

NEWSWORTHY

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- KFUPM's AutoWheels Team placed sixth out of eleven teams during the Quanser Self-Driving Car Student Competition Finals at the American Control Conference 2024 in Toronto, Canada. The team competed against forty universities worldwide. After qualifying via a virtual competition, AutoWheels was sent a physical QCar, allowing them to transfer their code from the virtual environment to the physical self-driving car and provided the opportunity for algorithm validation and refinement before the in-person competition.
- The University welcomed local and international students who are taking part in the Inbound Summer Research Program. The research program targets non-KFUPM students so they may experience KFUPM's premier research facilities, and includes an internship with Saudi Aramco. Twenty-six students are conducting research under the supervision of twenty-one faculty members and researchers from eight research centers and three academic departments.
- After weeks of enrichment and knowledge acquisition, the Mawhiba Academic Enrichment Program 2024 concluded at KFUPM. Nearly 400 high school students experienced both classroom and hands-on research opportunities. We appreciate our faculty's significant role in developing the skills and abilities of Saudi Arabia's future academics.
- Dr. Ghulam E Mustafa Abro has been elevated to the prestigious rank of Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. Dr. Abro is a Post-Doctoral Fellow Researcher at the Interdisciplinary Research Center for Aviation and Space Exploration. This is an honor achieved by only eight per cent of nearly 400,000 IEEE members.
- As part of **the International Scientific Program for Distinguished Students**, a delegation from KFUPM, represented by members of the Deanship of Student Affairs and six female students, visited Guanghzhou, China. Activities included visiting Sun Yat-sen University, the Guangdong Science Center, Canton Tower, Beijing Markets, Pearl River, attending traditional entertainment shows, and meeting with the Consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Guango.