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- The University sent representatives to the **GAIN Summit in the King Abdulaziz International Convention Center** in Riyadh. The Global AI Summit is the leading platform for advancing the global discussion on AI, representing a meeting point for experts, academics, corporations, and policy makers to shape the future of artificial intelligence for the good of humanity. Additionally, the top three teams in the summit's AWS DeepRacer competition were KFUPM students.
- Four high school students received guidance from Computer Engineering Department personnel and had a successful showing in the prestigious **International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI)**, one of the most elite competitions in computer science and engineering for high and middle school students. Two students from the team earned bronze medals.
- Congratulations to Professor Khalid Al-Ramadan on receiving the prestigious **2025 Grover E. Murray Memorial Distinguished Educator Award** from the American Association of Petroleum Geologist (AAPG) at The International Meeting for Applied Geoscience and Energy 2024 (IMAGE'24) in Houston. This award recognizes Dr. Al-Ramadan's outstanding contributions to education.
- Associate Professor Umair Din Waheed of the Geophysics Department won the **Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) Outstanding Educator Award**. The ceremony was held in Houston during IMAGE'24. The award is based on contributions in the teaching of geophysics and the dedication to advising, supervising and mentoring students.
- The **IRC for Industrial Nuclear Energy** hosted Professor Andreas Pautz (of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, as well as the Head of Swiss Nuclear at the Paul Scherrer Institute). He met with the President and various college deans, and CX Nuclear Power Engineering students.
- The Mathematics Department hosted the **Calculus Award ceremony** to honor outstanding students in specific courses. It was attended by the Dean of the College of Computing and Mathematics, the Department Chair, and a group of faculty and students.
- **Twenty-five top performing students** from Term 231 and 232 of the Preparatory Year Program (PYP) were honored during a special ceremony earlier this month. Students were recognized with plaques, medals, and certificates for demonstrating exceptional academic achievements.

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