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Artwork by: Esraa Alshallati (Nursing)



MEDICAL ARTWORK
COMPETITION
FIRST PLACE WINNER

## NCAAA Accreditation Updates

MACHS seeks NCAAA institutional accreditation

ETEC/NCAAA holds 5-day virtual visit

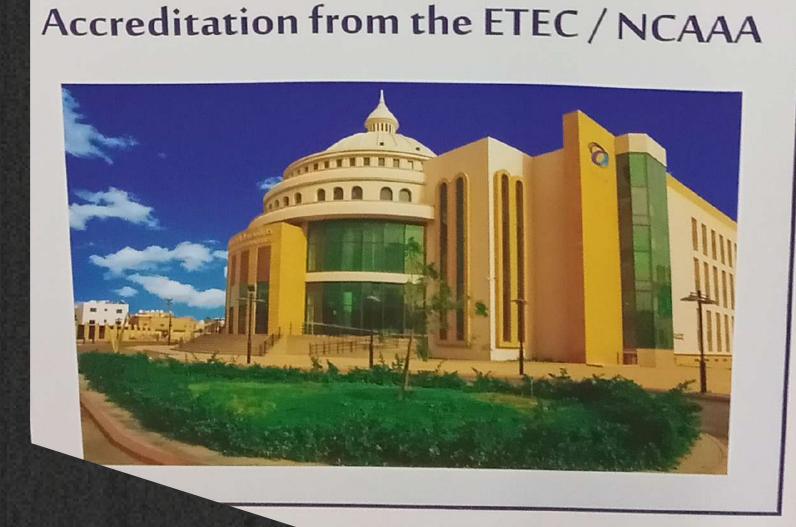
For the past two years since the signing of agreement between Mohammed Al-Mana College for Medical Sciences and the Education and Training Evaluation Commission/National Commission for Academic Accreditation and Assessment, the former has been rigorously preparing towards its aim of becoming an accredited institution by the commission.

On the 30th of January-3rd of February, this year, MACHS has finally reached one of the concluding parts in the accreditation process, the assessment stage. Apparently, the current pandemic had opted the NCAAA to conduct a virtual assessment with a panel of experts and its consultant. The commission followed virtual accreditation site visit activities consistent with the on-site ones.

As a background, the NCAAA accreditation is only granted to the institution that provides advanced and excellent quality education with high standards in governance, teaching and learning, student support, human resource, facilities and infrastructures, research, and community service. It brings positive notions as it means upholding excellence and adherence to the standards set by the commission.

At the closing ceremony, the reviewers and the consultant had a general overview of their assessment which was discussed among MACHS administrators, faculty and staff. The initial report is expected to be out in weeks time. Regardless of the result is, the College remains true to what it has reported to the commission and has to keep innovating for continuous improvement. Once and for all, the vision of the institution is clear and that is to be a leading institute recognized for excellence in health-care education, community service and research.





Medical Sciences welcomes the

academic accreditation consultant and

the external reviewers, as part of the

virtual visit for the Institutional

## College News

# MACHS, SAIP conduct Patent workshop via webinar

by: Dr. Alaa Alhelaili



The Patent workshop was organized by Mohammed Al-Mana College for Medical Sciences in collaboration with the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP), January 27. It was conducted as a webinar using ZOOM with faculty and students as attendees.

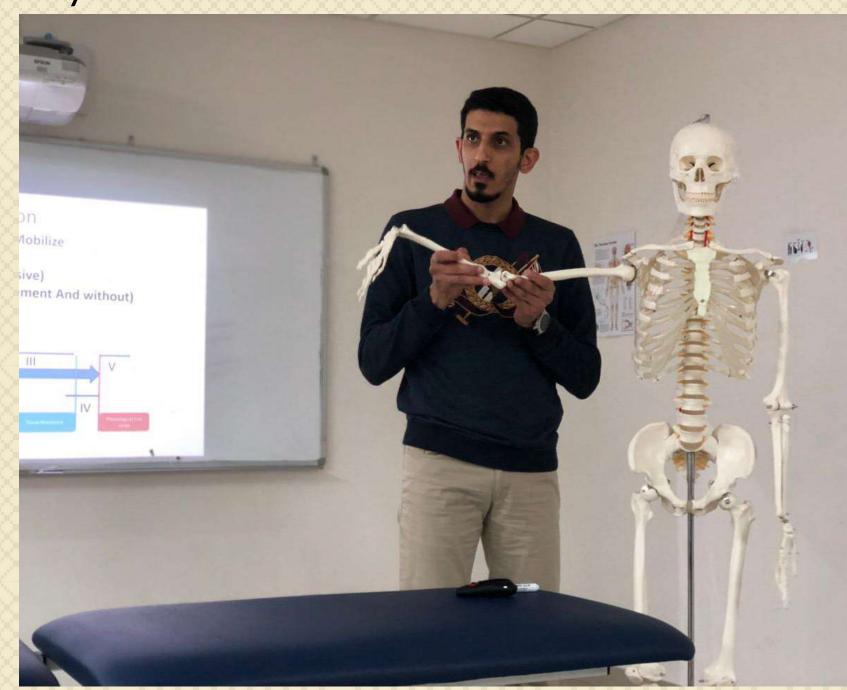
The workshop's objectives focused on the intellectual properties in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from history, protection, process, applicability, and liability. The workshop also introduced the attendees to SAIP services including the approaches for patent applications to becoming patent holders.

The workshop started with the introduction of the speaker by Dr. Alaa Alhelaili, head of Student Affairs. Mr. Al Ashqar, an expert from SAIP, served as the resource speaker of the event. He started by giving a historical overview of SAIP and the evolution of intellectual property ownership in the Kingdom. He then moved onto the current strategies and initiates to support inventors and protect their properties, while detailing the specifics of treatments of different innovations. After that, the speaker took focus on intellectual property and the rights of the owner. Further on, he detailed the process of application in details (before, during, after). At the end of the workshop, a window for questions was set up, concluding the event.

## Academic Department Reports

## Physical therapy department conducts spine manual mobilization workshop

by: Dr. Fatimah Jaffar Al Shaikh



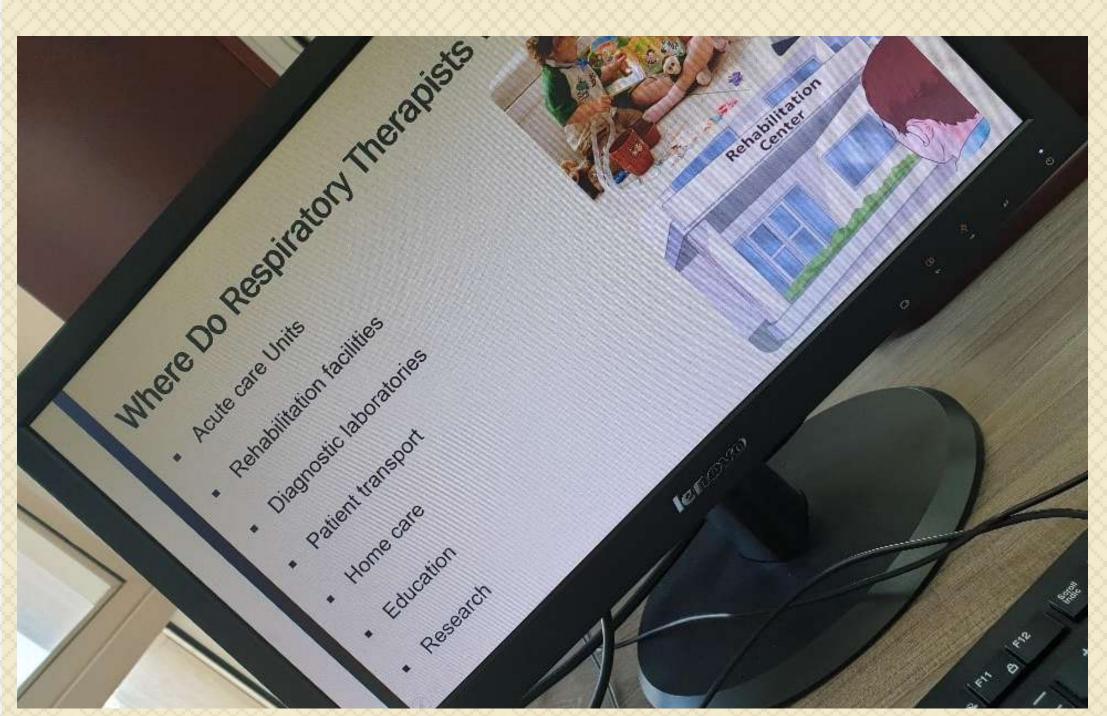


The Physical Therapy department recently organized a workshop training on the principles of spine manual mobilization & Soft tissue mobilization IASTM, January 28 at Physical Therapy laboratory, Pharmacy building.

Mr. Hussein Al khowaitem, a physiotherapist at King Khaled University Hospital in Riyadh gave his valuable insights about the topic. It was well attended by the faculty members and students in PT department following the strict infection protocol guidelines.

## Respiratory Care dept holds Level 3 students orientation via Zoom

by: Ms. Hibbah Alshuwaikhat



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Respiratory Care
Level 3 Orientation

The Academic Unit of Respiratory Care department organized an orientation program for the Level 3 Respiratory students at the School of Nursing premises February 9 from 10:00–12:00 online (Zoom). Ms.Hibbah Alshuwaikhat, HOD of the Respiratory program, welcomed the Level 3 Respiratory students and gave a brief information about the Respiratory Care major including duties and responsibilities of the respiratory therapist and places where the respiratory therapist can work. Mrs. Fatima Al Nawees, Chair of the Academic Advising Unit, gave a brief orientation about Respiratory curricula emphasizing the importance of prerequisites and co-requisites. Then, she also explained the degree audit, importance of academic calendar and communication pathway as well as course registration, add/ drop, Dean's Honor, on probation, off probation, withdrawal period, leave of absence etc. Later, Ms. Hibbah Alshuwaikhat explained the policies related to exams, grade appeal policies and students guidelines on examinations. On the other hand, Ms. Fatima Aldabil, explained the lab and clinical policy, the attendance and backup policies. meanwhile, Ms. Bashayer Alyami, mentioned the importance of community services since it is the mission of the college. Concluding the event, Mrs. Fatimah Alhaddad guided the students in filling out the orientation survey.

## Academic Department News

### Nursing dept welcomes Level 3 students with virtual orientation

by: Mrs. Latha Kannan

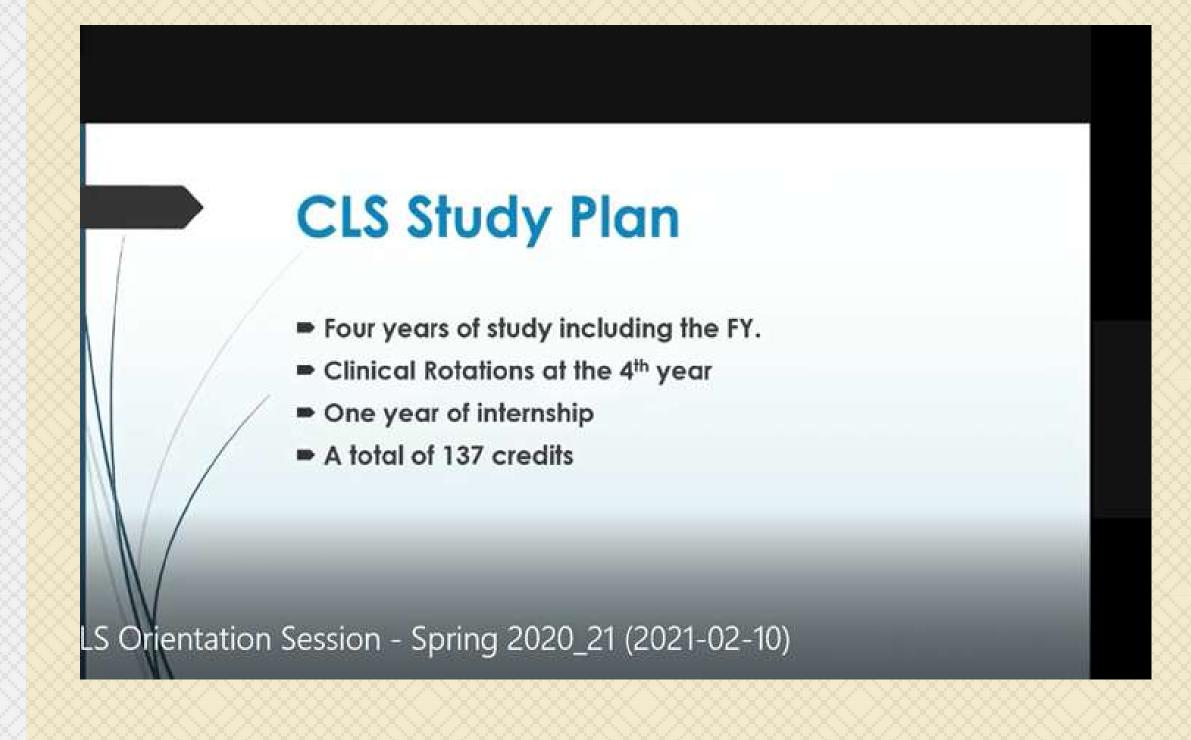




The Academic Advising Unit of Nursing department headed by Mrs. Latha Kannan recently held its virtual orientation for Level 3 students, January 26. Mrs. Bernadette Casingal opened the virtual session followed by an inspirational and welcome message from the head of the department, Dr. Eman Hassan. Meanwhile, Mrs. Kannan expound on the various aspects of academic advising such as course registration, dean's honor, probation, among others. Ms. Hala Bazron explained the policies in Arabic. Also, exam policies were emphasized by Mrs. Gufran Lashit, head of the Exam Committee. Ms. Fatimah Awami, on the other hand briefed the students on the Lab and Cinical policy. It was Mrs. Suzy, chair of the Community Service Committee who stressed on the importance of community service participation. Finally, Ms. Fatimah Aldhufairi, one of the student members of the academic advising committee shared her experience to inspire students and motivate them. Below is the full program took place during the orientation:

### CLS dept organizes virtual orientation for Level 3 students

by: Ms. Sarah Almoqawhi





The Clinical Laboratory Sciences headed by Dr. Yahya Al Dawood organized its online orientation among Level 3 students 4th of February, via google classroom. The activity was conducted aimed at welcoming and introducing level 3 students to the: mission and vision of CLS department, CLS curriculum, study plan of CLS department, CLS faculty members, department units and committees.

## Student Affairs Bulletin

### Student Affairs conducts Spring 2020-21 orientation

by: Mrs. Latha Kannan

The Student Affairs department recently organized the orientation for newly admitted students this Spring 2020-2021 held at Princess Masha'el Conference Hall, Admin building, January 13 and 14.

Orientation is a way to prepare for transitioning from a high school student to a college student. Orientation is a mandatory program for incoming college students, both transferee and freshman.

The academic life of new students at MACHS begins with their orientation to the place where they will spend a period of five or more years at. It introduces new students to the MACHS family, starting with the top administration, faculty and staff. They are also informed of the different specialties and services available at MACHS.



On Wednesday (13/1/2021) and Thursday (14/1/2021) at 12:00noon the first part of the orientation was started. This part covered the general orientation about the College. It started with opening words from the Dean, Vice Dean, HOD from different departments via virtual means.

Dr. Alaa Al Helaili, Student Affairs Director delivered a presentation with various scenarios and students were grouped to respond accordingly. The focus of this orientation were on: the advising process, the academic calendar and important dates to remember, student's rights and responsibilities, the grievance process, attendance policy, Dress Code policy and others. Students were enthusiastic and active in this part of the program.

Meanwhile, the Registrar introduced the students to all programs, registration process and financial aid.

At the end of the activity, a survey QR code was distributed to the students to evaluate the 4-hour orientation. The same program flow was carried out during the second day of the orientation.

#### **Second Phase:**

All newly admitted students were divided into two groups. First group's advisors met the students on Sunday (17/1/2021) at 9:00am at the Basement conference room in Pharmacy building. Meanwhile, the other group met their advisors at 12:00noon with the same sets of agenda.

#### **Third Phase:**

A campus tour was planned and carried out by the advisors for each student with the help of the advising unit members. Students were toured to the Nursing, Pharmacy and Administration buildings.



## Student Affairs Bulletin



The Student Affairs department announced Sunday, February 7 the much anticipated annual event dubbed as "MACHS Got Talent". It is an annual competition for MACHS students to raise the level of competition among themselves and promote their creativity, self-expression, and self-confidence. The event will be sponsored by the Foundation Year department with the following conditions and dates to remember:



### Competition conditions:

### Bonafide student

The student who is eligible to participate must be enrolled in the college.

### Register

The student who shall participate must fill in the registration form. Registration can be done online via <a href="https://forms.gle/cR5L6d2s2CbSCLgP8">https://forms.gle/cR5L6d2s2CbSCLgP8</a>.

### Important dates:

07-02-2021 (Week 4-5) Registration begins

> 21-02-2021 (Week 6) Registration ends

> > 23-02-2021 (Week 6)
> > Nomination of
> > participants

25-02-2021 (Week 6)

Announcement of winners

## Student Affairs Bulletin

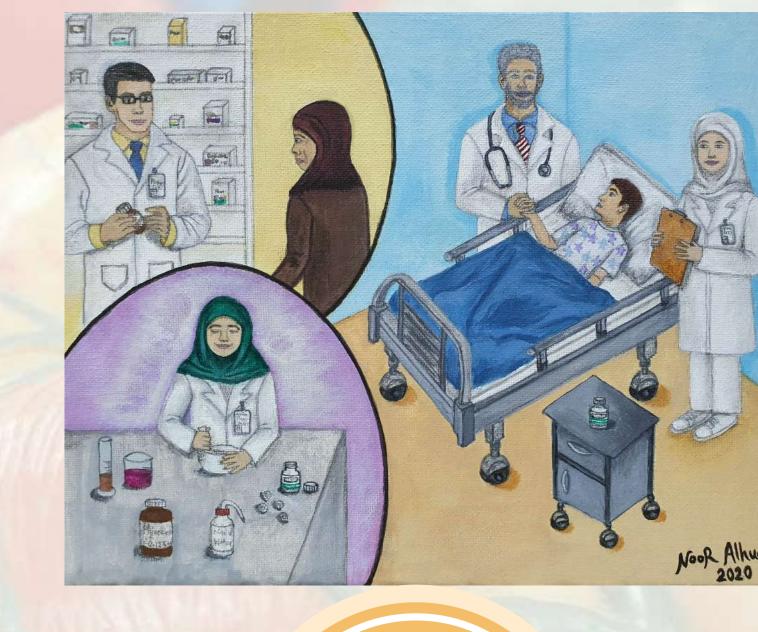


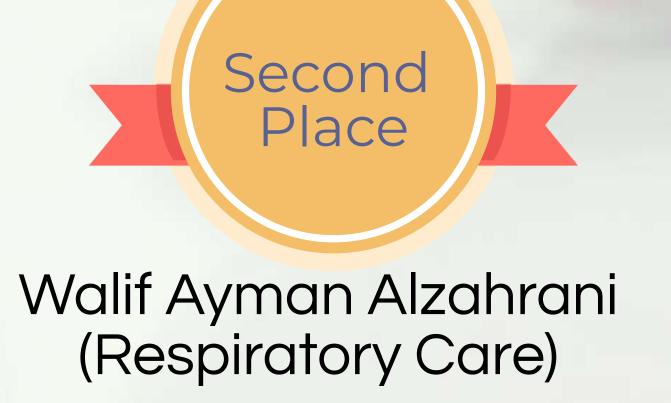












Esraa Alshallati (Nursing)



#### Details retrieved from: Student Affairs Announcement

The Student Affairs announced Wednesday, February 10 the result of its Medical Artwork Competition which was launched during this fall semester AY 2020-2021.

Expert and recognized artists and photographers including Mahdih Al Talib and Samira Sulais were invited to critique the masterpieces of the participating students. After the deliberation, representative from Nursing department, Esraa Alshallati topped all entries. Walif Ayman Alzahrani of Respiratory Care, on the other hand, bagged the second place while Zahra Al Bazron of Pharmacy department got the third place award.

Meanwhile, some talented and photography enthusiast members of MACHS also showed support and contributed much in facilitating the activity such as Dr. Yahya Al Dawood, Ms. Arafat Aldar, Ms. Zainab Omar and Ms. Wadiah Al Adnan.

### Human Resource Corner

Professional Development

### Medical terminology workshop series held

by: Mrs. Khadija Al Khalaf

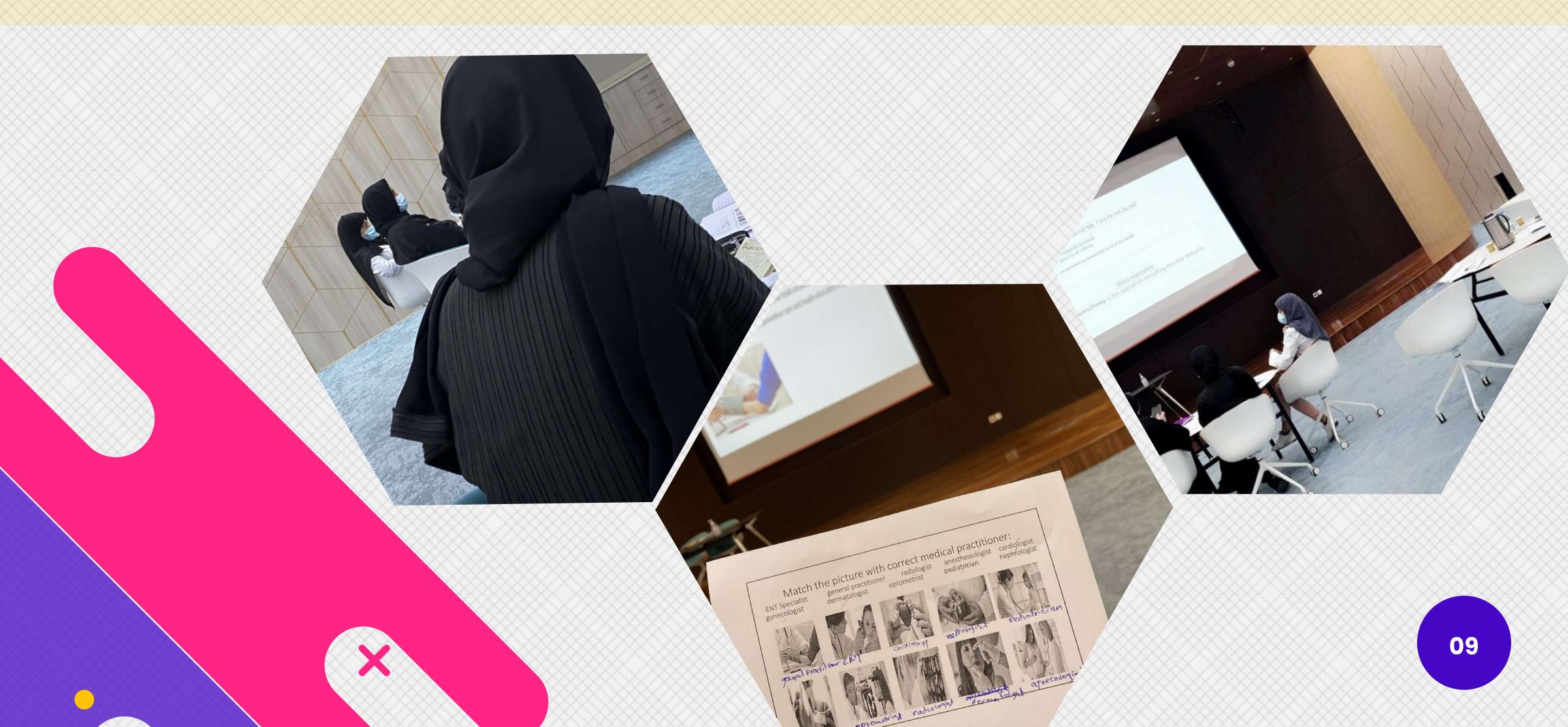
The Human Resource Department, in collaboration with the Human Resource Professional Development Committee has recently organized a Medical terminology workshop series which took place *December 28-30 at Seminar room, Administration building.* 

Mrs. Khadeja Alkhalaf, an English lecturer served as the resource person who tackled the basics of understanding medical terminologies. The 3-day workshop which run for about 2 hours each session was deliberately conducted aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- 1. Identify the basic structure of medical words, including prefixes, suffixes, roots, combining forms, and plurals.
- 2. Identify medical terminology as it relates to the anatomy and physiology of the human body.
- 3. Identify and understand various instruments utilized in a physical examination as well as common medical procedures and surgeries.

The workshop series began with the introduction about the basic structure of medical words, including prefixes, suffixes, roots, combining forms, and plurals. The second session on the other hand, featured medical terminology as it relates to the anatomy and physiology of the human body. On the third day, Mrs. Alkharaf explored on medical terminology as it relates to pathology.

The workshop was designed for the participants in order to relate them to the areas of medical science, hospital service and health related professions. The insights learned by the participants were valuable as they perform their specific duties and functions in the college. Needless to say, the knowledge gained is beneficial for whatever personal undertakings they may perform in the future.



## Human Resource Corner

New Employee Announcement



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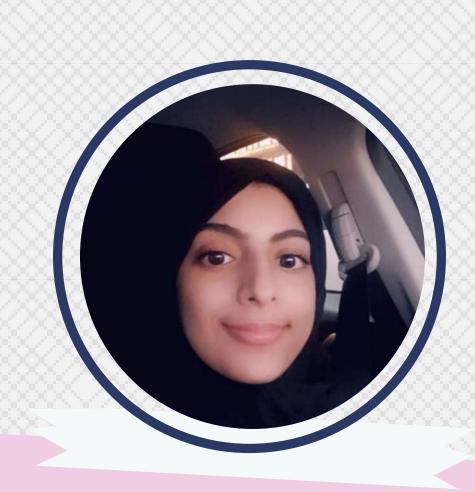




Name: Mrs. Fatimah Alfaran
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## Human Resource Corner

New Employee Announcement

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### welcome new employees

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## Community Service

Details retrieved from: Community Service Committee Announcement

### Shout out to our community volunteers





### Cleaning the Beaches (January 30, 2021)



#### **Almishari Corniche- Qatif:**

#### Faculty

- 1. Ms. Zainab Alabduljabbar 2. Ms. Hawra Mohammed Alkhlaiteet
- 3. Ms. Zahraa Al Salam
- 4. Ms. Hanan hassan Al Majed

#### Students

- 5. Fatimah Anwar J Alshurfa
- 6. Fatimah Hussain Al Ramadhan
- 7. Ghadeer Hussain Habib
- Alruqiyah 8. Hussin Saud Al-Saeed
- 9. Walaa Hassan Al-Khudhair
- 10. Zahra Hassan Al Shakhouri
- 11. Zainab Ali Ahmed Alhaji
- 12. Zainab Ali Al-Mahasnah
- 13. Habib Ibrahim Khalif
- 14. Zainab Abduljalil Aldar
- 15. Fatimah Shaheed Alsiddiq
- 16. Kawther Alshurfaa
- 17. Farah Altarouti
- 18. Nama Al Efereet
- 19. Hawra Al Marhoon
- 20. Rouquia Alsiddiq
- 21. Ahad Al Sahwan

#### Dammam Corniche

#### Faculty

- 22. Dr. Awmnia Samir Eassa Ahmed
- 23. Mrs. Sakinah Aldihnayn
- 24. Ms.Eman Khalil

#### Students

- 25. Wadeah Ismail
- Almuhif
- 26. Wadiah Alshwaikhat
- 27. Rawan Ibrahim Al Nasser

#### Corniche Al Khobar:

#### Faculty

- 28. Mrs. Nuzhat Banu
- 29. Mrs. Joji John 30. Mrs. Sherihan Ghosn
- 31. Mrs. Munfis Samir
- Patel
- 32. Hayatem Ismael
- 33. Mrs. Manal Surour

#### Students

- 34. Ali Abdulsalam
- Almumattin
- 35. Deema Ahmed
- Alghamdi
- 36. Joud Mahmoud
- Ahmed Tashkandi
- 37. Maha Khalid Alkhaldi
- 38. Malak Fahad Almulhim
- 39. Ameera Mahdi
- Karanat
- 40. Maram Al Sageer
- 41. Eid Al-Khaldi
- 42. Hessah Ali
- Alruhayman
- 43. Shahad Bukhamseen
- 44. Dana Alahaimer
- 45. Maryam Al Dossary

### Venue: Alshatie Mall Dammam (January 6-7) & Lulu Hypermarket (January 13-14)

#### **Faculty-Nursing**

- 1. Mrs. Sharell Lewis
- 2. Mrs. Nisha Sivapalan
- 3. Mrs. Bernadette Casingal
- 4. Mrs. Batool Maher Alshubbar
- 5. Mrs. Shainy Daniel
- 6. Mr. Mohammed Al Marri
- 7. Mrs. Ruby Abraham
- 8. Mrs. Latha Kannan

#### **Students-Pharmacy**

- 1. Riyana Riyadh Ekhwan
- 2.Zahra
- Mohammed AlMadeh
- 3. Maryam kadim al towilib
- 4.Esra'a Hussain Alabduljabar
- 5.Asayel Abdulrahim Alhijji
- 6. Lilas Hisham Al Rayes
- 7. Raghad Abdullah Albannai
- 8. Abdulrazag alkayyal
- 9. Zahra zaki nasser

### Mental Disorders Campaign











## Community Service

Compiled by: Dr. Manal Suroor

### COMMUNITY STAR OF THE MONTH



# ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the new regulation of restricting outdoor gatherings (e.g. Malls), all outdoor community activities will be on hold until further notice. However, we will be shifting some activities to be conducted virtually. You may participate in organizing an activity by any of the following methods:

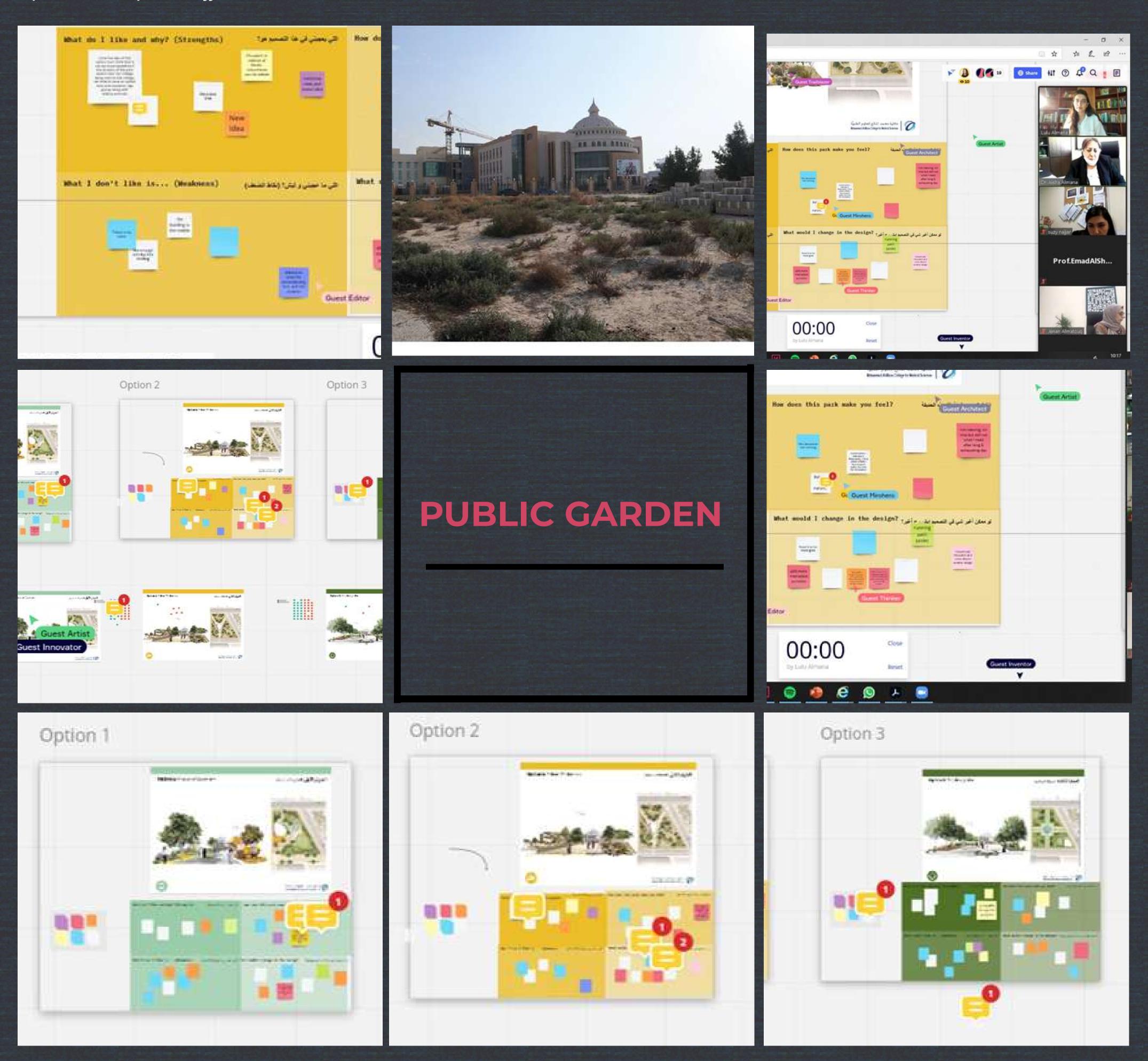
- 1. Webinar (Time: 1-4 hours/ session)
- 2. Videos/Power point presentation/Cartoon (Time: 1-10 minutes/per record)

Choose from the list of topics that was emailed to you by the Community Service Committee. Arrange your topic's plan and send us your ideas through email at Community.@MACHS.edu.sa or contact your CSC representative.

## Community Service

### Soon to rise: A Public Garden next to MACHS

by: Mrs. Suzy Al Najjar



A Park design consultation and presentation was held virtually via Zoom conference February 4. The one-hour activity featured architect Lulu AL Mana, a landscape architect with a passion for creating better cities for the future. She created 3 different park designs for the land located in front of Mohammed Al-Mana College for Medical Sciences, to become a public park serving the community.

The first design is an extension of the classroom under the name "Outdoor classroom". Where she designed different areas of activities and a place for the classes to be given if needed. The second design was called "Urban Wilderness". The idea behind it is to gather different aspects of the desert and combine them into a park for physical activities and for people from different age groups to come and get to know more about the desert with its trees and different components. The third design was under the name "Paradise garden". Ms. Lulu integrated a lot of greenery and water elements in this design. It represents the quiet place used for relaxation and other purposes.

Meanwhile, the architect used a program called Miro, an online visual collaboration platform for online workshops. All the attendees had the opportunity to vote for the best design and their opinions. At the end, most of the participants voted for the first design, the outdoor classroom, and suggested that the water element can be added to the design and maybe the outdoor gym can be used for other purposes. Ms. Lulu is still working on finalizing it, hoping that the Park will be soon available for the community to enjoy it.

The park's goal is to serve the community of MACHS and the neighborhood, with the different age groups surrounding the area.



Being a star has never been easy; but with your sense of volunteerism, nothing is impossible.

## Do you want to be a Star?

Be eligible. Join our community activities and collect CASH points to be a STAR.

For every participation to any of our community service activity lets you earn a Community Activity Service Hour (CASH) and gets you the chance to be the next Community Star of the Month.

	CATEGORY	FACULTY	STAFF	STUDENT
, .	BRONZE	5-14	5-14	25-44
	SILVER	15-29	15-29	10-24
	GOLD	30+^	30+	45+

### How CASH is calculated?

Service provided during office hours on weekdays

1 hr

Service provided outside office hours on weekdays

2 hrs

Service provided on weekends

4 hrs

Service provided on holidays

5 hrs

Leading/organizi ng the event

4 hrs

Others

As applicable

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## Research Publication

Compiled by: Dr. Ayaz Ahmad

Niyaz Ahmad, **Ayaz Ahmad**. **Ischemic brain treated with 6-Gingerol loaded mucoadhesive nanoemulsion via intranasal delivery and their comparative pharmacokinetic effect in brain**. Journal of Drug Delivery Science and Technology. Accepted 28 September 2020, Available online 12 October 2020.

#### **Abstract**

#### Background

6-Gingerol (GRL), as an antioxidant nonvolatile, phenolic component of ginger showed a capable function in the treatment of cerebral ischemia but their poor solubility and low absorption gives low bioavailability in the brain.

#### Purpose

The main purpose of proposed study is to develop a novel GRL-loaded-nanoemulsion (GRL-NE) and converted to mucoadhesive nanoemulsion (GRL-MNE) for intranasal delivery to brain.

#### Methods

Aqueous microtitration method was used to formulate GRL-NE using Lauroglycol 90, Tween 80 and PEG-400 as the oil phase, surfactant, and co-surfactant with the help of CS converted into mucoadhesive-GRL-MNE was evaluated for morphology, physicochemically, stability in terms of thermodynamic, release (*in vitro*), mucoadhesive potency, and nasal permeation (*ex-vivo*) to enhance brain bioavailability and other PK-parameters.

#### Results

Opt-GRL-MNE showed mean globule-size (94.89  $\pm$  2.61 nm), PDI (0.129  $\pm$  0.091) and +ve ZP (1.892  $\pm$  0.068 mV). Excellent mucoadhesive-nature of GRL-MNE as compared with GRL-S was found with their retention time (1.27 min) and m/z: 295.3764/137.0763 for GRL, alongwith a retention time (1.12 min) and m/z: 294.3126/137.1802 for Nonivamide (internal standard; IS). 1.0–1000.0 ng/mL linear range, % interand-intraday accuracy (94.12–98.97%) and CV (2.06–4.04%) were calculated. A highly significant (p < 0.001) results were found for enhanced Cmax with their area under curve (AUC)0–24 of based on i.n. and i.v. treated-groups of rats. Moreover, significantly results were observed for neurobehavioral and biochemical assessment with their histopathological assessment and reduction of infarction-volume in MCAO-induced brain-ischemic model after the delivered GRL-MNE via intranasal route.

#### Conclusion

GRL-MNE showed a significant (p < 0.001) role for the improvement of brain-bioavailability in the treatment of cerebral ischemia with improving their neuroprotection at very low-dose of GRL.







### Research Publication

Compiled by: Dr. Ayaz Ahmad

Faisal Imam, Manju Sharma, Naif Obaid Al-Harbi, Mohammad Rashid Khan, Wajhul Qamar, **Mohammad Daud Ali**, Nemat Ali, Md. Khalid Anwar. **The possible impact of socioeconomic, income, and educational status on adverse effects of drug and their therapeutic episodes in patients targeted with a combination of tuberculosis interventions.**Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences. 2021.

#### **Abstract**

First-line antituberculosis (anti-TB) compounds have been considered as proven components of the Directly Observed Treatment-Short course (DOTS). Drug therapy against tuberculosis has been categorized as I, II, or III following the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program guidelines. Anti-TB are drugs are quite common and show limited adverse effects. However, first-line anti-TB compounds mediated DOTS therapy and were found with several complications. Thus, those drugs have been discontinued. Therefore, the present study was designed to find out the possible impact of socioeconomic, income, and educational status on the adverse effects of drugs and their therapeutic episodes in patients targeted with a combination of tuberculosis intervention. This study found that an increased incidence of tuberculosis was found in patients who have finished high school, contributing to a high percentage of adverse effects. Notably, adverse events were shown maximally in poor patients compared with rich- or high-income patients. On the contrary, a high prevalence of adverse events was shown to be increased in partially skilled workers compared with full-skilled workers. Consequently, adversely considerable events were implicated to be raised in patients associated with minimal socioeconomic class. Such interesting factors would help in monitoring such events in experimental patients.







Md Ali Mujtaba; Md Habban Akhter; Md. Sarfaraz Alam; **Mohammad Daud Ali**; Afzal Hussain. **An updated review on therapeutic potential and recent advances in drug delivery of Berberine: Current status and future prospect.** Current Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. 2021.

#### **Abstract:**

Natural products are well known for their high potency with minimum side effects. Plant extracts are the most commonly used natural products because of their ease of availability and relatively low production cost. Berberine (BBR), a phytochemical component of some Chinese medicinal herbs (most commonlyBerberis vulgaris), is an isoquinoline alkaloid with several biological and pharmacological effects including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antitumour, antimicrobial, antidepressant,hepatoprotective, hypolipidemic, and hypoglycemic actions. Interestingly, multiple studies have shown that BBR is a potential drug candidate with a multi-spectrum therapeutic application. However, the oral delivery of BBR is challenged owing to its poor bioavailability. Therefore, its oral bioavailability needs to be enhanced before it can be used in many clinical applications. This review provides an overview of the various studies that support the broad range of pharmacological activities of BBR. Also, it includes a section to address the issues and challenges related with the drug and methods to improve the properties of BBR such as solubility, stability and bioavailability that may be explored to help patients reap the maximum benefit from this potentially useful drug.

Keywords: Berberine; Isoquinoline alkaloid; Oral bioavailability; Pharmacokinetics; Drug delivery







### Non-academic Bulletin

### MACHS, Sawaeed (Taqat) host job fair

by: Ms. Zahiah Almohsen

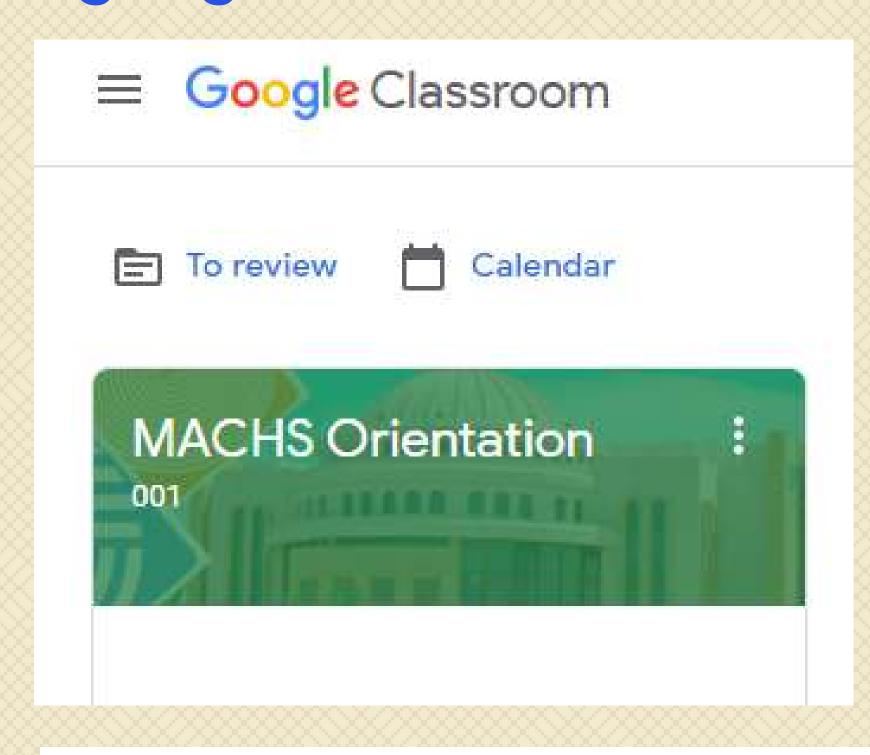


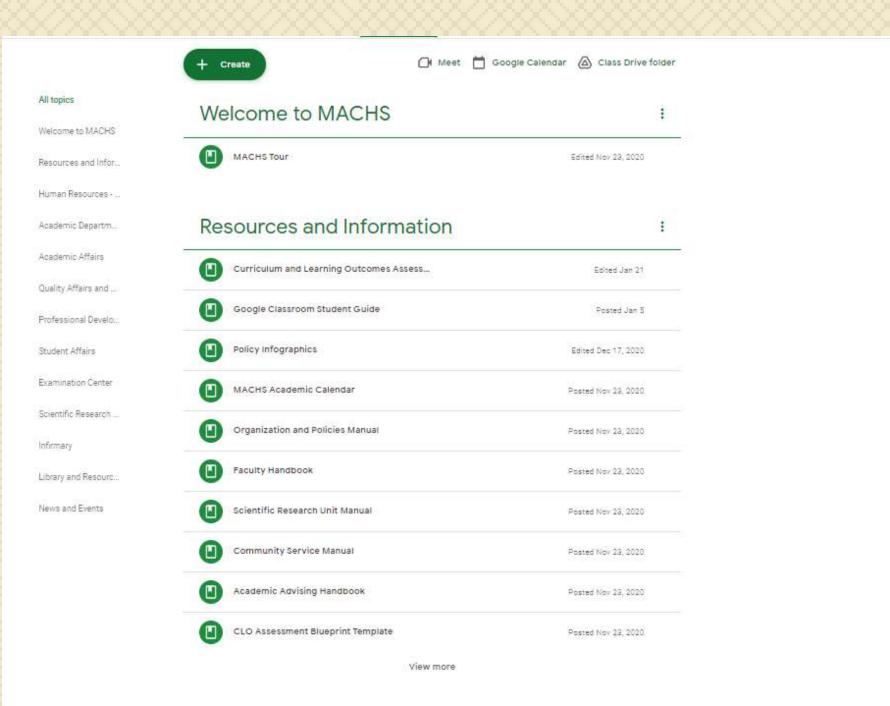


Mohammed Al-Mana College for Medical Sciences upholds its aim of providing the students not only an excellent learning experience but also establishing a career after graduation. In line with this, the Alumni Unit spearheaded a campus job fair held January 14 at Princess Mesha'al Conference Hall, Administration building.

In collaboration with Sawaeed (Taqat), all MACHS graduates were invited to attend the career fair for an immediate interview with Dr. Alnaamy Specialist Hospital and Alshaya Group.

## Center of excellence launches online orientation via google classroom





An innovative way of ensuring a well-informed members of the academic community was introduced by the Center of Excellence initiated by Dr. Fatima Ali AlAbdulazziz. The so-called "Google Classroom Faculty Online Orientation" was developed to give an instant and readily available access to orientation materials and resources related to teaching. This includes but not limited to handbooks, policies, templates, and other forms which are downloadable for quick use and reference purposes.

## Policy Updates

### Dean's Honor List

The Dean's Honor List is an honorary award given to the top performing students/interns. The selection of the awardees takes place annually at the end of Spring Semester.

# What does the policy state?

To be eligible to be placed on the Dean's list, the student/intern must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Have registered and completed a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- 2. Have at least <u>a</u>
  <u>cumulative</u> GPA of 4.5 or
  above out of 5.
- 3. Have no failing grades in any of his/her courses during that academic year.
- 4. Have no incomplete grades.
- 5. Have no grade lower than "B" during that academic year.
- 6. Is going according to the study plan with no extensions
- 7. Have no disciplinary action against him/her during the time at MACHS.

Then, the top 5 of the class will be selected according to the points presented in the table:

	Category	Points	Maximum
arch	Participation in scientific research (unpublished)	3 points per participation	3 participations
Research	Publication or paper accepted for publication	5 points per paper	3 papers
nunity	Community activity Outside MACHS organized by the college (Volunteering)	3 points per activity	3 activities
Community	Extra-curricular activity inside MACHS organized by the college (Volunteering)	2 points per activity	3 activities
rds	Awards related to Health Sciences outside MACHS	5 points per award	open
Awards	Awards related to Health Sciences inside MACHS	3 points per award	open
urrent)	Student Advisory Council Member	10 points	not applicable
Representations (current	Class Leader	8 points	not applicable
Represe	Committee member	5 points	two

