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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 **Mawhiba Academic Enrichment Program** launched with 340 high school students experiencing KFUPM from June 30 to July 18. Students have opportunities to advance their knowledge in 15 fields, such as biotechnology, physics, data science, and artificial intelligence, as well as experience field trips to Al-Ahsa and Ithra. The King Abdulaziz and his Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity (Mawhiba) is a non-profit endowment organization that aims to identify and nurture talented and gifted students in scientific fields.
- Students from **The College of Petroleum Engineering and Geosciences** participated in an Oman field trip where they explored geological terrains like Jebel Akhdar, Snake Canyon, Al Hoota Cave, and more. The trip included tours of Muscat and its famous Muttrah Souk.
- The **Mawhiba Research Enrichment Program** launched with 47 high school students from across the region handpicked to take part in academic research programs from June 30 to July 25 at KFUPM in various fields. The program activities include a tour of the University's facilities and research centers, along with visits to diverse companies like Schlumberger, Air Products, and Ithra. The goal is to familiarize students with the basics of scientific research and its ethics.
- Applications opened for the second offering of the **Pre-College Program** at KFUPM. Aimed at local high school students, the program is designed to offer students a taste of college as they take a lower year class concurrently with their high school classes. The Pre-College Program is an educational initiative crafted to assist students in transitioning from high school to university.
- Two Senior Chemical Engineering students, Abdulaziz Alghamdi and Amru Alghamdi attended the **Catalysis, Chemical Engineering and Technology 2024 Conference** in Paris, France as part of the University's UXplore program. Abdulaziz won Best Poster Presentation for his paper titled "Catalytic conversion of low-density polyethylene/HVGO blend to light olefins over zeolite catalyst." The University's Undergraduate Research Grant Program (UXplore) promotes undergraduate research and scholarly achievements.
- Dr. Mousa Albashrawi, representing IRC-FDE, participated in the annual Academic Seminar at **Sichuan University of Science & Engineering** in China as part of the Experts Pool to discuss the FinTech landscape and potential research opportunities.