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Sheikh Theyab bin Tahnoun bin Mohammed Al Nahyan Reviews Al Ain University's Progress and Achievements with AAU Delegation



During a meeting with Sheikh Theyab bin Tahnoun bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al Ain University, a university delegation led by Dr. Noor Al Deen Atatreh, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and joined by Prof. Amer Qasem, President of the University, presented AAU's key achievements and aspirations for the next phase.

The meeting highlighted Al Ain University's ranking among the world's top 450 universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2027, as well as its participation in the THE World Academic Summit 2026 in Cape Town, South Africa, where discussions explored the future of higher education and ways to strengthen universities' societal impact.

Al Ain University Ranks Among the Top 30 Arab Universities in QS Arab Region Rankings 2027



Al Ain University (AAU) has achieved a new academic milestone by securing a position among the top 30 universities in the Arab region in the QS Arab Region University Rankings 2027, reflecting its continued progress in academic and research performance and strengthening its competitive standing among higher education institutions across the region.

This achievement reflects the university's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of education and research, developing a dynamic academic environment, and expanding its international engagement. These efforts align with AAU's vision of achieving academic excellence and preparing qualified graduates equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to meet future challenges.

The 2027 rankings revealed notable progress across several performance indicators. AAU advanced in the Faculty-Student Ratio indicator from 101st place in 2023 to 83rd in 2027, highlighting its continued efforts to strengthen academic support, enhance teaching quality, and provide students with a more supportive and engaging learning environment.

Furthermore, Al Ain University maintained its No. 1 position in the Arab region for International Faculty Ratio for the fifth consecutive year, from 2023 to 2027. This distinction underscores the diversity of its academic community and its success in attracting distinguished faculty members and experts from around the world, enriching the educational experience and fostering knowledge exchange and cultural.

Al Ain University and Khalifa University Sign MoU to Strengthen Academic and Research Collaboration



Al Ain University (AAU) and Khalifa University (KU) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening academic and research collaboration and expanding their strategic partnership in areas of mutual interest. The agreement seeks to foster innovation, facilitate knowledge exchange, and advance joint scientific and research initiatives, in line with the UAE's national vision of building a knowledge-based economy driven by scientific research. An Al Ain University delegation signed the MoU during an official visit to Khalifa University's Main Campus in Abu Dhabi. The delegation was led by Dr. Noor Al Deen Atatreh, Vice Chairman of AAU's Board of Trustees.









Al Ain University Delegation Visits Al Ain Police Directorate to Strengthen Institutional and Community Cooperation



A delegation from Al Ain University visited the Al Ain Police Directorate as part of the University's ongoing efforts to strengthen its relationships with national institutions and expand opportunities for cooperation and engagement in support of the community and joint initiatives with a positive impact.

The University delegation included Dr. Noor Al Deen Atatreh, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al Ain University; Prof. Mustafa Qandil, Director of Al Ain Campus; and Dr. Abdeljalil Bouznon, Vice Dean of Student Affairs.

The delegation was received by Brigadier Saeed Humaid bin Dalmouj Al Dhaheri, Director of Al Ain Police Directorate, and Brigadier Fadel Ghadeer Al Shamsi, Deputy Director for Police Stations Affairs.

During the visit, both parties discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between Al Ain University and the Al Ain Police Directorate in several areas of mutual interest. Discussions also focused on exchanging ideas for community engagement and awareness initiatives to support students and promote security and community awareness, as well as exploring opportunities to organize joint activities and programs that benefit the local community.

Al Ain University Secures Research Grant for AI-Powered “Listening to Abu Dhabi” Project



Al Ain University has achieved a new research milestone as a team from its College of Engineering secured a grant under the Abu Dhabi Environmental Research Network (ADERN) 2026, an initiative of the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD). The winning project leverages artificial intelligence to detect and analyze environmental noise sources, contributing to the protection of sensitive areas and improved quality of life. The University was also honored by ADERN in recognition of its collaboration in environmental research, while the winning project and its research team received recognition for their achievement. The project was led by Dr. Yazan Nawaf Al Ahmad from the College of Engineering.



Al Ain University's English Language Center Achieves Platinum Membership for 2026

The English Language Center (ELC) at Al Ain University is proud to announce a new milestone in its record of excellence. The British Council has granted the Center Platinum Membership of the IELTS Partnership Programme for 2026, upgrading it from its previous Diamond status to Platinum.

The upgrade was marked during an official visit to the University by a British Council delegation. The delegation comprised Mrs. Krithika Shankar, Business Development Manager; Ms. Sayira Banu, Account Relationship Manager; and Ms. Anitha GauthamRaj, Senior Sales and Account Manager. They were received by Dr. Mona Kamal, Director of the English Language Center. The meeting reviewed the partnership›s achievements and explored opportunities to further develop English language testing and services for the University and the wider Al Ain community.

Platinum Membership recognizes partner institutions that show outstanding standards in test administration, operational integrity, and candidate experience. The ELC›s upgrade from Diamond to Platinum builds on an established record of distinction, including repeated recognition by the British Council as a Top Performer in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. It reflects the professionalism and dedication of the ELC team and the University's steady commitment to quality.

With this achievement, the English Language Center reaffirms Al Ain University›s position as a leading destination for English language excellence in the UAE. The Center looks forward to building on this partnership, raising its standards further, and extending its services to all who seek to advance their English.



Industry-Academia Collaboration Event (5th Edition) Highlights Industry Insights for Future-Ready Business Education



Al Ain University's College of Business hosted the Industry-Academia Collaboration Event – 5th Edition, bringing together 17 industry representatives, faculty and students to discuss emerging business trends, graduate employability, and curriculum enhancement.

Led by Prof. Rania Mostafa, the event featured a panel discussion with experts from entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, accounting, and government fields.









Al Ain University Discusses Educational Transformation and Institutional Innovation at the 3rd International Conference on Education





Al Ain University (AAU) participated in the 3rd International Conference on Education (ADU_ICEDU_2026), organized by Abu Dhabi University at ADNEC Centre Al Ain. Held under the theme “Designing Pedagogical Approaches for Future Learners: Challenges and Opportunities,” the conference brought together prominent academic leaders, education policymakers, researchers, and experts from various educational institutions.

Representing Al Ain University, Prof. Nazih Khaddaj Mallat, Vice President for Quality Assurance, Accreditations and Rankings, participated in a panel discussion titled “Leading Educational Transformation: Policy, Innovation, and Institutional Change.” The session explored the role of academic leadership, educational policies, and innovation in driving meaningful and sustainable transformation within educational institutions while addressing the rapidly evolving landscape of higher education.

During the discussion, Prof. Khaddaj Mallat highlighted the importance of adopting a comprehensive approach to educational transformation that goes beyond introducing new initiatives or integrating modern technologies. He emphasized the need to achieve meaningful and sustainable impact on the quality of teaching and learning, human capacity development, institutional culture, and educational outcomes. The panel also addressed the importance of effective leadership, forward-looking policies, and institutional agility in responding to future challenges. Discussions further explored the role of innovation in advancing educational practices, strengthening academic institutions’ ability to adapt to technological and societal changes, and translating development initiatives into tangible and sustainable outcomes. Al Ain University’s participation in the 3rd International Conference on Education reflects its commitment to strengthening its presence at academic and scientific forums, contributing to specialized discussions on the future of higher education.

Al Ain University honors high-achieving students for the 2025-2026 Academic Year





Al Ain University celebrated the outstanding students listed on the University Honor List for the second semester of the 2025–2026 academic year, during two ceremonies held at the university's campuses in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, in recognition of their academic achievements and to encourage them to continue their journey of excellence and success.

The ceremony held at the Abu Dhabi campus was attended by Professor Amer Qasem, President of Al Ain University, who delivered a motivational speech in which he praised the excellence of the outstanding students, stating: "We take great pride in our students' outstanding performance, which reflects their dedication and determination to achieve academic excellence. We believe this achievement will inspire them to continue learning and developing their abilities, enabling them to realize their ambitions and contribute to their community. We also value the role of their families in supporting them and creating an environment conducive to their success".

The Abu Dhabi ceremony also featured a meeting with a parent whose daughter had been named on the University Honor List for the sixth time. Flowers were presented to the parents in appreciation of their ongoing efforts to support their children and in recognition of their role in achieving excellence and success. This gesture coincided with the "Year of the Family," underscoring the status of the family as an essential partner in nurturing future.



Al Ain University Strengthens Engagement with School Students at Najah Abu Dhabi 2026







Al Ain University participated in Najah Abu Dhabi 2026 for the 13th consecutive year, reaffirming its longstanding presence at one of the region's leading higher education exhibitions. Held from October 18 to 21 at ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi, the exhibition brought together a wide range of local and international universities and educational institutions. The University's participation aimed to strengthen direct engagement with school students and parents, showcase its diverse academic opportunities.



AAU's Engineering Students Win First Place Alibaba Cloud Qoder Al Hackathon





A team of students from Al Ain University's College of Engineering secured first place at the Alibaba Cloud Qoder AI Hackathon, held as part of AI Everything Abu Dhabi 2026.
The winning team, comprising Bilal Feroz, Mohammed Umer, Fuad Ahamed, and Awaiz Ahmed, participated under the supervision of Eng. Zaid Hadya. Their achievement demonstrated their technical expertise, creativity, and ability to develop innovative AI-powered solutions to real-world challenges. The hackathon at ADNEC Center Abu Dhabi focused on practical AI solutions.

AAU Students Secure Third Place Nationwide at Cyberthorn '26 Competition

A team of students from the College of Engineering at Al Ain University (AAU) secured third place nationwide at Cyberthorn '26, a Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) Design Competition held at BITS Pilani Dubai Campus. The competition brought together more than 60 teams and projects from universities across the UAE. The AURO GEN project was supervised by Dr. Moath Al Sheikh and Eng. Yaman Al Badawi.





Al Ain University Students Rank Among Top 10 Teams Nationwide at Sharjah Tourism Innovation Hackathon 2026



Students from the College of Engineering at Al Ain University (AAU) achieved an outstanding accomplishment by securing a place among the Top 10 teams nationwide at the Sharjah Tourism Innovation Hackathon 2026. The competition brought together 200 teams and approximately 800 students from universities across the UAE.
The hackathon took place at the American University of Sharjah (AUS). Organized by the Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority (SCTDA) in collaboration with AUS's Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Al Ain University Celebrates International Translation Day





The English Language and Translation Program at the College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences at Al Ain University organized an event to celebrate International Translation Day 2026 under the theme "One Family, One World, Many Languages," in conjunction with the UAE's Year of the Family 2026. The event aimed to highlight translation›s role in bridging cultures, fostering communication, and promoting mutual understanding among people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.



Al Ain University Raises Awareness of Visual Impairment on World White Cane Day

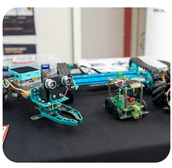






The College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences at Al Ain University, represented by the Special Education Program, organized an event to mark International White Cane Day. The event aimed to raise awareness of visual impairment, highlight the importance of the white cane and its role in promoting independence among people with visual impairments, foster a culture of social inclusion, and showcase their abilities and potential.

College of Engineering Meets New Students for the 2025-2026 Academic Year





The College of Engineering, Al Ain Campus, held an orientation meeting for new students in Yas Hall, attended by the Dean, Dr. Qutaiba Al-Thebyan, academic program directors, faculty and administrative staff, and new students.
Dr. Al Thebyan welcomed the students and introduced the College›s academic programs, university regulations, and student responsibilities. He also shared valuable advice on achieving academic success and developing skills for future careers. The program directors and organizing committee provided an overview of academic advising.

Al Ain University Workshop Introduces Students to Python Programming and AI Development





The College of Engineering at Al Ain University organized an interactive workshop titled " as part of the Super Developer Series. The workshop aimed to introduce students to Python programming and highlight its role in developing Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications.

The workshop was delivered by Mr. Mohammed Shik, a Software Engineering student at Al Ain University, under the supervision of Eng. Zaid Hadya. The initiative was designed to enhance students' technical skills, promote hands-on learning, and encourage knowledge sharing among peers.

AAU Library Promotes DynaMedex for Pharmacy Students and Academic Staff





To enhance skills in using scientific information resources, Al Ain University Library, in collaboration with the College of Pharmacy, organized a workshop on the DynaMedex platform to introduce its services and capabilities in supporting education and scientific research and promoting evidence-based pharmaceutical practice. The workshop was attended by the Deputy Dean of the College of Pharmacy and the Library Director, along with faculty members, students, and staff. Participants learned about the platform's key tools.

Al Ain University Promotes Mental Health Awareness





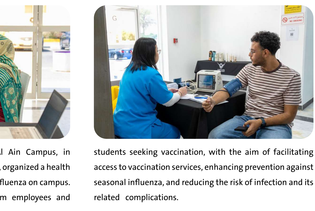




As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing the well-being of its students and employees, Al Ain University organized a Mental Health Awareness Initiative in recognition of World Mental Health Day.
The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and encourage individuals to prioritize their psychological and emotional well-being. As part of the event, free mental health screenings and awareness activities were offered to members of the university community, providing participants with valuable insights into mental wellness.

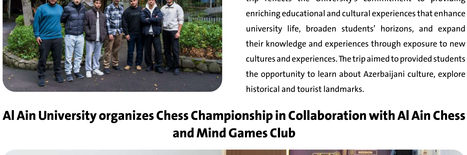
Al Ain University Marks a Distinguished Participation in the Academic Water Carnival





Al Ain University (AAU) participated in the Academic Water Carnival, held in celebration of the 50th anniversary (Golden Jubilee) of United Arab Emirates University (UAEU), reaffirming its commitment to advancing scientific research, sustainability, and academic collaboration in areas of national and global importance. The event was held under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Dr. Moza bint Tahnoun Al Nahyan, in the presence of His Excellency Zaki Nusseibeh, Cultural Adviser to the UAE President and Supreme President of UAEU. The University's participation underscores its dedication to fostering collaboration with leading academic and research institutions.

Collage of Engineering at Al Ain University Organizes an Educational Visit to WETEX 2026



The College of Engineering at Al Ain University organized an educational field visit for Civil Engineering students to the Water, Energy, Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX 2026), held at the Dubai World Trade Centre. Organized by the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA), WETEX is a leading platform that brings together industry leaders, technology providers, experts, and innovators to showcase advanced solutions in water, energy, environmental sustainability, and sustainable infrastructure. The visit provided students with a valuable opportunity.

An Awareness Event on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination





The Deanship of Student Affairs – Al Ain Campus, in collaboration with Al Jahili Health Center, organized a health event for vaccination against seasonal influenza on campus. The event witnessed participation from employees and students seeking vaccination, with the aim of facilitating access to vaccination services, enhancing prevention against seasonal influenza, and reducing the risk of infection and its related complications.

Student Trip to Azerbaijan to Promote Cultural Exchange and Enrich University Life



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University organized a student trip to the Republic of Azerbaijan, with the participation of several university students. The trip reflects the University's commitment to providing enriching educational and cultural experiences that enhance university life, broaden students' horizons, and expand their knowledge and experiences through exposure to new cultures and experiences. The trip aimed to provided students the opportunity to learn about Azerbaijani culture, explore historical and tourist landmarks.

Al Ain University organizes Chess Championship in Collaboration with Al Ain Chess and Mind Games Club

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain campus), in collaboration with the Al Ain Chess and Mind Games Club, organized a chess championship for university students.
The tournament reflected the University's commitment to promoting student activities and developing students' mental and intellectual skills. The championship featured a highly competitive atmosphere, showcasing the participants' level of concentration and strategic thinking, drawing interest and engagement from students.

A Fun Trip to Yas Waterworld

The Deanship of Student Affairs – Al Ain Campus organized a recreational trip for female students to Yas Waterworld in Abu Dhabi. The trip was part of the Deanship's commitment to providing meaningful entertaining activities that enhance university life and offer students the opportunity to enjoy their time in an atmosphere filled with fun and positive interaction. The trip aimed to strengthen social bonds among female students, develop a spirit of cooperation and communication, while providing a recreational space that helps them maintain a balance between academic life and entertaining activities. This initiative comes as part of the Deanship of Student Affairs' efforts to encourage female students' participation in student activities and events and enhance the quality of university life.