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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.

- Students from the **Control and Instrumentation Engineering Department** received **Innovation Awards** for their groundbreaking projects at the **MEICA 2023 Conference**, all supervised by CIE Department professors.
- The President welcomed a delegation from **Pennsylvania State University** to explore avenues of collaboration and strengthening ties in scientific research, knowledge sharing, and student exchanges between the two academic institutions.
- The **Deputy Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources for Mining Affairs**, Eng. Khaled Al-Mudaifer visited the university and met with the President to explore research, development, and training collaboration opportunities. Additionally, Eng. Al-Mudaifer engaged with students from the first cohort of the Mining Science and Engineering program.
- **The President and university officials visited the Governor of the Eastern Province.** During the visit, the President gave the Emir an overview of the university's latest news. The Prince praised the university's role in educating specialized students crucial for the nation's growth while emphasizing the government's commitment to education and innovation.
- **Former NASA astronaut Dr. Anna Fisher**, who participated in space shuttle missions and is now involved in the Orion spacecraft project, held a seminar detailing her astronaut career, the various programs at NASA, and the role of women in space exploration.
- The Department of Mathematics hosted a **Calculus Award Ceremony** to recognize the outstanding performance of students in the calculus courses (Math 101, Math 102, and Math 201).
- The **Research & Innovation Engagement events** celebrated **Scientific Research Week** as part of the Appreciation Weeks initiative. Activities featured meetings, competitions, and recognition ceremonies for researchers dedicated to serving research and innovation.
- A student team from the **Chemical Engineering Department** won third place in the **SABIC Innovation Award** amongst the Kingdom's universities.