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Alumni Section (The Emergence of the Idea)

Based on the University's vision and philosophy, and in light of the reality of the weakness and gap between the outputs of higher education and the labor market, needs as a requirement of this renewable and advanced market in the age of technology and knowledge, and the high rate of unemployment at the present time especially among the higher education alumni. The university considered providing services for its students through their study and after graduation.

Therefore the university established the Alumni section in 2007, where it started to build bridges of trust and cooperation between alumni and different companies of instates, embodying the university vision and its role in social responsibility in a real and practical way to see their alumni assume the highest positions with their knowledge.

Alumni Section (Commence Work)

The section started to hold a number of agreements and partnerships with community institutions in order to increase the ability to identify the requirements and the needs of the labor market to provide feedback for the decision-makers at the university, and to develop the academic disciplines and detailed plans in the absence of a national plan, which linking market needs and outputs of higher education institutions.

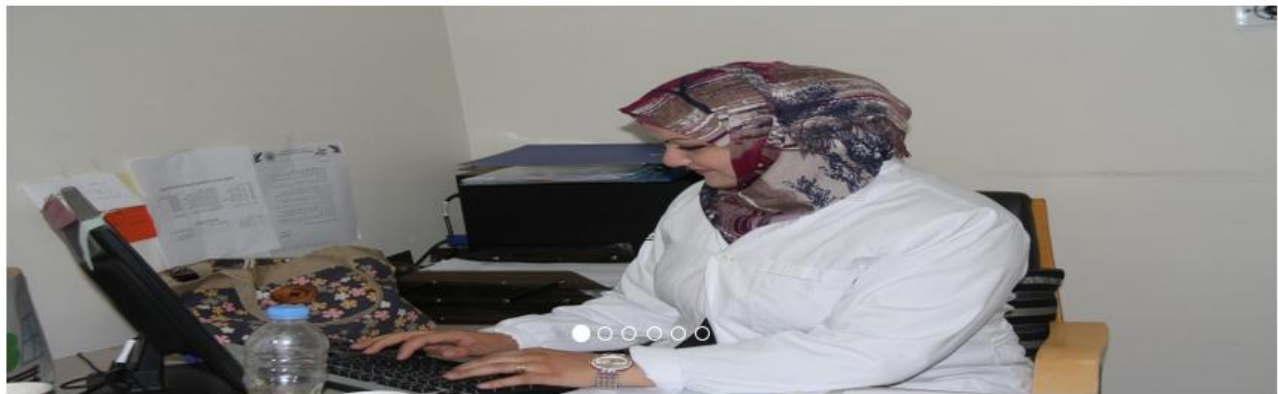
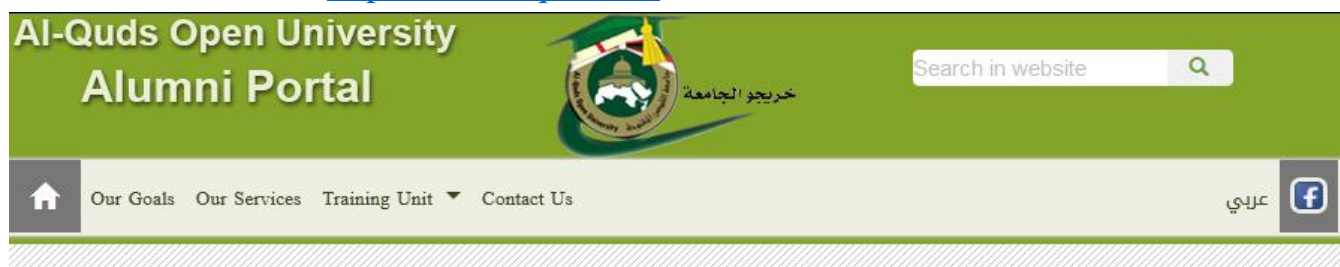
The section provided many temporary and permanent jobs, and also training opportunities for alumni in a various government and private institutions. Beside holding a series of employment days and organizing several training, qualifying courses such as interviews, how to write CV's, and specialized courses such as Shamel Accounting Program, ICDL courses, studies and student partnerships. All of this in order to achieve the dream of our alumni of being the pioneers of this country.

Objectives of Alumni

- Communicate with local community institutions, and have partnerships and agreements in order to obtain employment and training opportunities for alumni.
- Communicate with institutions for marketing alumni to find suitable jobs for them, and coordinate with the components of the local community.

- Provide training services for alumni, and help them find suitable employment opportunities, which correspond with their specialties and abilities and preferences or to complete their educational journey.
- Build a cooperation culture and a sense of responsibility and concern for others.
- Provide a suitable image of the university and its alumni to the individuals and community institutions.
- Create a mechanism for communication between students and alumni on one hand, and between alumni among themselves, in addition to communication between alumni and the University.

Alumni Portal <http://alumni.qou.edu/>



(This portal is the sole official electronic portal for university graduates)

Al-Quds Open University was named after our eternal capital and upholds the Palestinian dream of independence and freedom in a state with its capital of al-Quds. The University has always nurtured the aspirations of its students on the road to progress and prosperity and continues to perform this role through this electronic site dedicated to its graduates.

We welcome you to the Alumni Portal, which supports communication and interaction with al-Quds Open University graduates. The Portal forms an intrinsic part of the University's responsibilities towards its students. This responsibility does not end with the graduation of the student, but continues via follow-up, the provision of all types of services, and the measurement of impact and feedback as indicators for development and future decision making.

The Alumni Portal has been established to serve Al-Quds University graduates from all regions and districts of the homeland. At the present time there are more than 60,000 people who qualify for membership in the Alumni Portal.

The objectives of Alumni Portal

- Enable alumni members to look at the available courses for them, the training and employment opportunities, job advertising, selected models from ways of preparing resumes, and training alumni advertising.
- E-services: include electronic alumni guide, electronic library services, seminars, alumni book, and “alumni magazine” of the university.
- Provide opportunities and higher education guidance: contains scholarships advertising for post alumni studies in Palestine, the Arab world, and foreign countries.
- Studies and Reports: includes articles, studies, and reports related to the labor market, unemployment, and choose the appropriate specialization.

Alumni Form, Alumni Database

We are working through this system on establishing integral database for alumni, which contains all the alumni data to enable us communicate with them in order to issue the necessarily reports about them according to the standards multiple filtration.

The specifications of Alumni Form

The Alumni section is working permanently on the development of alumni form in collaboration with the Information and Communication Technology Center (ICTC) at the university. It aims to provide the best services for alumni, which characterized by the following:

- Electronic form through “University Alumni Portal” where alumni fill and complete it upon graduation.
- The form is one screen where the student enters all the data.
- The students can activate their membership after ending (120) hours successfully.
- The form works on all modern browsers.

Electronic services

1. Electronic libraries

These libraries provide a large database of several books and educational programs, research and studies in order to develop and enhance scientific, and academic research, cultural skills and capabilities of the alumni. Among the most important libraries are:

Wiley InterScience , Oxford Database, EBSCO Database, Academic OneFile

2. Panel discussion

Where we introduce several important and interesting topics for alumni to share their opinions and responses thereby enhancing the spirit of communication between alumni. The panel discussion we considered as a way for alumni to share their opinion and suggestions.

3. Correspondence System

Where we contact alumni and provide them with invitations through their E-mails.

Articles and reports

Where we publish the recent studies, articles and reports about many important topics such as the Palestinian and global labor market, as well as articles and studies that enhance alumni skills and their scientific and practical abilities.

System reports

Through this system, we can issue many reports that are related to alumni according to various filtering standards which make us able to introduce our alumni to the Palestinian labor market.

Training unit

This unit provides training and extension services to alumni through refining their skills and abilities to compete.

Training unit services

- Provide training courses which refine and improve alumni skills such as (work ethics, be a leader, life skills, CV, job interviews).
- Provide specialized courses, which raise the scientific and practical skills of the alumni such as (ICDL, English conversation, Shamel and Besan accounting programs, (oracle...etc.).
- Provide training opportunities and partial training end up with employment to alumni in many of the communities institutions.
- Access to the most recent employment opportunities through the Internet, daily newspapers, and announcement through alumni portal.
- Publish the training courses advertisement and the recent news about the activities and events through the alumni portal.
- Supervise the training process in the university branches in all parts of the country.

Agreements and Partnerships

The University signed several cooperation agreements and partnerships with community organizations to serve the alumni and provide employment opportunities. Alumni section provided a database of more than (600) companies and institutions in the Palestinian community to facilitate training and employing alumni.

Employment Days

Each year, we seek to provide the best to our alumni and introduce them to labor market. The Alumni section invites the local community institutions and university alumni from all branches to participate in the annual employment day which is held periodically in the university branches.

Employment Goals

Introduce our alumni to local community institutions as well to share their scientific and practical skills, experiences, and abilities.

Provide an opportunity for alumni to do many interviews during the day.

Strengthen the relationship between the alumni and local community institutions.

The possibility of employing a number of alumni or obtaining training opportunities within these institutions

Employment Series

1. First employment day: held in Tulkarm educational branch on 22/3/2008.
2. Second employment day: held in Salfeet educational branch on 15/4/2008.
3. Third employment day: held in Bethlehem educational branch on 29/10/2008.
4. Forth employment day: held in Ramallah and Al-Bireh educational branch on 13/7/2009.
5. Fifth employment day: held in Nablus educational branch on 16/2/2010.
6. Sixth employment day: held in Jenin branch of education on 16/3/2011.
7. Seventh employment day: held in Hebron and Dora educational Branch on 16/3/2011.
8. Eighth employment day : held in Qalqilya educational Branch on 28/5/2014

Alumni achievements (2007-2015)

The Alumni section started to work formally in July 2007 and achieved many accomplishments and objectives within a short period of time, the most important of which are:

- The training unite establishment.
- Collect alumni data through a system that has more than 50% of alumni data before and after 2007.
- Contact with hundreds of local institutions to provide training and employment opportunities for the alumni.
- Trained thousands of alumni and helped hundreds to obtain jobs.
- Held specialized courses to the alumni to enable them to acquire knowledge and skills necessary to make them qualified in the labor market.
- Organized a series of employment days in the various university branches.



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