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Launching the Emerging Leaders Program

Inspiring the next generation of globally-minded Leaders is at the heart of Kardan University's mission. While our academic and extra-curricular programs are designed to prepare our students and alumni to thrive in complex environments, there is a need to focus on further enhancing their leadership skills through a concentrated and intensive leadership development initiative.

The Office of Student Involvement and Events launched the first round of the Emerging Leaders Program. The purpose of this inaugural ELP was to identify, develop, and mentor a critical mass of talented and promising Kardaninans (both students and alumni) who are passionate about making a difference in their communities.

The program brought together eight leaders including (male and female) from October 24 to November 16, 2019. The medium of instruction for all modules was English.



Topics and Speakers

Leading Teams

Roeeen Rahmani

Founder & President, Kardan University and Kardan School System

Leadership Philosophy and Style

Mirwais Nahzat

Chief Operating Officer, Kardan University

Creating a Positive Culture

Meena Rahmani

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Kardan University

Managing Change

Roohullah Rahimi

Chief Growth & Strategy Officer, Kardan University

Creativity and Media Affairs

Hafizullah Mohammadi

Director, Kaboora Production

Strategic Communications

Gheyas Saadat

Faculty, Kardan School of Graduate Studies

Social Entrepreneurship

Mahboob Rahman Abbasi

Faculty, Kardan School of Graduate Studies

Leadership in the Public Sector

Manizha Wafeq

Co-Founder, Afghanistan Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Launching the Student Ambassadors Program

Kardan University initiated a student leadership development program which allows the students to personally, socially and intellectually reflect the values of Kardan University.

Student Ambassadors have the chance to participate in a range of exciting extra and co-curricular activities, leadership development programs, training, mentorship, and career development seminars to enhance their skills, and create a broader network. In addition, the program will add to their experience, communication skills, teamwork and working with different age groups.

The Student Ambassadors are those outstanding students that have not only excelled in their studies, but have a significant interest in outside the classroom activities too.



A Series of Seminars Held on Islam and Modern Sciences

Kardan University is proud to have successfully implemented a series of seminars on Islam and modern sciences with the purpose of uplifting the academic and professional capacity of its students.

These seminars were conducted by Dr. Mohammad Suleman Nesari, a researcher in Islamic and medical sciences. Relevant and useful information on different topics were communicated to participants.

The first Seminar on (Economy from the Perspective of Islam) was held at Kardan University, Conference Hall, Taimani Campus. “Dr. Nesari ” masterfully explained meaningful information on a variety of topics including, Islamic economic system, ways of earning the daily bread, and comparison of the human body to the economic system. Additionally, a profound explanation was presented on human nature, the mechanism, and functionality of certain organs in the human body, the existence of free oxygen on earth, and human’s affection towards God.



The second seminar on (Social Sciences from the Perspective of Islam) and third seminar (Science and Technology from the Perspective of Islam) were held for the law and social sciences, Engineering and Technology students, respectively.

It is worth to mention that Dr. Mohammad Suleman Nesari is an OPD specialist and a researcher in Islam and medical studies. He also has active engagements in Islamic and Quranic studies which is why he is being invited to conferences and academic programs in a number of countries annually.

Dr. Nesari is the author of the book (The Holy Quran and Embryology), and initiator of (Imam Bukhari Orphanage) which accommodates some 300 orphans, and provides them with free education and shelter.



Organizing Job Readiness Training Sessions for more than 1000 students and alumni

One of the primary objectives of the Career Services Office is to prepare students and alumni for the job market and equip them with skills and competencies required in the job market.

During the year 2019, the Office of Career Services trained more than 1000 students and alumni in the areas of Career Development, Job Interview Preparation, CV & Resume Writing, Mock Interviews, Time Management and Note Taking Skills. The office also provided individual career counselling aimed at preparing students to a successful professional career.





Facilitating Job and Internship Opportunities for more than 100 students in national and international organizations

In 2019, the Office of Career Services provided career opportunities for more than 100 students in various national and international organizations in order to connect them with the job market and enable them to practice the conceptual knowledge they have gained in the classroom.



One Day Seminar on How to Start an Entrepreneurship Career

On December 8, 2019, the Office of Gender and Alumni Relations, in collaboration with the ASARA Consultancy, in partnership with Garage48, organized a one-day seminar for students of BBA, Economics, and BCS Departments at Kardan School of Graduate Studies.

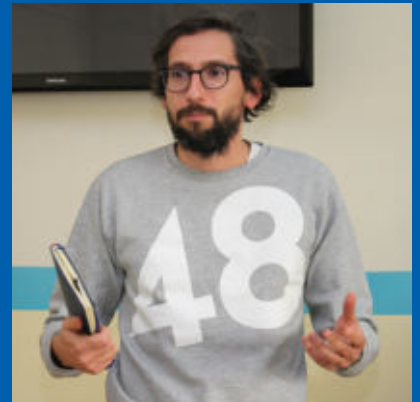


The primary purpose of this seminar was to motivate and select eligible students for participation in the Hackathon event to be organized by Garage48 after this seminar.

Ms. Mari Hanikat, CEO, Garage48, was accompanied by Mentors from Garage48, Mr. Joao Rai and Mr. Jaanus Sakkis for the seminar.

The experts from Garage48 explained the significance of developing entrepreneurial ideas, participating in events like Hackathon and forming teams to materialize the business ideas.

More than 20 students from the three departments took part in the seminar and fortunately all of them, having impressive business ideas, were selected for the Hackathon event.





Organizing Garage48 Hackathon

A three day Hackathon event was organized by the Estonian firm Garage48 in collaboration with the Office of Gender and Alumni Relations and partnership with Asara Consultancy, from December 10 to 12 at Park Star Hotel, Kabul.

A Garage48 Hackathon is a 48-hour intense weekend marathon, where participants gather and pitch their ideas on stage, to turn those ideas into viable prototypes.

Around 150 students from different universities in Kabul had participated in the event. Forty business ideas were presented by the teams, out of which 16 teams were selected for the final round.



Kardan university students received three special prizes which are as follow

- Best Technical Award winner was the "No Escape" team
Won \$1500 cash and six-month training along with a certificate
- The second Runner up winner was "Plastic Pollution" team
Won \$500 and six months training
- And the Local Culture Booster was the "Bridge" team
Secured one year training along with a certificate

The Volunteer Club Undertakes the Winter Donation Campaign



Kardan University's Volunteer Club, under supervision of the Office of Student Involvement and Events, successfully launched the Winter Cloth Donation Campaign to encourage students and staff to donate clothes to needy people.

Collection points were set up on all three campuses of the university. There was a tremendous response from students, faculty and staff of the university, who donated hundreds of cloths and other wearables like shoes and caps.

On January 14, the club members along with staff volunteers set out to distribute more than 300 items among the needy in different parts of the city.

Donation beneficiaries included street vendors, Kabul Municipality workers and the children at the displaced people camps who had no or very little warm clothes for the winter.



40 Under 40 Awards 2019



Kardan University proudly organized the fourth “40 Under 40 Awards Ceremony”, aimed at recognizing exceptional students and alumni of the University who are under the age of 40. The winners were selected through a formal nomination and selection process in the following categories – Leadership, Service, Impact and Academics.



Recognizing Inspiring Women of Kardan

As part of commemorating the International Women's Day 8th of March, Kardan University created a special webpage to recognize and celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women affiliated with this University.



As an academic institution, Kardan University believes in gender parity while offering standardized educational services. The University encourages women to strive for further improvement and reach the pinnacles of success through perseverance and a collective approach that gives them strength, synergy, and positive results.

The Office of Gender and Alumni Relations compiled a list of most prominent faces among staff, students and alumni of Kardan University. Detailed profiles of the selected women are available on the link below:

https://kardan.edu.af/March8/Inspiring_Women.aspx



Office of Career Services Organizes Annual Job Fair 2019

The Annual Job Fair 2019 was organized by the Office of Career Services on Wednesday, November 13 at the Taimani Conference Hall. In the event, 25 well-known national and international organizations and companies announced around 100 vacancies aiming to hire qualified and competent professionals.

“The purpose of this job fair is to enhance employment opportunities for Kardan University students and alumni, and we are proud to help our students get employed in renowned national and international organizations,” said Mr. Mohammad Amin Hakimi, Manager, Office of Career Services at Kardan University.

The ‘Job Fair 2019’ was the 7th annual event of, “its kind, Kardan University “ organizes to facilitate job opportunities for its students and alumni.



Celebrating World Food Day



For the first time among universities in Afghanistan, Kardan University celebrated World Food Day on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at Parwan-e-Du Campus.

Hundreds of students participated in this event and tasted some authentic and traditional Afghan foods prepared by student and alumni teams who had set up display and sales stalls for the occasion.

This was a great opportunity for BBA and Economics students to experiment with sales management and attracting customers in a real-life setting.

Ajmal Nabizada, Manager, Student Involvement and Events, and organizer of this initiative said, "In addition to celebrating World Food Day, we created this special event for our students so that they could improve their cooking skills and put their marketing knowledge in practice. After consuming the hand-cooked food, students suggested us to introduce more of such initiatives in the future."

The event went on until 5:00 PM, in which some 80 individuals had registered to put up food stalls, and earned considerable income by selling their food products. It is worth mentioning that an episode of the Tolo TV show, 'Mehman-e-Yar' was also recorded at the event.



Kardan University and Google Women Techmakers Kabul Commemorate International Women's Day



In collaboration with Google Women Techmakers Kabul (WTK), Kardan University commemorated International Women' Day to recognize the achievements of women in the domains of Technology and Arts. The event was held at the Conference Hall in Taimani Campus on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

More than 150 successful women from different professional backgrounds, including Kardan University students and alumni, had participated in this gathering.

Shekiba Ibrahimkhil, an alumna of Kardan University, said, "I am delighted to see Afghan women playing a relatively significant role in technology-related areas across the country.

It is a happy moment to participate in such programs aimed to encourage women to broaden their professional domain." on the sideline of this program, two separate workshops were held focusing on how participants could work using 'Artificial Intelligence' and how to write 'Professional Curricular Vitae'.

Women Techmakers is an affiliated association of Google operating in more than 190 countries globally, aiming to support and train women in technology-related areas.





16th Annual Commemoration of the Constitution of Afghanistan

Kardan University students participated in the 16th Annual Commemoration of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The event was organized by the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) on January 7, 2020.

The purpose of this seminar was to help participants get acquainted with the constitution of the country and its applicability in different spheres of life. Manager, Gender and Alumni Relations and students from different departments, including BBA, BCE, BCS, MBA, MIR, and LLB, participated in the seminar. The program consisted of a panel discussion which comprised the following panelists:



Dr. Zakia Adeli
Deputy Minister for Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice

Mohammad Ayub Yousofzai
Commissioner, Independent Human Rights Commission

Dr. Lutfurahman Sayeed
Professor, Kabul University

Abdul Raof Herawi
Member of the Independent Commission for Monitoring the Implementation of
the Constitution.





Kardan University Volleyball Team Wins Beach Volleyball Championship

Kardan University secured the first position in the beach volleyball tournament. 16 teams from the Kabul region participated in the tournament and Kardan University succeeded in securing the championship. Mr. Ghulam Bahauddin Jellani, President of the Volleyball Federation presented the championship trophy to Kardan University players.





Tri-University T20 Cricket Championship

A T20 cricket tournament was organized among cricket teams from Kardan, AUAF and Rana Universities. In this series, the three teams competed in two stages. In the first round, Kardan University defeated both Rana and AUAF teams. Kardan University and American University teams were set to compete in the second round and finally Kardan Cricket team succeeded in winning the championship.



Launching Kardan University's Gender Equality Policy

As an educational institution, Kardan University plays a crucial role in the development of Afghanistan through offering relevant and innovative academic programs to students from diverse backgrounds.

Recently the Office of Gender and Alumni Relations worked on a comprehensive policy which guides the institutionalization of policies and practices that promote gender equity and ensures that no member of Kardan family faces discrimination or harassment based on their gender.

The overarching purpose of the gender policy is to operationalize gender mainstreaming and ensure that both men and women have equitable access to resources and facilities to achieve their study and work objectives in an environment that protects the fundamental rights and freedoms of all.

This policy complies with the requirements of the laws of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and Kardan University Policies.

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