

10.6.6 Does your university as a body provide mentoring/counselling/peer support programs to support students, staff, faculty from underrepresented groups?

Qassim University provides a variety of mentoring, counseling, and peer support programs specifically designed to support students, staff, and faculty from underrepresented groups. These programs are integral to the university's commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

1. **Mentoring Programs:** The university offers mentoring initiatives that pair students from underrepresented groups with experienced mentors, helping them navigate academic challenges, develop professional skills, and access career opportunities. These programs are particularly beneficial to first-generation students and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
2. **Counseling Services:** Qassim University has a counseling center that provides psychological support to students, staff, and faculty. This center is committed to addressing the unique challenges faced by underrepresented groups, offering individual and group counseling, workshops, and stress management programs.
3. **Peer Support Programs:** The university has peer support initiatives that foster a sense of community among students from diverse backgrounds. These programs are especially designed to provide guidance, encouragement, and resources to students facing academic or social challenges.

These programs are part of a broader effort by the university to create a supportive and inclusive campus environment, where every member of the community, regardless of background, has access to the resources they need to succeed academically and personally.

The Deanship of Student Affairs at the University Holds the "Rowad for Persons with Disabilities" Program

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The Deanship of Student Affairs at the University held yesterday, Sunday, 10/5/1444 AH, the "Pioneers for Persons with Disabilities" program, in conjunction with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, where the program included organizing several events that included an exhibition, workshops and consultations, in the main lobby of the university city, in the presence of His Excellency the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Al-Sharekh.



The exhibition reviewed the Kingdom's efforts in supporting persons with disabilities, and the university's efforts in this field by preparing the infrastructure and facilitating this category of society to obtain their services, as the university established a permanent committee for the care of persons with disabilities, in addition to guidance and guidance support for them, and coordination with colleges and deanships to provide the necessary support to serve these students, guidance and academic support, as well as facilitating communication with entities outside the university.

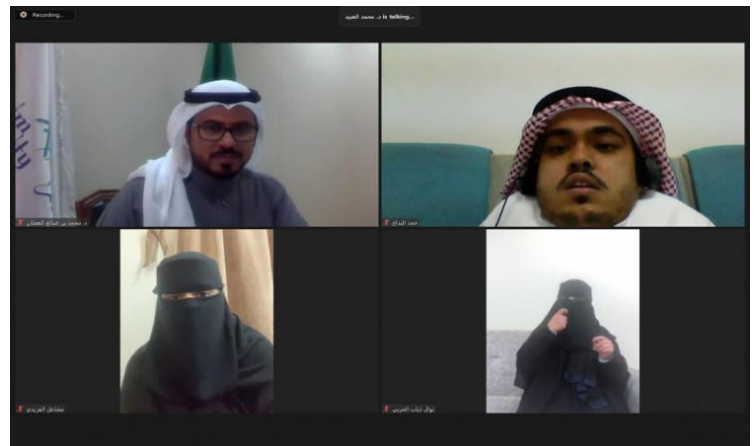
The role of the Standing Committee for the Care of Persons with Disabilities at the university was also reviewed, which specializes in considering the social and psychological problems and study they face, and helping them find appropriate solutions to them, as well as creating opportunities for them to express their talents and develop their abilities to enable them to make appropriate decisions, in addition to supervising the transfer of severe cases to the competent authorities and determining the necessary projects for infrastructure equipment at the university in a manner commensurate with people with disabilities, as well as activities and programs for persons with disabilities through participation in various Events.

It is noteworthy that the number of students with disabilities studying at the university is 272 students in various colleges, including 150 students with motor disabilities, 86 students with visual disabilities, in addition to 36 students with hearing disabilities.

The University Holds Several Meetings within the "Himmam" Virtual Program on the Occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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The University, represented by the Deanship of Student Affairs, organized several scientific meetings within the virtual program held on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities entitled "Himmam", in cooperation with the Department of Special Education at the College of Education, on Thursday, 18/4/1442 AH, where the program contained several virtual meetings that dealt with many aspects of the academic life of students of determination, and reviewed some of their university experiences and academic excellence in successfully passing the university stage.



The first meeting was held under the title "People with Disabilities in the University Environment", and was presented by Dr. Muhammad Al-Ajlan, Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Care of Persons with Disabilities at the University, Dean of the Deanship of Student Affairs, and Dr. Muhammad Al-Obaid, member of the Committee, and Head of the Department of Special Education, where the meeting discussed a number of axes, including: preparation in the university environment, educational auxiliary services, and support services.

While the second meeting, which was held under the title "Student Lights" with a group of university students with disabilities, dealt with a number of axes, namely: the experiences of students with disabilities at the university, (deaf, people with motor disabilities, and the blind).

The third and final meeting was held under the title "Global Trends on Disability", and was presented by Dr. Theeb Al-Mutairi, Associate Professor of Special Education at the Department of Special Education, in which he spoke about universal access, support and inclusion for persons with disabilities.

The College of Education organizes an awareness campaign for people with special needs

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The College of Education, represented by the Department of Special Education, carried out an awareness and educational campaign under the slogan "With you and with you", last Thursday, which was opened by Dr. Ali Al-Saif, Vice President for Educational Affairs, at the Othaim Mall complex in Buraidah, with the aim of educating the community about the special educational and rehabilitation programs used with individuals with special needs, where the participants in the campaign educated visitors about these programs, in addition to how to support this category in all fields, especially in education, training and employment, and introduce the community to them, and promote the concept of integrating people with Special needs in society, encouraging them to trust themselves and their abilities on the one hand, and developing the capabilities of those working with individuals with special needs on the other hand.



The campaign also included several pillars, including: a corner on autism disorder, a corner for giftedness and excellence, a corner for learning difficulties, a corner for mental disability, speech and speech disorders, and visual disability, where each corner included the definition of the concept it expresses, causes, characteristics, diagnosis, training and treatment programs, in addition to instructions for parents on how to deal with people with special needs, as well as a special corner to provide consultations for mothers with special needs, in the presence of blind students from the Department of Education who presented some work to the attendees.

"Community Eye Health" seminar discusses vision problems and solutions. It recommends activating screening programs and campaigns for chronic eye diseases

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The study, prepared by Dr. Youssef Al-Dabasi, a faculty member at the university, and presented its results during the "Community Eye Health" symposium held yesterday, Sunday, by the Department of

Optometry at the College of Applied Medical Sciences at the university, revealed the high prevalence of visual defects in more than 20 schools in the city of Buraidah and the rest of the governorates of Qassim, after signing the medical examination on the eyes of children for more than 5000 students, where it was found that the prevalence of visual defects is 18% among male and female students and the prevalence of uncorrected visual defects 16%, indicating that this rate is very high when compared to studies in the rest of the world as well as the prevalence of lazy eye 4%.

To treat these vision problems, Dr. Seif El-Din Rashid, a faculty member in the Department of Optometry, presented his research paper in which he presented the treatment plan for eye diseases in developing countries, where the study worked on developing a comprehensive plan for the prevention and treatment of eye diseases, and concluded that the problems of uncorrected refractive defects are the first cause of visual disability among school students.

The symposium sessions, which were held under the patronage of His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, and with the participation of 12 speakers from inside and outside the university, discussed a number of important topics related to eye health and safety, at the headquarters of Hall "B" in the main lobby of the University City, in conjunction with the World Sight Day, which falls on October 10 of each year.

Dr. Sulaiman Al-Dakhil, a faculty member at the college, participated in the symposium with his research paper on the control of myopia, which is one of the most common visual disorders around the world, pointing to the growing concern that existed about the increase in the prevalence of myopia during the past half century, as both genetic and environmental factors play an important role in the growth process in the human eye, and many studies have shown the impact of environmental factors, specifically reading, on the onset of myopia.

Dr. Majid Maafa, Director of Optometry Clinics, presented through his research paper statistics on the visit of optometry clinics to 57 primary schools in the Qassim region, during which 10,879 students were examined, and 1,309 students were followed up in university optometry clinics who were discovered to have vision problems and need medical follow-up, and he also pointed out that during the past year, the service was provided to five thousand beneficiaries through all various community service programs.

Regarding glaucoma, the hidden threat, Dr. Muhammad Al-Luwaimi, a faculty member at the college, stressed that glaucoma is a chronic eye disease, and is defined as a group of chronic disorders leading to blindness, as it cannot be treated, but the rest of the eyesight is preserved after the disease, and glaucoma poses a threat to community health as it is one of the diseases that are difficult to diagnose and are in advanced stages when discovered.

In turn, Dr. Manzoor Qureshi answered the question of why do we care to examine the retina? He said: Detecting retinal problems early helps prevent vision loss, especially since vision lost due to retinal problems may never return, and periodic examination of the retina helps to start treatment in a timely manner before vision loss.

For his part, Dr. "Vishach Nair" spoke about diabetic retinopathy, which is a complication of the small blood vessels, which is a feature of both type I and II diabetes, while Dr. "Goodwin Offenseri" spoke about severe visual impairment, noting that globally nearly 1.3 billion people live with a form of visual impairment and with regard to remote vision, and there are 188.5 million people with moderate vision impairment, 217 million have severe vision impairment, 36 million people are blind, and in terms of near vision, 826 million livep suffer from proximal visual impairment.

Globally, the main causes of visual impairment are refractive errors and cataracts, nearly 80% of all visual impairment globally are avoidable, and the majority of people with visual impairment are over the age of 50.

After that, Dr. Walid Al-Ghamdi, Head of the Optometry Department at the University, spoke in his paper entitled Challenges and Aspirations for Community Eye Health, during which he presented an overview of community eye health in the Kingdom and its position in combating blindness and visual impairment globally, as well as the necessary priorities to improve eye health and control high rates of visual impairment.

Dr. Shahzad Naro, visiting professor from Aston University, UK, also spoke about the impact of lifestyle on eye health and unhealthy habits that have a direct impact on eye health such as poor nutrition and smoking, as the study concluded that smoking has a direct impact on the eye, especially in the outer part of the eye, and in the tear layer that works to protect the eye, and also smoking has an impact on the strength of the eye's adaptation, and the study recommended educating the community about the impact of smoking on the eye, as well as taking the amount of Enough foods containing omega-3.

While Dr. Yahya Abu Haidar, National Coordinator of the National Committee to Combat Blindness (Lamaa), spoke in his paper entitled Strategies to Combat Blindness in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, about the establishment of the National Committee to Combat Blindness and its role in society, and about charities related to blindness and their role in supporting the blind, and also talked about the national indicators to combat blindness issued by the World Health Organization and the need to develop plans for their implementation, in addition to the role of all government and private agencies in implementing the eye health strategy in the Kingdom.

The community eye health symposium concluded by issuing some recommendations, including: activating primary eye health care where support and tools are available for this work, as well as giving optometrists and optometrists their full role in the health system so that they can carry out their work more effectively, especially in primary care centers, in addition to redistributing the number of optometrists to hospitals and health centers in proportion to the number of patients and visitors to each health facility, and activating screening programs and campaigns for chronic eye diseases. Which in turn reduces the value of treatment and improves the quality of life, which is one of the most important goals of Vision 2030.

The University Celebrates People with Special Needs on Their International Day

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The Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation Sciences at the University celebrated the International Day of People with Special Needs, with the participation of several bodies, including the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Social Security and other bodies and associations interested in that category, and the program included workshops - lectures - and medical clinics under the supervision of a number of specialists in the field of physiotherapy.

For her part, Dr. Mariam bint Saleh Al-Harbi, Dean of the College, explained that this celebration comes within the framework of the interest of the wise government of the Kingdom in them by providing an integrated system for their care through competent authorities in several areas to enable them to communicate with the community without barriers or obstacles.

The Dean of the College stressed that the aim of the implementation of this event is due to the great importance of that group and the lofty goal of that day to serve and support them in all fields, so that they can deal with those around them naturally and integrate into society, appreciating the role of the participating parties, and the official sponsors for their sponsorship of the Day of People with Special Needs.

The owner of the celebration is an exhibition of all the tools and assistive devices that can serve people with special needs, in addition to an entertainment section for disabled children in which he presented many gifts and in-kind prizes provided by sponsors.

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Launch of a Center for the Development of Scientific Research Skills for Male and Female Students of Qassim University

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His Excellency the Rector of Qassim University, Prof. Dr. Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Hammoudi, approved the launch of a center for the development of scientific research skills for students of the university supervised by the Deanship of Student Affairs in order to develop their research capabilities, stressing the importance of being a radiant center concerned with training, development and work on the manufacture and construction of distinguished students in the field of scientific research.

His Excellency inaugurated the website of the Fifth Preparatory Forum for the Fifth Scientific Conference for Students of Higher Education in the Kingdom, in the presence of the Vice President for Planning, Development and Quality, Prof. Dr. Sulaiman bin Abdulaziz Al-Yahya, the Dean of Student

Affairs at the University, Dr. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Shuraida, and the Vice Deanship Dr. Fahad bin Ibrahim Al-Dhale.

His Excellency stressed that male and female students are the focus of the educational process in universities and the development of their abilities is the means of progress of nations and societies, pointing out that this is what called on the Ministry of Higher Education to launch the annual conference, stressing the incitement of Qassim University to actively attend such scientific events, which directed university students to obtain gold feathers and advanced awards in previous conferences.

In this context, the Shawar volunteer team of the Deanship of Student Affairs completed the introductory campaign at the preparatory forum for the fifth scientific conference, which is organized by the Ministry of Higher Education, which aims to raise the value of scientific research, enrich the community and introduce and guide students to scientific research, and the campaign included the establishment of a mobile exhibition between the faculties of the university in which the members of the team contribute to introducing university students to the conference in all respects and contribute to motivating students to participate and answer the questions and inquiries received, in addition to providing introductory publications During the exhibition, the service of immediate registration to participate in the preparatory forum was provided and accompanying social communication channels were launched to introduce the forum, communicate with the participants and answer their inquiries in various social networks.

It is worth mentioning that the exhibition witnessed a large turnout of students and faculty members in terms of participation and visit at the time when commemorative gifts were distributed to them.

The University Plans to Organize the «Saudi Women and Leadership of Change Conference» and invites researchers to participate

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The University, represented by the Vice Rectorate for Female Student Affairs, intends to organize a conference to support the role of Saudi women in achieving Vision 2030 socially, politically and economically, under the title "Saudi Women and Leading Change. Determination and leadership", in the period from 10 to 11/2/1441 AH, with the aim of highlighting the challenges facing Saudi women in the decision-making position, developing awareness of women's issues in their personal, social and economic aspects, as well as achieving a balanced vision of women's issues in the media.

Where the reception of applications for participation begins on 30/10/1440 AH, corresponding to 23/6/2019 AD through the website: <https://events.qu.edu.sa/swls>.

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comes out of the University's keenness to show the leading role of women in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through its research and scientific papers, based on the interest of the Islamic religion in women and their rights in all areas of life, and in light of the great care that the Kingdom attaches to women and their affairs, and the doors of leadership provided to them to highlight their successes in various fields.

The conference discusses three axes; the first axis deals with Saudi women and decision-making, through Saudi women and the concept of empowerment, women in leadership positions, psychological and social balance of women and its impact on their leadership role, the second axis deals with Saudi women and the economy, through economic opportunities for women under Vision 2030, Saudi women's initiatives and their impact on investment competition, and the successes and achievements of women, and the third axis deals with the media and Saudi women, and discusses the role of the media in highlighting the status of women To achieve Vision 2030, the role of the media in supporting Saudi women's issues, in addition to the mental image reflected by the media about Saudi women.

The Scientific Committee of the Conference also announced the rules of participation, namely: that the researcher submit a brief curriculum vitae, and that the research should be within the themes of the conference, while adhering to the controls of scientific research, and that the research should not be published or submitted for publication, and the research should not be less than (20) pages and not more than (35) pages, with the adoption of a font (Arabic Traditional) size (16) for the research submitted in WORD format.

Saudi Women & Leading Change Conference

On this occasion, the university, represented by the Vision 2030 Realization Club, at the Deanship of Student Affairs, held on Monday evening, an educational meeting entitled "Saudi Women's Leadership", presented "remotely" by Dr. Ashwaq bint Saleh Al-Shuraida, Dean of the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation, and student Hajar bint Salim Al-Harbi, member of the Vision 2030 Realization Club, and the meeting was moderated by student Shahd Abdul Rahman Al-Mazyad.

The meeting discussed the role of the Kingdom's Vision 2030 in empowering women, the stage of women's empowerment in light of the historical gains they obtained during the reign of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, women's leadership platforms and power and access programs, in addition to the role of women in entrepreneurship and women's entrepreneurship in the past and now.

For her part, Dr. Ashwaq Al-Sherida spoke about the role of women in building society, and that women are the basis of the formation and development of society, and the most important pillars of the family and its construction, stressing that women are half of society but the whole society, and in the labor market, politics, medicine and finally volunteer work, in addition to the role of women in the family and education and their importance in the home and the containment of children.

The student Hajar Al-Harbi also stressed the role of university students in volunteer work and activities inside and outside the university, and the distinctive and positive impact this has on the university community and the outside community, adding that women have a great role in achieving the Kingdom's Vision 2030, which is based on three main pillars, including: "A vibrant society - a thriving economy - an ambitious homeland," stressing that women's community participation is a key part in the development of a vibrant society.

In turn, the Community Service Unit at the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine at the University, represented by the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition (Female Section), held on Monday a remote awareness event within the framework of the activation of International Women's Day entitled "Your Health and Beauty in Your Food" with the participation of a number of specialists.

[Qassim University Wins Two Golden Feathers, 17 Awards at the Scientific Conference and Qassim Award for Excellence](#)

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Qassim University continued its honorable presence in scientific demonstrations through its achievement of two golden feathers in the fifth scientific conference for students of higher education, which was held under the auspices of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in Riyadh with the participation of all Saudi universities, where it achieved two golden feathers represented in the acquisition of the student Imad Al-Sawaer on the golden feather in the humanities, and **the student Maryam Al-Mutairi in the field of community service, In addition to many awards.**

The university was also crowned with 17 awards out of 30 total Qassim Awards for Youth Excellence, which was sponsored by the Emir of the Qassim Region at the headquarters of the Emirate's Diwan in Buraidah, where the winners were honored with commemorative shields and cash prizes amounting to one million riyals. The university recorded its active presence as an extension of its excellence in

various events and participations hosted by the region and the Kingdom in general, in addition to its excellence in Arab, regional and global events.

His Excellency the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Hammoudi, expressed his happiness with these achievements, of which the University is proud, stressing that this comes as an extension of the University's presence and its positive and honorable participation in various scientific, cultural and creative events and events, congratulating his sons and daughters students and wishing them more success and brilliance. He pointed out that the support of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Highness the Crown Prince for the march of higher education contributed to highlighting these student talents through the generous sponsorship of all demonstrations and activities that bring together Saudi universities, praising His Highness the Amir of the region and His Highness the Deputy Amir for their support for the university's march, and offering his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Minister of Higher Education for his interest in meaningful events that will highlight the capabilities of students and nurture their talents. For his part, the Dean of Student Affairs at the University, Dr. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Sherida, congratulated the students on these achievements, which were achieved in a matter of days, stressing that this is an advocate of pride and pride in these elite male and female students.

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The campus of the Emir of the Qassim region, Princess Abeer bint Sulaiman Al-Mandil, has visited 5333 graduates from various scientific, medical and literary disciplines in the faculties of Buraidah and the faculties of the University Studies Center for Female Students and Graduate Studies, after sponsoring the graduation ceremony of the students of Qassim University last Thursday evening in the lobby of the university. The ceremony included a speech program that opened with verses from the wise male followed by the royal peace before the start of the march of female graduates, which was accompanied by a comprehensive definition of each of the faculties of the university and literary, scientific or medical specialties with a statistic of the number of graduates for this year.

Then His Excellency the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Hammoudi, presented his recorded speech, which began with the praise of Allah, expressing his happiness and pleasure in celebrating on the evening of Thursday the eighteenth of the month of Rajab this year under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Abeer Al-Mandeel to graduate the twelfth batch of female students of Qassim University qualified in science and skills. Stressing that they are expected to contribute effectively to the process of development and construction that awaits this country, His Excellency pointed out in his speech to the number of graduates this year of 5333 graduates in the bachelor's stage, including the first batch of the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation specializing in physical therapy and the first batch of the Faculty of Nursing specializing in nursing and the graduation of 118 graduates of graduate studies, seven of whom have a doctorate degree. Year 8358

His Excellency also congratulated the parents and his graduating daughters on the conclusion of their educational career, which is the culmination of the fruit of hard work and effort, and the university is proud of them as they are armed with the weapon of religion and science to also contribute to building society, and stressed that obtaining a university degree is not the end but is a transitional stage from a citizen who receives knowledge to the role of a participant in development.

Hence, the graduate Lolwa Al-Shabarmi gave the speech of the graduates in which she said: After sixteen years spent in the edifices and educational institutions came the day waiting to raise the graduation hats Participation of parents moments of happiness and farewell to the night and fatigue committed that this day is the beginning of a step for the future of Zaher's ambition, thanking Princess Abeer Al-Mandeel for sponsoring the ceremony and the continuous thanks to the faculty members and the highest thanks to the mothers of the graduates who suffered years of fatigue and reaped among them the fruit of success.

After that, the university graduates were honored with master's and bachelor's degrees to receive the Order of Excellence from Her Highness Princess Abeer Al-Mandeel.

At the end of the ceremony, HRH Princess Abeer Al-Mandeel stressed that the university with its giving and potential is equal to other universities, there is no difference between our university and universities abroad, stressing that we are all proud of all our universities, in addition to that the tenders of our graduate daughters are distinguished and do not differentiate from others anywhere.

Her Highness expressed her happiness as she saw the joy of the graduates to the point where she wished to congratulate them all, as if they were her daughters graduating. Her Highness also affirmed her pride in the active presence of women in the region as we see them as pioneers in education, and pioneers in medicine and entrepreneurship, where they reached high positions contributing to their pioneering role and ambition in building and developing the region and we look forward to a greater future for them as women and men are in a single ship and a boat managed for a known destination aimed at development and construction

The wife of the Emir of Qassim extended her thanks and appreciation to all employees and employees for the success and excellence of the graduation ceremony, asking God for them to always succeed in the sky of giving and creativity.

The Acting Dean of the Center for University Studies for Female Students, Dr. Awatif Al-Saif, also thanked and appreciated the sponsor of the ceremony, Princess Abeer Al-Mandeel, for honoring the graduation ceremony of the twelfth batch of graduates of Buraidah Colleges and the Colleges of the Center for University Studies for Female Students, expressing her happiness with the contribution of the ceremony committees in drawing a smile and joy in the hearts of all, congratulating the graduates who have reaped the fruit of years of diligence and diligence blessing to the families of the graduates this joy.

She pointed out in her speech that the number of female graduates in the summer semester (343) and the first semester (351) to 2025 graduates and students expected to graduate to 3308 for a total of 5333 graduates as the university celebrated the graduation of the first batch of the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation "Department of Female Students" specializing in physiotherapy and the first batch of the Faculty of Aqla Al-Saqour specialized in "Arabic Language and Quranic Studies" and the number of graduate graduates reached 42 graduates of master's degree.

Emphasizing the activation of the employment strategy in the Kingdom and giving priority to females

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The workshop on measuring the unemployment rate at Qassim University concludes its activities:

* Emphasis on activating the employment strategy in the Kingdom and giving females priority *
Limiting the General Statistics Authority in official statistics and launching a long-term plan
Media Center: Participants recommended a workshop to measure the unemployment rate organized by Qassim University represented by the Faculty of Economics and Administration last Wednesday under the title "Measuring the unemployment rate: economic and social importance" under the patronage of His Excellency the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Hammoudi In the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Omar, with the participation of a group of specialists who recommended a number of important recommendations represented in the importance of

Reducing the gap between official bodies and private sector institutions to create integrated statistics on supply and demand to enable citizens to work

In addition to the need to emphasize the activation of the employment strategy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by emphasizing the achievement of special strategic objectives and working to create real job opportunities.

The participants also stressed the importance of developing a long-term plan for the workforce that attempts to link the outputs of educational and training systems with the needs of the labor market in the Kingdom within the framework of a development plan that achieves alignment between education and training policies and policies of Saudization, while activating the National Observatory of Statistics in order to create a wide database, provided that the General Statistics and Information Authority becomes the official body in issuing official data on the labor market.

Priority should be given to the female category in the areas of employment and labour market needs, with the need to enact regulatory legislation.

As well as raising the awareness of community members about the concept of unemployment and how to answer the questions contained in the labor force surveys with emphasis on changing their cultures in the positive perception of the value of work, in addition to paying attention to small and medium enterprises and their role in creating new jobs with the search for the establishment of development companies that provide new job opportunities, and finding economic visions that take into account the structure of the labor market and its locality in each region, and working to qualify the human element and make it able to innovate in order for the Saudi economy to become competitive, calling on the Ministry of Labor to coordinate With the Council of Economy and Development to emphasize that unemployment solutions will only be achieved through concerted efforts with some other official bodies, especially the Ministry of Commerce and Industry by developing advanced industries, electronics and advanced services, and working to find a kind of partnership between academic institutions, the private sector and government institutions in the implementation of scientific studies and research in labor market issues in the Kingdom.

The workshop opened with a speech by Dr. Ali Al-Noodle, Vice Dean of the College of Economics and Administration for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, in which he thanked His Excellency the Rector for sponsoring this workshop and the Vice-Rectors of the University with participation and

brothers involved in the success of the effectiveness of this workshop, stressing that based on the mission and values of the University, its role does not stop at the graduation of students only, but goes beyond it to work on participation with other parties in employing a segment dear to the hearts of all, pointing out that the University has always been interested in this matter and Give him a special priority, pointing out that the workshop comes in response to the mission of the university represented by the Faculty of Economics and Administration.

It is worth mentioning that the first session was entitled "Unemployment: Concept, Reality and Challenges: An Analytical Study in the Kingdom (2010-2014)" chaired by Dr. Abdullah Al-Baridi, Professor at the Department of Business Administration at the Faculty of Economics and Management, and was addressed by Dr. Ihsan Bou Haleika, an economist and former member of the Shura Council, and Dr. Mutassim Abdul Mawla, Associate Professor at the Department of Economics and Finance at the Faculty of Economics and Management. The second session was entitled "Indicators of Unemployment Rates: Reliability and Appropriateness", chaired by Dr. Ahmed Saleh Al-Tuwaijri, Professor of Marketing at Buraidah Technical College, and was addressed by Mohammed Fahad Al-Issa, Director of the Ministry's branch at the Labor Office in Qassim, Mr. Turki Hamad Al-Quraini from the Department of Statistics and Information and Engineer Burgess Al-Burjas, Advisor on Economic Issues. The third session was entitled "Future Directions to Address Unemployment and Challenges" and was moderated by Mr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Kabeer, and was addressed by Mr. Saleh Al-Humaidan, Chairman of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce in Eastern Province, and Mr. Ali bin Saleh Al-Jebali, Assistant Secretary-General for Executive Affairs at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques' approval of the establishment of the International Advisory Council embodies the leadership's support for the march of universities

<https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/310> [11]

His Royal Highness Prince Dr. Faisal bin Meshaal bin Saud bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Qassim Province, stressed that the approval of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to establish the International Advisory Council at Qassim University embodies the volume of support received by Saudi universities in general and Qassim University in particular from the wise leadership, pointing out that the Council will contribute to foreseeing the future of the university and developing visions and strategies that will improve what the university offers to students and the community.

This came during the reception of His Highness to the members of the International Advisory Council of Qassim University, who presented peace to His Highness where he welcomed them and wished them success in their work tasks, and that their ideas and proposals bear fruit with everything that is beneficial to the University, asking Allah to make them in the balance of their benevolence, and to bless their work.

For his part, the members of the International Advisory Council of Qassim University expressed their thanks and appreciation to His Highness the Amir of the region, appreciating his keenness and follow-up to them and his good reception, stressing their happiness with what they saw at the university of development in various fields.

The reception was attended by members of the International Advisory Board of Qassim University, Prof. David Qir Hart – Former Rector of the University of Arkansas in the United States, Prof. Stephen Lee – Rector of Iowa State University, Prof. Kirk Schulz – Rector of Kansas State University, Prof. Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Hadlaq – Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Abdullah International Center for the Introduction of Arabic Language, and Prof. Khalid bin Saleh Al-Sultan – Rector of King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Prof. Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Hammoudi – Rector of Qassim University, Prof. Sulaiman bin Abdulaziz Al-Yahya – Vice President of Qassim University for Planning, Development and Quality, and the supervisor of the Media Center at the University, Mr. Bandar bin Ahmed Al-Rashoodi.

Equipping "5655" parking spaces at the university to receive female students' cars

<https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/713> [12]

The Projects Department at the University has completed its preparations to receive the cars of female students in the University City of "Al-Melida", where about (5655) parking spaces were equipped, as part of the university's efforts that followed the decision to allow women to drive, which is scheduled to be implemented on 10/10/1439 AH.

The Projects Department continues its field study of the sites of the rest of the faculties of the Women's University in the governorates, in order to equip parking spaces in each of them in proportion to the number of female students in each governorate in the region, where the Department is currently studying the site of the complex of colleges of science and society in the governorates of Onaiza, Comet, Badaiya and Al-Bukairiyah, in addition to the complex of colleges of Al-Rass and the areas of Tarfiya, Nabhaniya, Aqla Al-Saqour and Dhuriya, and the colleges of the city of Buraidah, in addition to equipping a classroom under construction in Al-Asyah, where the final vision of specialists was raised to approve the project plans and then Commencement of implementation.

It is worth mentioning that His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, Rector of the University, has reacted directly to the Supreme Order of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, issued four months ago on the 6th of Muharram last year, to allow women to drive in accordance with the Sharia and regulatory controls, where he directed His Excellency immediately after the issuance of the Supreme Order to replan the positions of female colleges in all women's colleges at the University.

The Faculty of Design at the University organizes a conference «Fashion Design and Future Expectations»

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Next month, the Faculty of Design at the University organizes the conference "Fashion Design and Future Expectations: Challenges, Visions, Creativity, Investment", with the aim of transforming the field of fashion design into opportunities to open new horizons for creativity, investment and job opportunities, where the conference will be held remotely in accordance with the preventive measures and precautionary measures taken by the University to reduce the spread of the new Coronavirus, during the period from 10-11/4/1442 AH.

Through this conference, the College seeks to promote creativity in the science and technology of textile materials, where it will focus on discussing the latest trends, technological developments and innovations in the manufacture of clothing and textiles, and the impact of all this on employment opportunities taking into account social, economic and environmental requirements, and the conference also aims to enhance the contribution of the field of fashion design to the achievement of the Kingdom's vision (2030), and the use of technological formulas to achieve creativity in the design and production of clothes, as well as the role of fashion design towards society, industry and the economy to invest resources. Available and commercialized applied research results.

The Fashion Design Conference discusses several main themes in this field, where the first axis deals with the topics: fashion design and sustainable development in the green economy and environmentally friendly products, design and production of multifunctional clothing, creative visions of the fashion arts, as well as the optimal use and recycling of products, documentation of heritage and civilizational arts, and the second axis deals with topics: technology of designing and producing clothes in nanotechnology and smart textiles and their applications, as well as modern electronic software applications, in addition to improving productivity To raise competitiveness, quality and develop performance in the garment industry.

The third theme of the conference will discuss other topics including: fashion design and community service in e-marketing, small and medium enterprises as a locomotive for development, as well as business incubators in the garment industry, training and educational programs and their role in serving the community, in addition to fashion design for people with special needs, marketing applied scientific research and supporting industry.

The University Celebrates People with Special Needs on Their International Day

<https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/397> [14]

Information and Communication Center:

The Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation Sciences at the University celebrated the International Day of People with Special Needs, with the participation of several bodies, including the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Social Security and other bodies and associations interested in that category, and the program included workshops - lectures - and medical clinics under the supervision of a number of specialists in the field of physiotherapy.

For her part, Dr. Mariam bint Saleh Al-Harbi, Dean of the College, explained that this celebration comes within the framework of the interest of the wise government of the Kingdom in them by providing an integrated system for their care through competent authorities in several areas to enable them to communicate with the community without barriers or obstacles.

The Dean of the College stressed that the aim of the implementation of this event is due to the great importance of that group and the lofty goal of that day to serve and support them in all fields, so that they can deal with those around them naturally and integrate into society, appreciating the role of the participating parties, and the official sponsors for their sponsorship of the Day of People with Special Needs.

The owner of the celebration is an exhibition of all the tools and assistive devices that can serve people with special needs, in addition to an entertainment section for disabled children in which he presented many gifts and in-kind prizes provided by sponsors.

Program for finding Jobs for the Students(males/female)

<https://qa.qu.edu.sa/files/shares/handbooks/Student%20Manual.pdf> [15]

This program aims to:

1. Providing students with the opportunity to demonstrate their inherent talents and to acquire practical skills through their practice and responsibility and increase their self-confidence.
2. Providing opportunities for students to earn a financial income to overcome the financial problems that hinder the completion of university studies due to the interruption of the university reward to help him continue his education or the existence of financial obligations that require the provision of other income. The Department has prepared an information leaflet for this program.

Rector of the University: Saudi women have an important role in the renaissance of the Kingdom. And the decision of women driving in addition to their rights

On a total area of 30,000 square meters.. A university-owned institution that establishes and operates a women's driving school

<https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/959> [16]

As part of its contribution to solving many of the obstacles faced by women in order to learn to drive, the university continues to carry out construction work to establish a driving school for women within the university city of Al-Meida, within the framework of the plan set and the specified timings, where the design was completed, the introduction of a brochure of the conditions and specifications of construction, and the design of training fields to mimic the best international practices to qualify female driving trainees.

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Daoud, Rector of Qassim University, directed the establishment of a university-owned institution that establishes, operates and manages a driving school for women, following the signing of an agreement between the university and the Kingdom's Traffic Department to establish the school.

This step comes within the University's efforts to achieve the fourth strategic goal, which is to serve issues related to women and the family, because of its positive social and economic results, especially since this service will contribute to achieving ease of movement and mobility for women, to reach their work or place of education.

The General Supervisor of the Establishment of the Driving School, Dr. Majid Al-Anzi, confirmed that the agreement with the Traffic Department provided for the establishment of the school and its operation within 6 months, where work is under way to establish the building with a total area of 1800

meters, and the designs of the training fields, which are estimated at about 30,000 square meters and contain 18 traffic skills, have been completed.

Al-Enazi pointed out that the school will be provided with the best driving simulators dedicated to simulating the traffic driving experience, where simulation lessons will be provided using a device that simulates the driving of the real car, and consists of all the parts that make up it inside the car such as the driver's seat, steering wheel, control panel, power key, and seat belt and surrounds the passenger with screens that display interactive virtual reality that simulates a large number of scenarios that the driver may be exposed to under conditions Different air and geography and the device gives its instructions to the passenger interactively and shows the commander the mistakes he has made.

Al-Enazi added that the location of the school was chosen to be on campus in order to take advantage of the internal roads of the campus and use them in the future to train trainees in a safe environment, as the university intends to attract certified driving trainers from official bodies to practice the activity in order to provide the best services to the trainees, where the university emphasizes its keenness to apply the best international specifications for driving schools and provide distinctive and accredited training programs.

[Rector of Qassim University: Saudi women have an important role in the renaissance of the Kingdom. And the decision of women driving in addition to their rights](https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/591)
<https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/591> [17]

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Daoud, Rector of Qassim University, praised the decision of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz - may Allah protect him - on Tuesday, to apply the provisions of the Traffic Law and its Executive Regulations, including the issuance of driving licenses for males and females alike, taking into account the Sharia controls stipulated by our true Islamic religion, where the decree specified several conditions that must be met to allow women in the Kingdom to drive.

Al-Daoud stressed that the decision came to remove many of the obstacles faced by women, and their suffering in providing the appropriate means of transport, especially in light of the expansion of the employment of women in many government and private jobs.

His Excellency explained that the role of Saudi women is increasing day by day in participating in the renaissance and development of the Kingdom in all social, economic and scientific fields, where the numbers of girls enrolled in various universities in the past few years have increased significantly, and have competed with men in several scientific and practical fields, and even surpassed them, which emphasizes the need to give them the full opportunity to participate more in building the future of our dear homeland.

He pointed out that the decision to grant women the right to drive will reflect positively on society economically and socially and that the lofty decision and the expected positives of allowing them to do so in accordance with the application of the necessary Sharia controls and adherence to them, where it is no secret to one of the negatives seen in the abundance of drivers of the Kingdom, and the suffering of women in their movements between home and work and access to hospitals and universities.

He added that the culture of society at the current stage and the awareness and awareness of women's rights reached by its members thanks to the high level of education and openness to other Muslim societies granted this decision social acceptance, ensuring with the conciliation of Allah that there are no problems in implementation, especially with the directive of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz - supported by God - to form a high committee of the Ministries of Interior, Finance, Labor and Social Development to study and make the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the decision in accordance with the approved Sharia and regulatory controls.

Dr. Al-Daoud concluded his statement by asking Allah for repayment and success to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz in the interest of the country and society under the approach of this blessed state based on the provisions of the tolerant Islamic Sharia.

International Students

<https://qa.qu.edu.sa/files/shares/handbooks/Student%20Manual.pdf> [15]

The international students are divided into two types:

- International students live in the kingdom with official Ikama
- International students from outside the Kingdom and have educational grants

Qassim University cares for both types of international students, and established many units and vice-deanships to guide and help them.

These are demonstrated as follows:

- **Grant Unit in the Deanship of Student Affairs.**

This unit looks after the receiving the applications for studying in the University, issuing the visa from the responsible body, After students are officially admitted to the University, the Unit receives them, arranges for their subsistence and accommodation in the University housing, and provide the social care for them, organizes the educational environment and the suitable medical care and whatever helps them to be familiar with the University atmosphere.

- **Unit of Teaching the Arabic Language or non-Arabic speakers in College of Arabic Language and Social Studies.**

It cares for the international students and offer Arabic Language Diploma as a second language. During this Diploma, they practise listening, conversation, reading and writing in multilateral Arabic language.

- **Vice-Deanship of Admission and Registration for grants student affairs,** which care for:

1- Activating mechanisms of attracting the distinguished international students. The university used to form committees from the faculty to attract the international students from their countries and meet them as it is keen to attract the talented and creative students. The University found that it enough to use the Admission Gate of the Higher Education Ministry and nominating the students through the Saudi Culture Councils as governed by the related regulations regarding the admission of the non-Saudi grant students in the Saudi higher education in the Kingdom. The University cooperates with the Islamic centers all around the universe, which nominate students for joining the University.

Thereafter, the University investigates their files to check their experiences, skills, grades and validity to join the University.

2- Application of the rules of admission of the international students as per the regulations of admitting the non-Saudi grant students in the Saudi higher education in the Kingdom.

3- The processes of admission of the students, registration, issuing the academic numbers and IDs of the international students.

4- Following up the academic status and progress of the international students.

The University presents the supporting programs for the international students to get them familiar with the University society and Al-Qassim region through the Orientation and Guidance Directorate in the Deanship of Student Affairs, preparation programs for new students, and Academic Advising and Orientation units in the colleges. It follows up their academic grades and progress, and checks the satisfaction of graduation requirements through the electronic system in the Admission and Registration Deanship.

Also, the University provide the social and free medical care through the Medical Services Directorate of the University. it periodically explores their opinion and the level of satisfaction about the University services offered to them.

Female Student Transport Unit

<https://qa.qu.edu.sa/files/shares/handbooks/Student%20Manual.pdf> [15]

It organizes and supervises the transfer of female students. The unit provides public .and private transportation for them The unit also performs the necessary screening for the selection of drivers by examining the CVs of the drivers and determining the validity of the buses to work or not, according to the criteria set by the unit, and included in the contract with the transport contractor at the university. The unit also registers female students wishing to benefit from the transport service, and issue drivers 'data cards and student cards using the public transport service, which contains the student's name and the vehicle number assigned to it, as well as issuing lists of students' names for each bus, to facilitate dealing with them.

For more information, you can visit our website: www.qu.edu.sa/sad

International Students

The Department of Scholarships for Non-Saudis at Qassim University is based in its work on the regulation issued by the Council of Ministers No. (94) dated 29/3/1431 AH, and is concerned with the following:

First: Scholarships are divided into two parts:

- A - Internal scholarships for students residing in the Kingdom of regular residence.
- B - External scholarships for students outside the Kingdom.

Second: Objectives of the scholarships:

- 1- Teaching the Arabic language, and spreading the culture of moderation and moderation.
- 2- Preparing specialized scientists active in their communities in all disciplines.
- 3- Attracting scientifically distinguished students to achieve diversity and enrich scientific research.
- 4- Establishing scientific and cultural ties with educational institutions, Islamic and scientific bodies

and institutions in the world, and documenting them to serve humanity.

5- Strengthening solidarity between the Kingdom and the countries of the world.

6- Introducing students to the Kingdom and the scientific, economic, political, social and health renaissance it is witnessing.

Third: Admission Requirements:

1- Internal and external scholarship students shall be subject to the admission requirements applicable to Saudis in higher education institutions.

2- The admission of students of external scholarships requires the following:
a. The age of the student shall not be less than (17) years and not more than (25) years for the undergraduate stage and the Institute of Teaching Arabic Language or its equivalent, (30) years for the master's degree, (35) years for the doctoral stage, and the Council of the educational institution may make an exception from that.

In. The student allowance government must approve the study in the Kingdom for countries that require this for Saudi students .

c. The student should not have received another scholarship from one of the educational institutions in the Kingdom.

W. Certificates and identification papers must be certified by the competent authorities determined by the educational institution.

C. To bring a certificate free of precedents from the security services in his country. Going to. Not to be dismissed from one of the educational institutions in the Kingdom.

X. The student must be with a mahram, in accordance with the instructions regulating this, provided that he is covered by a scholarship, has a regular residence, or submits to the register of an employer in need of his services.

D. To pass the medical examination prescribed by the regulations and instructions.

3- The Council of the educational institution shall set the executive rules governing the admission of scholarship students from within, taking into account the following:

a. The student must obtain the approval of the person who has his record to study in the educational institution.

In. The student must be a regular resident in the Kingdom.

Fifth: Submission of grant applications:

a. The Kingdom's embassies and representations abroad.

In. Higher education institutions in the Kingdom.

Sixth: Procedures for accepting scholarship students:

1- The Kingdom's embassies and representations abroad shall receive scholarship applications submitted to them in accordance with the principles approved by the Standing Committee formed in the Ministry of Higher Education, and after verifying those applications, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall refer them to higher education, provided that this is within the specified periods, and applications for admission will not be accepted, as agreed upon in the Standing Committee.

2- The Ministry of Higher Education refers the names of students nominated for study to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to complete the initially accepted students by reviewing the Kingdom's representations in their countries to complete the visa procedures.

3- In the event that scholarship applications are received from abroad to higher education institutions in the Kingdom, the Ministry of Higher Education, after fulfilling the conditions prescribed by law, sends the names of the nominated students to the concerned authorities and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and takes measures in accepting them.

Seventh: Advantages of scholarships.

a. Health care for him and his family members – if he settlesSustain them to stay with him – which is provided to citizens, and provided by the educational institution if the regulations so require |.
In. Payment of a two-month reward for processing upon arrival.

c. Payment of a three-month graduation allowance for shipping books.

W. The advantages enjoyed by his counterparts from the students of the educational institution.

C. Treating the scholarship student who is regular in the Institute for Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers - in financial benefits - as university students from his counterparts in theoretical disciplines.
Going to. The educational institution provides him with reduced diets.

X. Providing housing and appropriate scientific, social, cultural and training care.

D. Disbursement of tickets stipulated in the financial regulations of the educational institution and the educational institution may compensate him with their value if submitted at his expense, provided that the compensation does not exceed the value of the ticket paid to his colleagues from the same country.

Statistics of scholarship students (males - females):

A. Internal Scholarships:

Nationality	Number
Jordan	18
Eritrea	4
Australia	2
Afghan	2
Emirati	2
Indonesia	1
Pakistan	6
Bangladesh	1
Chadian	32
Sudan	16
Syria	48
Somalia	3
العراق	2
عمان	1
فلسطين	39
كندا	1
الكويت	2

مصر	67
نيجريا	3
الهند	1
اليمن	64

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Nationality	Number
Jordan	2
أوكرانيا	2
Pakistan	3
البحرين	1
بنجلادش	1
تشاد	3
الجزائر	1
سانت فنسنت	2
Syria	5
Somalia	2
الفلبين	9
فلسطين	1
الكويت	12
مصر	8
نيجريا	2
اليمن	39

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