



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.

- Dr. Umair bin Waheed, Associate Professor of Geophysics in the Department of Geosciences, has received the **2024 Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)** Outstanding Educator Award. SEG is the international flagship society for geophysicists. Official recognition of his award will take place during the IMAGE conference in Houston.
- The Chemistry Department organized its **Annual Graduate Student Competition**. A panel of industry judges, from Saudi Aramco and Halliburton, was led by Prof. Theis Ivan Solling, Director, Center for Integrated Petroleum Research. The top three winners were awarded certificates and cash prizes.
- The university's **Toastmaster's Club** hosted its very first Stage Masters Event, bringing together public speaking champions from around the world. The event reflects KFUPM's growing culture of public speaking. Topics ranged from following our dreams, to rising above challenges, and being an effective leader.
- The **Student Rally** was back for its second edition with our students engaging with university officials in dialogue that enhances critical thinking and promotes active participation in decision-making. Ideas ranged from connecting student clubs across the globe, to empowering independent learners, to bridging the gap between academics and post-graduation employment.
- A ceremony was held to award the **President's Medal** to outstanding student winners in four categories: Academic Achievement, Distinguished Achievement, Student Activities, and Scientific & Innovation Research. Congratulations to our students' remarkable achievements.
- The Math Department celebrated its **Seventh Department Day** of this academic year, in which faculty and staff gather over refreshments. This popular event strengthens department ties, allows for engagement and collaboration opportunities between the team, in addition to providing a break from the usual work routine.
- The **Architecture and City Design Department** is exploring an internship program proposal from global firm HKS, in which selected students would gain valuable work experience. This is an opportunity for advanced B.Arch students to gain firsthand experience in a high-caliber organization by exposing them to international standards of architectural design and practice.
- The first CIE Expo was held by the **Control and Instrumentation Engineering Department** recently to showcase the innovative works, projects, and research contributions by our CIE students. The day featured students engaged in networking and collaboration opportunities and presented opportunities for both the university and private industry to witness our ongoing projects.