



Newsworthy Issue #7 – Week of March 19th, 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.

- KFUPM **business travel policy** has now been extended to non-Saudi faculty, allowing faculty to receive financial cover for approved business travel.
- As part of the housing plan, the **Ferdous neighborhood** will be demolished and rebuilt.
- ITCT launched a new in-house **Medicare system** with the KFUPM clinic that allows patients to make appointments, follow-ups, etc.
- The university council has approved the **joint appointment of faculty**.
- The IEOM chapter under the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department has won the **Chapter of the Month Award** for the month of February 2023 from the IEOM Society for the outstanding performance of the chapter.
- Materials Science and Engineering students participated in the **Global Sustainability Space Challenge** held on September 2022 in Qatar. The team secured the **3rd position** by presenting an innovative solution to tackle the global sustainability challenge related to (SDG 13) Life Science and Healthcare.
- KFUPM-CPG Students excel at **SPE Regional Student Paper Contest during GOTECH 2023** held in Dubai. Students achieved **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place** at BSc, MSc, and Ph.D. Division levels.
- The joint Bioengineering-CPG department meeting launched a collaborative teaching initiative on **nanoscale imaging in Bioengineering** to be kicked off on April 4th in the CPG SEM labs.
- **Dr. Ashraf Farahat**, Associate Professor of Physics and Space Science, will cooperate with scientists from the **Saudi Space Authority** with cloud seeding in microgravity experiments that will be conducted by Saudi astronauts on their trip to the International Space Station later this year.
- A group of COE faculty and students visited **Cisco, Riyadh**, to learn about the industry and new trends in networking. The COE faculty presented the CX and MX programs in Computer Networks and discussed creating a modern networking lab for the Department.
- The Computer Engineering Department organized **IoT Day** in collaboration with COE and EE student clubs. The events included meeting the IoT Champions, a webinar, and a crash course on IoT that over 70 students attended.