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Group photo for IEP students and faculty members



AUK Newly Enrolled Students



## AUK COMMENCES CLASSES

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) officially opened doors to new and returning students this week. In preparation for a new academic year, AUK held a series of orientation sessions last week to familiarize the new faculty, staff, and students with campus life and the academic community at AUK.

The orientation week kicked off with orientation sessions for new and returning faculty members. 5 new fulltime faculty members joined the AUK community this semester. Coming from different parts of the world, the new faculty members bring to AUK years of experience and scholarly achievements which will be valuable assets to the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Economics and the Intensive English Program.

The 4-day orientation sessions featured welcome notes and addresses by AUK administrators, including AUK President, Professor Nizar Hamzeh; Vice President for Admissions & Public Affairs, Ms. Amal Al Binali; Dean of

Student Affairs, Dr. Hanan Muzaffar; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Rawda Awwad; Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Jin Wang.

During his welcome remarks to new students, President Hamzeh congratulated them on their admission to AUK, and welcomed them as new members to the AUK community, where they will receive a world-class education delivered "College Deans and unit heads introduced their divisions and reminded the students to seek support and advice from AUK faculty and staff members on all matters related to their academic careers.

Dean Muzaffar explained that extra-curricular activities play an important role in complementing the educational experience. She encouraged the students to spend time on campus, interact with each other, learn outside the classroom, and enjoy the university experience.

One full day of the orientation week was dedicated to the Intensive English Program (IEP) students, during which the goals of the

program were explained by IEP Director, Ms. Sandra Stein. IEP is designed to help people with intermediate, high intermediate and advanced English proficiency to develop advanced academic language skills necessary for the individual student to succeed in the university.

The AUK orientation sessions also hosted speakers from the Private Universities Council including Asma Al-Mutairi, Director of Public Relations; Fahad Al-Khalifa, Director of the Internal Scholarship Office; Al-Jawhara Al-Ghaith, Social Allowance Auditor; and Noura Al-Dhubaibi, Public Relations Officer. The PUC session provided an overview of scholarships and social allowances including, their requirements, their application procedure, and timelines.

Following the orientation sessions, the students toured the campus and learned about the different academic and recreational facilities available to them, such as the AUK Library, the offices of Admissions & Registrar, the academic advising and learning support

centers, the Center for Continuing Education (CCE), the Counseling Center, and the sports facilities. The students met with the teams of each of the areas, who gave them an overview of the services they provide.

To ensure a smooth transition into collegiate life and get the students well acquainted with the different activities AUK has to offer, the Office of Student Life is organizing several recreational and educational events within the first month of the Fall semester, including a Welcome Back Week, which features the Involvement Fair, a clubs, organizations and departments' fair; and a Faculty Meet And Greet, a movie night, among a host of activities that reflect the non-academic facet of AUK.

Established in 2003, the American University of Kuwait (AUK) currently offers 14 distinct degree programs in various academic disciplines. According to Ms. Amal Al Binali, Vice President for Admissions and Public Affairs, AUK has filled all offered places for the Fall 2015 Semester "The current admission

cycle has brought in students with high academic records. The average high school GPA of newly enrolled freshman students is 3.09 and 2.88 for Transfer Students," said Al Binali.

AUK is accredited institutionally by the Private Universities Council (PUC) in Kuwait. Its business programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); its social sciences, arts and humanities programs are accredited by The American Academy for Liberal Education's (AALE); and its Intensive English program is accredited by the Commission for Intensive English Program Accreditation (CEA).

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and co-educational liberal arts institution of higher education. The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. The language of instruction is English. More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at [www.auk.edu.kw](http://www.auk.edu.kw)



## ICSK AMMAN CELEBRATES TEACHERS' DAY

The Indian Community School Kuwait, Amman, celebrated Teachers' Day this year with full fervour and enthusiasm. The celebrations extended for one whole week i.e. from 6th Sept to 10th Sept, 2015. Teachers' Day is celebrated to acknowledge and recognise the hard work put in by teachers for not only imparting knowledge to students but also for making them responsible

citizens of tomorrow and good human beings. Four different assemblies were reorganized by different classes. The school paid homage to Dr. S Radhakrishnan, the former President of India and a teacher par excellence, whose birthday 5th September is celebrated as teachers' day in India.

Students of classes VII & VIII presented speeches and group songs with wonderful

lyrics dedicated to their teachers. A skit was also presented portraying the significant role played by teachers in the lives of students. The highlight of the programme was the presentation of handmade cards, lovingly prepared by class V students, along with rose flowers to all the teachers.

Class II students presented an eye-catching candle dance in beautiful costumes. They

danced along with a video which vividly expressed their love and affection to the teachers. The tiny tots from UKG gave a heart-touching presentation filled with excitement.

The teachers were deeply touched by the students' performances. Principal Rajesh Nair conveyed the message to the students that obedience is the best way to express our love to our teachers. He wished all the teachers a

wonderful Teachers' day. Vice-Principal Dr Mary Isaac also addressed the students on the occasion.

It requires a lot of hard work and dedication to be a good teacher. Even though the teachers can never be thanked through this one day of celebration, yet the students did their best to convey the message that the hard work of teachers is well acknowledged by them.