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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.

- The **2024 Times Higher Education (THE) rankings** have been released, and KFUPM is **ranked #1 among all the Saudi and Arab universities**.
- The administration of the **Preparatory Year Program** acknowledged **exceptional students** for their academic achievements and commitment to learning. The event, attended by faculty, staff, and families, showcased the university's dedication to nurturing top talent.
- The **Math Department** hosted its **Annual Calculus Award Ceremony**. This award recognizes top-performing calculus students and aims to inspire academic excellence within the department.
- The University celebrated the **93rd Saudi National Day** with multiple cultural showcases and vibrant activities for faculty, staff, and their families.
- COE student Abdulrahman Alharbi and EE student Hassan Mashbi secured **third place in the Internet of Things (IoT) competition** organized by IoT Squared and Huawei. Out of 461 participants, only 30 contenders made it to the final round, highlighting the remarkable achievement of the duo.
- In partnership with Sipchem, the Chemistry Department at the College of Chemicals and Materials will host the **2nd edition of the CHEMATHON** competition on October 5th, 2023. Those interested are encouraged to participate in the event.
- The **Physics Department** welcomed **Prof. Milorad Milosevic**, Director of the NANOLab Center of Excellence at Antwerp University, Belgium. The NANOLab Center's research focuses on nano and mesoscopic physics to characterize materials between the atomic and the macroscopic scale and ensure their novel functionalities in real physical devices.
- In Riyadh, SDAIA partnered with KFUPM's **Joint Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (JRC-AI)** to conduct an intensive **AI training session**. This program, attended by 60 top students from Saudi universities, delved into key areas like generative AI and processing of large linguistic models.
- KBS has announced the launch of the first-ever **collaborative Master's program between KFUPM and Indiana University (IU)**, offering a Master of Nonprofit Management from KFUPM and a Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University.
- The University introduced a **new early admission exam** in coordination with Qiyas for the EAP admission process, this is to ensure we attract outstanding students. Additionally, to align with global standards, applicants must provide a **statement of purpose** highlighting how they will make a positive difference in their communities and the world.
- In collaboration with Saudi Aramco, the University launched the **Saudi Aramco Chair for Quantum Computing** to promote localized scientific research and build the nation's human capital in the fields of quantum computing and cybersecurity.

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