



Newsworthy Issue #2 - Week of February 12th, 2023

We want to hear from you and encourage you to share this newsletter with your faculty and spark conversations with relevant departments for more information.

- **New Emerging Professor Program (EPP) and FastTrack EPP Program** launched, in which Junior and Senior KFUPM students are offered guaranteed employment positions to join KFUPM as Assistant Professors, after successfully completing fully-funded graduate studies at a prestigious international university. The FastTrack Program allows Junior students to apply for graduate admission in their senior year, therefore immediately starting their Master's upon graduation and ensuring no downtime.
- KFUPM COE students won **1st place out of 200 teams in the Future Disruptors Competition**, held at LEAP. Their project is a tool to automate trash collection using IoT.
- The **2023 Times Higher Education rankings** have been released, and KFUPM continues to improve earning an overall of **228 up from 366 in the previous year**; Business & Economics **201-250 up from 251-300**; Computer Science **151-175 up from 301-400**; Engineering **101-125 up from 201-250**; Physical Sciences **151-175 up from 301-400**.
- The Material Sci. & Eng. Dept. along with Hydrogen & Energy Storage Center co-organized **Energy Day**, in which they hosted diverse experts from around the Kingdom to debate; "We are not ready to adopt Hydrogen" and "We are not ready for the energy transition". The event gathered a large audience and positive engagement.
- To ensure professional development, HR has approved the **sponsorship of 1 young administrator every year to earn a fully-funded Executive MBA** at KFUPM. Interested Deans, Chairs, and Center Directors can apply by sending one page "Why you should be selected over your peers" to the Dean of Faculty & Personnel Affairs by the 19th of Feb.
- The Math Dept. organized the **Calculus Awards** to recognize excellent students in calculus and encourage students to compete in order to attract students to the Dept.
- **4 new Undergraduate degrees** have been introduced and will accept applicants in the upcoming admissions round, the majors are Smart and Sustainable Cities, Integrated Design, Environmental Science and Engineering, and Electrical Engineering & Physics.
- **Over 800 students** participated in Volunteer Day, giving back to the community with initiatives such as activities for children at the orphanage and neighborhood cleanup.