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Organized by HS Fashion Design Class

Flashes of Fashion Brilliance on AAG Stage

By ALZAIN BUZUBAR & NOOR AL MOUSA

The Fashion Design class organized a fashion show on January 7, 2018 in the high school auditorium. The fashion show was graded as a final project for the class and was a reflection of the students' creativity, tastes and talent.

Each designer chose a student to model the dresses she made. Mrs. Iman Al Mohri, the fashion design class teacher said "The students worked on their dresses for the whole semester, and it took them a whole day to prepare for the fashion show."

The fashion show influenced the students and taught them how to design clothes. Mrs. Al Mohri said "They learned how to design dresses and how to chose the right materials and to pick the style that suits their models' different types of bodies."

One of the students who attended the fashion show expressed her admiration for the fashion show "I liked the dresses' designs and fabrics. The fashion show was well organized and creative."

High school students were so happy attending the fashion show, especially since it was brought back after several years. The models said " we really enjoyed being part of the fashion show and learned a lot as well."



Cheers for HS Athletes at AAG Pep Rally



By WOROOD AL BUSTAN & YASMEEN AL KHUDHUR

On January 24th, 2018, the PE department held a pep rally in the new gym during the last block honoring the student athletes for their hard work and dedication. The event was hosted by Coach Laura Thiele, followed by Mrs. Salwa Megdiche, the head of the P.E department.

Students, teachers, and administration gathered to congratulate the AAG sport teams. At first Dr. Katrina Franklin and her colleagues presented a dance to entertain the audience. Mrs. Salwa Megdiche honored the JV and Varsity Volleyball and Soccer teams. After, it was the turn of honoring the middle school athletes.

Later on, Coach Laura honored the basket ball athletes who were going to the Bahrain Tournament after a few days by giving them their team jackets. It was a really special pep rally for all the students, athletes, and staff members because it was the first pep rally that was held in the new gym!

As part of the program, students also played games. One of the games had students played was passing the hula-hoop. They had to hold each other's hand while passing the hula hoop without letting go.

All in all, all students enjoyed the pep rally. An 11th grader said "We had a really great time, it was one of the best pep rallies we have ever had". "We didn't want to leave this fun gathering," she added. This event was to inspire dedication and devotion among the high school sports. Always and forever Go Warriors!

EDITORIAL

An Open Letter to the Kuwaiti People

By HALA AL MUTAIRI



Hello everyone. I am Hala Al Mutairi and I am honored to be the new newspaper editor for semester two. In occasion of the national and Liberation Day I decided to share a piece with you about our wonderful country. Kuwait; like all other countries across the globe; has its good, and it's bad. It is only natural to have an uneven balance of good and bad; as life is not as simple as black and white or ying and yang. We now live in an age where it is second nature to dismiss all the good and emphasize just the bad. In light of the previous statement; I would like to remind the people of some of the "Kuwaiti good." Kuwait is a country occupied by a free spirited population; us Kuwaiti's love indulging in our simple pleasures; salon talk, coffee runs, social media witticism, and much more. The Kuwaiti people are a positive bunch, as we like taking life one day at a time and enjoying what life has offer. With that being said, Kuwaiti's are very vocal with personal opinions when it comes to public issues; however, every disagreement is put aside during times of tribulations. We stand as one, united, no matter creed, background, and religious or political affiliation because the overwhelming love for our country unifies us. Kuwaiti's are notorious for their incredible sense of humor; there is not a situation that they cannot make light of; we are able to laugh at ourselves as well as others all in good spirit. The kindness, hospitality, givingness and generosity, instilled in us in a young age is what makes the people of Kuwait fight over the bill in a restaurant. Everyone knows everyone in Kuwait; you are unable to go anywhere without bumping into a relative or a family friend making Kuwait feel like one big family gathering. We are a nation that was born with a disposition for music; it is engraved in our souls since birth. Music brings us joy; no one can stop a Kuwaiti from dancing when they hear their favorite song. Kuwaiti's will always stand with what's right; we will never succumb to pressure from public threat until we get justice. So that is why I urge you, the people of Kuwait, to never change. Never change your traditions; always stay positive; always stay united on the love of your country; never stop laughing, always continue to be kind and generous; do what makes you joyful; and always, always speak up for what you believe in. My faith in this country has never once faltered.

Field Trip.. Reward for Sports Day Winners

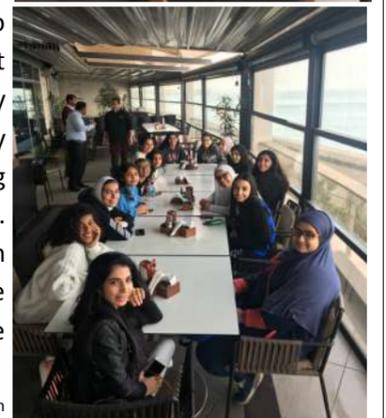


By AISHA BUZUBAR & NOURA ALFOZAN

The sports day winners were rewarded by the high school PE department. The PE teachers organized a field trip to the winners to prime and toast and to discovery mall. The trip took place on January, 23 2018.



The students were taken to Prime and toast for breakfast at 8:00 am. After breakfast they went to discovery mall. They spent their day playing bowling and other fun activities. Students also went shopping in the various stores there. The pet shop got most of the attention though.



Modhi Al Mukhled, an 11th

grader, said "the field trip was so fun and the teachers were amazing. The field trip was very rewarding for our sport day win." She also added that "we would like to thank the PE department for the field trip."

HS Basketball Team Competes at MEUC Bahrain



By LEEN AL SAIF & DALAL AL WAZZAN

The American Academy for Girls high school basketball team participated in the Middle East United Countries basketball tournament (MEUC) in Bahrain on January 25 until January 27, 2018. The MEUC basketball tournament was held in the Bahrain International School.

The athletes that participated in this tournament were Ghalia Boureki, Ghala AlRashed, Mai AlRujaib, Lulwa Mahmeed, Mariam AlSanae, Shoug Khuraibit, and Malak AlMuwail. The AAG team struggled with scoring. Mrs. Salwa Megdiche, the team coach, mentioned that "students had difficulties in scoring because the hoops and the backboards were different from the school's basketball equipment". She also added that she did not have subs.

Many schools from the gulf participated in the tournament such as Dubai College, three American schools from Saudi Arabia, and 2 schools from Bahrain. Even though the girls won only one game and ranked 6th place, they were satisfied with their performance throughout the tournament.

Interview With Ms. Maistry.. Algebra II Teacher

Interviewed by SHAIKHA AL KHALIFA

An interview was conducted with Ms. Sherona Maistry, the Algebra II teacher, to learn more about her personal and professional life.

1. Can you please introduce yourself? (nationality, degree, university)

I am Sherona Maistry. I am from South Africa. I have a degree in teaching. I Studied in Edgewood Campus Kwa Zulu Natal in my hometown, South Africa.

2. Where were you working before coming to AAG? What were your previous jobs?

I was a teacher in Cambridge English School in Hawali and I taught math.

3. For how long have you been teaching?

This is my fifth year of teaching.

4. Why did you choose to teach in Kuwait?

I like to travel and Kuwait was an ideal place to do that.

5. Why did you choose to study math?

I don't think I chose it, it chose me! When I went to university, one of my lecturers looked at my report & she actually made me do it in a way. She pushed me to do it because she thought I would do well and be good at it.

6. If you could teach any other subject what would it be? Why?

Maybe art even though I can't draw. But, it seems fun!

7. If you could change one thing in the algebra 2 curriculum what would it be? Why?

Since my students don't enjoy word problems, I think I would get rid of that. But other than that I think the curriculum is fine.

8. What are some challenges you face with your students? How do you deal with them?

I think the only thing is that working on their own. They are not used to that and I think that is something they should work on. Like doing their work individually.

9. If you happened to see a student getting bullied in class what would your reaction be?

I haven't seen it happen but, if it does happen I would have to speak to both the students individually because I feel when things like that are done it's a very sensitive issue.

10. At a younger age what was your dream job?

I wanted to be a veterinarian because I love dogs and animals!

11. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Hopefully back in my hometown in South Africa.

12. Who's your inspiration in life? Why?

I think my mother because she's basically the strongest woman I know.



Ms. Sherona Maistry, Algebra II Teacher

13. As a teacher do you have any last words to say to your students?

I think my students have great potential and sometimes they don't see it in themselves. They should believe in themselves because I know there is a lot that they can do.

Assembly to Honor Quarter II High Achievers



Grade 9 Honor Students



Grade 9 High Honor Students



Grade 10 Honor Students



Grade 10 High Honor Students



Grade 11 Honor Students



Grade 11 High Honor Students



Grade 12 Honor Students



Grade 12 High Honor Students

By FAREEDA AL WAKEEL

High school administration held an assembly in the AAG's school auditorium on February 1st, 2018, to recognize the honor and high honor students. The event's goal was to reward students for their hard work throughout the second quarter.

Ms. Shannon Rooney, the High School Principal, Mrs. Iman Hamadi and Mrs. Pilar Charlie, the High School Counselors, handed out certificates for honor students who received a GPA between 3.4 and 3.69, and for high honor students who got a GPA of 3.7 and above.

Students were really delighted and happy to receive certificates. Kadi Al-Saad, a grade 11 student, stated "I was really happy that the school honored me with a certificate, which will motivate me to get higher grades during the second semester." Congratulations to the students who received certificates and hard luck for those who didn't.

Every quarter, high school administration rewards the honor and high honor students by giving them certificates to encourage them to be high achievers.



By NOORA AL FAHAD

RIDDLE

Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?

Answers should be submitted to the journalism teacher in room 311. The first three students with the right answer will be given the permission to order food to school.

ADVICE

How to Solve School's Most Challenging Problems ?

By MODHI AL MUKHLED

As students we all have problems in common. You would be surprised as to how many people struggle with the same issues you do. Actually, these problems almost every student struggles with. Keep on reading for simple solutions to complicated problems.

Common problems:

- Feeling sleepy in class? Simple. Ask your teacher to leave the classroom, and take a walk. Go to the bathroom wash your face. We are very lucky to have vending machines, so go buy water to help you stay awake. Make sure to tell yourself that you can do it! Mind over matter.
- Forgetting what you have due/coming up? Go on Google, and look at calendar templates, and pick your favorite one. Carry a hard copy of the calendar in your bag and every time you remember something, or the teacher mentions something, mark it on your calendar. It will be even more useful if you print calendar for the month you're in, and the month after it—to be extra prepared!
- Overwhelmed with how much material you have to study? Make sure to spread your work right in front of you in order to see how much you have to cover. Divide your work, and based on that assess how much you will give each section. Make sure to take simple 5-10 minute breaks to not overwhelm yourself too much.
- Feeling too energized to be in class? Again ask your teacher to leave the class and take a walk to let your energy out. When you come back to class and you still can't focus ask your teacher to stand in the back of the class. This helps you lose some of your energy as you tire yourself out, in order to

MAJOR

Environmental Policy, Institutions and Behavior

By HAWRA'A NAJADAH

One of the most recent college majors that came out is Environmental Policy, Institutions and Behavior (EPIB). This major observes the human aspect of environmental problems. It addresses issues on how human actions effect the environment, how societies adapt to changes in the environments, and how individuals, nations, and international societies respond to environmental hazards.

This college major allows students to understand and analyze the diverse viewpoint offered by the social and natural sciences regarding the causes and consequences of social, biological, and environmental change. This includes interactions among natural resources, climate, population, energy use and technology, health, forces of globalization, social institutions, and cultural values.

Environmental Policy, Institutions and Behavior helps students identify their own values with respect to environmental, health, and food issues, assessments, plans, and communication, including their differentiated social impacts. The State University of New Jersey is one of the Universities that offer this major. To graduate from the "EPIB" course, students have to complete 57 credits.

Students in any EPIB option receive the Bachelors of Science (BS) degree. EPIB is a social sciences major, but students earn a "sciences" bachelor rather than an "arts" bachelor degree because the science core requirements are higher.

Book Review: The Friend By Sigrid Nunez

By FARAH AL ZOBI

A moving story of love, friendship, grief, healing, and the magical bond between a woman and her dog. It's a book of fragments that questions what it means to be human.

When a woman unexpectedly loses her lifelong best friend, she becomes responsible for the unwanted dog he has left behind. Her own battle against grief is only becoming greater because of the dog. The apartment building she lives in prohibited dogs, but the woman refuses to be separated from the dog. Isolated from the rest of the world, increasingly obsessed with the dog's care, determined to read its mind, and by spending more time with him she began to really understand his thoughts. Through all the hard times, rich and surprising rewards lie in store for both of them.

