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**KEEPING UP WITH
OUR GRADUATES**

AOU ALUMNI NEWS



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Arab Open University

Welcome to the First Edition of AOU Alumni magazine!

With over 6,200 graduates since its first cohort, AOU thrives to have a strong alumni network that will help in the development of the University and will create a strong bond between graduates all over the world.

In this issue, you will hear the news of long forgotten friends and you will meet new graduates. We invite you to engage in your magazine and share with us your thoughts, career aspirations, achievements, family news, entrepreneurship projects... by sending your news to alumni@aou.edu.lb.

We also wish to introduce you to our new project : the “AOU alumni Mentor project”, whereby experienced graduates act as mentors and help current students receive the advice and guidance that could help put them on the right track and define their future career path.

We believe that each and every one of you can be a great positive influencer and that you all have the potentials and abilities to support each other and support your college.

Your participation to this magazine is invaluable, so hurry up and send us your news.

On another note, if you haven't registered as alumni member yet, I urge you to do so by visiting <http://www.aou.edu.lb/aoualumni/>, let's strengthen our alumni network, let's express our gratitude to our ALMA matter.

AOU Alumni Office



Adel Alsaady

Major: Computer Science - 2015

MSc in Software Development - 2018

I started my career with the intention of creating a team of unemployed university students and graduates that are willing to deliver the customer's online presence, with the support of my consultation techniques and project management skills. As a dynamic and motivated professional I took the responsibility of initiating innovative ideas based on Google platforms and in coordination with Google's sales strategies.

I was able to initiate an Omni channel project with one of the important banks in Lebanon while handling the role of consultant at NCR which is a "global leader in developing transformational transaction technologies including online banking, POS systems, mobile payments and Omni channel..."



Samer Fares

Major: Business Systems - 2007

I am married to a beautiful wife and I have 2 amazing daughters. After graduation from AOU, I travelled to Jordan for 1 year then to Kuwait and I built my career in telecom sectors with international companies. Also, as part time job, I do coaching in sales skills (Retail and B2B) for different companies in Kuwait.



Elias Youssef

Major: Business Studies - 2012

I am currently working at BLOM Bank.

Also, I'm an active member of the BLOM Bank Basketball team.



Elie Keyrouz

Major: Computing - 2016

Elie Keyrouz, AOU Master's student currently registered in the MSc programme, won the 2nd prize in the IT Security competition conducted by the association of banks in Lebanon.

Elie was representing Bank of Beirut.



Bahaa Bou Smail

Major: Information and Communication Technologies- 2017

I graduated in 2017 with a BS in ICT (Information and Communication technologies). For one and half year now, I have been working as IT operator at LSB (Lebanese Swiss Bank). I am involved with database reporting and applying back office transactions. I am so proud to be an AOU graduate.



Hanin Sanjad

Major: Elementary Education - 2013

I currently hold the position of coordinator and supervisor at Al-Nahda secondary school.





Rana Jamal

Major: Elementary Education - 2016

I am a Science teacher from grade 1 till 6. I have a beautiful family. I have a boy 16 years (Rami) and my girl 11 years old Rena is a champion in muaythai , kick boxing. she took many gold medals especially in Asian championships.



Ibrahim Azzam

Major: Information and Communication Technologies - 2017

I currently work as a Cyber Security Analyst at “Crystal Network Holding” and I am also pursuing my MS in Information Security and Forensics at AOU. “Cycling” is my main hobby and I bike all over Lebanon just for the fun of it!



Ramy Nouwar

Major: Information and Communication Technologies - 2017

I am an ICT student in information security and forensics. I have the first shop for Virtual reality in Lebanon 2 years ago related to games, entertainment and events .



Ibrahim Deryan

Major: Information and Communication Technologies - 2010

I have been working at Lufthansa German Airlines at Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport as Duty Station Manager since 2010. I am extremely proud to share with you the recent news of my promotion to: Manager for Lufthansa German Airlines.





Chimene Al-Achkar

Major: Business Management - 2016

I am grateful to be one of your successful graduates and have a great education which allowed me to forge a good career path, firstly being a BA graduate (Business Management) and now I am studying Masters in HRM and working with a multinational company “Atalian Switch Group” as an HR officer and gained the certification of Employee of the month.



Sany Charara

Major: Information and Communication Technologies - 2018

For three years now, I have been holding the position of proactive network support agent. July 15, 2018 was a memorable day for me, as I got engaged to a very special lady.



Abeer Azzam

Major: English Language and Literature - 2015

AOU has always been a place to call home. The friendly, accepting, and helpful environment made my university experience one to be remembered.

After graduating AOU with a Bachelor Degree in English Language and Literature in 2015, I traveled to KSA pursuing a teaching opportunity. However, I owe it to AOU for paving the way towards a better future.

Spending three years at AOU helped me develop as a knowledge seeker and as an independent learner, not only did this university influence my academic life, but also my personal life. I was able to build several new friendships, with fellow students and tutors, that still last until today.

Thank you for being there through every step of the way.



Georgio Sayegh

Major: Business Management - 2011

I'm a Business Management graduate from AOU.

I hold the position of Marketing/Contracting Specialist for the Ground Handling section at MEA.



Haifa El Ashkar

Major: Elementary Education - 2016

Elementary Education graduate, currently working as School Supervisor at "Oakland Academy" American system school.



Sami Hashem

Major: Business Studies - 2012

تخرجت من الجامعة العربية المفتوحة اختصاص إدارة أعمال وبنفس الوقت تخرجت من الجامعة اللبنانية كلية العلوم وأنهيت الماجستير في نفس الاخت ومستم في التحضي لمرحلة الدكتوراه computer science

أما في المجال المهني أصبحت

System Administrator for Core Banking في البنك العربي .

وأمتلك معهد Hachem Learning Center لتقوية الطلاب في الشهادات الرسمية .



Ameen Intabli

Major: Information Technology and Computing - 2015

I graduated from AOU in 2015. After graduation, I had lots of plans as I really wanted to have a successful life.

On February 2016, I was employed in a software company located in Fanar Area, in which I worked for 2 years in developing accounting Software using a programming language that I studied at AOU called PHP and MySQL.

The key to my success is my university , mainly the Computer Science team who helped me during my 4 years at the Arab Open University, they were always by my side and guided me all the way.

In addition, I am planning to continue my Masters Degree. I also decided to move to Turkey where I want to pursue my career (as I found out that I have roots there).

Therefore, I am studying the Turkish language and I am learning fast as I aim to teach in Turkish Schools and Universities.

Life taught me that with hard work and perseverance you will reach your goal in the shortest time possible.



Adnan Haidar

Major: Information and Technologies - 2016

Adnan Mohammed Haidar, born in 1993 and raised in Beirut.

I have 2 siblings, a younger sister and brother (Iman and Hafez). I went to Al Nahda private school till 9th grade and then moved to a public school where I graduated from.

I joined AOU and majored in Information and Communication Technologies at the Arab Open University, a place where I felt like home, always supported by kind teachers and surrounded by great friends and fellow students. I graduated in 2016 and applied for the Cadetship program by the Middle East Airlines.

I successfully graduated and passed all my classes in the FTE JEREZ institute where I studied to become a pilot. Thankfully I got really good grades and I got the Perfection Trophy from the head pilot and president of captains.

I'm back to my long missed family in Lebanon and I am currently working as a Co-Pilot at the MEA. I also recently got engaged to a very nice Lady.

I thank every person who stood beside me, supported me during my life, specially the dear ones who didn't leave me during my hardest days.

It wasn't an easy journey, there was lots of hardship, but I made it!

My message to the young people today is: "Do not take life easily, try your best, thrive for success no matter what it takes, most importantly always work with passion and love."





Houssam Houhou

Major: Business Management - 2016

بدأ حسام حوحو، وهو خريج إدارة الأعمال، نشاطه في الجامعة العربية المفتوحة حين طرح فكرة إنشاء نادي للمسرح، وهو الذي يمارس هواية التمثيل والإخراج منذ أن كان على مقاعد المدرسة، بالتعاون مع مجموعة من أصدقائه.

يتمتع حسام بروح قيادية رائعة بالإضافة إلى مهارات في التواصل الاجتماعي، ساعدته ليكون منسقاً ناجحاً للنادي، فاستقطب الطلاب الذين يحبون التمثيل ودرّبهم ليقفوا على خشبة المسرح بكل ثقة. كان حسام يُؤلف، يُخرج ويُمثل في بعض المسرحيات حتى تمكّن من عرض ثلاث مسرحيات مع فريق نادي المسرح على عدة مسارح كبيرة في لبنان، منها خشبة مسرح قصر الأونيسكو، وكانت الجامعة تواكب مسيرته خطوة خطوة، وتدعمه معنوياً وتقنياً. حتى توجت هذه العروض بمشاركة "نادي المسرح في الجامعة العربية المفتوحة في" مهرجان المسرح الجامعي الثامن" الذي نظّمته وزارة الثقافة في لبنان.

وهذا ما يقوله حسام عن شغفه بالمسرح

أعطني خبزاً ومسرحاً، أعطيك شعباً مثقفاً. لطالما أعجبتني هذه العبارة. ترى ما سرّ هذه القدرة" العظيمة للمسرح على تغيير نمط عيش شعبٍ بأكمله وجعله مثقفاً؟ وهل لاندثار الحركة المسرحية، وتقلص عدد المسارح العاملة بعد الحرب الأهلية تأثير في تراجع المستوى الثقافي والراقي الاجتماعي للمجتمع اللبناني؟

برأيي الجواب هو حتماً نعم، فالفنون بشكل عام تعمل على رفع مستوى الوعي الاجتماعي والثقافي لدى الشعوب، إنَّها الوسيلة الأفضل لجعل المجتمعات تطرح أفكارها، تناقش، تحلّل، وتستنقج، وما من عمل فنيّ على مدى التاريخ إلّا وكان له رسالة سامية، وما وُجد فنٌّ إلّا ليخدم قضية، فكيف إذا كان المسرح أبو الفنون هو الذي يوصل الرسالة.

نحن مجموعة شباب وصبايا، من مختلف الأطياف والمناطق اللبنانية، آمنّا بأنّ مهمتنا هي أن نعيد أحياء إرثنا الثقافي وأن نسلط الضوء على مشاكلنا وحياتنا. اتّحدنا، خطّطنا، أقسمنا بأن نكون باكورة التغيير، "فولدت جمعية" كواليس

في بادئ الأمر، أردنا ألّا نكون نسمة صيف عابرة. فاخترنا التأسيس الرسمي وخوض المهمة بطريقة احترافية. أسسنا جمعية ثقافية واتّخذنا لنا مركزاً في برجنا. إيماناً من بحاجة المنطقة إلى إنماء ثقافيّ لاسيّما وأنّها مليئة بطاقات إبداعية ومواهب تنتظر فرصاً. كواليس اليوم بدأت تستقطب هذه المواهب، ونحن مبهورون بما نراه: فكانت ولادة أول مسرحية "كباريه" والتي عُرضت طوال يومين على خشبة مسرح "المركز الثقافي الروسي". كل ذلك ما كان ممكناً لولا دعم الجامعة لنا والإيمان بقدراتنا، "ونحن نعدكم بالمزيد من النجاحات والإبداعات

رغم تخرج حسام من الجامعة، أخذ على عاتقه مساعدة الطلاب في نادي المسرح وتدريبهم لينطلقوا بثقة ويحققوا الكثير من الإبداعات



Abdullah kurdi

Major: Information Technology and Computing - 2016

I am Abdullah el Kurdi, Information Technology and Computing graduate in spring 2016. Of course, I miss a lot my university, Arab Open University. I was working as Assistant Pharmacist at Mazen Pharmacy, as I hold also Biochemistry degree. Few months ago, I got a new opportunity to work in computer science domain. I am currently working as research assistant in Bioinformatics at the American University of Beirut - Faculty of Medicine. This is an amazing field that requires solid knowledge in programming, python, Java, docker, shell scripting as we work on Linux operating system as well as knowledge required in Biology. This is a new domain in Lebanon, it has started no more than 4 years. It is very promising because it is used basically to treat diseases.

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