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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 University welcomed the **2022 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Morten Meldal**. His visit included examining opportunities for cooperation and the exchange of novel ideas. Prof. Meldal also delivered a seminar where he shared insights into his scientific journey and career.
- The University celebrated the inauguration of its **Mining Science and Engineering Program**, which was established in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources and Ma'aden Company. The ceremony received esteemed guests such as H.E. Bandar Al-Khorayef, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources; H.E. Eng. Khaled Al-Mudaifer, Vice Minister of Mining Affairs; and Robert Wilt, the President of Ma'aden Company.
- The University hosted the inaugural **Saudi International Conference on Nuclear Power Engineering (SCOPE)**, aimed at developing human and research capacities in the field of nuclear engineering for peaceful applications. SCOPE provided a forum for professionals and students to enhance their knowledge of the latest innovations and developments in nuclear technology.
- **Two teams** composed of students from the ICS department and one from the COE department secured **first and second place** in the **Gulf Programming Competition (GPC)** in Muscat, Oman. The competition drew participation from 63 teams across five countries.
- The IRC for Advanced Materials organized a 5-day workshop titled **"Finite Element Analysis for Nonmetallic Composite Casing and Tubing"** in collaboration with Saudi Aramco, Ansys, and Fluid Codes. It showcased a gathering of professionals and international companies, enhancing the dialogue on composite materials in the energy industry.
- The **Pre-College Program** application is now open. The program allows **high-school students in grades 11 and 12** to experience university life and receive a course equivalency certificate.
- The Accounting and Finance Department celebrated **International Accounting Day** with training opportunities and prizes for students.
- The **WFAA (Wildfire Assistance Application) team** secured **second place in the NASA International Space Apps Challenge**, a hackathon to create solutions to challenges faced on Earth and in space.
- The University has inaugurated a series of **campus tours**, inviting the public to witness its cultural diversity and academic life up close. This move signals the beginning of an effort to foster deeper connections with the broader community.
- The Department of Physical Education organized a 5 Km **"Walk for Health"** with more than 1,300 university participants, including students, professors, employees, and graduates.