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Message from the Editorial Team:

We are pleased to publish the 3rd issue of the VC newsletter which comes with additional contribution from International Maritime College (IMCO), and Deanship of Graduate Studies and Research (DGSR).

As members, we have the honor to be part of the editorial team for this prestigious newsletter which collectively has contributions from all NU colleagues.

The articles of this issue cover the different events withheld by staff, faculty, and students at the constituent colleges of the National University of Science and Technology.

Wishing you a joyful reading.

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The VC's Message

Greetings to all !

Upon the start of this academic year, I would like to grab this opportunity to express my proudness of all our staff, students, and faculty upon their remarkable contributions towards the growth of the University and its commitment towards Excellence. To make the leap from good great, we have to continuously evolve into addressing the challenges posed by the higher education sector and other internal and external drives.

Our NU team response to all the challenges would not have been possible without your outstanding support. So, once again, thank you all for your hard work in making the University a unique brand.

Let's us continue to work together towards our pursuit for Excellence.

Best Regards,

Dr. Ali Al Bimani

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NU- Head Quarters

NU Ranks in top 51% at QS Ranking of Arab Region Universities.

The National University has been ranked among the top 51% in the QS Arab Region University Ranking 2023; which places NU at the 3rd rank amongst the Higher Education Institutions in Oman. Thus, the overall rank of the NU has jumped from 111-120 to 101-110 compared with the university's rank in 2019. [Read More...](#)



NU Participates in Oman Health Conference and Exhibition.

As part of the University Social Responsibility and Commitment, the National University participated alongside with more than 150 local companies and international exhibitors in "Oman Health Conference and Exhibition". NU was represented by Prof Ciraj Ali Mohammed. This participation has a sustainable impact on strengthening and consolidating the professional



relationship between NU and its partners and it was a great chance to discover potential opportunities in the medical sector.

NU Academics among the top 2% in the world Scientist List.

The National University of Science and Technology is proud to congratulate the five (5) faculty members who have been listed in the global Stanford University list of the top 2% of the world most academically cited researchers in the Scopus Worldwide Database. Nationally, in 2021 the University was ranked among the top three (3) universities in the Sultanate of Oman in the category of research citations in various scientific disciplines.



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Election of NU Student Council Members of the AY 2022-2023.

The NU Student Council Members of AY 2022-2023 are elected and they have their first meeting at NU HQ on October, 13th 2022 with the VC, DVCP, Head of ERSa and Student Affairs Deputy Director.



Deanship of Graduate Studies and Research

NU signed MoU with the National Institute of Technology - Durgapur (NITD).

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between NU and NITD to continue the cooperation between the two institutions, on October, 2nd 2022 at the university headquarters in Bousher. This cooperation comes as a continuation to the long-standing relationship between NIT-D and the College of Engineering (earlier CCE) since 2006. The signed MoU covers research and development, academic exchange, exchange of research information, educational and training courses, publication opportunities, training of key staff in teaching, etc.

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Research Immersion Program for IMCO Researchers

Professor Ramachandran K.P, met with researchers of IMCO on October 5th 2022 to discuss the available various research opportunities including the NU research grant. The meeting also extended the provision of publication support required by IMCO faculty and staff.

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MSc Induction Program.

The induction program for the new MSc students was organized on 18th and 22nd Sept 2022 at College of Pharmacy and College of Engineering respectively. The induction program started with a welcome address by the respective Deans and Deanship of Graduate Studies. The new students were given orientation towards various

facilities, HSE aspects, rules and regulations related to their programmes. [Read More...](#)



NU 2nd Annual Research Day

The 2nd NU Annual Research Day was held on the 3rd of October 2022 at NU headquarters, Bousher under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Khalfan bin Said bin Mubarak Al Shueili; the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning.

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College of Medicine & Health Sciences

TEDx annual event hosted by National University, COMHS

TEDxNUSciTech 2022 was held in Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre on Friday, the 26th of August 2022.

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3rd COMHS Alumni Reunion Event

The 3rd Alumni Reunion at COMHS was organized under the patronage of the Deputy Vice- Chancellor & Provost Dr. Salim Al-Araimi and the Dean Prof. Mohammed Al Shafae. The Alumni reunion was attended by a large number of alumni and staff members. [Read More...](#)



The 71st International Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA).

The 71st IFMSA general assembly meeting took place in Istanbul, Turkey from August 1-7, 2022. This assembly is an annual global gathering where participants from 136 IFMSA organizations gather for an intensive week of experience sharing, decision-making, inspiration, and socializing. Seven students from ComHS attended this meeting. [Read More...](#)



International exchange

Following students got the opportunity to visit hospital abroad through IFMSA during 2022:

Samar Amer Salim Al Jabri to Grenobl hospital in France, Balqees Yousef Al Mujaini to University at Sassari, Italy, Zainab Abdullah Al Shidhani to Hospital in Messina, Italy, Fatma Abdullah Al Shamsi to University in Kazakhstan, Rama Hekmat Jamal to Hospital in Catania, Italy and Omaima Hilal Al Azri to Akademiska Hospital in Sweden. [Read More...](#)



Ms. Zainab Abdullah Al Shidhani at Hospital in Messina, Italy

Ms. Omaima Hilal Al Azri at Akademiska Hospital, Sweden



Awareness program on Menstrual education (Health & Hygiene)

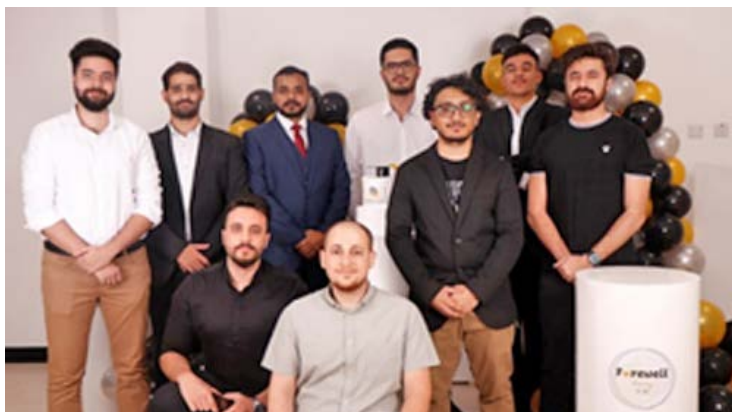
As a part of community engagement, an awareness program was conducted on the 17th of May 2022, in the school campus of ABQ Sohar international school from 8 am to 9:30 am. Around 50 students from 7th to 10th grades attended the session. The objective of the session was to educate adolescent girls about the importance of good menstrual hygiene habits and how to maintain it.

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Farwell Party for 2022 batch of graduating medical doctor

The Student Council and Student Affairs Department organized a farewell party for final year medical students (MD6) on Tuesday 10th of May 2022. [Read More...](#)



International Nurses Day 12th May 2022

As a part of the social responsibility and ongoing cooperation between CoMHS and nursing staff, celebrated International Nursing Day on 12th May 2022. CoMHS team visited Sohar Hospital, Sohar Extended Health Centre, and Rustaq Hospital to honor the nurses for their service to the healthcare profession. [Read More...](#)



NU Students won Sports Competition held in Al Batinah North.

Male and female students from CoMHS won big in the sports day event held at Al Batinah North. The Female Students won first-place prize in the Basketball competitions and the Laser-Run challenge competitions. On the other side, the team of the Male students won the third-place prize in the Badminton competitions. [Read More...](#)



College of Engineering

CoE Inducts New Students

The CoE inducted 417 new students taking up different engineering programmes on 20th September and 2nd October. Various speakers came to induct the students on the key services and programmes available to them during their stay in the college. The focus areas of the induction were: Student Affairs, Counselling, IT Services, Health and Safety, Quality Enhancement and Assurance, Academic Assessment, Library and Information, including Student Advisory, Academic Advising, Internship and Training Opportunities and Entrepreneurship Opportunities. [Read More...](#)

PDH HoD Achieves UK Senior Fellow Status

Ms. Prekerthi Panikar, Head of Department of Professional Development and Humanities, has successfully completed the requirements of the Higher Education Academy, UK and is awarded a status of Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy (SFHEA) on 10th October 2022. [Read More...](#)



Best Project Competition

The departments of Electrical & Communication Engineering, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, and Civil & Environmental Engineering jointly organized "Best Project Competition" on 19th May at the CRI building. Students from various engineering programmes participated in the competition. This competition was held to choose the best final year technical projects from each of the UG engineering programmes of the engineering departments in the Spring Semester 2022. [Read More...](#)

Entrepreneurship Education in Finland

Mr. Ibrahim Issa Al Balushi, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Professional Development and Humanities completed the requirements of Certified Entrepreneurship

Educator Program organized by Oman Academy for SMEs in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. He attended the last module in Finland to explore the Finish experience in entrepreneurship education. [Read More...](#)



CoE Snatches Gold in Expo Sciences Asia Dubai

Razan Hamed Salim Abdullah Al Kalbani, a Level 4 Electrical Power Engineering student won the Gold Medal in the Expo Sciences Asia Dubai 2022. The Golden Medal was awarded against the submission of her technical project titled 'Hybrid Model of Solar and Wind Energy for Powering Street Light' was under the supervision of Basheer Ahamed Gani. [Read More...](#)

Alumnae Bag Awards in National Symposium

Ms. Hebatallah Al Jabri, an alumna of BEng in Chemical Engineering, won the First Prize and Best Paper Award during the 11th National Symposium on Engineering Final Year Projects under the Chemical and Petrochemical Engineering Category held on 10th May 2022 at Nizwa University. The title of her paper was "Corrosion Inhibition Studies of Mild Steel Pipe Using Nano Thin Films". [Read More...](#)

CoE Wins in GCC 2nd Research & Innovation Award

The project of two undergraduate students namely, Ms. Amna Wahab Yahya Abdullah, Chemical Engineering and Ms. Hajer Ahmed Ali Saleh, Process Operation and Maintenance Engineering from the MIE Department won the 2nd & 4th Place, respectively, in the 2nd Research and Innovation Competition "BIG Ideas Wanted" organized by the Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA) from 26th-28th September 2022 at the Sky View Hotel, Dubai, UAE. [Read More...](#)

International Maritime College

Induction program

The (IMCO) conducted an induction program for the new enrolled students. The program included a welcoming message and briefing about the services and activities. It also included a campus tour. [Read More...](#)

Publishing a book chapter

Prof. Dr. J. Sathik Basha and his students, involved in the project, published a book chapter entitled "An Experimental Analysis in a DICI Engine Powered with MWCNT Blended Emulsions" in the Recent Advances in Energy Technologies (Scopus Indexed). [Read More...](#)

Research and Innovation Conference in Dubai

Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. J. Sathik Basha, the student Maryam Hamed Al Ghaithi participated in the "7th GPCA Research and Innovation Conference" held at Dubai between September 26-27, 2022. [Read More...](#)



Research Day at the National University

Congratulations to IMCO faculty and students for winning the following awards in the Best Research presentation competition 'NU Research Day' held at the National University of Science and Technology. [Read More...](#)

IMCO wins the first and second places in the Falling Walls Lab Oman 2022 out of 51 research

The Ministry of Higher Education Research and Innovation MoHERI organized the Falling Walls competition in Oman in collaboration with the Falling Walls Foundation in Germany. IMCO participated with six research ideas and competed against 51 research ideas from around the country. [Read More...](#)



Partnership with IMarEST

In September 2022 the lecturers of the Maritime department became members of the Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology (IMarEST). This membership allows IMCO to: Access to the Maritime Professionals magazine, selected marine journals, IMarEST TV, Library, and get involved in events, talks, and other activities.

Through this partnership, IMCO Maritime students, cadets, apprentices, and graduates can also enjoy the benefits of a free membership with IMarEST. [Read More...](#)

Student Clubs membership

The Student Affairs Department at IMCO conducted "join us" event to invite students to join the student club activities. [Read More...](#)



Student Advisory Council

The Student Affairs Department at IMCO conducted an election of Student Advisory Council to select the new members for the Student Advisory Council Members to represent IMCO at the National University. [Read More...](#)



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Congratulation IMCO New Student Advisory Council Members

The below students won the nomination process at the college level and thus qualify for the presidency and Main Committees in the Student Advisory Council at the National University level.

- 1 OSAMA AHMED DARWISH AL BALUSHI
- 2 ATHEER FADHIL SALIM AL MAAMARI
- 3 GHADEER IBRAHIM ABDULLAH AL-AJMI
- 4 OMER SALIM SALEH AL-SAAD



Dean's List

Dr. Amer Al Habsi, the Acting Dean of IMCO, honored the students on the Dean's List students for their outstanding academic performance during the Spring semester 2022. We wish them all the best. The Dean wished the honoured students best wishes.

Delegation from Misurata Free Zone

- (IMCO) hosted a delegation from Misurata Free Zone - Libya. During the visit, a brief the delegation was briefed about IMCO and its offered programmes [Read More...](#)



A Delegation from DNV Oman

The National University represented by (IMCO) hosted DNV Maritime, seeking collaborations with IMCO as an educational institution. [Read More...](#)



Swimming competition

A swimming competition was held for male staff and students at the college swimming pool on October 19th, 2022. [Read More...](#)



College of Pharmacy

CoP Research Symposium

CoP Research Symposium was conducted on 4th August 2022. The theme was Research for Better Health Education and Medication Management. It was organized under the patronage of Dr. Salim bin Khamis Al Araiimi, the DVCP of NU. [Read More...](#)



Open Day

The Open Day was conducted on 20th March 2022. The day was filled with a lot of cultural events and fun activities. Students helped in organizing the event organized and participated in various cultural and sports activities. On the side-line of the event, cultural tents were showcased from Oman, Egypt, Iraqi, Sudan, Syria, etc. [Read More...](#)



CoP International Students

Mr. Emery Smith was part of the Student Exchange Program from WVU who took training in CoP for 4 four weeks, during the spring semester. He visited the Royal Hospital, SQU, SQCCC Community Pharmacy training, Ministry of Health and Taiba Pharmacy at the HQ. CoP students also visited, WVU, Qatar and Iran for their to have training sessions. [Read More...](#)

Pharmacy License workshop

Pharmacy License workshop was held in the Bausher campus on Saturday 6th August 2022 to train our pharmacy graduates for the Prometric and the MoH oral viva exams. [Read More...](#)



MoU signed by CoP

1. An A MoU with Khoula Hospital was signed on March 14th 2022. The MoU will provide practical training to CoP students related to the field of Clinical Pharmacy.
2. An A MoU with Royal Hospital was signed on March 10th, 2022. It included The areas of cooperation included in providing practical training for CoP students in the field of Clinical Pharmacy.
3. An A MoU with RAK Medical and Health Sciences University, RAK College of Pharmacy, UAE was signed on 7th March, 2022.

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School of Foundation Studies (SoFS)

SoFS Attends a Forum on Electronic Extortion

On the 23rd of February 2022, a Forum on Electronic Extortion was held at the National University of Science & Technology, NU Bausher Campus. [Read More...](#)



SoFS the Best Reader Competition

On the 27th March 2022, twenty-eight students from SoFS visited one of the NUST campuses. The trip commenced from 9: 00 AM. until 4:00 PM. The visit aimed to give the students some awareness and briefing about the college programmes. [Read More...](#)



SoFS Students Visit NUST Campuses

On the 27th March 2022, twenty-eight students from the SoFS visited one of the NUST campuses. The trip commenced from 9: 00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The visit aimed to give the students some awareness and briefed them about their special courses. [Read More...](#)



SoFS Celebrates Earth Day

The School of Foundation Studies celebrated Earth Day on the 29th March 2022 in the Assembly Hall from 9:00 a.m until 1:00 p.m. The programme commenced with an inspirational talk rendered by Dr. Sleem Al Habsi. He welcomed the faculty members, staff and students with great enthusiasm. The short talk was followed by a video on saving Mother Earth. [Read More...](#)



A Workshop for GFP Students

"My University Welcomes Me" a workshop for the GFP students was conducted by Ms. Safiya Saud bint Said Al Jabri, Coordinator, Student Affairs and Services. Twenty eight students attended the workshop; they are all were all F1 students. [Read More...](#)

SoFS Staff Gathering

On the 12th May 2022, a simple gathering for SoFS staff was held in Rozna Restaurant, Sultan Qaboos Street, Muscat. This event was organized by Ms. Ameera Khamies Habib Al Ghabshi, Administration Manager, SoFS. Several staff from different departments joined including the SoFS Director, Dr. Sleem. [Read More...](#)

SoFS Students Receive HSBC Debate Mate Future Skills Certificates

A group of students from the SoFS received gifts and certificates from the Debate Mate UK in collaboration of HSBC after the completion of Debate Mate Future Skills Programme. In view of this, twelve students attended the awards ceremony in the Conference Room, AHC Campus on the 15th of May 2022 from 11:30 AM. to 1:00 PM. Before the ceremony, the debate coordinator, Ms. Yashmin welcomed the SoFS Director, Dr. Sleem Khalfan Al Habsi who awarded the certificates and gifts to the participating students. [Read More...](#)



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