



861 GRADUATES SET TO TRANSFORM QATAR AND THE WORLD

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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

Welcome to the twenty-first issue of our **UDST POST**.

As we near the end of the academic year, we are delighted to reflect on the significant milestone marked by the Graduation Ceremony of 861 students. These individuals are equipped with future-proof skills and are eager to contribute to Qatar and the global community. This year's ceremony was particularly notable for the graduation of the first cohort of students from our Data Science and Artificial Intelligence program.

In a rapidly advancing technological world, UDST is committed to staying ahead of the curve. We continuously strive to adopt the latest technologies, exemplified by the recent launch of the UDST G-Lab, powered by Google Cloud and supported by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

This state-of-the-art facility is poised to revolutionize research across various disciplines, including information technology, engineering technology, business analytics, and bioinformatics.

At UDST, we are dedicated to transforming education, and we are proud of our community's ability to adapt and embrace change for the benefit of our students and the University. This progress would not be possible without the determination and teamwork demonstrated by each of you throughout the year. Your collective efforts keep us at the forefront of innovation and excellence.

Thank you for your great commitment. Together, we continue to shape a bright future for UDST and its students.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi
President,

University of Doha for Science and Technology



UDST Holds the Graduation Ceremony for Class of 2024

Under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, UDST held a one-of-a-kind graduation ceremony for 861 students. The ceremony took place at the Qatar National Convention Center in the presence of His Excellency Hassan bin Abdullah Al Ghanim, the Speaker of the Shura Council, Her Excellency Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Higher Education, His Excellency Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah former Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of Energy and Industry of Qatar as a guest speaker; Excellencies Ministers of State, and with the attendance of UDST Board of Trustees' Chairman His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada and the board members; His Excellency Dr. Salem Al-Naemi President of UDST, the University's staff and faculty, and graduates' families.

UDST's third graduation ceremony marked the commencement of the 2024 class which included 297 students from the College of Business, 127 from the College of Computing and Information Technology, 303 from the College of Engineering and Technology, and 134 from the College of Health Sciences. UDST offers 70 programs to its students, each tailored to the needs of Qatar's economy.

The ceremony started with the parchments' distribution and a congratulatory message from H.E. Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST who expressed his pride in the graduates and their commitment to learning and perseverance. He started his speech with words of gratitude and said: "We gather today not only to celebrate the class of 2024 from the University but also to mark an important milestone in the journey of University of Doha for Science and Technology. Since its establishment, the University has strived to carve out a distinguished position among higher education institutions in Qatar. Therefore, allow me to start with gratitude and appreciation to our wise leadership, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, may God protect him, and to our esteemed government led by His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education led by Her Excellency Minister Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, for the guidance, care, and support that have contributed to enhancing the University's journey filled with achievements, development, and leadership."





The President highlighted the importance of technology in today's world by saying: "In light of the unprecedented technological changes the world is experiencing, I would like to highlight what we see as the university's key strengths: its approach to applied education and its focus on technology. This has become evident, especially when asked about our efforts, such as building artificial intelligence laboratories and high-simulation training centers for engineering, including marine and health sciences, among others. Our consistent response is that we spare no effort in providing the latest educational environments for our students to keep pace with any global technological advancements, ensuring they graduate fully prepared for the job market."

He added: "As we prepare our graduates to lead the future, and in light of Qatar's diligent efforts to accelerate digital transformation and enhance the technological system, University of Doha for Science and Technology is committed to building strategic partnerships to be at the forefront of adopting, adapting, and developing the latest scientific technologies. Our goal is to innovate, improve educational efficiency, solidify concepts, and contribute to the implementation of the state's third national development strategy."

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi concluded his speech with words of advice to the graduates, he said: "The awaited day has come for you to reap the fruits of years of hard work and dedication. I congratulate you on reaching this significant milestone in your professional lives, where you are now capable of choosing a path that applies the knowledge and skills you have acquired to serve the community, the nation, and the world at large. Regardless of the different pursuits you aim to achieve, I wish you a successful and prosperous start. Remember, you now carry the name of your university wherever you go, and we are confident that you will represent it well."

In his speech to the graduates, His Excellency Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah said: "In 1992, I was appointed Minister of Energy and Industry and Chairman of Qatar Petroleum with the support of His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, may God protect him. This support motivated me to put all the experience I had gained into this position, where I was entrusted with the launch of the state's vital energy sector. Despite all the crises the country has gone through, we were able to overcome difficulties and continue working, implementing major projects that achieved what we call the economic miracle of Qatar, under the insightful vision of His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, may God prolong his life."



He added, "I see you today as young men and women graduating with full readiness to embark on your careers. Strive for achievement and excellence, and don't just dream but work towards realizing those dreams. Perseverance is not only about doing your job to the best of your ability but also about not compromising on your goals and continuing to progress despite all challenges until you reach your aspirations. Be proud that you are graduates of this national educational institution that has given you so much, just as this nation gives us, supports us, and believes in our abilities. Work to serve it and always carry it in your hearts wherever life's paths may take you."

The Class of 2024 valedictorian, Homoud Al-Dosari recipient of the President's Award for Academic Excellence expressed his happiness to be representing all his fellow graduates during the ceremony. He said: "I am pleased to stand before you today with a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology, determined to serve my country, Qatar, its leadership, and its people. I aim to apply the skills and knowledge I have gained towards economic and social development and to contribute to achieving Qatar National Vision 2030. Today, we embark on a journey toward broad horizons and endless opportunities, armed with a wealth of knowledge and technology. Let us harness this knowledge for development, modernization, and building. Let us build a promising future that makes us proud of this educational institution that has placed its hopes in us, and proud of a nation that has fulfilled its promise to us. Let us make our promise to it unwavering." During the ceremony, 11 holders of the "Graduates with Highest Honors" who maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout their program, were honored by Her Excellency Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Higher Education.



Furthermore, the audience joined the graduating students on a virtual journey through a video that retraced their educational path, showcased the successful completion of their studies, and highlighted their aspirations and dreams for the future.

University of Doha for Science and Technology has graduated more than 8000 students dedicated to serving Qatar locally and internationally. UDST hosts more than 7500 students across its 5 Colleges. They embody a diverse community of over 85 nationalities, united by a passion for learning and a collective effort towards a brighter future. The audience celebrated the class of 2024, who were adorned in graduation regalia designed and created by a Qatari Fashion House.



UDST Honors its Distinguished Students at the Graduates of Excellence Ceremony

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) celebrated the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2024's highest-performing graduates at the annual Graduates of Excellence ceremony. The event honored students who have excelled academically with two prestigious awards. The “ Graduates with Highest Honors “ were given to 11 students who maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout their program. Additionally, 32 students received the “President’s Awards for Academic Excellence” for achieving the highest weighted average in their respective programs this year.

This celebration is a significant event that fosters healthy competition among students and highlights the hard work of those who strive to excel. The awards were presented by Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, who shared his pride in the graduates’ accomplishments and emphasized the ceremony’s role in empowering them to thrive in a competitive global environment. “As an applied university, we focus on nurturing our students’ ambitions and fostering a culture of motivation, engagement, and innovation. This not only helps them develop their passions but also prepares them to succeed and make a difference,” Dr. Al-Naemi stated.

The event saw the presence of the renowned business leader Mr. Ashraf Abdulrahim Abu Issa, Chairman and CEO of Abu Issa Holding as a guest speaker. In his speech he addressed the graduates saying: “Embrace a mindset where every experience, every challenge, and every encounter holds an opportunity to learn and evolve. Everyone you meet can teach you something, from a major life lesson to a minor life hack.”



The Graduates of Excellence Ceremony is a cherished tradition at UDST. The 2024 awardees represent a diverse group from 35 countries. They will join their peers at the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 22nd.

In response to evolving market demands and to further economic growth, UDST has introduced 7 new programs: a Master of Science in Process Safety launched at the College of Engineering and Technology; a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the College of Health Sciences; a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Cybersecurity in addition to a combined Arabic and English track in the Bachelor of Science in Digital Communication and Media Production at the College of Computing and Information Technology; a Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and a Master of Science in Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship at the College of Business. With these additions, UDST now offers a total of 70 programs.



UDST Launches Innovative Glab Powered by Google Cloud

The University is proud to announce the establishment of the UDST Glab, powered by Google Cloud and with the support of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. This cutting-edge facility is set to revolutionize research across diverse disciplines, including information technology, engineering technology, business analytics, and bioinformatics.

In today's fast-evolving technological landscape, UDST is committed to staying at the forefront of advancements, with the objective of equipping its community with premier resources, enabling the exploration and prototyping of new ideas.

Google Cloud offers an agile and sustainable solution, chosen for its scalability and flexibility. This secure and reliable platform ensures compliance on a large scale, leveraging Google's robust infrastructure, including Google Compute and Storage. This foundation is crucial for the high-performance computing needed for advanced simulations and modeling projects.

BigQuery and Google AI Tools will empower our researchers to analyze vast datasets, uncover patterns, and accelerate groundbreaking discoveries. Access to RAD Lab will facilitate rapid prototyping, experimentation, and collaboration with Google's world-class engineers and researchers.

These tools will enable UDST to future-proof students' skills and provide hands-on experience with in-demand cloud solutions, preparing them for the job market of tomorrow.

UDST Alumni Engage in Meaningful Dialogue at Meeting with the President's Event



The Alumni Affairs Department at University of Doha for Science and Technology recently hosted a momentous "Coffee with the President" event. The gathering was organized exclusively for Senior UDST alumni and served to further the department's mission to foster strong connections with its community. Held in the campus's VIP Hall, the meeting provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to directly interact with the President.

In a semi-formal setting, alumni engaged in meaningful discussions, sharing their thoughts and insights on university-alumni relations and suggestions on how to strengthen them. The alumni were inspired to strengthen their engagement with UDST, aiming to develop partnerships and provide support initiatives for the University and its students, including offering job opportunities.

UDST remains committed to fostering enduring bonds with its alumni, echoing its student-centered approach even beyond graduation and reaffirming its dedication to developing a thriving and interconnected alumni community.





UDST Celebrates Ashghal Staff

Continuing and Professional Education at UDST held a certificate distribution ceremony for the Public Works Authority's (Ashghal) staff following the completion of a 14-week training program on Administrative Development. Present at the ceremony were Dr. Rachid Benlamri, Vice President, Academics at UDST, Mr. Hamad Abdulla AlKuwari, Director of CPE, Dr. Abdulla Ali S A Albehaih Assistant HR Manager at Ashghal, as well as, members of the University's Faculty and staff.

The Continuing and Professional Education Directorate has tailored the training program and courses based on the administrative needs of Ashghal. The program consisted of four modules: workplace professionalism, computer applications, Microsoft Excel and General English. The training provided the staff with theoretical knowledge and applied skills related to communication, business etiquette, time management, customer service, business meetings, office management, relationship building and more.

The program's success is underscored by Ashgal's commitment, now enrolling its fourth cohort with CPE. This year, the curriculum has been enhanced to include vital contemporary themes like emotional intelligence, cyber security, and artificial intelligence.

The CPE Directorate at UDST has become a leader in the provision of customized training solutions in Qatar. It continues to forge relationships with various international educational partners to provide globally recognized programs to the Qatari market further supporting its mission as well as UDST's overall vision.

Our Female Athletes Triumph at the GCC Sports Tournament

The female athletes of University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) showcased outstanding talent and sportsmanship at the inaugural Female GCC Tournament, held at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The tournament, a significant milestone in promoting women's sports across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), witnessed participation from eleven universities in the region. UDST athletes competed fiercely in the four sports Badminton, Futsal, Volleyball, and Tennis.

The UDST Female Wolves left an indelible mark on the tournament, securing commendable victories and accolades. Notably, UDST achieved a remarkable feat by being the only participating university to secure a medal in each of the four sports.

In an exceptional display of skill, Mubarka Al Naimi emerged as a shining star, receiving the gold medal in Tennis. Additionally, the UDST teams demonstrated remarkable teamwork and resilience across all disciplines, securing the silver medal in Volleyball and Futsal, and the bronze medal in Badminton. These achievements reflect the dedication and hard work put forth by the athletes, coaches, and support staff of UDST.





A Partnership with Qatar National Library on “Manara”

UDST is honored to announce our partnership with Qatar National Library to feature research on the Manara Qatar Research Repository. Thanks to Manara, our research is receiving attention both locally and internationally. Over 170 items have been uploaded to Manara in the span of a few short months, achieving over 8700 views and 2100+ downloads.

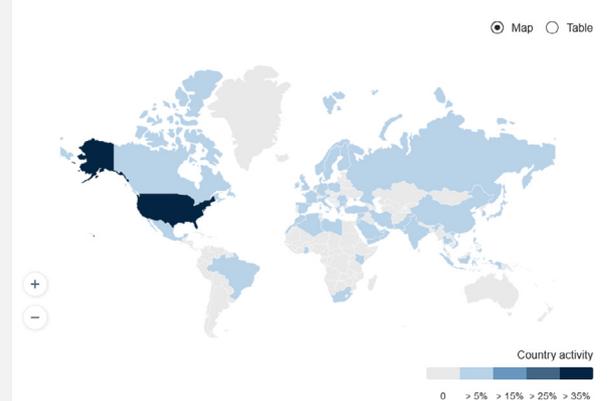
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Views of UDST research by country:

...a most activity of 76% from United States, 13% from France, 6% from Qatar...





UDST Honors HMC Professionals

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) held a certificate distribution ceremony to honor HMC professionals following the completion of training on diabetes education and patient care. Present at the ceremony were Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, Dr. Abdullatif Al Khal, Deputy Chief of Medical, Academic and Research Affairs HMC in addition to esteemed delegates from HMC and PHCC and distinguished faculty and staff from UDST.

“The Fundamentals of Diabetes Education” (FDE) program marks a 10-year partnership, between UDST and Hamad Medical Corporation, resulting in the graduation of 9 cohorts from this highly-effective program. The tailored courses offered by UDST’s instructors provide HMC employees from different disciplines (Physicians, pharmacists, nurses and dietitians) with the necessary skills and knowledge required to specialize in the art and

principles of diabetes patient education and contribute to developing the capabilities and capacity in diabetes care that is recommended by the National Diabetes Strategy. The program embodies four major modules for a total of 132 hours. It offers two modules about understanding and managing diabetes, and the two others that tackle diabetes in special populations and principles of diabetes patient education and self-management.

During the program, UDST invites many speakers to share their experiences with the participants and discuss many subjects such as neuropathy, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, pediatric and adolescent diabetes and gestational diabetes. Courses also focus on developing communication skills required during emergencies and critical issues, in addition to applying fundamental principles of integrity; objectivity; and ethical and professional competence.



7 New Programs at UDST Admissions Are Still Open for Fall 2024

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) announced the launch of 7 new programs that were created to address the market needs and contribute to economic growth in Qatar and the world. The list of programs includes a Master of Science in Process Safety launched at the College of Engineering and Technology. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing with three tracks at the College of Health Sciences. The first one admits students who are high school graduates, the second one admits registered nurses with a diploma to pursue their bachelor’s degree and the third one is dedicated for licensed practical nurses who wish to pursue their Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The College of Computing and

Information Technology is offering a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Cybersecurity in addition to a combined Arabic and English track in the Bachelor of Science in Digital Communication and Media Production. The College of Business is offering a Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and a Master of Science in Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship.

All new programs are available for the Fall 2024 semester and are open for admission.

Applicants can register online through the website “udst.edu.qa”.

Screening of the Highly-Acclaimed Film “Ode to Our Land”



A screening of the highly-acclaimed film “Ode to our Land,” the poetic cinematic essay, produced by the Doha Film Institute for the National Museum of Qatar has been recently hosted at the University. The film showcased the visionary leadership of the Father Amir, His Highness Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. It chronicled Qatar’s transformative journey towards becoming a modern nation committed to the prosperity of its people and the advancement of the Arab world.

At the heart of UDST’s campus, students, faculty, and esteemed guests immersed themselves in the narrative that captures the essence of Qatar’s remarkable evolution. Following the screening, attendees had the privilege of engaging in an informative “Q & A” session with the film’s directors, Amal Al-Muftah and Rawda Al-Thani. The talented Qatari artists passionately delved into the significance of the project and its profound message, giving UDST students the opportunity to embrace Qatar’s rich heritage and deepen their understanding of the national identity.

As the Nation continues to position itself as a global leader in innovation and progress, UDST remains dedicated to Qatar’s National Vision 2030’s knowledge-based economy and to empowering future generations to lead the charge towards a brighter tomorrow.



UDST Students Place among the Top Three in International Programming Competition



Students from the College of Computing and Information Technology at the University of Doha for Sciences and Technology (UDST) achieved major success in the International Olympiad in Informatics held by the International University of Oil and Gas (IUOG) in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Out performing 300 participants from 53 esteemed universities spanning 17 countries, UDST students claimed second and third positions, underscoring UDST’s excellent caliber of education in the scientific and technological fields.

Under the supervision of Dr. Wagdi Alrawagfeh, a faculty member and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the College of Computing and IT, Hussain Mohammed Al-Hayki and Abdulhai Ibrahim Naif Alshammari distinguished themselves by placing second and third respectively in the landmark competition. Their outstanding achievements were celebrated by Mr. Ghanem bin Abdullah Al-Remaihi, Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of the State of Qatar to Turkmenistan, who extended the winners a heartfelt invitation to celebrate their success, emphasizing the pride they have brought to Qatar through their exceptional representation.



UDST Faculty Participate in Consultation Hosted by UNESCO, Aljazeera Media Institute, and QNCECS



Dr. Milan Maric and Dr. Carolyne Lunga from the College of Computing and Information Technology were invited to participate in the Media and Information Literacy (MIL) National Consultation in Qatar, organized by UNESCO, Aljazeera Media Institute, and Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture, and Science (QNCECS).

Dr. Milan Maric contributed to the panel session titled “MIL Education in Qatar: MIL Education in Schools,” where he proposed measures to further support MIL education in both schools and universities. His insights focused on strategies to integrate MIL into the educational curriculum effectively.

Dr. Carolyne Lunga participated in the panel session “MIL and Digital Platforms: The Importance of MIL to Counter Online Disinformation and Hate Speech.” She discussed how digital platforms could be leveraged to promote MIL education among young people and combat online disinformation and hate speech.

Both Dr. Milan and Dr. Carolyne provided recommendations on enhancing MIL education inside and outside schools in Qatar, and they identified steps that teachers and schools can take to adopt MIL in their classes. They also explored ways to bridge the gap between formal and informal education.

This event marked the first of its kind, with more consultations planned where UDST faculty members will continue to be involved. The consultation also offered excellent networking opportunities with various stakeholders in Qatar.





UDST Students Win Best Marketing Plan Award at Mubadra 2024

In a stunning victory at the prestigious Mubadra 2024 Awards, a team of fourth-year marketing students from University of Doha for Science and Technology has won the Best Marketing Plan Award. Competing against over 12 universities, the team, "Halla Nourish", led by Nicole Bernido and comprising Anisha Juco, Allyra Magat, and Gehan Nasr, impressed the judges with an exceptional marketing strategy.

With the support of Dr. Stuart Jauncey, Dean of College of Business, Mr. Gerard Dominic, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs and under the guidance of Ms. Noura Aljurdi, Entrepreneurship Programs Manager at INJAZ Qatar, the team attended numerous workshops and developed intricate marketing strategies over 12 weeks of preparation. Their efforts culminated at Mubadara 2024, where they presented their business booth and marketing plan to judges and potential investors from ExxonMobil and Boeing. The presentation included a rigorous Q&A session with industry leaders.

"We had no expectations going into this competition," said Nicole Bernido. "An idea we thought would merely help us pass a course turned into an unforgettable experience." Anisha Juco added, "This was an incredibly insightful and memorable experience of learning and growth. Without the amazing mentorship and the University's support, we wouldn't be where we are. I am proud to share this victory with the University and represent UDST."



Halla Nourish's triumph is a source of inspiration for other UDST students and aspiring entrepreneurs, motivating them to pursue their dreams with passion and dedication.

The Business Idea: Halla Nourish

This business aims to teach people how to indulge guilt-free as it transforms their cheat meals into delicious experiences. By giving a box with farm-fresh ingredients in eco-conscious packaging provided with a free recipe app to help customers cook healthy meals in the long run. The business also includes nutrition experts for personalized consultations.



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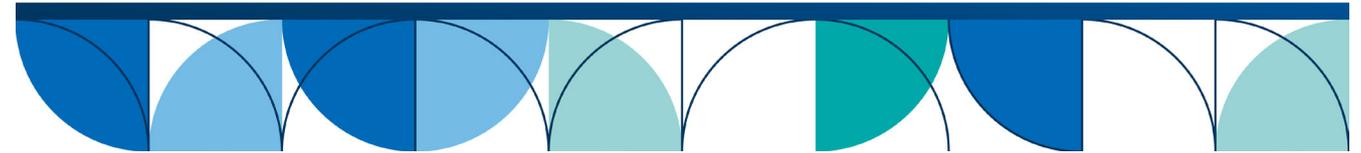


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