Outstanding Students**

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 exert effort to enhance their knowledge and academic skills as well as to maintain their academic distinction.

Professor Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, expressed his appreciation of the 70 outstanding students. In his address to the students, Prof. El Refae mentioned that excellence requires intensive effort and diligence when it is academic distinction that the person seeks. Students striving for excellence need to know how to employ the sources of information and stay up to date with the latest advancements in knowledge.

Prof. El Refae noted that AAU is keen on offering programs and courses in various specializations that are in line with the needs of the job market in addition to offering innovative programs that contribute to improving the students' capabilities and enhancing their skills through participating in seminars, conferences, and other events. Exposure to experiments and

experience is also a major factor that adds to the comprehensive scientific and professional preparation of students; this influences the outstanding academic and cultural level of students and graduates.

On hir part, Prof. Abdelhafid Belarbi, AAU Vice President, expressed hir pride in honoring the students that have proved their distinction. Excellence is not only limited to academic distinction; it is a way of life. While you adopt distinction in your course of study, it will live on throughout one's career, and hopefully in all parts of your lives, she added.

The University Honor List had been announced via the AAU website. It is noteworthy that achieving the University Honor List requires that the student obtains a GPA 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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